

What a sense of security  
in an old book which  
Time has criticized for us  
—Lowell.

# THE TEACOLA

Books are sepulchres of  
thought.  
—Longfellow.

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## MANY STUDENTS REGISTER FOR EXTRA QUARTER

Last Date For Entering Term  
Is Set For Monday,  
May 7

The fifth term began last Monday, April 23. More than fifty students enrolled the first day and indications are that the number will increase to more than a hundred by the end of the week. Those students enrolling for the fifth term have been teaching in the smaller schools where the terms are short. The last date for entering the fifth term is May 7. Many of the larger schools will close by that time and it is expected that the enrollment will break all records for the time of the year.

The fifth term is an extra quarter which is made up of the last half of the spring quarter and the first half of the summer quarter. New classes are begun and only one fee of \$21 is charged. Those students entering now will be able to complete a full semester or four and a half months of work by the end of the summer quarter.

The summer school will run a full term of twelve weeks. The date for entering is May 29. Reservations in the office indicate a larger enrollment during the summer quarter than that of the past several years.

Among those who have registered for the fifth term are the following: Henry F. Ayer, Pisgah; J. P. Johnson, Blountsville; Mrs. Jennie Gilham, Birmingham; Mrs. Ladora McGlaughn, Altoona; Vula Ethel Crow, Crossville; Roxie Mae Gibbs, Section; George King, Jacksonville; Vernice Aldredge, Brooksville; Jane Leath, Jacksonville; Eunice Burnham, Steppville; Newbern Bush, Oakman; Kermit A. Johnson, Cullman; Mildred Massey, Trafford; Wease Martin, Liberty; Stella Calvert, Trafford; Doles Meade, Union Grove; Coles Mead, Union Grove; Mrs. C. H. Kytte, Albertville; Estelle Harrison, Lawley; Eugene Malone, Walnut Grove; Inez Malone, Horton; Thomas R. Downs, Fyffe; E. M. Plunkett, Round Mt.; Edra Blakeney, Kennedy; Herschel Beard, Gunterville; Rex Turner, Dora; Sara McMillan, Moulton; Estelle Harrison, Lawley; Clyde Rogers, Goodwater; Ray Shotts, Vina; Hershel York, Hanceville; Mattie Lovvorn, Baileyton; Jewell Vickery Belcher, Logan; Agnes Will, Bangor; Ella Culwell Hays, Hayden; Donald W. Tipton, Baileyton; Nettie Johnson, Rockford; Robert L. Dupriest, Marble Valley; Dove Bicknell, Blountsville; Travis L. Belcher, Logan; Faye McEwen, Hillwood; Nellie Nichols, Dutton; Eunice Logan, Rockford; Willie Littlejohn, Thorsby; Malcolm Ellis, Oneonta; Curtis Lovvorn, Baileyton; Ethel Thrasher, Altoona; Clyde Click, Grant; Ernestine Nichols, Geraldine; Howard Brookholdt Verbena; B. B. Finley, Goodwater; Herbert Murphee, Oneonta; Mrs. Francina McLendon, Alexandria; Annie Laurie Swindle, Goodwater.

## E. J. LANDERS WILL SPEAK AT DOUGLASS

Mr. E. J. Landers, head of Department of Education and Principal of the Demonstration School, has accepted an invitation to deliver the graduation address of the Douglass High School, Marshall County, Monday evening, May 7.

## MORNING WATCH

The program, Morning Watch, a devotional held in Daugette Hall every Sunday morning was made especially effective Sunday morning by the rendition of "Have Thine Own Way Lord" by P. M. Pitts of Clanton. Miss Eloise McClendon had charge of the program. Miss Olive Pass read a poem. Miss McClendon read a parody on the Twenty-third Psalm on Christ the Teacher. Special music by P. M. Pitts, Edwin Pitts, Miss Mildred Varnon, and Mary Frances Geer was the feature of the morning.

## REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IS GIVEN AT GRAVES HALL

Old Time Country Dance  
Causes Much Fun and  
Frolic

This article should be headed, "Bibb Graves Hall infested with Cooties," for so it was Friday night, April 19. It was not however, the ordinary kind of cootie that makes one scratch, but an intriguing game introduced to the History Club members by Miss Mildred Tate. Another game that was stimulating as well as entertaining was the making of words from a key word, "revolutionary." Miss Minnie Sellers captured honors in this contest with seventy-six words made in the few minutes allotted.

After a series of table games, the music was struck up by Mary Frances Geer and Maynard Hood, and the guests were invited to join in a country dance. So many of the members were unfamiliar with this type of dancing that the results were hilarious. However, Miss Sellers proved to be a capable instructor and soon everyone was whirling through the intricacies of the Virginia Reel. Dr. Calvert remarked that "revolutionary" was an apt description of a party at which the dancing involved so many gyrations. Dr. Calvert seemed tireless and led Miss Billie Elliott gracefully and easily through the several sets. They were pressed for honors by Miss Bela Fordham and Mr. Leon McLuer. Mrs. Felgar sat watching, but her popular husband showed himself to be an ardent devotee by dancing every set. Others who were

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## STATE WOMAN'S ATHLETIC MEET GREAT SUCCESS

Conference Is Held At the  
Montevallo School On  
April 13

The delegates returned from the Third Annual Conference of the Alabama State Woman's Athletic Conference held at Montevallo April 13 full of enthusiasm and new ideas to inspire the Girls Athletic Clubs at the Jacksonville State Teachers College.

The conference consisted of a different program altogether, being that of a report from each college as to the work of the athletic department, instead of a participation of games and physical recreation.

The delegates and various members of the staff of the Montevallo College assembled in Bloch Hall where the delegates were most heartily received with a buffet supper. Dr. O. C. Carmichael, President of the Alabama College for Women, addressed the guests, welcoming them to inspect the various departments and organizations of the college.

At the conference Saturday morning, speeches and reports were given by representatives of the colleges, and in this way a thorough understanding of the work of each college was furnished, which in turn, gave new ideas to improve the athletic organization of other colleges.

Upon adjournment of the conference, the group enjoyed a hike to the camp house where an outdoor meal was prepared.

Much has been said and written about the evils of inter-collegiate athletics during the last few years, but most educators generally agree that participation in athletic activity is natural and desirable to a certain degree. One of the main considerations is encouraging regular participation in some type of wholesome physical activity. The various colleges seem to have a direct system of inter-class sports, which is making great headway, but the Athletic Club of the Jacksonville State Teachers College received considerable recognition as a different system of organization. This consists of the division of the girls in four clubs with inter-

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## BOTANY CLASS TRIP

The Botany Class of the Jacksonville State Teachers College left the Bibb Graves Hall Monday, April 17, 1934, at 2:30 p.m., for a trip to the Waterworks Spring which is about two and one-half miles southeast of the campus. Cars were furnished by members of the class to convey the students to the spring. There were about twenty students who were included.

Many species of wild flowers were found and classified by the members of the class.

## SPORT DANCE IS GIVEN BY GIRLS OF MORGAN CLUB

Each Girl Had Privilege Of  
Inviting A Young  
Man

One of the outstanding social events of the Spring Quarter was the Sport Dance given by the Morgan Literary Society for Women of the State Teachers College, Saturday evening, April 21, 1934, in Bibb Graves Hall. This dance was one of a series of social activities planned by the Social Committee of the campus.

The hall was made festive by the lavish use of dog-wood and wild honeysuckle which helped in an effective color scheme of pink and green. The girls attired in light colored sport dresses against a garden setting of flowers, ferns and rustic benches made for an evening of unforgettable beauty and pleasure. Music was furnished by a local orchestra.

The guests were greeted by Miss Ada Hokcombe, president of the club, who was hostess for the occasion and Mr. Bob West the host. Misses Bela Fordham and Mary Summers took up the cards at the door. Miss Ashmore was in charge of the check room. Messrs. Blake Bartlet, Clarence Beasley, and Hoke Wallace also officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Burns were the official chaperones. Miss Minnie Sellers, Dr. Wood, Mrs. Ada Pitts and her two visiting sons, P. M. Pitts of Clanton and E. D. Pitts of Montgomery were Honor Guests.

Each young woman of the club had the privilege of inviting a young man. The members of the

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## ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER CONTEST

Competition In Spelling,  
Reading, Arithmetic  
And Language

The plan of holding the state contests in Spelling, Arithmetic, Reading and Language has been changed from the original plan to that of admitting representatives from any school. Heretofore only a limited number have been permitted to enter from any particular school system. Due to the uncertainty of school terms many superintendents have been unable to plan for elimination contests. Many inquiries have come from interested teachers asking how they may have an opportunity to enter children in the contests. Any outstanding pupils may participate in the contests whether elimination contests were held in the school or not. It will be necessary for each child entering the contest to be certified as belonging to a certain grade by the teacher, principal or superintendent.

The contests in Arithmetic, Silent Reading, and English will begin at 10 a. m. on Saturday, May 12. These contests will be written. At 1:30 p.m. the Spelling Bee for the elementary grades and the Spelling Bee for the junior high school grades will be held in separate divisions. The Spelling contests will be oral.

Any parent wishing to enter a child in the contests may do so by presenting a statement from one of the above mentioned school officials stating that the child is in the particular grade of the contest which he wishes to enter.

The contests have attracted large crowds in the past and with the change in the plan it is expected that a record breaking crowd will be in attendance. All contests will be held in Bibb Graves Hall at the State Teachers College. The names of all contestants and subjects in which they wish to compete should be mailed to A. C. Shelton, Director of Extension, on or before May eighth.

## A. C. SHELTON TO SPEAK AT ASBURY

A. C. Shelton, Director of Extension, has been invited to deliver the commencement speech at Asbury Junior High School in Marshall County on Monday evening, May 7. Mr. Shelton delivered the graduating address at this school two years ago and is being honored by receiving an invitation to make the second address at this place. Mr. Clarence C. Porch, a former Jacksonville student, is principal of Asbury school.

## STUDENTS SPEAK IN BIRMINGHAM

Miss Docie Henderson and Miss Pauline Harvella attended the State Federation of Club Women in Birmingham on April 19 and spoke before a convention of 600 women.

While in Birmingham they were guests of the numerous fetes in honor of the visiting Club representatives.

## MISS RANDOLPH ELECTED

At the meeting of the American Association of University Women in Birmingham, March 24, Miss Ethel Randolph was elected state treasurer.

## THE ORACLE

The bugle sounds, a call to arms resounds throughout the college,  
All books and pencils are put away, no further need for knowledge.  
A strike is on, and soldiers must protect the peoples' lives,  
Away they march with gun in hand by two's and three's and five's.  
No battle has been fought behind, yet such destruction, everywhere!  
The broken hearts, the tearful eyes, and hankies waving in the air.

But let the girls express themselves and let you know just how they feel.  
The Oracle will tell you all and everything herewith reveal.

Billie Elliot—

Oh woe is me! I know that I can never, never make it.  
A creampuff, that's just what I am because I can not take it.

Evelyn Page—

No sadder day has ever been in dear old Daugette Hall.  
My face has turned a crimson red, my nose, my eyes and all.

Martha Wood—

There is a vacant window sill just inside the door;  
I wonder shall I hold his hand and sit there just once more.

Fae McLendon—

Friends and fellow Co-eds, let's put this war upon the shelf.  
I can't keep walking through the halls talking to myself.

Evelyn Hawkins—

Now, girls, let's be not so downcast I'm sure we'll be all right again.  
We'll soon forget about the past although we'll never be the same.

Now altogether, girls, everyone sing "Keep the Home Fires Burning."



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## THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF THE TEACHERS

The large number of teachers who have already registered for the fifth quarter and the others who expect to register between now and the last day for entrance which is May 7 is outstanding evidence of the indomitable spirit of the teachers of Alabama. After being "fed at the second table and accepting the crumbs" during the past two or three years the teachers of Alabama are continuing to better prepare themselves so that they may render more efficient service to the children. No finer spirit of patriotism has ever been shown by any army. No greater devotion to service has ever been shown by any set of people than is being shown by the teachers in their desire to increase their efficiency. Those in authority who have been responsible for conditions of the past three years which have caused teachers to go underfed and poorly clothed should hang their heads in shame. In most cases the teachers have rendered efficient service in spite of the handicaps which they have had to face.

Now that the Federal Government is giving some aid there is an optimistic attitude among those who have been so sorely oppressed. Those people who are seeking places in the legislature and other public offices should see that this spirit of optimism continues among the teachers. They are a set of people who will continue to render more efficient service year after year if given salaries.

Teachers are continuing to register for work during the fifth quarter and others will enter college as soon as their schools close. With this spirit of optimism among the teachers we may expect a better day for the future citizens of Alabama.

## SPRING

(By W. J. Calvert)

And now spring is with us. There is moisture underfoot, and a feel in the air, warm sleepy afternoons to teach class through, a lassitude in the blood that is the opposite of fever, and a renewed eagerness in everything for something: in business men for golf, in teachers for new cars, in college youth for sodas and new dresses and spring football practice, in the grass and the weeds for sun and rain and air, in Johnny Wren for Jenny Wren, and in the pigs down by the Creek for their daily ration of slops. Then the flowers are budding anew on the earth, in accustomed and in unexpected places, the trees have on their Easter dresses, all too soon to grow old, and the mocking bird carols night and day, leaps into the air to display the fineness of his wingstripes, and zigzags from top to bottom of his tree to show his intended what a first-rate acrobat, as well as musician, he is. And out on the mountainsides man is again proving himself civilized and a son of Prometheus, by making use of the great gift of fire.

It is usually a warm afternoon, after several days of drought, when there is already a slight murkiness in the air for the smoke to settle on, and a mild wind to bear the smoke into town and on to the laundry hanging on the line, and the flame, as it creeps up a slope, resembles very much a tablecloth on which one has left a lighted cigarette, which burns from the center outward in a ring and from the cloth downward into the varnish and the wood, and which puts the good housewife into a three-day pet. That, too, is what Dame Nature feels as she looks at the great charred patches of grass and shrubs and flowers that were her tablecloth, at the ruined mould that was the varnish, and at the earth, no longer held, melting away in deep gulleys. And maybe she says to herself, petulantly, that soon, if such as this keeps up, she will no longer send her wild flowers and shrubs and birds, yes, and even her trees and the fruitfulness of her earth, to man who knows no better how to appreciate and treasure the gifts she has showered upon him.

## VACATION TIME

Very soon the elementary and high schools of Alabama will all be closed for a period of from three to five months. Many teachers will take up other lines of work during the vacation period. Others will spend the time in improving themselves professionally while some will pass the time in idleness.

Every conscientious teacher will use his vacation in a profitable way. If he cannot go to college he should spend as much time as possible reading and thinking. In years to come he should not look back over this period and regret that he has wasted so much valuable time.

## INTEREST IN THE SCHOOL PAPER

The students are continuing to show more interest in each issue of *The Teacola*. The articles which are being written by the students are showing a decided improvement. Members of the student body should realize that the paper is being published largely for their enjoyment. They should cooperate with members of the staff in every way possible. *The Teacola* is a publication by the students and for the students. Everyone should do his part toward making it an outstanding success. Not only should students cooperate in contributing news but everyone should show his interest by reading every line in the paper.

## WITH the ALUMNI

Mr. Hubert Brown, B. S. 1932, is engaged in the automobile business with his brother in Guntersville.

Mr. Arthur J. Browning, B. S. 1932, is teaching in Bibb Graves high school at Millersville.

Mr. Wilfred M. Hartley, B. S. 1932, is principal of the school at Rock Run.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cecil Williamon are teaching in the elementary school at Rockford. Mr. Williamon is principal.

Mr. Thomas D. Broods, a graduate of the two year course, later received his degree from the University of Alabama and is now Superintendent of Marion County schools.

Mr. C. J. Allen, a graduate of the two year course, later received the B. S. and M. A. degrees and is now Superintendent of Calhoun County schools.

Miss Imogene Barton is teaching the second grade in the school at Altoona.

Miss Ruth Butenschon is principal of the Coldwater junior high school in Calhoun county.

Miss Willnita Campbell is teaching the fourth grade in the elementary school at Clanton.

Mr. Dalton Moss is principal of the grammar school at Oneonta.

Mr. J. E. Casey, B. S. 1933, is principal of the Spring Garden school in Cherokee County. Mrs. Casey is teaching in the same school.

Miss Drexel Cochran is teaching history in the Lamar County High School at Vernon.

Miss Lula Mae Dooly is teaching the fourth grade in the school at Altoona.

Miss Clara Durham is principal of Mortons' Chapel school in Etowah County.

Miss Iva Durham is principal of Coat's Bend School at Murry Cross.

Miss Thelma Fagan is a primary teacher in the Piedmont City schools.

Mr. H. L. Gibb is principal of the Douglass Elementary School at Horton, Alabama. Mrs. Gibb teaches in the same school.

Miss Girlie Bright is teaching in the Cullman City Schools.

Miss Vicie Heflin is teaching in the Avondale Mills Schools at Pell City.

Mr. P. N. James is principal of Red Mills School, Jasper, Alabama.

Miss Mary Lester is teaching in the elementary schools at Dadeville.

Banker—Do you know anything about checks or drafts?  
 Applicant—Yes, sir, I've run our furnace for years.

Man—The bank has returned that check.  
 His wife—Isn't that splendid! What can we buy with it this time?

Dick—Doesn't it madden you when a girl is slow about getting ready to go out to dinner?  
 Don—Yes, the longer she takes the hungrier she gets.

Friend—Where did you meet your wife, Henry?  
 Peck—I didn't meet her. She overtook me.

As this is the beginning of a new quarter, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome the old students back, and especially to welcome the new students. The staff of *Teacola* wants you to look over the paper and offer any constructive criticism you may wish to make. The paper is a new thing on the campus and we are striving to make it one of the best college papers in the state. If you have anything to write for the paper do not hesitate to do so. A box has been placed in the bookstore for all contributions.

Not only do we see new students on the campus but we see a new professor. Dr. William Hoole is now a member of the English Department. Dr. Hoole received his Ph.D. Degree at Duke University. He said that if people like him and his wife as well as they were liking everybody, things will run along smoothly.

We have another man who will soon have a Ph.D. Degree. Mr. Glazner cast aside all superstitions and chose Friday the 13th as the day to take his oral examinations for his degree. It is to be conferred in June. We extend congratulations to M. Glazner.

There are five professors with Ph.D. degrees teaching at J. S. T. C. and several others who lack only a small amount of having all work completed for their Ph. D. degrees.

The National Guard boys seem to be having a tough time of it down in the coal strike area, but a few of the girls report that they are also having a lonesome time. But as long as a person can get three letters in one day there is no need to worry. It is almost like having him here to talk to. I wish

I were a fortune teller; I would certainly relieve two or three people of the strain which they are undergoing (wondering how long it will be until they can see their honeys). One girl told me her honey was so far back in the "sticks" that it takes a letter three days to reach her. I imagine the suspense is terrible.

Do you remember what I said about the Who's Who Contest? Well we are going to have one of the biggest and best in the history of J. S. T. C., so be thinking of those you are going to vote for. Ballots and full instructions will either be in this or the next issue. I would like to see every student in school vote as his ballot will count as much as Mr. Anybody's. The election will be held in a systematic way by members of the staff. No bribes will be accepted.

Did you know that—  
 Martha Murphree studied music at Montevallo, a... that she is an accomplished pianist and violinist.

Kern Selman has cast his books aside, and is now farming near Childersburg.

Prentice Thomas opened the State meeting of the Y.M.C.A. in Birmingham with a talk.

Leon Dupriest had rather eat his own cooking than that of anyone else.

Underwood Cook and Wilson Mann are married men.

Some of the freshmen girls were too timid to ask a boy to go to the freshman dance with them, and a certain boy had two dates for the same dance (such popularity must be deserved).

The *Teacola* does not accept cigarette advertising.

There will be only one more issue of the *Teacola* before the end of the term.

Samuel Insull, former Chicago utilities magnate, spent seventeen months in Greece. He was arrested at Istanbul, Turkey, and is being returned to the United States to stand trial.

## LARGE ATTENDANCE AT MORGAN LITERARY SOCIETY

Miss Amy Lane was the originator of the charming program given at a recent meeting of the Morgan Literary Society for Women. The program for the meeting was written on a large "M." Sue Caffee read the devotional which was followed by the group singing the old favorite "Love's Old Sweet Song." Martha Jean Minor gave a very humorous reading entitled "I'm a Greenhorn." The piano twins, Mary Frances Geer and Maynard Hood gave several selections, one of which was the familiar "Doll Dance." Willie Belle Baker concluded the program with several jokes.

In the business meeting called by the president, Ada Holcomb, a financial report was given of the successful Sport Dance held by the society April 21. In the latter part of the meeting Evelyn Page was elected reporter for the society.

## THAT HOMEY FEELING

Friend—He's worth in the neighborhood of a million dollars, I've heard.

Flapper—Good! That's my favorite neighborhood.

## ON THE PARADE GROUND

Sergeant—Did you shave this morning, Jones?

Recruit—Yes, sergeant.

Sergeant—Well, next time stand a bit closer to the razor.

Wife—What have you done with that book, 'How to Live a Hundred Years'?

Husband—You don't think I'm going to leave that lying about with your mother in the house, do you?

## Here and There

With LEON O. WIGINTON

## News In Brief

One of the strongest lobbies that ever operated in Washington succeeded in getting both House and Senate to over-ride the President's veto of the bill increasing veterans' compensation and Federal employees' pay.

Charles Evans Hughes is the only man in the history of the country to leave the United States Supreme Court and return to it. He is now Chief Justice. The Supreme Court consists of nine men.

Dr. William A. Wirt, Superintendent of Gary, Indiana, Schools, recently charged President Roosevelt's "Brain Trust" with a plot to overthrow the American Government and establish Socialism. Much comment has been expressed but most of it has been unfavorable to Dr. Wirt.

Leon Trotzky, the exiled Russian leader, was recently found living in France. Plans were made immediately for his departure.

The cotton reduction bill has become a law. This bill was pushed through the Senate by Alabama's junior Senator, John H. Bankhead, and sponsored in the House by his brother, Representative William B. Bankhead.

Japan intends to have her way in China. She has recently declared a "Monroe Doctrine" of the Far East. Japan, with her overcrowded population is determined to secure more territory for colonization.

After failing to bring about an agreement between the Executives of Railroads and Labor Leaders, Joseph B. Eastman, Federal Coordinator of Transportation, has quit. Negotiations will continue under the adjustment board.



## With the High School

The Senior Class play, "The Unexpected Debut," will be presented Friday night, May 4. Much progress has been made due to the combined efforts of Mrs. T. B. Shotts, director, and the members of the cast. The cast is as follows:

Paul Evans Upton, L. M. McCluskey; Mary Upton, Catherine Ashmore; Elenor Upton, Mary Frances Cannon; George Upton, Thomas Johnston; Harry Huston, Lynn Waits; Delivery Man, Glyn Nelson; John Blowing, Thomas Drake; Joseph Krumley, Weyman Boozer; Prince Tashum Sumbore, Maxie Black; Mrs. Greely, Louise Hay; Helen Greely, Joyce Sewell; Maria, Grace Hamric; Charlie, Charles Boozer.

Four choruses of beautiful girls will dance and sing between the acts of the play.

Tom Drake is going to take his track team to the state track meet in Birmingham May 4 and 5. We hope for good luck.

The Junior Class of the Jacksonville High School will entertain the Senior Class at a banquet Saturday night, April 28, at Weatherly Hall. The Juniors are striving to make this banquet the greatest in the history of the school and everyone is looking forward to it.

The honor roll for the past month is as follows: The pupils in the first honor roll made an average of A and the pupils in the second honor roll made an average of B.

### First Honor Roll

Junior I: Hazel Alexander, Eunice Broom.  
Junior II: William Irby.  
Junior III: Isabel Roper.  
Senior II: Kathryn Hay.  
Senior III: Louise Hay, Catherine Ashmore, Ollie Stephens.

### Second Honor Roll

Junior I: Anne Rae Dyer, Frances Green.  
Junior II: Nellie Dickenson, Oma Chitwood, Inez Hays, Margueritte Fryar, Gladys Lane, Mary Alice Ashmore, Hoke Rowan.  
Junior III: Edwerta Carpenter, Margaret Horn, Martha Norman.  
Senior I: Bennie Steinberg, Shirley Johnston, Cordelle Rooks, Mildred Jones, Herman Alexander.  
Senior II: Elizabeth Weaver, Myrtle Lee Fryar, Ruth Wilson, James Lyons.  
Senior III: Laura Baird, Frances Simmons.

The Senior I Class presented a very enjoyable program Friday morning in assembly. It was as follows:

Devotional, Cordelle Rooks; Reading, Catherine Ashmore; Song, "Dixie;" Reading, Irene Elder; Song, "Bells of St. Mary's."

Louise Hay, grand-daughter of Mrs. Nancy J. Dixon, has won the honor of being Valedictorian for the Senior Class. Her record through the six years of high school is excellent. She is recognized by the faculty and by the whole student body as being a superior student. Catherine Ashmore, daughter of Mrs. Mable Ashmore, won second honors which entitles her to be Salutatorian. Her charming manner as well as her superior ability, have endeared her to all who know her. The Senior Class elected the following students for the offices assigned:

Kyle Davis, President; Louise Hay, Vice-President; Secretary, Mary Frances Cannon; Treasurer, Catherine Ashmore; Historian, Joyce Sewell; Prophet, Thomas Johnston; Gifftorian, Grace Hamric; Last Will and Testament, Maxie Black.

## Society

### SPINSTER DANCE

The Freshman class sponsored a successful spinster dance Friday evening, April 27. Due to there being more girls than boys in the Freshman class, the girls comprised the stag line and reversed custom for the evening. The novelty of the evening was that the first no-break was the first dance and the second no-break was the last dance.

The honeysuckles and wild flowers that decorated the auditorium lent a charming atmosphere and freshness to the place.

The officials were Messrs. Lang, Wallace, Moon and Dupriest.

The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Glazner, and the special guests were the members of the Junior class.

This was one of the best dances of the year and everyone enjoyed himself to the utmost.

### PLAY SELECTED

"She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith with the sub-title "The Mistakes of a Night" has been selected for the Senior Class Play. The play was the cleverest farce of the Eighteenth Century. The cast has not been selected, but will be selected at an early date. Mr. L. J. Hendrix, head of the English Department, will coach the players. The date set for it is May 25 or 26.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The girls annual tennis tournament to determine the two champions of Jacksonville State Teachers College started this week. The winners will represent the school at the tournament held at Florence State Teachers College this spring.

Interest in the tournament is high among the students and the elimination games are being played amid much cheering and enthusiasm.

### TRAINING SCHOOL

#### COMMENCEMENT BEGINS

The children of the Training School will present as their commencement program a Cantata by Ira B. Wilson, "Childhood of Hiawatha."

Practice on the cantata was begun last week. The Training school expects to surpass its previous record of commencement programs. Every child in the training school will have a chance to display his talents.

### REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IS GIVEN

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no less conspicuous in their enthusiasm were: Toots Jones, Maynard Hood, Mildred Tate, G. D. Cohely, Rubye Workman, Clarence Beasley, Mrs. Leon McLuer, Underwood Cook, Mary Frances Geer, B. L. Vance, Jane and Robert Felgar, Connie Lee and Baxter Woodall.

Just before time to leave the guests were ushered into the "grab" where they were served ice cream.

The History Club should be congratulated on the delightful success of their Revolutionary Party.

### ON THE JOB

A man dismissed an office boy for slovenliness and advertised for a new boy. An applicant entered his office.

"What I require is a boy who is smart and tidy," the man explained. "I'm tired of slovenly, sleepy boys who never see anything that ought to be done for the good of the firm. Do you understand?"

"I sure do," replied the boy. "Shall I run out and buy you a nice clean collar?"

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hendrix, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, and Miss Ethel Randolph were in Birmingham, April 19, and saw Catherine Cornell, the leading American actress, in "The Barrets of Wimpole Street."

### GUESSING CONTEST

1. What couple comes from the girls' dormitory every day holding hands and talking baby talk?
2. Who is it that says, "Oh Baby! She's got everything?"
3. Who is it that thinks that squirrels have front teeth?
4. Who is it that talks like this: "I-er-a-ah-un — I-an-a-er all—a the—a-er-ah freshmen in the—ah-er-a-gym?"
5. Why is it that every time, when speaking, says "Hello, gentlemen?"
6. Who is it that every time she passes someone yells "Clyde?"
7. Who is it that is always yelling "Rats on second?"
8. Who is "parasol" and why?
9. Who was it that had the measles and laughed about it?
10. Who is it that giggles most of the time?
11. Who was it that hated to leave Jacksonville most when the boys had to answer the call to arms?

### THUMBNAIL PORTRAIT

In theory yes, in practice no, Miss X, what makes the forests grow? Now do you think it's caused by rain? Repeat the alphabet again. Is Texas a northeastern state? Did Daniel Boone go north by freight? You need not ask me. I don't know. A burro travels very slow. Please tell me if you can spell cat. New let me see, where was I at?

Miss Lois Dodd visited her brother in Birmingham last week end. We are all glad to know that Sara McMillion, former student at Jacksonville State Teachers College, has entered school here this term.

### SPORT DANCE GIVEN BY MORGAN GIRLS

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club and their dates attending the dance were: Miss Ada Holcombe who led the dance with Lytelle McCormick; Miss Jovita Scarborough, Bob West; Miss Mildred Varnon, Carl Stuart of Piedmont; Miss Amy Lane, Kenneth Hill; Miss Hortense Holland, Bernie Vance; Miss Billie Elliott, Alvis Gordon of Anniston; Miss Clare Mae Jones, Leon O. Wiginton; Miss Pauline Allen, Henry Apperton; Miss Kathleen Franklin, Billy Hay; Miss Nettie Anders, Maynard Hood; Miss Audrey Burks, Mr. Pore; Miss Ruby Jo Dyer, Miss Dudry Brady, Woodrow Lassiter.

### STATE WOMAN'S ATHLETIC MEET

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club competition. This form is different from any other organization in Alabama. Miss Sellers, Director of Physical Education, deserves much praise, in that she is largely responsible for the formation of these unusual clubs. The girls have cooperated most successfully and now are enjoying tournaments with the other clubs.

The participation in sports offers an opportunity for the teaching of great lessons in living. It is generally conceded that the final aim in education is a high type of citizenship, and that fair play, obedience to rules, respect for one's competitors, cooperation and self-confidence are definitely marked by good sports. Games should be played for the fun of playing, yet great emphasis of the right kind should be placed on the winning because, anything worth doing at all is worth doing well. Playing to win does not mean necessarily to overemphasize, but merely to do one's best.

The school clubs expect to prosper from the hints and suggestions of the conference carrying our athletic organizations to a higher level.

## Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

My last letter was printed and I appreciate your kind words to me. My best friends were absolutely startled when they got the paper. The letter was the first thing they looked for. I told you I could write. Now, you believe it, don't you? You certainly should, for if it were not for my never-failing help there would be no paper.

Some people have told me that it was such an inspiration for me to be near them. I hope the letters will be a great help for all.

Everyone is wanting to know who A. H. is. They have asked me, but I would not tell anyone. Editors, you have certainly been true to your word, but keep away from me for someone might suspect something. In fact, some already have told me that I was very much interested in you. Of course, I am. But under my hat.

The other day I heard a girl begging Mr. Shelton to tell her who I am. This girl knows me very well, but I refuse to tell her that I did it. Just watch the paper, read every line of it, and you will soon know. Don't be jealous, I am not the only genius in school. Many members of the faculty may be catching on to whom I am, as I have told you so much. I had not planned to come to school this summer, but if we continue with the paper, there is no way out on my part. It would simply go "co-flunk" without my help, even if I am not on the staff.

Now listen, student body, if you desire to put in print what you wish to say about me, do so—just hand your letter to one of the editors-in-chief, and they will print it without signing your name, if you do not want me or anyone else to know who it is. They are dependable, I'm sure.

Oh! I am so interested in the paper, I wish everyone felt toward it, as I do—wouldn't it be wonderful?

Editors, if you need any more material, feel at liberty to call on me, for I am

Your most helpful friend,  
A. H.

Dear Editor:

It seems as if we have a Sherlock Holmes or Arsene Lupin in our school—one who works under cover. I refer to our dear, beloved Teacola contributor, A. H. I think A. H. is no smarter than his fictitious initials. I dare say that I can make as valuable contributions to the paper as he, which is not bragging. He or she, whichever it is, and actually believe it's one of the two, said that he was going to prove his ability to write, and I believe it's high time he was acting like it.

When A. H. has made the "A" honor roll, I'll sit back without complaint and let him write his nonesense in his subtle style, but I'll never be content to let a dumber person than I get all the honor of contributions to the Teacola without his getting plenty of competition from me.

My dear A. H., you said in your last letter to the Editor that your feelings had been hurt several times here of late. Now I sincerely hope that I haven't touched any of your delicate sense organs in the least, for I'm merely a friendly sportsman-like competitor, striving for a chance to present my writing ability to the students of dear old State Teachers College.

Cordially yours,  
R. C. W.

County Agents from all sections of Alabama report that the attitude of farmers this spring is more hopeful than in several years. Results of the Agricultural Act are serving to restore a better economic situation for Alabama farmers, they say.

## PERSONALS

Robert Smith has returned from his home in Goodwater.

Mr. Jasper Buckner was a recent visitor in Collinsville.

Miss Anna Watson Parrish spent the week end in Anniston.

Miss Inez Carter spent the week-end with homefolks in Boaz.

Miss Edyth Davis was a week end visitor at her home in Centre.

Miss Lois Dodd was at home in Nauvoo, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lucy Scarbrough was a Jacksonville visitor over the week-end.

Miss Sue Outlaw spent last week end at Geraldine with Miss Audrey Hall.

Mr. H. T. Pruitt spent a very enjoyable week-end at his home in Cullman.

Miss Hortense Holland visited relatives in Anniston during the week end.

Miss Sarah Jordan, Alabama City, spent the week end with relatives there.

Miss Myrtle Cofield, Jacksonville, spent the week-end with relatives in Lafayette.

Miss Glenda Ferguson, who has been teaching in Richville, has returned to school.

Miss Nettie Anders and Miss Margaret Green were visitors in Gadsden Sunday.

Mr. Russel Tomlinson spent last week end with his family at Woodland.

"Jelly" Wiginton, "Jene" Hood and Bernie Vance visited Gadsden Sunday and "taxied" back.

Miss Mona Roberts and Lossie Stanford received a visit from their parents Sunday, April 22.

Miss Lucile Dobson, a student of last year who taught in Weogufka this year, is in school again.

Miss Katherine Griffin and Miss Martha Murphee visited their homes in Gadsden over the week end.

Misses Elanor Atchinson and Kathleen Dodd spent last week-end at Miss Dodd's home in Walnut Grove.

Misses May Will Atchison and Mary Wheeler, Columbiana, spent the week-end with friends in Birmingham.

Miss Ernestine McCluney spent an enjoyable week-end as the guest of Mrs. Tucker B. McCracken, Scrachen, Tennessee.

Miss Virginia Sue Munson and Hortense Elder spent the week-end at their homes in Millerville and Reeltown and also made a visit to Auburn.

Mr. Edwin Pitts, Montgomery, and Mr. Percy Pitts, Clanton, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Pitts, matron of Daugette Hall.

George Church, a former student of Jacksonville Teachers College, and Lehman Martin of Gunterville visited Clovis Cowan and Ruby Sorter last Sunday.



## WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

By J. F. Glazner

Population of the Valley continued to increase and to expand over a large area. An excellent class of emigrants by the hundreds continued to flow into the Valley; and so the region eventually emerged from pioneer conditions to what might be called "plantation times." Planters came bringing their slaves and the period from 1830 to 1860 might be designated as "plantation times" in Alabama. The removal of the Indians between 1830 and 1833, the rise in the price of cotton, the adaptability of the Valley soils for growing cotton, and the "flush times" spirit of this period attracted and caused many cotton planters from Georgia and the Carolinas to come with their slaves. The crops of the pioneer period were largely those for local consumption, but with the advent of slave owners and the establishing of cotton gins cotton became the leading crop.

Literature, art, and romance have done so much to glorify and play up the colorful side of plantation life that it is difficult for one today, so far removed from that period to form a true picture of the real conditions as they existed at that time. It is hard to separate what is fact from mere fancy and fiction. In other words it is difficult to judge this period by the character of the writings concerning it. While the plantation system never gave the color and display of wealth in the Great Appalachian Valley of Alabama that it did in the Black Belt, it had a very significant and important part in the economic life of the Valley. Only a small portion of the people owned slaves as was true in most other parts of the South. Probably less than one per cent of the people of the state owned slaves, and more than 75 per cent of the slaves of the state lived in twenty-one Black Belt counties. In 1850 only 6.2 per cent of the slaves of the state were in the Great Valley, and 50 per cent of these were in Calhoun and Talladega counties. If the slaves of the Valley had been distributed equally among the white families of the Valley, each family would have owned two slaves. Most of the planters of the Valley were small slave holders. Many of them did not own more than three to five slaves, and there were no plantations of such tremendous proportions as some of those in the rice and sugar cane districts of Louisiana, or those of the Black Belt of Alabama. The status of the great majority of planters, perhaps, was no better than that of the well-to-do farmer of today. It was not unusual, however, to find a planter owning from fifty to a hundred slaves, especially in the later fifties. The Hawkins plantation on Village Creek in Birmingham Valley represents one of the larger type plantations found in the Great Valley. Hawkins owned by 1850, one hundred and fifty slaves and made annually one hundred bales of cotton. The larger plantations were located in the broader valley such as Talladega, Choccolocco, the Lower Coosa, and Jones' Valleys. There were very few or almost no slaves in the extreme northeastern section of the valley.

As time passed planters increased their holdings. They invested their profits in more lands and slaves. It was the tendency for the more successful and prosperous planters to buy up the lands of their poorer neighbors and small farmers. In 1865 Senator C. C. Clay of Alabama said in speaking of conditions in his home county:

"Our wealthier planters, with greater means and no more skill, are buying out their poorer neighbors, extending their plantations and adding to their slave force. The wealthy few who are able to live on smaller profits and to give their blasted fields some rest, are thus pushing off the many who are merc-

ly independent \* \* \* In traversing that county one will discover numerous farm houses, once the abode of industrious and intelligent freemen now occupied by slaves or tenantless, deserted and dilapidated; he will observe fields, once fertile now unfenced, abandoned, and covered with those, evil harbingers fox-tail and broomsage; he will see the moss growing on the mouldering walls of once thrifty villages; and will find one only master grasps the whole domain that once furnished happy homes for a dozen white families." Similar conditions prevailed in the Great Valley prior to the outbreak of the War Between the States.

The Valley was by no means thickly set with elegant mansions. The homes of the planters varied from a double log house to a colonaded frame structure of spacious and handsome rooms and pretentious grounds. Olmstead said that in 1856 the majority of the planters of the state lived in log houses. Phillips in referring to conditions in general throughout the South says, "Most commonly the house was commodious in a rambling way, with no pretense to distinction without nor to luxury within. The two fairly constant features were the hall running the full length of the house and the verandah spanning the front."

The setting or grouping of the buildings was a characteristic feature of the plantation landscapes of the Valley. The kitchen was behind the main house and somewhat removed from it in order that its odors and noise might be avoided. Near the kitchen was the well, with its dangling bucket and the utensils of the open laundry. Back here on the bounds or the backyard were the smokehouse where hams and bacon were cured, the carriage house, the poultry houses, and the lodgings of the domestic servants. The slave quarters consisting of cabins arranged in rows and streets between the houses were located usually off some distance from the "big-house" and generally the corncribs, the wagon sheds, and stables were somewhere in the vicinity of the "quarter." On the small plantations, where only a few slaves were employed, the arrangement was probably not so systematic, and usually the "quarters" were nearer the master's house.

Besides the planter class there was another group who may be considered as the middle class of the social and agricultural structure. Most of the people of the Great Valley belonged to this group. These people were small farmers who owned land tracts and made their living by their own labor on these lands. Such farmers lived fairly comfortably in log houses, though some of them had frame buildings, they "made no pretense at grand living" and "were not given to ancestor worship." The planter class was somewhat recruited from this group, for the more thrifty and successful usually bought slaves and become planters. They occupied the poorer lands, the thin upland soils, the small, narrow creek bottoms, and the rugged country that lay back of the valley plantations.

"They made a few bales of cotton and a small surplus of grain, meat and poultry products for the plantation market. In rickety and wabby old wagons, drawn by half-fed and weather-beaten horses or mules, or by stubborn and pokey oxen, they carried these products to the nearest plantation town and exchanged them for New England shoes, bonnets, and maybe a few yards of calico or domestics, and a little family medicine and a few tools. It was customary also to buy a little coffee, salt, sugar, snuff, and a 'flat' tobacco to mix with home-made twist. Their net return upon the year's work sometimes

amounted to two or three hundred dollars."

Beneath this middle class farmer group in the social stratum were the poor whites known as "hill-billies," occupying the poor waste lands. They were almost entirely isolated in the inaccessible hills, ravines, and mountainous sections of the Valley. They were lazy, ambitionless, thriftless, uncouth, ignorant and uneducated as a group, weakened both morally and physically by drink and disease. Their attitude toward education and their philosophy of life were very well expressed by one of their ministers who said, "Why should we uns try to improve our natur? The Lord knows what's good for his chillun, and don't you reckon e'n he wanted us to be ejjicated, he'd put us here ejjicated?"

Large families lived usually in one room log cabins in remote and out-of-the-way places. They made small clearings about their cabins and generally planted these little patches in corn and cotton. Plowing was done with an ox, or an old, weak, boney mule or horse. At the cross-roads village or town they sold in autumn maybe a bale of cotton, a handful of other produce, probably a few gallons of whiskey, and bought in return a few bare necessities, possibly a little sugar, coffee and salt. Their subsistence was supplemented by hunting and by doing an occasional odd job. The planters had little or no relations with them, and they demanded nothing of the planters except to be left to live their lives in their own way amid the peace of their little cabins in the hills. A. B. Moore in describing this class of people says:

"Here they were contented to live their lives with their large families, their corn bread, their boiled vegetables and fried bacon, their ox-carts, their old rifle and a yellow dog, and light-wood torches; and at the end, to fall asleep in a pine plank coffin, stained with the juice of walnut hulls and leaves, and be buried among the tall, lonesome pines."

While it is true that the planter class dominated the economic life of the area, when the country drifted into war all classes rose patriotically to the defense of the State and the Confederacy. But soon there were trouble and friction. There soon came to be a feeling among the poorer classes that the planters were responsible for the

war, but that the Confederate Government, in granting exemptions to planters and men of means, was bestowing favors on them and shifting the burdens of the war to the shoulders of the poor. This idea grew as the war progressed and in the closing years of the war, caused much trouble and dissatisfaction. But the Great Valley region of Alabama gave liberally of its men and means, and soon its soldiers won renown on the field of battle. It contributed leaders to the cause—the "gallant" Pelham, Generals W. H. and John H. Forney, and that great leader in the Confederate Congress, Dr. J. L. M. Curry. Numbers of individuals made liberal private contributions of their means to the cause of the Confederacy.

Such as those made by Jas. R. Powell of Jefferson County is a case in point. Brewer says, "During the late war he furnished one entire company with horses at his own expense and gave liberally towards their equipment. Having a large quantity of ice during the war when it was so much needed, and could not be obtained otherwise, he gave it to the Confederate Government for the wounded though offered \$40,990 for it."

The Great Valley region as well as other sections of the state suffered tremendous losses in men and property. Some of the counties sustained a large decrease in population; the decrease between 1860 and 1870 ran up in some counties to several thousand. The following table shows the decrease by counties between the census of 1860 and 1870.

Data from 10th U. S. Census Report:

County	Pop. 1860	Pop. 1870
Bibb	11,894	7,469
Calhoun	21,539	13,980
Cherokee	18,360	11,132
Jefferson	11,746	12,345
St. Clair	11,013	9,360
Shelby	12,618	12,218
Talladega	23,520	18,064

Owing to the abundance of raw materials—iron ores, forests for fuel, limestone for flux—in the Great Valley furnaces and iron works which were rather widely distributed over the area were making iron for the use of the Confederacy. The destruction of these plants was the objective of a number of Federal raids, such as Croxton's, through the Valley during the years of the war. All of the plants were finally destroyed by the Federals, and the raiders did not confine themselves merely to the destruction of the iron works; they laid waste fields, burned houses and barns, killed off the livestock, destroyed bridges, railroads, food and other supplies, and in many places left nothing but desolation behind them. People were left facing starvation and had to be assisted by the government. In Talladega county in the spring of 1864, 3,979 needed and received aid. Owing to the scarcity of material needs and the depreciation of Confederate money, the necessities of life were selling at enormous prices; wheat \$30 to \$40 per bushel, corn \$10, coffee \$20 per pound, bacon \$4 per pound, calico prints \$15 per yard, and a horse \$1500 to \$2000.

At the end of the first year after the close of the war the conditions that existed everywhere throughout the Great Valley were simply appalling. Misery and suffering increased; crops in 1866 were almost a failure owing to a drought and lack of stock with which to cultivate the fields. People were without homes or shelter. Many families near Talladega were living out in the woods with nothing more for shelter than arbors made of pine boughs.

It won't do any good to sow wild oats in Jacksonville, for the wild onions will kill them.

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