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Nine Stars Cavort In "Hot Water", December 15

As a final fillip to a gay and busy fall in college, a cast of nine boys and girls presented the hilarious farce, "Hot Water," on the evening of December 15. Lack of high-temperature H₂O, the mix-up of a plumber and guest, and a dozen other situations, done by a well-chosen cast, made an unforgettable theatre-piece.

The play was set at the Whites' summer camp, on a summer's day. The persons were:

Carolyn Poston, as Janis Whitney, a charming young girl and the heroine;
Charles Burns, as Aaron Whitney, her excitable, brass-lunged father;
Montel Adams, as Bess Whitney, her sweet and understanding mother;
Joy Nix, as Kate, the maid, whom you probably wouldn't hire;
Robert Colley, as Dan Blodgett, the plumber, whom you surely wouldn't hire;
Charles Andrews, as Jeff Redfield, a former football star;
Jamie Ussery, as Leah Neville, Jeff's childhood sweetheart;
Manley Key, as Glen Crockett, Leah's new husband;
Ruby Ellen Williams, as Mrs. Van Snoot, a society woman of Mallory.

Treasure Chest Has New Keepers

The "treasures" in school are now in the hands of a new set of guardians, since Brother Harde-man announced the new staff in chapel on the morning of November 10. Delbert Culver is editor of the '49 edition, assisted by Martha Ann Pollock and Mildred Brown.

"Sonny" Moss and Mary Jane Cason have been retained as business managers — and Sonny can assist with fancy lettering, too. Kenneth Reed will record the yearly doings of the preachers and Jean Newberry has the other organizations. Marilyn Cooke and Joanne Powers have charge of making, securing, choosing, and arranging snapshots.

Inez Dickey will keep the secrets of the Feature Section securely; Charles Burns is to provide humor; Dick Daughtry's talented hands will do the art work; sports will be chronicled by Ike Roland and Bobby Owen — and Frances Howard will stimulate circulation.

The cover of the Treasures of Forty-Nine has already been chosen and ordered and the pictures of individuals are expected to be complete before the Christmas vacation.

With The Ancients

What a quaint flavor have the Sky Rockets of other years! While leafing through the files, we came upon some problems of December, 1938, and some of December, 1943. We repeat some of them and their old-fashioned answers. (Of course nothing like this bothers us moderns).

From December, '38, Sky Rocket:
Dear Miss Fixit:

You've just got to help me. I've tried every way I know of to catch a man; but all my efforts have resulted in failure. Men look at me twice all right, but the second look is just to make sure I'm human. Please, Miss Fixit, can't you tell me how to be the life of the party? Can't you help me to attract men?

Wilma Wallflower

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Quarter Recital By Music Class

Her customary pre-Christmas recital was given on the evening of December 10 by Miss Ruby Caldwell and her music class. It comprised a variety of piano numbers, interspersed with a novelty song, a rendition by the A Cappella group, and musical reading. The program included:

Awakening of the Birds — O. Lange
Piano I, Ruby Ellen Williams, Lenita Daniels
Piano II, Margaret Stibgen, Naomi Wells
Piano III, Rose Castellaw
Madrilena — Wachs
Linda Stanfill
Song, Dance of the Fair Maident — Roat
Paige Corzine, Jean Newberry
La Capricieuse — Op. 120, Eggeling
Piano I, Rose Castellaw, Gene Turnbow
Piano II, Billie Sue Cherry, Mary Ann Tonkery
Twos the Night Before Christmas — Moore-Smith
Poet and Peasant — Suppe
Piano I, Joan Colwell, Mignon Colwell
Piano II, Peggy Stewart, Nancy Johnson, Patsy Stewart
Sonata in D — Haydn
Garnet Baker
Kentucky Babe — Giebel
A Cappella Group
Belisario Fantasia — Gloria-Donizetta
Piano I, Joyce Wiseman
Piano II, Joanne Powers

It's A -- New Baby

Connie Jean McKinney had the good fortune to appear on October first in the home of the M. B. McKinneys, but she didn't tell us in time to be announced in previous Sky Rockets. So now we are congratulating her parents, F. H. C., (Brother McKinney belongs to the class of '50) and Henderson.

A "royal" birth that didn't get to the Sky Rocket on time is that of husky Ralph King, Junior, on September 3. He is the heir-apparent of Ralph '46 and Willean Peters '45 King, and lives with them at Florala, Alabama. His parents made a brief stop in Henderson on November 28, but the young "Prince" slept placidly on.

Raymond Dwight Banta became master of the household when on November 7, he made his debut at the home of Doyle Banta '41 and Mrs. Banta.

Vernon Gruver had a thrilling telegram on November 9, telling him that his son, Charles Lee, had arrived — all seven and a half pounds of him — over at Bentonville, Arkansas.

The Don Kesters have a tiny new daughter, Lana Joe, whom they took into their home for adoption in early November. Home-town is Salem, Illinois, but college address — until proud father graduates next May — is East Main Street, Henderson.

Karen Lynn Walker Hoge was born at Athens, Ga., to the St. Pierre Hoges, both '47, on Nov. 30.

F. H. C. REMEMBERS JANUARY WEATHER

F. H. C. has had to give herself a gift this month — with no reference to Christmas, however. It is with one eye on last January, when the Weather Man brought a record seventeen-inch snow to Henderson and surroundings.

A huge new stoker has been installed in our central heating plant to insure the maximum of comfort, whatever the mercury does. The one it replaces took temperamental spells, especially on cold days, and frequently has reduced our fireman to stoking by hand — a real job for such an area to be warmed and in severe weather.

Special Courses, Jan. 3-7, 1949

— DAILY —

8:30-9:30 — The Great Commission G. K. Wallace
10:00-11:00 — The Catholic Church James A. Allen
11:00-12:00 — Christ and the Church Homer Hailey
1:00-2:00 — The Great Commission (Cont') G. K. Wallace
2:00-3:00 — Christ and the Church (Cont') Homer Hailey
3:00-4:00 — General Discussion Gus Nichols

— NIGHT LECTURES —

Monday, Jan. 3 — "The Church" Charles Houser
"Let Us Rise Up and Build" Burl Grubb
Tuesday, Jan. 4 — "Heirs, Possessors and Guardians" J. T. Marlin
"The Reign of Christ" Edd Nowlin
Wednesday, Jan. 5 — "Death and the Hereafter" Glen Green
Theme to be Selected Ralph Snell
Thursday, Jan. 6 — Theme to be Selected Novis Taylor
"We Have This Ministry" Walter B. Smith
Friday, Jan. 7 — Theme to be Selected John T. Smithson
"Jesus Christ, Prophet, Priest and King" Melvin Wise

Destination? College Inn

For a day or two, everyone was wondering just what the piles of gravel and sand were doing on the campus. There was the usual amount of speculation and supposition, and every little bit someone would come forth with, "I wonder what they're going to do with that?" It wasn't long, though, until the ignorant were enlightened and a few of the more intelligent ones were able to say, "I told you so", when work was started on the new concrete walk down the terrace and across the west side of the campus.

The new walk leads from the west side of the Ad building to the College Inn on the corner of the campus. It is very convenient for the students as it enables them to take a short cut to the Inn without making an ugly path across the campus. That all the students appreciate it, is evidenced by the thousands of steps they travel over it all day long.

And the Inn gets to be more fun with every addition. The latest: a shiny showy cabinet, dripping with neon and chromium, giving out with music and near-music (and some not-so-near). Mrs. C. M. Foy, of our faculty, who is a talented musician and well-informed on current music, has consented to act as clearing-agent for the records desired by the students, receiving requests and choosing the most suitable numbers.

Jackson Concert Draws F. H. C. Group

Three busloads of F. H. C. students traveled the 17 miles to nearby Jackson on the last night of November to attend the opening number brought there by the Civic Music Association. Our students are members of that organization, since the College has purchased a student-wide season ticket.

The opening concert was a performance by the Apollo Boys' Choir — a group of 22 young fellows from 9 to 14 years of age, well trained by their director Coleman Cooper. This group has filled nearly 1000 engagements including appearances at the Waldorf-Astoria and Town Hall in New York; the White House and National Art Gallery in Washington; the Bach Festival in Winter Park, Florida, and joint recitals with Gladys Swarthout, Helen Traubel, and Frances Yeend.

The 12 group songs, 3 solos, a solo trio and numerous encores delighted our College part of the audience and were presented in the large auditorium of Jackson High School.

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Formal Party Has Autumn Theme

"What was the population of the U. S. in 1823?" "How much nickel in a nickel?" were some of the questions the boys were asking the assembly on the night of November 22. No, it wasn't a history examination, but just the general mixup resulting from effort of those boys to find their partners for the annual Fall Party. Couples were paired by questions and answers written on paper "leaves." The chapel auditorium was the scene for many a lovely girl in a beautiful formal and the boys had stars in their eyes. The guests assembled at 7:30; the evening was begun by the "leaf" questions. Then came a half-hour or so of entertainment from our Visual-education machine, under the operation of Brother Robert Witt, who also acted as Master of Ceremonies.

A "Charade Parade" provided a novel and entertaining feature. The girls had been forewarned, and all those who wished joined a procession across the stage, each wearing some item or imitating some action characteristic of a famous woman of history, Bible, fiction or funnies. There were Betty Crum, with her candle (Lady MacBeth); Joanne Powers, with jeweled crown and baby doll (Princess Elizabeth); Julia Diddle, with corn cob pipe (Rachel Jackson); Dorothy Smith, with scarlet ribbon (Rahab); Jean Fite More, with tuffet and spider (Miss Muffet); Jean Newberry, with a dish of ice cream (Dolly (continued on page 4))

K. D. Lowrance, Jr.

Armistice Day marked a significant moment in the Lowrance family of Henderson for on that day, K. D. Junior, 36 years old, was laid to rest beside his mother in the Henderson Cemetery.

K. D. was one of the first soldiers to land on French soil on "D-Day," 1944, and was killed at St. Lo, on the following August 1. He, and three other gold-star alumni were memorialized in a program given by the College on November 11, 1944. In his funeral service, an octet of F. H. C. boys furnished the songs, directed by Brother Jack Frost, and Brother Brigrance and Brother Cope made talks.

K. D. is mourned by a family connected with the college since 1920 when they moved here from Buena Vista, Tenn. He was a popular student with us in both his high school and college work, and excelled in sports, particularly in basketball.

He is survived by his father, a sister, Alumna Christine Lowrance Kent, a brother Alumnus Alex Lowrance, two nephews and two nieces.

Turkey Day Brings Program And Alumni

Everyone was astir! The aroma of turkey was in the air. The halls were filled with FHC alumni, who came back to spend Thanksgiving with us.

The annual Thanksgiving program was begun at 10:00 a. m., with Bro. Jack Frost leading the congregation in a song, Bro. C. P. Roland, reading the scripture and Bro. W. C. Hall, wording the prayer. A talk was delivered by Jack Sparks on, The First Thanksgiving; Alice Reeves gave us two very entertaining anecdotes about the Pilgrims; "Thanksgiving Praise"; a piano duet was played by Mignon and Joan Colwell. Jamie Ussery then read to us, "When The Frost Is On The Pumpkin", and "Things Could Be Worse". Next we enjoyed some patriotic melodies sung by the A Cappella Choir.

This was followed by a one-act play, "Red Magic", which had its setting in the home of "Steadfast Chesborough, Plymouth Colony". The time represented was autumn, 1621.

The characters were:
Mercy Liston, a Pilgrim wife and Faith's aunt

Lavonne Blackman
Faith Chesborough, a Pilgrim maid
Marilyn Cooke
Resolute Beckett, a colonist

Ben Baldwin
Andrew Liston, Mercy's son
Douglas Waters
Squanto, a friendly Indian

Jess Hampton
Steadfast Chesborough, a colonist, father of Faith

Delbert Culver
At the close of the play, "Song of Peace" was sung by Paige Corzine, Willodyne Campbell, Norma Jean Troutt, Joanne Hoffman, Rose Castellaw, and Margaret Long.

The program ended with the whole assembly singing "America The Beautiful".

FHC Weddings

Mid-November saw two F. H. C. weddings, early December another, and it is rumored that the day after Christmas vacation begins will see another interesting F. H. C. nuptial event.

On November 10 occurred the wedding of Howard Sparks to Elizabeth Louise Robinson, at a church in Madison County, near the bride's home. Howard is an alumnus of '43. Among the attendants was Mildred Scott '47.

Frances Jarrett '45 became the bride of DeWitt Harber on Saturday, November 13, at the home of her parents, Brother and Sister Hugh Jarrett, in Jackson. Brother Howard Parker '40 performed the ceremony. Frances complimented her blonde charm with a dress of gray faille, with gray accessories, and pink carnations and white 'mums' The young couple will live in Memphis, where Mr. Harber is in school.

December fifth was the date of the marriage of Sylvia Myers to Virgil Parrish, both '48. The ceremony took place in the home of Mrs. George Roberts, here in Henderson, with Bruce Jackson '49, Virgil's cousin, officiating.

A last-year romance culminated on Dec. 11 in Taylor Street Church in Louisville, Ky., when Ann Mattox became the bride of John Bessire. They met on the campus last year, and John — our personable blind boy from California — is back in school again.

The ceremony was performed by Eugene Clevenger '40; Jo Palmer '48 was maid of honor; Bill Myers '49 best man. Music was provided by the blending voices of Ralph and Martha Stout, Bruce and Lydia Jackson, Leland and Louise Jarrett, and Jack and Lorené Frost, all Freed-Hardeman musicians except Mr. Jarrett.

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BORROWED WISDOM

In the early fall, the Commercial Appeal published an editorial that presents a very reasonable view of the goals to be achieved while one is in college. It is titled "The Complete Student" and we are borrowing it here so that its wisdom may help to guide and balance our own students.

"With hundreds on hundreds of thousands of boys and girls, young men and young women heading back to their classrooms, whether or not to their studies, it interests us to imagine what we'd do if we had it to do over. What, we have been asking ourselves, should go into making up a complete student.

"First and foremost, we now believe, should come a considerable concentration on learning things. Learning is good for its own sake, once the individual catches the hang of it and begins to see how many new and fascinating worlds it may open. It is also good because, regardless of the subject, learning teaches one more or less about how to learn, and that is essential in any business or profession.

"In the second place, the student ought to study himself and his fellows and the relationships that both do and ought to obtain.

Few individuals, if any, start out in life well equipped with the ability to get along with other people on a cooperative and at the same time independent basis. The clash between personal rights and desires and those of others is, as far as we know, never-ending and school and college are fine places in which to realize the fact and adjust oneself to it. This sort of study amounts to electing courses in human nature.

"Finally, allowance ought to be made for having fun and discovering what real 'fun' amounts to. As some wise-cracking philosopher once remarked, school and college are the best places to be young and begin to get over it by degrees. As between the bookworm and the butterfly in school and college we'd be hard put to express a preference, for neither is really making satisfactory preparation for living in the world in which we do live, like it or not, at all times.

"Summarizing, we think the complete student would have a sound basis of scholarship, a considerable talent for getting along with other people, and a talent for enjoying himself. It sounds so good now that we wish we had thought of it way back when."

Homemakers Initiate

The Home Ec. Club is getting under way in grand fashion this year under the leadership of Marilyn Cooke, with Dot Giddens as Vice-President and Margie Parker as Secretary.

Did you see those girls so exquisitely adorned with their towels, onions and aprons? They seemed inseparable from them, for they carried them all day. Oh, but that was only a part of the initiation, topped off by the formal initiation at night. This formal initiation, was very pretty, performed by candlelight, at which time all the new members received ribbons of the Home Ec. colors and candles lighted by the Betty Lamp. After the initiation refreshments were served to all and the new members were welcomed into the club.

McKENDREE SUFFERS LOSSES FROM FIRE

About the middle of November, O. D. McKendree '47 had the sad experience of losing all his household goods to fire. He was living and preaching at Acton, Tennessee, 43 miles from us, since he finished his work with us a year ago. However, he had just accepted a call from one of the congregations in Detroit and has since moved there, with Sister McKendree and their two young daughters. Sympathetic friends in Corinth, Miss., made up a nice sum of money to help him replace his possessions. It was augmented by a donation from a group of "preacher boys" on our campus. (It is said that one of O. D.'s first replacement purchases was a copy of — Rigdon's Grammar!)

Alumnus Becomes Song Composer

Not long ago the Editor received a letter from James A. Mullins '32 an alumnus of F. H. C., who is now living in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Although Mr. Mullins is a locomotive engineer on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, he has other talents, and one of these is writing songs. In collaboration with

Douglas M. Howes and Tommy Coggins, he has written a song entitled "While I Sing You My Song of Love". It has been published by the Westmore Music Corporation of Los Angeles, California, and we hope that this song and others that Mr. Mullins may write will meet with success. The lyric is as follows:

There's a song in my heart,
 It's a song about you,
 For you've brought heaven to me.
 If we should ever part
 I don't know what I would do,
 For with you is where I must always be.

CHORUS —
 Come take my hand as we stroll
 through a wonderland
 While I sing you my song of love,
 Darling, it's June, come with me
 where the flowers bloom
 While I sing you my song of love.
 Come sit by my side, where
 together we may hide
 From everyone but those stars
 that shine above.
 Sweetheart divine, say that you
 will soon be mine
 While I sing you my song of love.

LA VIA DE VIDA SHOWS MEXICAN WORK

Our devoted Mexican alumnus and brother, Pedro Rivas, publishes a splendid little monthly magazine, "La Via de Vida". It is a 12-page booklet, written in Spanish 85 percent, English the remaining few pages.

On the cover of the November, 1948, issue is a picture of a nice-looking, substantial building, of Spanish style, wearing above its entrance the title "Iglesia de Cristo". Below the picture is the legend "Frutos del Amor Fraternal" or "Fruits of Brotherly Love". A further explanation in Spanish says: "Church building in Torreon, the first in Mexico in age, monument to the brotherly love of many who contributed toward its realization. More space is needed today in order to fulfill exactly the mission of proclaiming Christ and it is our local problem. As well as this house, we need many others in the republic."

Read the Sky Rocket for the news about Freed-Hardeman.

3 Guest Speakers Appear At Chapel

Numerous entertaining programs have varied our chapel exercises during the last month. On three mornings visiting preachers were invited to use the period to address the student body. A morning of Gershwin music, a clever program by the Business Council, and programs by 3 other student groups gave a great deal of variety.

Norman Vaughn

Brother Norman Vaughn '39 of Jackson, spoke to us on Nov. 9. He read Proverbs 24 and discussed being "slothful in reverse", describing a person of that sort as one who would plant barley, not thorns and nettles. "Lives won't be neutral". He ascribed most of our failures to neglect, to lack of a sense of mission, and to failure to grasp opportunities.

Boone Douthitt

Brother Boone Douthitt '21 returned to his alma mater on the morning of the 23d with a brief discussion of "What shall we preach?" He answered his own question by citing Acts 8 as the pattern. He exhorted us to believe, remember, observe, and reminded us that we have "a God to glorify, Jesus to imitate, a soul to save, virtue to acquire, deeds of the body to mortify, the world to guard against, heaven to seek, eternity to meditate upon, and perhaps this day, death to meet".

C. C. Jones

Brother C. C. Jones of Memphis, accompanied by "Uncle Bob" Farrow, a veteran educator of Memphis, came to chapel on Nov. 27 and regaled the chapel audience with a delightful Bibli-chemical talk. First he complimented Freed-Hardeman most pleasantly, saying that our students went out with "a different vaccine" and "a greater polish" than from other schools. Then, in his musical bass voice, he applied the Savior's sentence, "Ye are the salt of the earth," in a very practical way. "Don't lose your saltiness." He "broke down" salt into its two elements, and characterized the sodium as the holder, the germ killer, the hindrance to infection. Chlorine was described as the binder, the preservative, the emulsifier, clarifier and activator. A few pungent sentences were: "Spray the truth — you'll kill the isms". "You're in the cleaning business". "If somebody calls you a boss, be one".

Gershwin Delineated

On November 27, at the chapel hour, Miss Ruby Caldwell presented Irvin Himmel and Joanne Powers in a program centered around the modern music idiom of George Gershwin. Irvin gave an excellent biography of the brilliant composer, and then Joanne gave a flawless rendition of the concert arrangement of "Embraceable You" and "The Man I Love".

Business Council Shows "Key Ring"

The Business Council utilized assembly period on Nov. 17 to demonstrate "Seven keys to getting and holding a job." Seven speakers appeared in brief talks, each bearing a placard on which was drawn a large key and a slogan. Gyle Workman introduced the seven, who were: Marjorie Parrish, "Believe in Yourself"; George Elkins, "Know Yourself"; Rita Martin, "Know Your Market"; James Watson, "Pass Inspection"; Mary Emma Marshall, "Get Yourself In"; Lillian Wells, "The Interview"; and Bob Lifsey, "Make Your Job a Career". The group appeared with a consecutive line of placards to make a "key ring" that concluded the presentation.

Sigma Rhos

A group of boys "put on" the Sigma Rho chapel program of Nov. 10. It included harmonica selection by Oles Pinson; two violin solos by Neil Lightfoot—"Sousvenir" and "Indian Love Call"; two numbers by a male quartet—Ralph Stout, Dean Beagle, Dick Daughtry, Dick Dewhirst, and a

Sports Highspots

Philos 6, Sigma Rhos 0

The Philos were able to score on their first play of their second game with the Sigma Rhos. This was accomplished by a completed short pass over center from Reid to Workman. The remainder of the game was defensive, neither team was able to score after this. Both were able to drive within the opponent's ten, but were never able to go the last few yards.

Alpha Taus bow to Phi Kappas 6-0

The mighty Alpha Taus were no match for the PK nine in their first game of the year as they went down 6-0. The score was made by a completed pass from Mills to Nelms. Nelms was able to catch numerous passes but only one was a score. The Phi Kappas were able to keep a vigilant watch over Hope and he was able to gather in very few passes.

Sigma Rhos win From Phi Kappas 2-0

The best defensive game of the year thus far was played between the Sigma Rhos and PKA. The Phi Kappas were caught behind their goal in the first quarter and this lost them the game. Both lines were strong and were able to break through and rush the passer so that he wasn't able to aim to well.

Alpha Taus Roll Over Sigma Rhos 18-6

Bob Owen was able to take good aim in this game, as his line was doing wonderful blocking, and he completed a large number of his passes. Three went for scores, Hope catching two and Don Thorman the other. During the last quarter, Buchanan was able to slip Beagle one over the goal for their score.

Sigma Rhos Unable To Stop Philos

In the third game of the season between these teams, the Philos again conquered their opponents. Scores were made by three different Philo men, all scoring for their first time. In the first quarter, Reid passed one to Stephenson, who was standing over the goal when he took it. In the third period, Hogan intercepted a pass on his thirty, and behind beautiful blocking went over. In the last period, Reid completed one to Deming on the thirty, who dropped back and waited for interference, which he got — enough to carry him over.

Philos Succumb To Alpha Taus 18-0

The passing team, Owen to Williams, clicked well in the Alpha Tau-Philo game and were able to score twice for their team. Hope was watched during this game and was able to complete very few. Moffett gave the ATL team the first rally in the first few minutes of the game when he intercepted a pass on the five and went over for the points.

Phi Kappa - Alpha Tau Tie 0-0. Neither Phi Kappas nor Alpha

take-off by Tommy Kelton of a scene in the legislature of his home state, Oklahoma.

Preachers' Program

The first day of December saw a trio of young men representing the Preachers' Club on our chapel program. Their theme was, "Smile a while and win a friend". Charles Hess, Bill Nelson, and Paul Ayres each discussed a phase of the subject.

Founding Principles Compose ATL Program

On November 24, the Alpha Taus used as their theme in chapel the three principles upon which they were founded.

A speech was made about each of these principles, the first of which was "Association" by John L. Meadows.

Rosemary Taylor next spoke concerning the second of these principles, "Truth". Bennett Hanna made the last talk — on "Loyalty", followed by George Elkins who led the entire audience in singing "True Hearted — Whole Hearted".

Taus were able to score in their second game of the year. Both were close to the pay-dirt several times but never touched it. Excitement came in the last minute when Mills tried desperately to run over. It appeared to many that he went over, but he lacked about a yard making the needed yardage. As a Touch game isn't supposed to end in a tie, there will be a play-off of this game at the first convenience.

Phi Kappas Defeat Philos 12-6

The Phi Kappas were able to get two scores to the Philos' one, so they were able to take their third game. Nelms intercepted a pass in the first quarter on the ten and was able to score. Mills scooped one up just over the goal for the other PKA score. The Philo score came in the last play of the game when Workman, behind powerful blocking, raced thirty yards for his team's lone score.

Standings —

Team	Pl'd	W	L	T	Per
ATL	7	5	1	1	.714
PKA	7	5	1	1	.714
Philo	8	3	5	0	.375
SR	8	1	7	0	.125

Juniors Yield Game To Seniors Thanksgiving

True to Thanksgiving custom, the annual Turkey Day game between the Juniors and Seniors went to the Seniors. The game was scoreless during the first half. Both teams started the second half with determination to win, but the Seniors were the ones who carried out this determination with enough action. This action was a pass from Owen to Moffett.

IN and OUT

Mrs. D. L. Daugherty and son, Max, of Philippi, West Virginia, visited Donald the first of November.

Elva Hargett and Eulean Adair, both of '48, spent the weekend of November 6 on the campus.

Carolyn Poston's sister, Dorothy Poston Branch '40, and Mr. Branch visited here on November 7. With them were Mary Anne Sanders Allen '40 and Mr. Allen of Memphis.

Mrs. Mack Langford, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, accompanied C. W. and Avis Creasy Scott, both '36 to F. H. C. for a short visit on November 16 and 17 and visited with Mack, Jr.

Dorothy Maie Todd's parents visited here the weekend of November 23. With them were Mrs. Evans and her small son.

Stewart Tyler, of Louisville, was a guest of the Ralph Stouts and F. H. C. on November 9.

Dan Woodruff, of Nashville, was a campus and chapel visitor November 18.

Brother and Sister A. W. Hastings, of Cleveland, Ohio, Brother C. C. Jones, of Memphis, Brethren Boone Douthitt '21 and Tommy Nicks, of Nashville, and Brother Orban Jones '44 and Brother W. H. Canady, of Jackson, were chapel visitors on November 24.

Mrs. C. M. Foy was out of her office for ten days the middle of November, undergoing treatment in a Memphis hospital and recuperating at her home here.

MRS. HAMILTON OFF TO COAST

The more she thought about Don, and Mildred, and Caroline, and Anne, the worse the feeling got — and finally, it couldn't be endured. Those last seven days just looked too long, so our "Miss Ruth", Mrs. Don Hamilton, Sr., waved her hair, packed her bag, secured a reservation, and took off on the noon train to Memphis, December 10, thence on the choo-choo to Los Angeles.

On that side of the nation, she was eagerly met on the following Monday morning, by her son, Don Hamilton '36, now in the laboratories of United-Rexall Drug Co., by his wife, formerly Mildred Tate '36, and their two charming little girls. Nobody grudged her the extra few days before the holiday vacation, as Mrs. Hamilton hadn't seen the girls of the family for more than a year, not her son since last March.

Alums Gather For Thanksgiving

A large and loyal group of alumni brightened the campus on Thanksgiving as they paid visits and were cordially welcomed. No official register was kept, but among them were noted the following: R. D. and Evangeline Fulghum Parnell, both '48; Mary Jo Sewell '48; Nadine Flatt '46; Woody Loden '48; Sue Bradley '46; Lola Giddens '47; Marion Doolittle '47; Sue Gray, Kathrine Hatman, Thelma Patterson, Elva Hargett, Jeane Pickup, Eulean Adair, Roberta Tucker, Dorothy Hudson, Doris Sue Cagle, Eleanor Willbanks, Dorothy Archer, Billie Tarpley, Vivian Landers, all '48; Mae Nelle Stanfill '47; Bobbie Lee Gault '46; Frances Hendrix '47; Heber Taylor '47; Jere Bass '47; Bill Hammontree '46; Roy Lanier '48; Gordon Cathey '47; Paul McGaughey '46; Carl Matheny, Bob Smith, James Cooper, Jake Hamilton, Mike Barnhouse, Harold Hazelp, Earnest Krumrei, Jack Church, all '48; Louis '47 and Marjorie Haliburton Garrett '48; G. C. '48 and Pam Lundy '47 Bucy; Stanley '47 and Carolyn Randolph Lockhart '48.

WITH THE ANCIENTS

(continued from front page)
My dear Wilma,

Attracting the opposite sex is not as simple as carrying a magnet in your purse, even if men are iron-willed.

First single out a victim and study his temperament. Learn his likes and dislikes and act accordingly. If he likes music, take up jew's harp or some other musical instrument. If the outdoor type of girl gains his admiration, ride a horse to and from classes.

Don't let it be evident that you are stalking him. Never kiss him in public nor sit on his lap if there is a vacant seat close by. Asking him out to your home for the weekend is all right if you don't invite him in a way that gives away your desire to be near him. Mention the fact that you are redecorating your brother's room and since they look alike, you want to see if the woodwork matches the color of his eyes and whether or not the comb on the dresser is suited to the texture of his hair.

Above all, be sure that you are neat and tidy when you are in his presence. If you have to wear your hair in paper curlers, use a fine quality of paper. If you forget to wash your neck, turn up your coat collar.

Sincerely Yours,
Miss Lettus Fixit

From December, 1943, Sky Rocket:

Dear Miss Fixit,
I really need your help. For the first time in my life I'm having trouble with having too many men at one time. With a man shortage all over the country, I have to go and have two at once and I'm going batty! Can you please give me some advice. You see it's like this! When I was at home there was the nicest boy I dated kinda steady, and we had a lot of fun together and I thought I'd miss him a lot here at school, but I don't. Of course I write to him and he writes to me faithfully. That's the bad part about it. He is so faithful and trusting I hate to tell him what I think has happened to me. You see, I came to college without dreaming there would be so many handsome boys here, and such gentlemen, too; and I didn't have the least idea there would be any of them I'd learn to care for. But, Miss Fixit, there is, and I don't know what to do about it. Here it is time to go home for Christmas (we've been looking forward to it all year) and I don't even want to go. What must I do about the boy at home and what must I tell the one who has gently lifted my heart into the clouds? Do you know which man I love? I'm sure I can't bear to go home until I get some advice from you, so please answer this letter soon.

Worriedly Yours,
Petunia Ellissnapper
Dear Petunia,
My dear, you are in a peculiar

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situation for a girl your age. At Christmas we should all be happy, so maybe I can solve your problem. I hope I understand you correctly. I believe you have two boys who think quite a bit of you and you like both of them. Naturally a situation of this sort will have complications. Does each young man know about the other? If the boys are understanding they might like to know about the rival to the girl of their dreams; but then again, a girl in her first year in college is much too young to be thinking of falling in love with the hometown boy or the dashing stranger, who has swept her off her feet. My advice to you is to be nice to both of the young men and enjoy your Christmas holidays with the boy at home. He's been looking forward to seeing you and it certainly won't be wrong to help him have a Merry Christmas, and by New Year you can celebrate with the new flame of your life, back in school. Surly you don't want to make either young man unhappy, especially during the holiday season, so just continue to be friends with both of these nice boys and wait until you are older to think about love.

Hopefully Yours,
Lettus Fixit

P. S. Besides, Santa Claus shows better profits if you can hold on to more than one prospect until after December 25.

FACULTY "FLING" ON MONDAY NIGHT

Our faculty had their first social meeting of the year when on the night of December 13 they met in the College Clubroom for seven-o'clock dinner. The ladies of the faculty had an opportunity to show talents other than those daily displayed in the classrooms, for they took over part of the cooking, all the serving and the dishwashing.

All wives and husbands were likewise invited and the "regulars" had the chance to get acquainted with the newcomers — the Jack Frosts, Miss Jeanne Moore, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, and Theo Rhodes (new husband of Assistant Registrar Lois Smith Rhodes).

Covers were laid at long tables centered with arrangements of pink and white chrysanthemums. A delightful meal was served, comprising grapefruit cocktail, prepared and served by

Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Powers; baked ham and fresh English peas, done up in the delicious way they are in the cafeteria by "Miss Mary" and "Miss Bonnie" crystallized apples — the work of "Miss Jeanne" and "Miss Sophia"; stuffed baked potatoes, prepared by Miss Shelly and Miss Gallo-way; hot rolls, served by Miss Ruby Caldwell; molded ice cream "cokes", and coffee.

A delightful surprise came after the meal to the recently married Rhodes. Under Miss Moore's direction, Mrs. Rhodes executed a "treasure hunt", which after a good many useless wanderings, brought her back in sight of the group, where she found a gift from the faculty — a lovely electric grill and waffle-iron combination.

NEAL RATLIFF

As school closes for the Christmas vacation, comes the close to another story, and that a very sad one. On the afternoon of December 16, the remains of Neal Ratliff will be laid to rest, after funeral services in our Chapel Hall.

Neal Ratliff is one of the casualties of World War II. He was killed in England on July 3, 1944, presumably by a robot bomb, and the long journey came to an end on the evening of December 14, when his repatriated body reach-

ed home.

Neal came to Henderson in 1919, as a mere boy, arriving on the very same train that brought our Brother J. R. Endsley here for the first time. He was in our high-school department, and went on into college work, with some intermission while he taught in the public schools. He married an alumna, China Fawcett, and together they taught in the schools of Chester County. In the last year of his chosen work, the session of 1942-43, he was principal of the Henderson City School.

In May, 1943, he was called to them Army, just one month before his 38th birthday. Consequently, he never saw his son, Richard Neal, who was born shortly afterward. Neal was placed in the Chemical Warfare department of the Army and sent to England.

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There, on the fateful morning, he and a group of co-workers heard the enemy missile that cost his life. It is reported that one group of men made a dash out of the building where they were, and every one was killed, while the group unable to find exit escaped untouched.

Neal was a good teacher, a good citizen, and a faithful member of the church. He is survived by his wife, his son, two sisters, and his mother, Mrs. G. S. Ratliff, of Duck Hill, Miss. His father died shortly after the news of Neal's untimely death.

First memorial services for Alumnus Ratliff were held on Nov. 11, 1944, when he and three other gold-star alumni were the theme of a program in our Chapel. At that time Bro. Endsley made the memorial service in his honor. It is very fitting that Bro. Endsley, long-time friend and brother should conduct his funeral. Songs will be rendered by Brother Witt and Brother Frost together with a group of local singers.

COLLEGE BRED TURNIP

Did you happen to go by Brother Roland's office the middle of November? If you did, you couldn't help seeing a real agricultural triumph, a superb turnip, with beautiful purple top, about 25 inches in circumference. And that's not all. There were many many more of the same size produced on the College farm by Mr. Gus Lewis, its manager. And what's more, size cost nothing in quality, for all of these specimens were sweet and solid and crunchy throughout.

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GOSSIP

Stop! Look! Listen! What's causing all the excitement? Well, don't you know the Xmas holidays are here? The spirit of festivity is everywhere and the smell of spices and everything nice fills the air. Hear the jingle of the bells! Have you noticed the dither everyone is in and the glow in their eye, because sooner than soon they'll be homeward bound? But, wait — let's get an earful of the latest happenings at F. H. C. before off we go. Help yourselves to those apples, oranges, candy — nuts.

Jerry Belchick sighs and says, "My! Poston can be so delightful and refreshing."

Rondle Agee has come right out and said, "Joanne Goff, I think you're grand." Ah, ain't they cute together.

Dick Dewhirst is all out for "Wiseman".

Claire Emerson, is it the good eats that draws you out to the College Inn or could it be your interesting chats with the fellows?

Tommy Kelton has developed a sudden interest in fishing — especially for "Trout".

Elaine Merrill has made her way into the rounds. There she goes with Freeman — No, here she is with Russell. Round and Round they go!

Allen Parker, are you going to stop with only one date? It isn't nearly so hard to ask the second time.

See Bill Threet when he starts to nod?

Bet he's dreaming of lovely Dorothy Maie Todd.

Joe Mitchell believes in "Saying it with flowers". Isn't that correct, Dorothy Jones?

Mack Langford, we're still waiting for you to join us on the Sunny Side of the street. Let's see you smile. My! how becoming.

Have you noticed Ben accidentally-on-purpose arranges to be near Emma Marshall?

Now we know why Margaret Stibgen eagerly awaits the weekend. She gets a call from the Navy or the Navy calls and reports that every little thing is still in ship shape.

Margie Parker, Rheba Daniels and Margie Riggs, what was the object of your affections at the Autumn Party? Red hair and blue eyes! Un-huh, just what we thought. Frances Howard has been seen lately with a "Key". Reckon it's the one to her heart?

Say, what's this we hear about Cochran giving Montel Adams a box of candy? Who's in the doghouse now?

Gwendolyn Smith has joined the ranks of the Sunday Night Lobby Sitters.

Bill Nelson and Charley Hess are still on the "Howl". Wolf, Wolf.

Who's that guy that's been singing afar off, "Mary Lee we roll along, roll along." Come hither and let thyself be known.

Things that strike the eye and the mind:

Sister Mack Langford, looking young enough to be Mack Junior's sister instead of his mother; Jess Hampton, stealing the show in "Red Magic", with his impersonation of "Squanto"; Rebecca Ruth Nicks, tiny daughter of Billy and Gerry Petty Nicks, both '44, who according to her devoted grandfather, Brother Tommy Nicks, has her "lesson" up like this: "What are you going to do when you grow up, Rebecca?" "I'm going to obey the gospel." Then what? "I'm going to F. H. C. and marry a preacher". (She may be a nick off the old block — that's what her young mother did!).

Paul Ayres says "All I want for Xmas is my two front teeth".

Max Taylor leaped from his shell of timidity right into the path of Bobby Sue Counts and Lillian Wells.

The old torch has been relighted — Note Bobby Owen and Marilyn Cooke.

Joe Williams says, "I think you redheads and brunettes are nice, but oh you blond!"

Dwight Henry and Juanita Headley made a lovely twosome at the Autumn Party.

What's attracting all these F. H. C. boys down at the College Inn? Could it be Mignon C. and Peggy B.?

Is it true that Bill Burke is infatuated by red hair?

Have you noticed those beautiful blue eyes possessed by Joan Colwell and Joanne Goff? Get on the ball, boys.

Has Jimmy Moffett completed his garage to put his Ford in? Fast work eh, Peg?

It is Terrell Freeman's blonde curls or his poetic rhymes that seem to allure the girls?

Dot Jones seems to be making the rounds. Charles Burns is her latest.

Carolyn and Jerry have up quite a case. Anyway, that's a ring hanging around her neck.

Wonder why Charles Cochran has been going around singing the "Dickey Bird Song"?

From the rumours I've been hearing, by the time this issue is out there will be a marriage in our midst — Namely, Virgil and Sylvia.

Miss Moore thinks she has a big secret too, but we know!!!

Jimmy M. has evidently forgotten last year. From where I sit, all attention seems to be centered on a little blond nicknamed "Chug-Putt".

Marty seems to have found her "tall, dark and handsome, who is none other than Jesse P.

Charles Burns seems to want to give all the girls a thrill. Wonder when he will settle down to one?

Cam seems to like brunettes, especially the cute ones!

Joanne C. and her "King" seem to be sailing along nicely and also Jack G. and Mary Archie.

Dot Jones is as cute as a "bug in a rug". Why doesn't the boy who said that do something about it?

A certain "Cook" I know seems to like Georgia peaches.

A quote from Bill Burke, "Red has an effect on me that no other color has".

That trip to Jackson on the buses! Woo! Woo! And Ike couldn't get a seat by his girl!

Peggy B. certainly had good-looking company around Thanksgiving. Serious, Peggy?

Have you seen Joe Hope's black eye? And Elva was here Thanksgiving too!

Know what Jack Crews does every day about 12:45? Just take a peek into the French room and maybe M. J. will tell you!

Rob, what's your favorite flower? Wouldn't be an "Iris", would it?

Certain girls around would certainly like to know if Buddy Lucas's heart is broken over a recent episode. They'd like to help him mend it!

L. C. Austin Retires After Half Century Of Music Teaching

L. C. Austin is an alumnus of our G. R. C. C. days. Always talented and deeply interested in music, he is the subject of an article and picture which appeared in the Memphis Press-Scimitar last June. The article says of him:

"If some artist were to paint a true portrait of Prof. L. C. Austin, assistant professor of music at Memphis State College, he would picture Prof. Austin with a baton in one hand and a fishing pole in the other.

He would sketch in the background on one side, a schoolroom full of eager-faced pupils and a motley band and orchestra instruments; drum, kettle drums, snare drums, bass drums, wind instruments; tympani; stringed instruments. Largest of all would be a violin and coronet.

On the other side would be a soft-flowing river, the Tennessee maybe; a boat, a pair of hip boots, a rod, a canful of freshly-dug worms.

There would be a true portrait of a man who was retiring after 50 years of teaching music in high school and colleges and after still longer years of fishing in 30 different states on lakes, rivers, streams, the warm waters of the Gulf and the chill salt of the ocean.

Mr. Austin is retiring this year at 69 in his golden anniversary of teaching and after 33 years at Memphis State College.

He was born at Sardis, Tenn., and spent his boyhood at Scotts Hill on the banks of the Tennessee

River. It is to his days there that he attributes his great love of the water. Nearly every day he swam the river, fished and hunted along its banks.

He finished high school there; only in those days they called it "college". The community was always musical and used to have a band. He learned to play several different instruments but his favorites were the violin and cornet.

He began teaching in 1898 at Scotts Hill, has been at it ever since. He studied music at Valparaiso University in Indiana and at Northwestern in Chicago. He received his B. S. and M. A. degrees at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. For seven years he was a music instructor at Valparaiso and then in 1915, he came to Memphis State.

From now on out, Mr. Austin insists he is going to fish. The next minute he says he is going back to Scott's Hill High School to help his cousin, Jesse B. Austin, principal of the school, organize a band.

Deeds Of The Disciples

Roy Fuller Hooper spent the summer at Charleston, Missouri, and places nearby, preaching and assisting Bro. W. J. Stanley, '48. He has a number of interesting incidents to tell, and upon request, he related the following:

Bro. Stanley and I were returning from Dexter, Missouri where we had heard Claud Gardner, '45, preach. On our way home the lights on the car went out. It was a black, moonless night, hence we were forced to stop for a while. After several efforts to repair the lights had failed, we decided to attempt traveling the remaining eight miles without them.

We had gone about a mile at a very slow rate when a powerful spotlight shined about us from behind. The next thing I was aware of was that we were being pushed off the road. A car pulled off the highway in front of us and two burly highway patrolmen stepped out of the car with flashlights in their hands. After some preliminary remarks they reminded us that it was the night before the 4th of July and that traffic was very heavy. The senior patrolman made us feel very guilty when he reminded that our traveling without lights might cause some one else to get killed. We made no pretense but simply told him how we came to be in such circumstances. When he saw that we made no excuses he immediately changed his harsh manner and informed us that we could get repairs at a garage not far distant. He was kind enough

to escort us to the place. The mechanic had to be awakened and when he had begun work on the car, the officers departed, leaving their best wishes for a safe trip home and a word of caution that we should not travel if we should happen to have more trouble.

The mechanic was a huge, rough-looking fellow who went about his duties with a guttural, undertoned profanity. Bro. Stanley and I sat in the car until we could no longer bear to hear more of his language. Bro. Stanley got out of the car, walked around to where the man was working and looking him straight in the eye said in his kind, humble manner, "My friend, do you believe in God?" Such an inquiry startled the man, but after a moment's reflection he affirmed that he did. Upon being reminded that he had taken the name of God in vain several times, the man made an apology and excused himself on the grounds that he'd picked up the habit in the army. He then said, "You're a preacher, aren't you?" When Bro. Stanley asked why he made such an inquiry, he answered that he worked with men every day who were members of various religious organizations and he was never called down by them when he unconsciously used profanity. He then argued that more people who claim to be church members should stand up for those things which they know to be right.

We had further contact with that man and perhaps we may some day see him obey the gospel. The sad part is that the man spoke of a friend who claimed

membership in the Lord's church and who worked with him day after day and never warned him of the dangerous practice in which he was indulging. I wonder what that brother will say on Judgment Day.

K. D. LOWRANCE, JR.

(continued from front page) Madison); Dorothy Welch, with a small flag (Betsy Ross); and many others equally charming. The first boy who guessed a girl's identity secured her as his partner for the duration of the stunt.

Crimson, gold, blue, violet and brown leaves were passed — provocatively cut in two, to match partners anew — this time for the trip to the dining hall. It was transformed! Each table was centered with a glowing red candle in yellow-apple "candlestick". It was encircled by a garland of ivy leaves, studded with yellow chrysanthemums.

Places were marked with deep-toned napkins in autumn hues, and by plates bearing chocolate cake, surmounted by ice cream and cherries.

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