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## PASSING BRO. R. W. COMER LOSS TO CHURCH, COLLEGE

Freed-Hardeman lost one of its greatest friends and benefactors, and the Church one of its staunchest members, when Brother R. W. Comer died in a Nashville hospital on the early morning of August 5, after a brief illness. His passing was the occasion for a flood of grief, eulogies, and sympathetic expressions from the thousands of people who knew and admired him.

Brother Comer was the devoted friend of F. H. C. and of Brother Hardeman, who conducted his funeral at Chapel Avenue Church of Christ in Nashville, on the afternoon of August 7, before a vast assemblage. The gift of "Comerfarm" to the College last fall, and his purchase of 1500 copies of Tabernacle Sermons, Volume V, for gifts to his employees, are but two samples of his generosity toward us. Ever modest, plain, and retiring, he made no fanfare and ado about his great and generous benefactions to our College or any other Christian effort that he deemed worthy.

Brother Comer's life is an inspiration in both material and spiritual aspects. Born in Gamaliel, Ky., in 1860, he came through periods of general store-keeping and "drumming," to found Washington Manufacturing Co., and head it for 40 years. His success as businessman, gentleman, and citizen was outstanding, and was surpassed only by his stature as a Christian. He was a charter member and elder of Chapel Avenue congregation, a substantial backer of the five Tabernacle meetings, writer, publisher and donor of thousands of gospel tracts and papers, supporter of week and small congregations (continued on page 2)

## "MEET AND GREET"

The student body and the faculty members gathered in the college gymnasium Monday evening, September 25, for the purpose of getting acquainted. For admission to the gymnasium, each person was required to wear a tag bearing his name and the name of the city and state he represented.

As the names of the states having the fewest representatives were called, those representatives were introduced. Others were introduced by state groups and participated in stunts and games under the leadership of the various faculty members. Under the direction of Sister Folwell, those from Ohio and W. Va. presented a play. East Tennessee and West Tennessee participated in a question-tee conducted by Sister Foy with East Tennessee being the winner. Brother Hall tried the spelling of Kentucky and Arkansas, and Brother Rivenbark used his psychology on Florida and Alabama. Lastly, Brother Roland had Texas and Mississippi do a pantomime relay. All of the 24 states and Canada were mentioned and introduced.

For a short period following the introductions, all were free to go about meeting and greeting one another. The old F. H. C. team "Fincher and Brasher" gave a blackface song and guitar number.

Refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate were then served by the faculty members and were duly enjoyed by all present. All retired to their various places of abode with a feeling of satisfaction and with the expectation of a grand year at F. H. C.

## "Proud Parents"—FHC

The month of June added five babies to the Freed-Hardeman Cradle Roll. On June 7, William Paul Roland put in an appearance at the home of Paul '38 and Ada Marie Cheek Roland, in Murfreesboro. By the same token, Dean and Mrs. C. P. Roland are grandparents and Brother I. N. Roland (Faculty 1927-'36) and Mrs. Roland, great-grandparents. On June 10, Willie Frank Van Dyke came to live with Frank '37 and Julia White Van Dyke, in Jackson, Tennessee, where Frank preaches for Highland Avenue congregation. The baby attended his first F. H. C. opening on September 20. The early part of June also saw the arrival of a daughter, Mary Ann, to Doris Wamble Ward '38 of Montezuma, Tenn.

On June 23, Dick Junior was added to the family of Coach and Mrs. Dick Stewart, their second son and fourth child. He strongly resembles "Coach," a most popular member of F. H. C. Faculty from 1934 to 1944.

June Carol Brigrance arrived on the last day of June to live with Lt. (s.g.) Fred '38 and Mary Mae Morgan '42 Brigrance.

Harrette Dell is the small daughter of T. Sgt. Harvell Rhodes '38 and Ludelle Morris Rhodes '38. She was born on July 8. Also a little girl came to live with James '44 and Eleanor Mullins Falkner. Her birthday was August 1, and she was born in Martin, Tenn., where James preached during the summer months.

Victoria Kay Newell was born on September 4, to L. H. and Bernice Young Newell, both '43, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, where L. H. is preaching for the congregation.

On September 11, the second son of the W. H. Kirbys arrived. He is named John William and his mother is Gladys Johnson '30 of Henderson.

Nona Pike Little '39 and her husband are the parents of a daughter, Nona Caroline, born on September 19, here at Henderson. Kenneth Franklin '42 has a new daughter, Sharon Loretta, born September 13, in Lancaster, Ohio. The mother is the former Nora Smith, sister of Lewis Smith '42.

The newest baby news is that of the arrival of a second daughter, Mildred Anne, to Don (now Ensign in U. S. Navy) and Mildred Tate Hamilton, both '36. Mrs. Ruth Hamilton of Paul Gray Hall is thus doubly (and happily) a grandmother.

## PICKARTZ & ADAMS HEAD SKY ROCKET

Wednesday morning, October 4, in chapel, Brother Hardeman announced the members of the staff of the Sky Rocket, Volume XXII. Those selected were: Evert Pickartz and Charles Adams, co-editors; J. C. Townsend and John Maples, business managers; Nancy Coplin and Martha Nerren, locals; Mary Flo Cox, social; Trice Dickson, religious; Evelyn Goodrum, organization; Ferrell Hall, sports; Mary Jo Logan, alumni; and Joanna McClellan, gossip.

Immediately after selection, the staff met with Mrs. W. B. Powers, faculty advisor, and discussed plans for the first edition.

It is the desire of the staff to present throughout the session an

## On Nation Honor Roll



A. DILLAHUNT  
Paris, Tenn.

The War Department in September released the encouraging news that Albert Dillahunt '38 of the U. S. paratroopers, who was reported missing on D-Day over France, is now a prisoner of the Germans. (We are indebted for the picture to the Commercial Appeal.)

## IN MEMORIAM

Freed-Hardeman mourns the loss of four alumni—all on European battlefields.

Gilbert Harris was reported missing last spring and was so mentioned in the Sky-Rocket. The report was changed to "killed" by the War Department in the summer. Gilbert was in the Air Corps. The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Harris, of Selmer and the brother of Marguerite Harris '34, Gilbert was in F. H. C. from 1932 to 1934. He was married and leaves a small son.

On July 3, Neal Ratliff '34 was killed in England, presumably by a robot bomb. Neal came to Henderson in 1919 as a boy, attended our high school and College, teaching some in the intervening years. He married an alumna, China Faucett, and together they taught in the county schools. In the session of '42-'3 he was principal of the Henderson city school, entering the chemical warfare department of the Army in May, 1943, just a month before his 38th birthday. Neal was a member of the church, a good teacher and citizen. He is survived by his wife, a year-old son, Richard Neal, two sisters, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ratliff—the latter couple of Duck Hill, Miss.

Sgt. K. D. Lowrance, Jr. son of the senior elder of the Henderson congregation, was killed in action in France on August 1. The Lowrance family moved from Buena Vista, Tenn., to Henderson in 1920, and K. D. attended grammar school and high school at Freed-Hardeman. He was a versatile athlete, excelling in basketball. (continued on page 3)

## VETERAN "OPENER" ABSENT FIRST TIME

Brother John McDonald, 87, has been a loyal friend and patron of F. H. C. for a great many years. Confined to his bed since early May, he was unable for the first time in years to attend the College opening, much to his regret and ours.

interesting account of events of major importance both at Freed-Hardeman and wherever its alumni may be.

## TWENTY-FOUR STATES, CAN- ADA REPRESENTED IN F. H. C.

### NUPTIAL NEWS

Freed-Hardeman wedding bells ring the year 'round, but are especially busy in the summertime. We have twenty weddings to announce since we last went to press in May.

Early in June, Leroy Garrett '40 stopped by the College to visit a little while and to introduce his wife, Ouida, whom he married in Texas last February.

Late May saw two weddings, involving four alumni. Evelyn Williams '35 and Merle Kent '35 were married in New York on May 20, and are making their home at 12 Barron Street in that city. About the same time, Edwin Black '41 and Fay Poston '43 plighted their troth. Winston Burton '44 was married to Reva Lee Herd on June 3.

A friendship that grew through three years at Freed-Hardeman was made more permanent when, on June 28, Walter Barron and Paul Watson, both '43, married sisters, the brides being Mary Elizabeth and Ruth Smith of Cookeville, Tennessee.

July 14 was the date chosen by Lillie Mae Taylor '44 for her wedding to Bruce Freeman Sharp. The couple are living at 202 W. North Bay Street, at Tampa.

Juana Mae Travilion '38 and Howard McTee '38 culminated a College romance on July 23, when they were married at her home in Sardis, Tennessee, by Bro. W. C. Hall. They are making their home in New Orleans.

August 15 was the date of two weddings. One was that of Dr. Ben T. Galbraith '39 to Mai Katherine Herron, of Bells, Tenn. Ben is serving his internship in Denver, Colorado, where he and his bride are living. The same day Bro. Roscoe Swindler united in wedlock Stella Haun and Holbert Rideout, both '44, at her home in Hamlin, W. Va. The first of September, the newlywed Rideouts went to Weatherford, Oklahoma (608 1/2 N. Broadway) where Holbert will preach and go to school. In that respect they are following in the footsteps of George and Ela Beth (Todd) Bailey '41.

Lois Conder '45 added to her possessions a sailor, when on August 22, in Corinth, Mississippi, she married Seaman Quinten Newman of the U. S. Navy. The groom shortly returned to active duty in the Pacific, while Lois is again an F. H. C. co-ed.

The faculty took a hand in the weddings on September first, when (continued on page 3)

## MANY CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Numerous improvements have been made on the F. H. C. campus during the summer. The most general project was that of redecorating all campus buildings. The Girls' Dormitory received a new hardwood floor on the third story, an overhauling of plumbing apparatus, and an addition to the Demonstration School division in the way of books and furniture. The farm unit was greatly improved by the construction of a new dairy barn and the remodeling and modernizing of the dwelling.

A pasteurizing unit is under construction, nearly complete. The cafeteria kitchen has been enlarged, a new stoker installed in the Administration Building, and some new furniture put in both dormitories.

Freed-Hardeman College had its sixty-first opening exercises on September 20 at 10 a. m., with a truly national group of students.

The College, with its predecessors, dates back six decades, to the autumn of 1884 when it was known as West Tennessee Christian College. This is the thirty-seventh time the present Administration Building has opened its doors to a new year of work.

The extensive area of patronage is remarkable feature of Freed-Hardeman College. There are few colleges in this nation with so widespread a representation, and it is a compliment to its president, faculty and educational policy. Scarcely a town of Henderson's size on earth has any feature to attract to it people from half the nation and beyond.

N. B. Hardeman has been connected with the college for 53 years, as student, teacher, vice-president and president. This is a record which stands alone in Tennessee, and probably in the nation.

At the opening exercise, the program was the traditional one of a congregational song, "We're Marching to Zion," followed by a prayer by Brother I. B. Bradley of Dickson, Tenn., then another song, "Throw Out the Lifeline."

Then came President Hardeman's address of welcome, including remarks on the state of the world in general and the basis for peace. Advice and inspiration to the new student body were followed by recognition of the many gifts and favors done for the college and gratitude for the same. Announcement of improvements and changes was made.

The faculty was introduced, with especial emphasis on James R. Cope, formerly of Nashville, the only new member this year.

The students were then asked to stand, by state groups. This revealed the presence of representatives from (continued on page 4)

## McCaskill Court Now Preacher Camp

McCaskill Tourist Camp, seven miles south of Henderson, is the scene of much activity, for there eight preachers and families make their homes, due to the absence of vacant dwellings in Henderson.

Composing the colony are the Lyle Leaches from Oregon; the Reginald Rogerses from Washington, the Bill Kirkpatrick and the William Holdsworths from Pennsylvania, the Frank Timmermans from Arkansas, the Ralph Kidds from Ohio, the Roy Wilsons from Florida, the Robert Stewarts from Wyoming, the Earl Montgomerys from Mississippi, and the Marvin Hoopers from Oklahoma.

In the two apartment houses and cabins afforded by Mr. Logan McCaskill, these families form a congenial and harmonious community, sharing ice boxes, washing machines and all other "shortage" conveniences. Indeed, it can be truly said, "No man calls what he possesses his own."

The men share rides into town, sending their children to grammar school, while they further their education at the college.

Church services on Thursday nights and Sundays are held in a former dance hall.

To this shady, grassy strip of land resting across from a beautiful lake there can be only one objection according to a dweller: "the dreams of lazy fishing prospects make studying s-o-o-h-o-r-d!"



## THE SKY ROCKET

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### ASSOCIATIONS

Christian associations have the power to lift the human soul, while evil companionships tend to destroy the good that man has developed within himself. No place is more conducive to good associations than our College. One of the greatest benefits of attending school is for the development of our social, as well as mental, selves. While we are here, then, we should try to build up associations that will be worthwhile—and lasting. As we go about the activities of the year, we should not do those things that might hurt someone's feelings and cause unpleasantness but should strive to create a disposition that everyone will appreciate and at the same time help us to elevate our minds above things that are low.

One-half the responsibility of good associations rests upon your shoulders, so don't expect the other fellow to bear it all. If one is never friendly to others, he cannot expect very much friendly attention from anyone else.

Let our actions be such that people can say of us:

"But that dear voice comes thro the storm

To greet me in my home so warm

With gladness overflowing."

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The answer to this question has aroused enough interest to inspire several books on the derivation and meaning of names.

A name, within itself, is of no particular importance. The importance attached to any name is the reference of that name to its owner. Names are used for the sole purpose of designating individuals. When any name is referred to in any sense we think not of the letters or syllables involved, but rather, of the personality that we associate with that name. You are what is in your name!

Building names, in accordance with the above reasoning, would be a building of personality. Building bridges, towers, and attaining unknown heights in various fields is not the most probable nor advisable means of attaining a great name. A few may reach the said goal by such means, but very few indeed!

The name of Christ, the greatest on the tongues of men, was not thus made. His name is written on the hearts of men because he said and did the right things at the right time in the right spirit. Remember, then, you are what is in your name!

### Sigma Rho

Officers to serve for the first six-weeks are: Clinton Hamilton, president; Maxine Mercer, first vice-president; Bill Murray, second vice-president; Jo Logan, secretary; and Bessie Williams, reporter.

Quite a bit of talent seems evident from a review of the membership and we are all looking forward to a very fine year.

### Alpha Tau Lambda

Officers for the first six-weeks are: Don Taylor, president; H. A. Fincher, first vice-president; Benny Morton, second vice-president; and Miriam Leeper, secretary.

In our third year, we have the largest enrollment of any society in school. In our midst we not only have quantity but quality as well.

"Truth or Consequences" was the theme for our first regular meeting of the year.

### Phi Kappa Alpha

The Phi Kappa society has launched forth upon a new campaign for a successful year. The first meeting brought forth some

prospect for fine talent. President Paul Hall gave a summary of the society's purposes and aims, followed by program numbers of excellent variety. At the second meeting, Stanley McNery spoke on the "Dionne Quintuplets."

### Philomathean

The Philomathean Society presented the first Thursday Chapel program of the year on Oct. 3.

Officers chosen to serve the first six-weeks are: Lonnie Polk, president; Janet Whitehurst, first vice-president; Everett Saunter, second vice-president; and Joanna McClellan, secretary.

### Homemaker's Club

The Homemaker's Club had its first meeting of the year, Friday night, September 29. Officers are: Lu Patten, president; Georgia Sanders, vice president; and Joanna McClellan, secretary.

"Gracious Living" was decided upon as the theme for the year. Plans are under way for an enjoyable year, under the guidance of Mrs. Chloe Finley.

A good deed gets about the same attention these days as a homely face.

### PASSING OF BRO. COMER

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tions, helper of the poor and unfortunate—in short, a Christian through and through.

Few men have ever had more respect for God's Word in its purity and simplicity. That fact and the fact that our Bible furnishes the only hope at the grave, made the starting point for the eloquent sermon that Brother Hardeman preached by the body of his friend. He contrasted sharply the ordinary standard of success with the standard set by R. W. Comer—that of contribution, and benefaction, instead of accumulation.

After a review of Brother Comer's career, spiced with anecdotes obtained from Brother Comer's own reminiscences, Brother Hardeman stressed the idea that few men had been able to bear prosperity as had Brother R. W. Comer. He was characterized by plainness, kindness, modesty, and absolute absence of affectation and ostentation. Too, Brother Hardeman commended the neat and inviting appearance that Brother Comer never neglected, the personal pride and jovial disposition that made him a peerless host and entertainer. His mental alertness, even in his last sickness, and his unflinching devotion to his Master's tasks, set a mark unattainable to many of us and make us realize that "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Bro. Hardeman spoke in part as follows:

After all earthly matters fail and influences cease, God's Word is the only lamp and light beyond the portals of the grave. The having of funerals is purely a custom that has developed among people of all civilized lands. I think in common with you, it is a fine custom, because if there is ever a time when men ought to be made to think that they have no abiding place here, it surely is while they sit in the presence of death, itself and are reminded of the fact that this is the destiny of all mankind. I think, friends, that one of the greatest lessons that you and I have to learn is the lesson of being reconciled to conditions that prevail among us. One of the earliest ideas that ought to be mine to grasp is the fact that life is fraught with its sorrows, its shadows and its sighs; with its cares, its burdens and its disappointments; that there are many clouds through which we have to pass. We should have, however, a well-founded hope that beyond all of these experiences the glad golden sunlight forever shines.

We know one another here upon the earth; we observe our friends; we come in contact and carry on our affairs; we know quite a bit about life, its activities, its movements and tragedies. But as to the hereafter, we have but one source of information. All the theories and philosophies of men fail us in our desire for a knowledge of the future. The Bible, friends, furnishes us the only definite assurance and satisfaction of what man shall be in the by and by. The brevity of life is pictured to us in many ways. We need, however, no revelation to convince us of our rapid flight across life's great stage. "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away." I know that's so even if it were not in the Bible. "What is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and vanisheth away." We have seen the vapor on many a morning as it obscures the sunlight, but it's only for a while, then it passes away. Such is the picture and the presentation of life itself.

Solomon said, "There is no man that hath power o'er the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he

## Preacher Paragraphs

### THE AKIN FUND

The fund established by Brother and Sister John W. Akin is again being used to advantage by upward of 70 young men preparing for the ministry. Hundreds of young men are now bringing lost souls to Christ because of the generosity of Brother and Sister Akin. It is through such noble characters that the world is blessed and made a better place in which to live.

### PREACHERS' CLUB

The Preachers' Club met for the first time this year, Sept. 22, with about 70 young preachers

present. The meeting was called to order by H. F. Sharp, president, and the singing led by Earl Richardson. The program was simply informal introduction of the members, with account of their summer experiences and work. Some had preached during most of the summer, others part of the time while doing other work. Most sections of the United States were represented and one member came from Canada. Most of the members have had some active preaching experience but several are just beginning. Brother W. C. Hall is the faculty advisor of this club.

power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war." Such, friends, are the statements regarding the certainty of our passing and the futility of our efforts to escape the doom pronounced upon mankind. In common with you, I have studied just what life is. I have never reached a satisfactory conclusion. I have read the books of science and no man has ever dared to tell or define what that thing is which having, here we are; having not, there we lie. It's enveloped in mystery. We know about the working of it, the laws governing it and the activities, all of that. What is that thing itself? Bob Ingersoll said: "Life is a narrow veil between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We look in vain beyond its heights. We cry aloud, but the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead, there comes no word, but in the hour of death hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing." Even from the great infidel, I think that you can gather that there was some kind of an idea in his mind of an eternity that lies beyond. We talk much today about our fellows, their successes or their failures, and when we come to the close of our pilgrimage here, many want to know: "Was his life a failure? Was it a success?"

I am quite certain that our standard of success in life is far different from what it ought to be. As a rule, we count that man successful who has climbed the social ladder to heights sublime, or has attained political power and prestige or who has accumulated much of things material. Such a standard is wrong, because if a man should gain the whole world and then lose his own soul, he has made an inglorious failure in life. Let us reverse the standard and not measure a successful life by its accumulations, but rather measure it by its contributions. I think that man who has given to the world; who has been a great benefactor to humanity; who has brought joy and sunshine to oth-

ers; and who has made his calling and election sure, is the only man worthy of being regarded as a successful character. I bid you think on such a conception.

I don't have to tell those of you who know him, that he was one of the finest entertainers I've ever known. It was a joy and a pleasure and a sunshiny occasion to be with him. He had sorrows, troubles and cares aplenty, but he never unloaded them on his friends. He went through life bearing men up to higher heights rather than pulling them down to lower depths. I really think that his greatest delight was in plucking the thorns and briars along life's pathway, and in scattering sweet-scented flowers and roses in their stead. Such is my impression of him with whom I have had occasion to learn so much and to love and appreciate as I have but few men upon this earth. Brother Comer believed Solomon's statement when he said, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." He was an exceedingly busy man; he took a keen interest in all the affairs with which he had to do; he entered into a live discussion of all problems that confronted the business of which he was active head. But he was never too busy to try to impress upon men the absolute and the superlative importance of giving themselves unto God. He made talks and admonitions and exhortations telling them, "Don't make talks and admonition and look to men; don't look to me; but take the Bible; believe what God says, do what He requires, live as He directs." His greatest worry possibly may be summed up after this fashion—the failure to properly impress humanity with the necessity of believing with all the heart on Jesus Christ as God's Son, of genuinely and truly repenting of their sins, of confessing His name and being buried in baptism for the remission of sins, and then arise to walk in newness of life.



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## Sportively Speaking

FERRELL HALL

Much interest is being manifested in athletic activities at this, the beginning of another fine year at Freed-Hardeman. No official society games have been played as yet, but numerous practice games are already of the past. The spotlight thus far has centered on tennis, softball and touch football.

On September the twenty-eighth the Phi Kappas and the Alpha Taus engaged in what turned out to be a practice football game, and a hard-fought 6-6 tie resulted. Neither team seemed to have a decided advantage at any stage during the game, and as a result, some tight defensive work was performed. The Phi Kappas drew first blood when Robert Watson scored beautifully on a direct pass from Paul Hall after the team had driven deep into enemy territory, but the Alpha Taus were not to be denied their share of glory. They came back with furious rapidity, striking on the ground and in the air, and finally tied the game when James Brasher, who had played splendidly all afternoon, sneaked behind the enemy's defense, and took a neat pass from Benny Morton. Some loose play was found on either side, but all in all, the game proved to be an exciting affair. We surely want more like it!

On the afternoon of October 2, the various societies selected their leaders for the coming campaign. Abie Sauter was selected to captain the Philomathean Society in all athletic events; Wayne Hammon-tall will lead the Phi Kappas, and W. L. Kennedy, the Alpha Taus. Charles Holt will direct softball activities for the Sigma Rhos, and Robert Tice will do likewise

during the football season. We realize that they are competent leaders, and we expect them to deport themselves on the field in such a way that they will not reflect unfavorably on their societies.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, the Phi Kappas and the Alpha Taus rang up the curtain on the softball season when they clashed head-on!

### IN MEMORIAM

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ketball. He was employed by Salant and Salant factory when he was called to the military service in 1942. Going overseas in February of this year, K. D. was one of the very first Americans to set foot on the soil of France on Invasion Day. He was 36 years old, and a member of the Church from his teens. He is survived by his father, one brother, Alex Lowrance, '29, one sister Christine Lowrance Kent '31, two nieces and two nephews.

Pfc. Benton Wayne Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lindsey, of Tishomingo, Miss. and a Freed-Hardeman alumnus of 1941, was killed in France on July 11. Wayne, '41, was a splendid character, a pleasant and popular student. He was inducted in April, 1943, into the Army. He is survived by his parents and three sisters.

The greatest satisfaction we can get out of life comes from building bridges — making the pathway of those who follow a little less bumpy.

### NUPTIAL NEWS

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Brother James R. Cope of our history and Bible department, married Georgia Deane Combs, of Dallas, Texas. This is Brother Cope's first year at F. H. C. and both he and his charming bride have received a cordial welcome.

On September 9, Louise Ledbetter '40 became the bride of Wilton R. Willoughby, of Memphis and Greenville, Miss. They are residing in Memphis.

Dr. J. B. Watson, Jr. '39 had an unforgettable week in late August, when he graduated from Auburn Polytechnic Institute, married Frances Bailey and received his degree of D.V.M. He is located in his home town of Trenton, Fla.

One of the newest weddings on our list is that of Myrna Chapman, our Georgia beauty of '43-44, to John Scott, of the Cadet Air Corps, Albany, Ga., after a whirlwind courtship.

Owen Freeman is no longer free and Reba Hart is no longer a Hart, since Sept. 26, when they were married at Reba's home in Jackson, Miss. Both are alumni of 1944.

Ernest Finley '40 was married recently to Frances Jackson of Texas.

Nell Jones '44 and Ben Lowe '43 were married the second week in October at Jacksonville, Fla. Ben is in the Navy, stationed at Camp Blanding.

### GREYHOUND

Best HAMBURGERS

In Town

## Mac's Cracks

After nearly three weeks of meditation, deep concentration, and a LITTLE courtin' on the side, we're just bubblin' over with gossip—imagine that!

Things strictly started off with a bang—considerin' the long walks to the train station down the dark, deserted streets of Henderson.

Gee, but those "shoe parties" were oodles of fun for F. H. C.'s Co-eds. The Senior girls had their biggest laugh watching the Senior boys look the Junior girls over. What did you decide, boys?

Strange things about Wayne Hammon-tall — always getting Marge Watson's shoe. Ole B. C. turned out with 2 girls—not bad for the first night. John Maples was seen quite a bit with the blue-eyed Mississippi Belle, Martha Nerren.

Things have developed considerably since those first nights—in spite of some of the rules. Poor H. A. Fincher is having a hard time deciding which it will be—"Kentucky" or "Our Ideal Girl." But if you think H. A. is having a time you ain't seen a thing. Just take a look at one of our Freshmen from Alabama (Jeanne Moore). You've heard of the proverbial "sting"—well, she's got it—Lonnie P., Lloyd W., Harmon C., William R., Bill H., "Abie" S., and then—and then—the latest is "Pretty Boy" Darnall.

While we're on the subject of "strings"—there's Earle West's—not only on Sunday nights and in the cafeteria but also in the library. That's O. K. though, Bro. Hardeman made him "realize it."

Looks like Lu Evelyn and J. C. would make up their minds someday, and it seems that Shorty Watson and Dot Branch already have.

One of our steady double-dating quartets is Bettie Sue Broyles-Eldridge Martin and Helen Young-Earle Richardson.

And how's Patsy getting along with his roommate's sister? Sounds like the perfect set-up to me. Georgia, what would Roy think if he had seen you Sunday night?

Seems logical that after a year the Seniors would catch on. After all, there was only one Junior involved on the front porch.

Something new has been added to F-H's curriculum—not only do we have a Star Gazing class, but also a "swing-shift" in chemistry lab.

What's holding back the "sun-beam of the Campus"?—Get goin' Sonny—you're wastin' a lot of them!!

Guess the boys heeded Bro. Hardeman's suggestion about making Sunday nights count, cause the lobbies seemed to be well-filled.

Some of the couples seen in the lobbies "taking advantage of the situation" were Jimmy Powell and one of the cute little Platt cousins; Clinton Hamilton took care of the other cousin. Evert Pickartz and Shirley Walker were there, too. However, they're together quite a bit—could it be a common friendship? I wonder.

Watch and see how long these last: Sue Meeker and Hilton Summers; Ernestyne May and Joe Cale; Jerry Carrington and Charlie Morgan; Ann Hartsell and John Iverson. One never can tell, can one???

Enough of this—let's get down to business. But remember our motto, "let all things be done secretly and in the dark"—oh, pardon me—I meant "decently and in order."

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## ALUMNNEWS



The Nashville Banner kindly furnished us with the above picture, that of Misses Mary Elizabeth and Ruth Smith, of Cookeville, Tenn., who became the brides of Walter Barron and Paul Watson, respectively, in June.

Here's the latest report of the seniors of '44:

## AT SCHOOL

Composing the FHC COLONY at Abilene Christian College are: James Falkner, John Falkner, "Peaches" Camp, George Estes, Bob Ewell, Mary Joyce Forrester, William Richardson, Claude Gardner, Paul Rotenberry, John Scott and Larry Grounds.

Boy Hearn is attending Peabody College in Nashville while preaching for the Pennsylvania Avenue church and working on the Gospel Advocate.

Alan Bryan is attending Johns Hopkins University in Maryland and preaching nearby.

Louise Cagle is a student at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn.

Billy Nicks is attending Memphis State College and preaching at Berclair, Tenn.

Elwin Freeland is at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.

Willene Henry is studying at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Orbra Johns and Bert Brown are preaching and attending school near Norwood, Ohio.

Delton Haun is a student at Fairmont College, Fairmont, W. Va.

Jean Wylie is attending the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

Clinton Hamilton attends Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Carroll Lancaster is a student at West Liberty Teacher's College, West Liberty, W. Va.

Annelle Tigrett, Bill Seaman, and June Powers are enrolled at George Pepperdine College.

Olin Hastings is attending Northeastern State College at Tahlequah, Okla.

## TEACHING

Becky Park is teaching near Lewisburg, Tenn.; Charles Ary, in Perry County; Corinne Brothers, near Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Irene Gibson, near Henderson; Arcilla Jordan, near Shiloh, Tenn.; Gazelle Walker (place unknown at present); Mary Lou Freeman, near Union City, Tenn.

## OTHER

Bobbie Beasley is at home in Rome, Georgia.

Kathleen Logan is employed as

a secretary in Summerville, Ga.

Jean Baker is doing office work in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Winston Burton and his wife, the former Reva Lee Herd, are living in Auburn, Alabama, where he preaches and attends A.P.I.

J. C. Davidson is preaching in Kansas City, Kansas.

Bonnie Hatter is employed by the AAF Training Command, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Freda Jones is working in a bank at Jack's Creek, Tennessee.

Quentin McCay is preaching in Gadsden, Alabama.

Holbert Rideout and his wife, the former Stella Haun, are at Weatherford, Okla., where he preaches.

Evelyn Wilson is working for the Sinclair Oil Co., at Fort Worth, Texas.

Helen White is doing office work in Memphis, Tenn.

Harold Trimble is preaching for the church at Caldwell, Texas.

Elmo Hazelwood is preaching at Cleveland, N. C.

Nell Jones—getting married to Ben Lowe in Florida.

Lillie Mae Taylor Sharp is keeping house in Tampa, Fla.

Reba Hart is honeymooning with her new husband, Owen Freeman.

## "COURT OF SIAM"

A session of the "Court of Siam" was held in the lobby of the girls' dormitory at 8:00 o'clock the evening of September 30, when the senior girls were hostesses to the junior girls.

Kitty Lowe presided, attended by her court, composed of Miriam Leeper, June Cline, Demetria Hopper, Kathleen Johnson, Nita Mitchell, Georgia Sanders, Ettie Spears, Delores Tatum, Lu Evelyn Patton, Dorothy Branch, Willene Peters, and Mary Gardner.

Music was furnished by the Jean Andersons, and Mary Beth Williams. The session ended with the induction of six members of the Junior Class into the "Court of Siam."

A feast of cookies and Coca-Cola brought the meeting to a close.

The difference between getting somewhere and nowhere is the courage to make an early start.

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representatives from 24 states and Canada. The range of patronage is bounded by Ontario and Pennsylvania on the north, Virginia on the east, Florida on the south, Arizona, California, Oregon and Idaho on the west. Tennessee naturally has the largest delegation, but Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Florida all have sizeable groups. Miss Vannah Lincoff of Lewiston, Idaho, has come perhaps the longest distance, followed closely by Misses Tommy Jean Davis, Mildred Lambert and Charles Adams of California. R. L. Stewart and his family came from Laramie, Wyoming, where the State University is located. Stanley McInery of Selkirk, Ontario, formerly of Folkestone, England, is a personable Britisher who spent the session of 1938-39 with us and is back for this year.

The total state roster is as follows: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, California, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia.

## ALUM CHAPEL TALK

Watch! Such was the timely admonition of O. S. Lanham, former F. H. C. student, in his impressive chapel address of a few days past. Bro. Lanham attended F. H. C. 1939-41. He has been working regularly with the congregation in McGehee, Arkansas since. His holding a meeting in Benton, Kentucky, presented occasion for his visit here.

An acquaintance becomes a friend as soon as you discover that he has a sense of humor.

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## IN AND OUT

Among the many visitors here on the opening days of school in September were: John and Orvis Payne Brinn '37 and '38 respectively, and two small sons, of Murray, Ky.; O. S. Lanham '41 of McGehee, Ark.; Douglas H. Perkins '31 of Memphis; Walter Barron '43 and his wife, of Cookeville, Tenn.; Gracie Nichols Young '36 of Memphis; Joe Barnett '42 and Mrs. Barnett, of Brownsville, Tenn.; Ross Spears and Mrs. Spears, both '38 of Dyersburg, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Boyd, of Chattanooga, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin and Mrs. Harvey Martin, of Georgetown, Ill.; Frank and Julia Van Dyke and son, Mrs. W. H. Canaday, Mrs. C. B. Ijams, Louise Cagle '44, Howard Parker '40, all of Jackson, Tenn.; Mrs. B. G. Hope, of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; Mrs. Clyde T. Nash, of Dyersburg, Tenn.; Mrs. C. B. McClellan and Maxine McClellan, of Lepanto, Ark.; Mrs. Lottie Petty, Billy and Geraldine Petty Nicks, both '43, of Memphis, James Wells, of Centerville, Tenn.; Mrs. J. E. Choate, of Gleason, Tenn.; J. S. Jones, of Wingo, Ky.; Lloyd Tatum, of Flatwoods, Tenn.

J. E. Williams '26 and daughter Laura Jane, were chapel visitors Sept. 23.

Guests of Shirley Walker the week-end of Oct. 7-8, were her mother, Mrs. H. G. Walker of Memphis, and her brother, Cpl. Richard Walker, of Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Guest of Marie Luttrell the week-end of October 1 was Sgt. Miron Dukes of Miami Beach, Fla., just back from New Guinea.

Spending the week-end of Oct. 7-8 at home were: H. A. Fincher, James Brasher, Earnestine May, Demetria Hopper, Nancy Coplin,

Bertelyn Cagle, Nita Mitchell, Marshall Conner, Lowell Blasingame, and Frank Farris.

Mrs. Price King and Mrs. Horace Scott, Kenton, Tenn., mother and aunt of Doris and Ralph King were visitors at F. H. C. on Sept. 29.

Sept. 24, Kathleen Johnson and Demetria Hopper were in Jackson for the day. Oct. 2, La Vera Midyett spent the day there.

The week-end of Sept. 23 the following went to their homes: Hal Redman, Shirley Walker, Maxine Hughey, Ida Faye Boone, Frances Jarrett, Marjorie Nell Green and Sue Nash.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30-31, Mrs. Hamilton visited her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Don Hamilton, and grand-daughters, Caroline and Ann, in Nashville.

The week-end of Oct. 1 the following students went home; Jo Freeman, Kathleen Tucker, Alma Foster, Joanna McClellan, Hilda Akins, Matilene Jones, Bessie Lee Williams, Talmadge Holt, Betty Dodds, Margie Ebbett, Mary Burbank, Dot Branch, Kathleen Johnson, James Brents, Pearl Gibbons, Evelyn Goodrum and W. L. Kennedy.

Jean Anderson had as her guest the week-end of Oct. 7, her mother, Mrs. Lee Anderson, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

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