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**CHAPEL COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK**—Shown above are the committee chairmen and general officers of the student group which is working on the chapel project here. Seated are Betty Cook, Jo Ann Lewis, Louise Stanton, and Harry Sherman. Standing are Betty Wade, Ed McElroy, Dewey Huddleston, Tom Freeman, Page Farmer, Billy Pannell and Kenneth Davis.

## Chapel Pledge Cards Started

### Students Due To Help New Project Soon

Another red-letter day will be added to the Jacksonville calendar next Monday when pledge cards will be issued to the students and faculty for the proposed chapel on our campus.

Primarily plans already have been settled for the campaign to raise \$15,000 to build a small chapel to be used for private meditation and small services.

Jacksonville students have expressed a lot of enthusiasm toward the proposed new building, and they have assumed the responsibility of raising the necessary funds to erect a quiet monument to the spiritual phase of our college life.

#### Much Enthusiasm

Some student leaders have remarked that the latest student project already has created more enthusiasm among the student body than any other project ever proposed here.

Seven committees, composed entirely of student workers, have been appointed to do the work that will be needed to make the project a success. The committees already have met with definite progress and the continued interest and help of the entire student body will insure completion of the chapel within two years.

The pledges which are made by the students and faculty next week may be payable any time before the first week of May. The cards will be available in the classrooms on Monday morning and in front of the Grab during the remainder of the week.

#### Discussed Before

The chapel project has been discussed at various times during the past three years, but this is the first time that the students have organized to meet a goal that is considered one of the most worthy and beneficial ever proposed here.

When the chapel is finished, it will be a quiet retreat where any person of any denomination can stop for a few minutes of private prayer. It can also be used on occasions for religious meetings, for weddings, or for special services at Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or other religious holidays.

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**DR. T. E. MONTGOMERY**  
... another big jump

## Montgomery Is New Dean

Dr. Theron E. Montgomery, professor of sociology, was named dean of the institution, March 16, by Dr. Houston Cole, President. Dr. Montgomery succeeds Dr. C. R. Wood who has been dean at the school since 1920.

Dr. Montgomery has been a member of the faculty for five years and holds a Ph.D. degree from Duke University with a major in sociology and a minor in economics and psychology. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He is a member of AEA and last fall attended the National Citizenship Conference sponsored by the U. S. Department of Justice and the NEA convention as an official Alabama representative.

Dr. Montgomery is past pre-  
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## Junior Prom Is Set April 6

Most of the plans for the Junior Prom have been completed, and the annual class celebration has been scheduled for the college gymnasium on Wednesday night of next week. Johnny Long, a Jacksonville graduate, and his orchestra will furnish the music for the four-hour dance, beginning at 8 o'clock.

"April Showers" will be the theme of the annual ball, and Mr. Long's popular eight-piece band will provide the appropriate music.

Arrangements for the lead-out include a chance for every girl in the junior class to participate and have her brief moment in the spotlight. A special meeting of the class has been called by Page Farmer, president, for 12:45 o'clock today to discuss final plans for the leadout.

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## Qualifying Opened For Student Officers

Qualifying begins today for seven of the highest student offices on the campus when the Election Committee begins screening candidates for Student Government and Mimosa offices.

Jimmy Reaves, SGA president, has stated that qualifying will continue for two weeks in accordance with the student constitution. The annual student election will be held on Wednesday, April 20, following seven days of active campaigning by the candidates.

Qualified students may run for any of the four SGA offices, including president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, or for editor, business manager, or circulation manager of the 1956 Mimosa.

#### Candidates Checked

Interested students may obtain application forms from any SGA officer during the next two weeks. Each of the candidates will be checked closely by the Election Committee, headed by Joe Conyers, in order to comply with the student constitution.

The Student Government Association also is making an effort to obtain voting machines to be used in the general election on April 20 and for any necessary run-off election during the following week.

All probable candidates have been asked to study the qualifications for officers carefully before completing any applications to the Election Committee. The requirements for each of the seven offices are listed below, and duties of each

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## Annual Writers Publication Due On Sale Soon

Members of the Writers Club will present the 1955 edition of **Soundings**, a collection of their best writings for the year, sometime soon. The new volume will be larger than previous copies, but will retain the popular 25-cent price.

Selections for the annual publication were chosen by a committee of English instructors from manuscripts submitted by members of the Writers Club.

Selections in prose and poetry have been submitted by Marian Laney, Bobby Hawkins, Douglas Williams, Dr. Calvert, Betty Wade, Alden Huffaker, Harriet Hackworth Thigpen, and Donnie Calvert, a junior member.

#### ALUMNI OFFER AID

Members of Jacksonville Alumni Association have offered their aid in helping to build a small chapel on the campus. The pledge of help came at the annual Jacksonville Breakfast.

## Masonic Members Meet Wednesday

All members of the student body who are Master Masons and are interested in organizing a Square and Campus groups are requested to meet in the Little Auditorium Wednesday at 12:45 o'clock.

Plans will be discussed for organizing a group which will enable these students to participate in Masonic activities away from their home lodges.

## New Talent Show Planned April 21

Plans are being completed for a new talent show here on April 21. In order to take advantage of the popularity of the variety shows which feature student talent, the Student Government will sponsor the year's second big production.

All organizations, classes, or dormitories are invited to take part in the big show. Anyone interested should see Ben Nodal or Page Farmer.

# Students' Opinions Of Chapel Revealed

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following opinions were expressed by Jacksonville students in response to a poll conducted by SARAH RANSUN recently. Each student listed was asked to express his opinion concerning the proposed Danforth Chapel which has been adopted as a campus project for the next two years.)

"People need a place to worship—to have a daily close communion with God."—Gene Doss.

"In the rush of a busy day, one needs a short period of devotion or meditation. At present we have no place to go for a few quiet moments with one's self and God. We definitely need a chapel."—Agnes Moon.

"We need a chapel so that we become closer to each other"—J. E. Ingram.

"The idea of a chapel on the campus is one of the best we have heard. It is worthwhile to have a place for spiritual guidance and meditation."—Reid Smith, William A. Woods, B. A. Walker, Jr.

"A chapel on the campus would stand as a quiet sentinel, letting us know that the campus has a sense of spiritual value."—Freda Carlidge.

"Fundamentally, this college is for potential educators of youth. That alone should be reason enough to have a place for meditation, some place where there is silence—not such as a library, but a place where there is a touch of holiness. Here thoughts may be composed with meaningfulness—a union between the real and the spiritual. I am not a religious man, but there are times when

a person needs to talk with his God. Then let us have a chapel—perhaps it will not be used much by me, but I would be glad to know there is a place to go when the pressure is on."—C. A. Papaspiros.

"A chapel would be open at all times for any denomination to worship in its own way."—Laura Jane Parker.

### Would Be Personal

"Religion should be personal. I like to worship when I feel the desire, not at a certain time or place. A chapel would be mine and I would feel free to use it."—Harold McDowell.

"Every college should have a chapel. Frankly, this is about the only one I know that does not have one."—Ed Maskot, Jr.

"A chapel on the campus will be a standing invitation to visit with God, Father of Truth."—Ernest Bellamy, Cecil Chandler.

"Every college needs a place of quiet meditation. A chapel would be an invitation for meditation and prayer."—Mrs. Kathryn Trawick.

"A chapel would be a place in which to take refuge from the strife and noise that often oppresses us."—Mrs. Mary Mitchell.

"The students feel a lack of



## High School Choral Winners Are Listed

Five schools won Group I ratings in the choral group competition of the District High School Music Festival held at JSC, March 11.

Entries were graded very strictly on the basis of school size, as indicated by the letter A, B, or C. The names of the directors follow the schools.

Group I: Roanoke (B) Mrs. Lewis Hamner; Oxford (B) 2 groups, Mrs. Ruth Butenschon; Gadsden (A) Edsel Hand; Anniston (A) 2 groups, L. P. Jackson; Sylacauga (B) 2 groups, John Pall Tate.

Group II: Alexandria (B) Mrs. M. A. Smart; Piedmont (B) James Jordan; Heflin (B) Julian Stephens; Attalla (A) Roy Wood; Emma Sansom (A) Mrs. Harriet Thompson; Boaz (B) Maurice Lacey; B. B. Comer (B) James McKelvey; Benjamin Russell (A) Waverly F. Lee.

Group III: Munford (B) 2 groups, Miss Dorothy Wells; Lineville (C) Thomas Hooper.

Participating in piano auditions were: Jimmy McNew, Lineville; Bill LeCroy, Centre; Reeves Smith, Lineville.



MEMBERS OF CAST—The five members of the cast for "The Gioconda Smile" shown above are (top) Richard Nordman, Bobbi Waller, Joanne Saxon, (bottom) Beth Taylor and Dick Jones.

## Masque & Wig To Present 'Gioconda Smile' April 12

Tuesday evening, April 12th, has been chosen for the performance of the three-act

### John Sims Speaks At CAP Meeting

Mr. John E. Sims, of Regional CAP Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, who is Aviation Education Director of the Southeastern Region of Civil Air Patrol, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Jacksonville-Anniston Squadron on Tuesday evening, March 1, in the CAP rooms at the Anniston High School.

Mr. Sims arrived on Tuesday to consult with Major Branscomb, squadron commander and Alabama Wing Director of Aviation Education, concerning plans for the Aviation Education Workshop for Teachers to be held during the summer of 1955 at Jacksonville State College.

On Wednesday, March 2, Mr. Sims and Major Branscomb flew to Auburn to consult with authorities at API on plans for a proposed workshop there next summer, also.

### Joanne Phillips Gives Recital

Joanne Porter Phillips of Trussville presented her senior voice recital in the Leone Cole Auditorium, March 20. The mezzo-soprano was assisted by Mary Ruth Watford, of Attalla, organist, and presented a varied and entertaining program.

### MONTGOMERY

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sident of the local AEA unit and a member of the American Heritage Committee. He is president of the Faculty Club and past president of the Jacksonville Exchange Club.

comedy, *The Gioconda Smile* in the Leone Cole Auditorium. This fast moving drama, produced on Broadway a few years ago, promises to be the highlight of Jacksonville's activities this year.

The plot centers around three good friends: A devoted husband, and invalid wife, and a woman friend of the family. Gradually we learn that there is a terrifying truth beneath the appearance of their friendship. It is suddenly clear that the woman loves the husband of her best friend. The play builds to an exciting last act in which all three of the principle actors can cut loose.

Richard Nordman and JoAnn Saxon will be seen in the leading roles. Other members of the cast are Beth Taylor, Carol Ratliff, Bobbi Waller, Dick Jones, Bill Hammill, and Page Farmer.

### District Bands Meet For Annual Rating

Between 1,200 and 1,500 high school students took part in the first annual district band concert held March 12. . . . . Winners in the different classes were:

Class AA Gadsden, Mort Glosner; Class A, Emma Sanson, Billy Reagan; Class B, Jacksonville, W. H. Ashburn; Heflin, Julian Stephens; Oxford, James Simpson; Fort Payne, John Long; Albertville, George Nixon.

Class C winner was Crossville High School, Dewey Countryman, and the Class D winner was Johnston Jr. High School, Van Hamilton.

Judges were: Carlton K. Butler, U. of Alabama, Dr. John Hoover, Auburn, and Walter Moeck, Birmingham.



BAND, CHORAL GROUPS VISIT—Shown above are some of the high school students who visited the campus earlier this month for the band and choral competition for this district.

reverence in the Little Auditorium."—Mrs. Bebbly Hill.

"A chapel would be a help toward a Christian life."—Dennis Kirkpatrick.

"As the author of *The Prophet* said concerning speech, 'When a person speaks his thought ceases.' Meditation might halt some of the noise around here and start some thinking."—B. L. Hawkins.

### Alone With God

"I would like a chapel on the campus because it would give every student the right to worship as he pleases, and, too, he could be alone with God. To me, a place where you can worship alone, just you and God, is wonderful because a person has a lot of problems of his own, problems that he wouldn't want anyone to know but God."—Delores Carlyle.

"In order to better facilitate the ministerial students and others in their daily devotions and meditations. . ."—J. D. M.

"Jacksonville needs a chapel to meet the growth and needs of the college. A chapel would hold more students here on the week-end."—J. D. Smith.

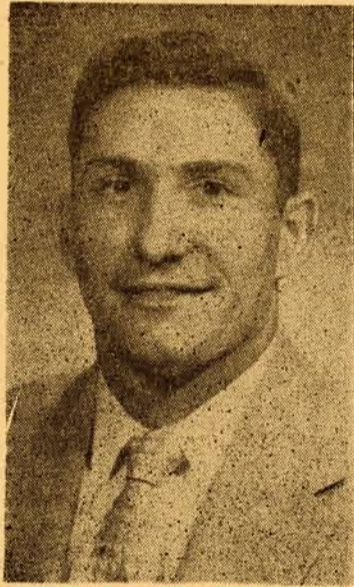
"Chapels on any college campus are wonderful things to have and to be a part of. I am sure that if Jacksonville had a chapel on the campus the students would enjoy going to church more. This would create a friendship among the student body that would help make this college as outstanding as any other."—M. Logan.

"Church-going is primarily a habit. A campus chapel would

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## The Spotlight

# Ross Smith ends college with thanks for great job



ROSS SMITH  
... job well done

Since Ross Smith came to the Jacksonville campus during the summer of 1952, he has been an active participant in extra-curricular activities and a better-than-the-average scholar. As a biology major and laboratory assistant, he has helped many struggling students locate well-hidden parts in the inner recesses of formaldehyde-soaked specimens.

Because of his capabilities, superior scholastic record, and industriousness in high school, Ross was selected as one of the most outstanding of the school's 500 students. Upon graduation he was presented one of two achievement awards for outstanding service.

As an active member of the Future Farmers, he served as president and vice-president of the organization and won a county award for beef calf showmanship.

While in high school, Ross played four years of football and earned three monograms.

He has served Jacksonville as president of the Science Club, vice-president and treasurer of Wesley Foundation, and as an active member in Kappa Phi Kappa, Pi Tau Chi, and the Future Teachers of America.

Two years ago Ross spent the summer months at the Southeastern Bible Institute at Lakeland, Fla., and then returned to Jacksonville to stay until he finished his requirements for a B.S. degree in secondary education last Wednesday.

He has applied for active duty in the Army Medical Corps and is expecting to report for duty soon. While in the service, he plans to do some work on a master's degree in biology.

### CHAPEL

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The chapel was inspired by William H. Danforth and the Danforth Foundation. Mr. Danforth is a well-known religious and educational philanthropist who has contributed much to the spiritual and academic education of American youth. Several in Jacksonville have become acquainted with Mr. Danforth and his ideas through participation in the activities

gave me a feeling of exultation, as if I had been lifted to a great height, there to look down on the world and observe the happenings all over its surface as it revolved along its eternal course."

When this man writes of the Coast Guard, he goes to sea. Gathering first-hand information, he has lived in light houses, on lightships, with oil drillers, G-men, secret service agents and has spent many a damp hour with the sand hogs in New York's underwater tunnels. He has seen America at work and the wheels of industry, commerce, and government go round.

Come to your library and through his books; meet this man who has few peers when it comes to presenting facts excitingly.

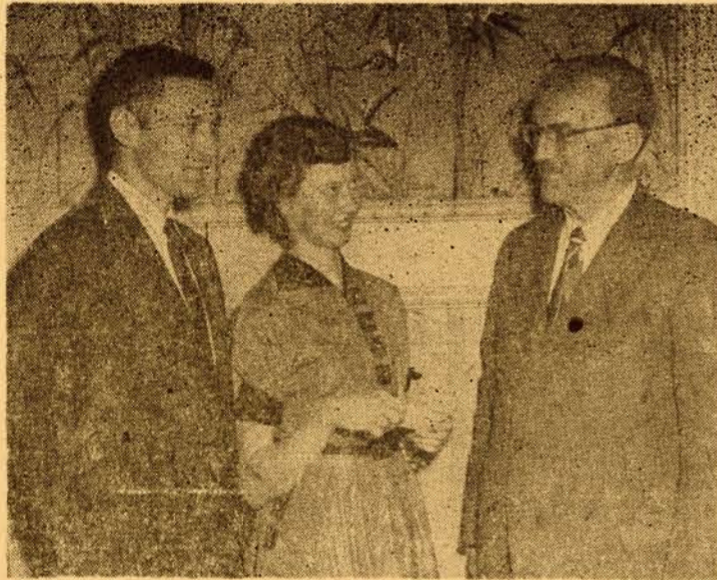
If you haven't met this man it is indeed high time the two of you were introduced. John J. Floherty was born in 1882 and now lives at Port Washington, New York. That is, he lives there a small part of his time. Most of his time is spent in traveling in quest of material for a book. This quest has taken him into many strange and unfamiliar places, and caused him to hob-nob with sand hogs, miners, deep-water sailors, test pilots and a score of other trades in which the man on the job is supreme.

John Floherty trained to be an artist and entered journalism as an artist-reporter. He learned from his son and daughter that young people like, best of all, factual stories. So he began to put together such books as *Our FBI, an Inside Story*; *Flowing Gold*; *The Romance of Oil*; *Make Way For the Mail*; *On the Bir*; *Your Daily Paper*, and the newest one, *Men Against Distance*, which is the story of communication. These and others have earned for him the title of "The Star Reporter for American Youth". His books are illustrated with actual photographs.

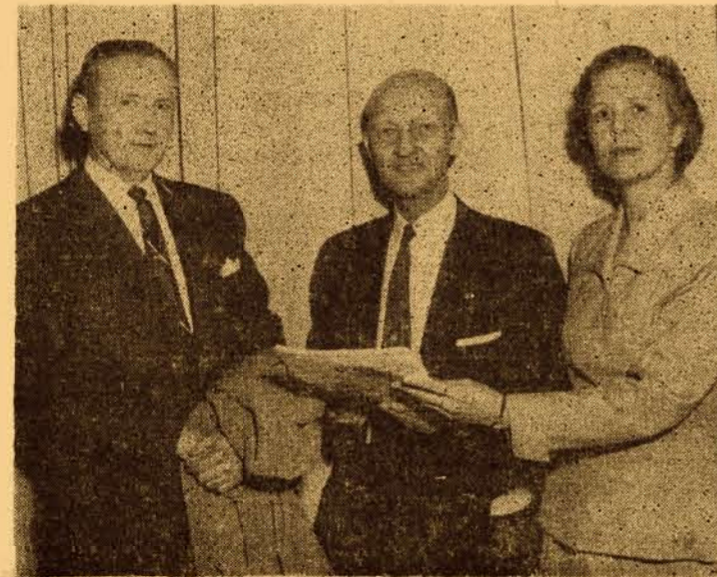
In his *Men Against Distance* he ventures behind scenes in the great laboratories and delves into the drama of radio and television. He tells in an entertaining manner of the mysteries and magic of communication, from jungle tom-toms to television. While reading of his experiences in this research, we are reminded of Morse's immortal message on the first telegraph wire between Washington and Baltimore, "What hath God wrought!"

John Floherty begins his story: *Your Daily Newspaper* thus:

"Gathering and sorting news of the world and placing it before more than forty million people each day, while it is still fresh, is a task so gigantic that it bewildered me as I watched it take place before my eyes. It



PRESIDENTS AND GUESTS—Dewey Huddleston (left) president of Kappa Phi Kappa, and Jo Ann Lewis, president of Kappa Relta Epsilon, chat with Mr. John J. Nash, Anniston High School principal, following a recent joint banquet for the two local honorary educational societies. Mr. Nash was the guest speaker.



AIRLINE OFFICIAL VISITS—Ray Mertes (center), United Airlines official, was a recent guest speaker at an assembly program here last week. He is shown with Dr. Houston Cole and Miss Lucille Branscomb, head of business and aviation classes.

at Camp Miniwanka, Mich., each summer.

Mr. Danforth already has offered \$5,000 to add to the fund for the erection of the interdenominational chapel to be designed primarily for private meditation.

Harry Sherman, a senior from Anniston, has been appointed to head the over-all planning as general chairman of the project. Jo Ann Lewis, Jamestown, will serve as general vice-chairman, and Betty Cook, Birmingham, will act as general secretary.

Kenneth Davis, Gadsden, will act as general treasurer and will head the finance committee. Gary Luttrell, a freshman, will serve as assistant secretary in order to insure a continuation of experienced workers during the next two years.

Committees that have been appointed include:

**Special Gifts**—Page Farmer, chairman, Bobby Hawkins, Joe Methvin, and Garland Ward.

**Publicity**—Ben Nodal, chairman; Joe Tommie, Edward Anderson, Marian Laney, and Ray Pruitt.

**Organizations**—Dewey Huddleston, chairman, Billy Jack Noles, and the presidents of the campus organizations.

**Planning**—Billy Pannell, chairman, Bill Hammill, Virginia Voss, and DeWitt Seif.

**Finance**—Kenneth Davis, chairman, Grady Loosier, and William Jackson.

**Alumni**—Tom Freeman, chairman.

### JUNIOR PROM

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Farmer also has announced that the dance will be a semi-formal affair, with no flowers. Bids are now on sale for \$1 for individuals or \$1.50 for couples.

A word of caution has been issued to the members of the junior class. Although most of the plans for the dance are complete, Farmer has the following to say.

"It has been a tradition for each class to give a dance annually. For a class to break this tradition would be a slam at the class as a whole, as well as the officers.

"As anyone who has given his time and energy knows, it is a difficult task to plan, prepare, and present a successful dance. A suggestion has been made that the junior class dispense with all plans to have a dance next week.

"Since there is a good chance that a majority of the members of the class will work hard to put a dance across, another meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday to form committees.

All members of the class who are in favor of a dance and are willing to work are urged to be present. Otherwise, cancellation of the dance will be the only alternative."

**Faculty**—Betty Wade and Ed McKelroy, chairman, Carolyn Baker.

**Special Projects**—Louise Stanton, chairman, Sarah Ransom and Frank Powell.

## Local Societies Hold Joint Party

Members of Kappa Phi Kappa and Delta Kappa Epsilon, national honorary educational societies for men and women, held a joint banquet at Noble Inn in Anniston recently. Both organizations are composed of students selected for their promise as future educators.

Jo Ann Lewis, Jamestown president of Delta Kappa Epsilon, presided. She introduced members of the faculty who were guests as follows: Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Calvert, Dr. C. R. Wood, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Montgomery, Miss Alta Milligan, Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Fields, and Opal R. Love't. Others seated at the head table were Dwey Huddleston, Lanett, president of Kappa Phi Kappa; Lois Douglas, Sylacauga; and John J. Nash, principal of Anniston High School, who was guest speaker.

Others present were Mary and Howard Waldrep, Ray Bullock, Jacksonville; Frances and Gene Hanson, Wedowee; DeLeath Rives, Albertville; Bob Dyer, Gadsden; Martha Knowles, Gadsden; Margie Clark, Marian Laney, Anniston; Tom Walthall, Birmingham; Forrest Faulkner, Lincoln; Thomas J. Freeman, Roanoke; Sara Hornsby, Arab; and Harold Stubbs, Pinson.

### ELECTIONS

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office can be checked in the student handbook.

#### SGA Offices

**President or Vice-President**—to be eligible for the office of president or vice-president of the Student Government Association the candidate must have to his credit in the office of the registrar (on or before the day of election) sufficient hours to be classified as a junior or above.

**Secretary or Treasurer**—to be eligible for the office of secretary or treasurer of the Student Government Association the candidate must have to his credit in the office of the registrar (on or before the day of election) sufficient hours to be classified as a sophomore or above.

**For All SGA Officers**—(1) All candidates must have an over-all average of 'C' or above for all work done at Jacksonville. (2) All candidates must have been enrolled at Jacksonville during the previous semester. (3) No student who have been expelled previously from any SGA, class, or yearbook office shall be eligible.

#### Mimosa Offices

**Editor, Business Manager, and Circulation Manager**—(1) All candidates must have an over-all average of 'C' or above for all work done at Jacksonville; (2) must plan to remain in attendance at Jacksonville at least until the yearbook has been received and distributed; (3) must not have been previously expelled from any SGA, class, or yearbook office.

## Powell Is Named Science Club Head

Frank Powell, a senior from Jamestown, has been named to succeed Rose Smith as president of Phi Mu Chi Beta, local science club.

The new president was selected at the close of the last business meeting. Powell will assume full duties of the presidency at the next regular meeting.

EDITORIALS

# Students have opportunity to meet greatest challenge

When Jacksonville's phenomenal building program is complete, if the time ever comes when our college ends its growing pains, the student body probably will have had an important part in making our campus complete.

The biggest student project ever undertaken here is now in the planning stage, but it has already gained the approval and wholehearted support of the students. The proposed Danforth Chapel, designed to promote the spiritual and moral side of our campus life, will be a monument to the spirit and cooperation exhibited by our student body through contributions and hard work.

It is altogether fitting that the students should be responsible for the erection of one of the most important buildings at Jacksonville. The administration has a full-time building project underway, and it cannot afford the time and the money for a chapel now. Dormitories and classroom buildings are absolutely essential if the remarkable growth of the college is to continue.

The project will be entirely a student operation. The students will be responsible for approving the design and for raising the necessary funds to complete the job. Mr. Danforth has made a standing offer of \$5,000 to be used in the building of the small chapel that will fit perfectly into the campus setting.

Dr. Cole has termed the undertaking as the biggest and most worthy that the student body has undertaken during his tenure as our college president. He is very interested in the project and has expressed his confidence in the students' ability to do the job.

No one has to be told that the project will require the fullest cooperation from every member of the student body. In order for it to have its fullest meaning, every student must help in some way, either by giving or by working on one of the several committees. No student will be expected to give more than one dollar, although several already have pledged more.

The planning committee is now in the process of approving a proposed design to be turned over to a contractor for a cost estimate. The entire project probably will cover a span of two years or more, but it will give the student body a continuous project that will merit its prolonged support.

It certainly will be a long job and a hard one, but the effort we put into the project will be repaid many times in the future. When we return to the campus four or five years from now, we can visit the Danforth Chapel and know that we were responsible for a great lift in the spiritual phase of campus activity. We will also know that we had an important part in the unparalleled progress of our college.



## Holder, Fernandez picked by seniors as friendliest

From the isle of the Mariposa beat and the ever-complimentary glance and from the heart of Sand Mountain come this edition of the Collegian's most friendly students for the Senior Class.

Virgil Holder, the rompin', stompin' Gamecock fullback, is the male choice for the most friendly student in the senior class. Virgil, who calls Albertville his home, has been a big gun in the Jax eleven for the past four years. Aside from his athletics chores, Virgil has become one of the leading per-

sonalities on the campus. Whenever the "J" Club has a project, Virgil is the number one pusher. Virgil plans to make coaching his career. He has the know-how and ability to become a moulder of young men wherever he might secure a position.

It is with extreme pleasure that the Collegian features Virgil Holder as a Most Friendly Student.



Holder Fernandez

### SOCIAL NOTES

By BETH TAYLOR

Wedding bells will ring in the month of July for Billy Nell Black and Jimmy Sanford.

Juanita Ellis is another lovely girl with a lovely ring. "Neita" will marry Bobby Turley.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brewer are proud parents of a girl. Pamela Jane, all seven pounds and ten ounces, was born on March 11.

Delores Carlyle was given a surprise birthday party on February 22. Orble Barnes, Doris Benefield, and Jo Ann Lewis were hostesses and served cherry pie.

Mrs. A. Boozer treated Dot Leininger to a birthday party at her home on February 23.

Mary "Checker" Waldrep celebrated her birthday on Feb. 27.

J. W. Smith was honored on his birthday, March 8, with a small party.

Ben Nodal celebrated his unnumbered birthday on March 5. Did he celebrate?

Jimmy Giddings and Weepy Wooten will celebrate their birthdays on April Fool's Day—April 1.

Will Lowery will mark April 7 as a big day when his birthday comes around again.

Jim Roberts celebrated his birthday at home on March 18.

## 'Please keep off, your feet are killing me' — the grass

The current project for the beautification of the Jacksonville campus is receiving a severe setback because of the lack of cooperation from the students. There are too many red clay paths where there is no need for them.

There can be no successful beautification program when the students insist upon beating trails across the lawn at several points on the campus. Whether the practice of cutting corners stems from the force of habit or from laziness, it must stop if we are to see a continuation of the grass-sewing project already begun.

We will readily admit that our sidewalks do not always go in the most logical direction, but a few extra steps will eliminate many of the ugly scars and muddy floors. Perhaps the administration should check the possibility of putting sidewalks between Abercrombie and Pannell Halls and between the cafeteria and the gymnasium. In order to avoid walking on the grass in these places, a student must take a rather long detour, which doesn't set well with our human nature.

However, there are red trails at some places on the campus where only a few extra steps would keep the students on the existing sidewalks. There is no need for ugly bare places in front of the doors on the west side of Bibb Graves and the thin space between Abercrombie and the cafeteria. Another weak spot is the long space between Pannell and Chat 'Em Inn.

If the students will only think, they surely will consider a well-kept green lawn worth the few extra steps that it takes to stay on the sidewalks.

### Don't Forget These Dates

Two important dates on the college calendar are due today and next Thursday. Students should do their best to take advantage of both of them, since one concerns their personal health and the other offers a chance to save lives.

The State Department of Health will have its mobile X-ray unit on the campus today from 8 o'clock until 4 for free chest X-rays. The Red Cross bloodmobile will follow on April 7.

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# From the SIDELINE

By Bob Leland

Basketball uniforms were packed away only one day when football gear again began to occupy the locker room space in the Gamecock dressing room.

The only apparent hold-over from the basketball season is manager Howard Waldrep and he won't be here much longer. This column thinks "Mouse" has done a good job while here at Jacksonville and is certainly deserving of a big wish for lots of good luck when he reports to Piedmont next fall to assume coaching duties there.

Many familiar faces returned to the gridiron this spring. Probably the most familiar on the basis of their performances last season is the Gamecock prize combination of 1954—Freddie Casey and Al Woodham.

Big Alex Mandli and G. B. Beasley also reported back for 1955 action. It was the privilege of this writer to serve in the army with both of these fine fellows. G. B. was with the Dixie Division at the time it was called into active service in January, 1951.

Alex and myself were assigned later to the division as trainees. We were thus persuaded to become converted to the Southern way of life. With that many soldiers whistling "Dixie" around you, there was no other choice! But I am sure I can vouch for us both when I say we have been thoroughly converted—we both like the South.

## Alex Mandli Deserves Credit

When the name Alex Mandli is mentioned, all too often that's just about as far as it goes—he's just mentioned, not enough is said about him. Alex is a long way from home (Racine, Wis.) and has endured a few hardships not many of us could withstand in his determination to play football and gain an education.

Alex has two little boys that can capture anybody's heart, and his very charming wife has admirably helped provide a happy touch to the Mandli story. I remember well my first meeting with each of them—they are a fine couple, are doing a good job of making a home so far away from home, and this column salutes Alex for his very fine efforts.

Al Woodham has many admirers on the campus and throughout all of Alabama. He rendered an excellent performance last year. His enthusiasm about the game is genuine and almost contagious. He needs talk only a few minutes about football and one seemingly begins to fall victim to his sincere interest in the sport. He was the first to don a uniform this spring and rumor has it that he may even have slept in the gear that first day. Watch Woodham this season!

There are many more who are equally deserving of mention, but space does not permit room for all of them—as the season advances we will give our football celebrities their deserved recognition.

## Don't Forget Jax Tennis Team

Football has slightly overshadowed tennis efforts around the college. We do have a tennis team—actually a very good one too! The number one man on the tennis courts this year is popular Joe Tommie. Joe finds himself both player and coach and is doing a fine job. He predicts the Jacksonville netmen will go through an unbeatable season.

While we are handing out the praise, we can't pass up an opportunity to give the intramural association credit where credit is due. Gene Hanson and his associates are operating one of the smoothest local sports organizations in existence here for several years.

The various intramural teams have something to work for, with a bright new trophy just waiting for the group that finishes the year with the highest number of points on the basis of league standings.

Everyone likes to predict about sports. Our good friend, Paul Cox from the Anniston Star, engages in the predicting sport quite often in his well written and very readable column. Well, this column isn't going to predict anything—sorry! With so many different opinions flying around the athletic halls of Jacksonville, it isn't safe to predict. Suffice it to say that the football Gamecocks look good—real good.

The "J" Day game scheduled for April 22 should verify this assumption and to all who can attend, you might well take a peek at the latest in Jacksonville football.

# Jax '55 Football Slated For Review April 22

## Volleyball Season Nears End

### Success To Depend Upon Latest Shifts And Reserves

All the preparations being made in College Bowl are pointing toward the biggest day in Jacksonville's spring football. The blue-ribbon day will be here on Friday, April 22, when the prospective 1955 Gamecocks are featured in the annual 'J' Day game.

The yearly squad battle will be played before an estimated 2,000 high school seniors and FBLA state conventioners.

Jacksonville students and other football fans who are directly interested in the Gamecocks will be looking for a chance to compare the prospects for next year with the great Jax team of last fall. Chances are that most of them will come away well satisfied.

The coaching staff has been busy during the past two weeks in an effort to find the best means of strengthening weak spots left by graduation.

#### Important Shift

The most important shift has sent Freddie Casey, last year's regular right halfback, to the quarterback position to take care of one of the weakest spots in the new Jax offense. Big Carl Harrison, one of last season's top reserve backs, also has been doing work at the quarterback post.

The remainder of the backfield looks as strong or even stronger than '54, with Al Woodham, J'ville's new ground gaining champ, Big Billy Hicks, Chester Skates, Charlie Grisham, Hulon Davis, and Lyle Darnell back in their familiar roles.

What makes the backfield picture look even better is the appearance of "Rabbit" Smith, one of the top backs in the state at Ensley a few years ago.

The center slot apparently is the most uncertain up front. There is plenty of potential talent with Joe Currie, Johnny Johnston, and Don Bulger, but all of them need more seasoning.

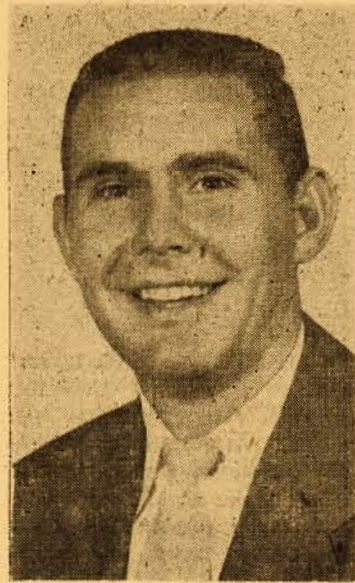
Joe Roberts, the Albuville boy who was outstanding at tackle during the past season, is expected to be even better at guard next season. The latest shift in the line puts the big Gamecock back on more familiar ground.

#### Mandli Back

The return of Alex Mandli, a well-liked transplant from Yankeeland, leaves the Jax coaches nothing but reserve strength to worry about at the guard positions.

G. B. Beasley is the only other guard with considerable experience, although Don Standridge, Erman Ogburn, and Doug Barrett probably can take care of the slack.

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**NEW COACH**—Howard Waldrep, Jacksonville's most valuable basketball player during the past season, will assume his first coaching duties next season when he becomes top cage boss at Piedmont. He is the only one of the basketball Gamecocks of the past season who won't be around when practice opens again next November.

### Tournament Is Set For Next Week; Softball Next

Active intramural competition for men and women students will be an important part of campus extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the semester, according to the Intramural Association.

Volleyball is the most important item now, but the Association expects to field strong softball and badminton teams after next week. The volleyball competition will be closed out this week with double-elimination tournaments for men and women.

#### All-Stars Lead

According to the standings released by Gene Hanson, chairman of the Association, the Hollywood All-Stars have a stronghold on the top spot in the men's volleyball play with a perfect four-game record. The team is composed of varsity basketball players who are putting their height to good use. Joe Craig, Tom Richey, Bryan Yates and the others now hold a definite edge in the odds for the new championship.

Forney and Abercrombie are in a deadlock for second place with three wins and one loss each, while the Vets, Rinky-Dinks, and Deuces are playing .500 ball with two-two records. Pannell Hall, the intramural basketball champs, and the Chowhounds have failed to break into the win bracket with only one week remaining.

#### Lead Women

In the women's competition the Dirty Eight are on top with a 3-0 record, followed closely by the Daugeette Dogs with a 3-1 mark.

The double-elimination tournaments will begin next week. Meanwhile, the Association will be working toward organizing softball competition for the men and softball and badminton for the women. Anyone interested in entering a team in any of the proposed leagues should see Hanson or Jane Ramsey this week.

#### VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Men's League		
	W L	Pct.
Hollywood All-Stars	4 0	1.000
Forney	3 1	.750
Abercrombie	3 1	.750
Vets	3 1	.500
Rinky-Dinks	2 2	.500
Deuces	2 2	.500
Chow Hounds	0 4	.000
Pannell	0 4	.000

Women's League		
	W L	Pct.
Dirty Eights	3 0	1.000
Daugeette Dogs	3 1	.750
Three D's	2 1	.667
Red Devils	2 2	.500
Marriettes	1 3	.333
Black Panthers (withdrawn)		

Fun is like insurance. The older you get the more it costs you.

### J'ville Tennis Team Takes Two Matches In Season Openers

Jacksonville's tennis team, beaten only once last season, has started the new year off in the same impressive style. The Gamecocks now have a two-game winning streak running with wins over Huntingdon and Marion.

Jacksonville dropped only one match against Huntingdon in winning a 6-1 decision and then followed up with a 7-2 decision over Marion last Tuesday.

#### SINGLES

Joe Tommie (J) defeated Bill Grieves (M), 6-4, 6-4.

Ray Bullock (J) defeated Marvin Clark (M), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Bill Hammill (J) defeated Staples Shearer (M), 7-5, 6-4.

Larry Lyda (J) defeated Standifer (M), 6-4, 6-0.

Jim Bradford (M) defeated Freddie Smith (J) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

W. C. Redding (M) defeated Jerry Deupree (J) 6-3, 6-3.

#### DOUBLES

Tommie and Bullock (J) defeated Grieves and Clark (M), 6-0, 6-0.

Hammill and Lyda (J) defeated Standifer and Bradford (M), 6-3, 6-2.

Smith and Deupree (J) defeated Shearer and Redding (M), 6-3, 6-4.

#### SINGLES

Fred Chen (H) defeated Joe Tommie (J), 6-4, 6-3.

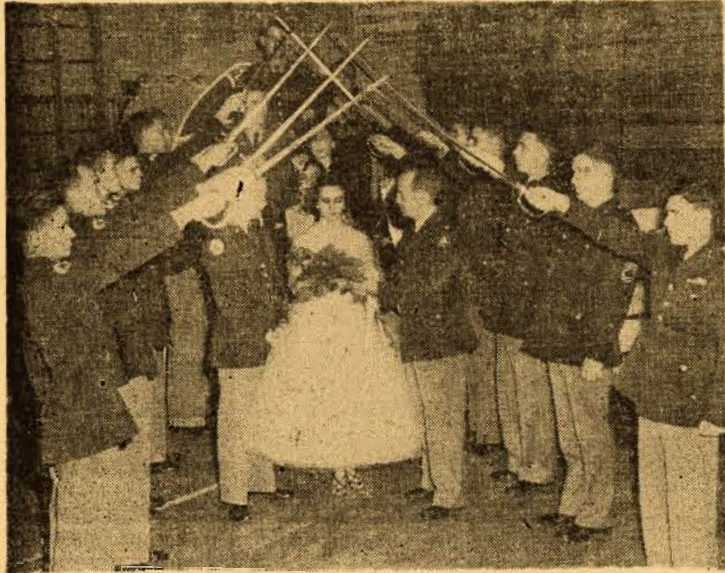
Ray Bullock (J) defeated Ray Casey (H), 6-1, 6-3.

Bill Hammill (J) defeated Asa Boozer (H), 6-2, 6-2.

Gerald Johnson (J) defeated Jim Stewart (H), 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

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## Annual Dance, Banquet Set Climax For ROTC Season



**MILITARY BALL LEADOUT**—Lt. Col. Albert W. Harvey (center right) presents a bouquet of flowers to Miss Kay Stevenson (center) at the annual spring ROTC military ball. Miss Stevenson's escort is Cadet Lt. Col. William C. Pannell (center left). Forming the arch with their swords are the following cadets: (left to right) William Jackson, Milton Wigley, Larry Lyda, Robert Barnette, Welton Birdwell, Joe Craig, Waymon Wester, Johnny Reynolds, Calvin Smith, and Tommy Walthall.

The annual spring military ball for advanced students in ROTC was held March 9. The ball followed a banquet in the High School lunchroom.

Lt. Col. Egner, judge advocate at Fort McClellan, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Cadets and their dates attending were as follows: Cadet Lt. Col. William Pannell and Kay Stevenson; Cadet Major Harris E. Love and Vivian Sue Lusk; Major Joe Parson; Cadet William C. Hammill and Bobbi Waller; Cadet Capt. Thomas Shamblee and Mrs. Shamblee; Cadet Capt. John A. Power and Mrs. Power; Cadet Capt. James Solley and Mrs. Solley; Cadet Capt. Russell Vaughn and Kathryn Milligan; Cadet Lt. George Keech, Carolyn Dewes; Cadet Lt. Bill Aldrup, Bonnie West; Cadet Lt. Richard Rush-ton, Nancy Burroughs; Cadet Lt. James Bishop and Mrs. Bishop.

Cadet Lt. Carlton T. Hosmer, Iris June Hale; Cadet Lt. Gene Hanson and Mrs. Hanson; Cadet Lt. William E. Morrow and Mrs. Morrow; Cadet Lt. Billy Latham and Mrs. Latham; Cadet Sfc Calvin Smith and Mrs. Smith; Cadet Sgt. Waymon Wester and Mrs. Wester; Cadet Sfc Lewis Leath; Cadet 1st Sgt. Merle Wade, Jane Van Hee; Cadet Sfc Tommy Walthall, Forest Faulkner; Cadet Sgt. John Reynolds; Cadet 1st Sgt. Paul Cothran, Margie Clark; Cadet Sgt. Welton Birdwell; Cadet Sfc Jim Moore; Cadet Sfc Arthur J. Bailey; Cadet Sfc Charles White, Betty Ro-

## Social Scientists Initiate Members

Members of the Social Science Club heard Lt. Miles Albano, a native of the Phillipine Islands, discuss his homeland during initiation ceremonies held at the International House recently.

Lt. Albano is now stationed at Fort McClellan. He was accompanied by Captain Parish.

New members who were initiated include Nell Smith, Shirley Underwood, Betty Cryar, Joe Methvin, Thomas Freeman, and Charles Hodge.

binette; Cadet Sfc Robert Barnette; Cadet Sgt. William Arthur Jackson, Helen Smith; Cadet Sgt. Major Gerald Johnson, Bebe Harvey; Cadet Sfc Joe Craig, Joyce Estes; Cadet Sfc Larry Lyda; Cadet M-Sgt. C. W. Solley and Mrs. Solley; Sfc Milton Wigley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bulger, Carl Harrison, Raymond Daniel and Jerre Gillespie.

Hon. Lt. Col. Martha Knowles, Archie Bullock; Hon. Capt. Peggy Payne, Milton Wiggins; Hon. Capt. Jackie Harvey, Wil-son Hicks; Hon. Capt. Libby Mercer, Billy Billingsley; Hon. Capt. Carolyn Baker, Norman Propes.

Members of the ROTC staff present were Lt. Col. and Mrs. Albert W. Harvey, Major and Mrs. Dillard F. Jones, Capt. J. D. Franklin, Sgt. and Mrs. N. P. Thompson, M-Sgt and Mrs. J. W. Turnipseed, M-Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Young, Sfc Cager Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, Sgt. and Mrs. F. D. Knott, Sfc Eldrige Brasseale and Mrs. Brasseale.

## GAMECOCKS

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The tackle positions are plenty good on the starting eleven if Jerry Cole, a native Jacksonvillian, or Bill Roddam can handle the job on one side. Dependable Roy "Bull" Bailey leaves nothing to be desired on the other side.

Billy Howell has been shifted out from guard to provide some reserve strength, along with Charlie Williams, and George Sizemore.

The return of Bill "Springy" Clark and the transfer of big James Williams, an Ochattee grad, solves the problems as far as the starting pair at ends are concerned. Williams was one of the top flankmen in this area during high school and was great for Austin Peay last season.

One of the good things about the end positions is that neither Ray Burgess nor Wilson Hicks can be counted out of the possible starting line-up by any means. Both are boys who gained some valuable experience last fall.

## Placement Bureau Draws Attention For FBLA Grads

A project which won a national award is paying off for students at Jacksonville. A placement bureau, operated by students, is attracting business executives to the campus in search of potential employees who are graduating in business administration, business education or secretarial science.

During recent weeks executives have visited the Jacksonville campus from Proctor and Gamble, Sears, Roebuck and Co., a Birmingham banking firm, Civil Service, accounting firms and other business organizations. They have interviewed the business students who will receive their degrees in June and August for possible future employees.

The placement bureau, sponsored by the college chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, is headed by Rosamond Ponder of Jacksonville. She is also state president of FBLA, and when not attending classes is program director for Radio Station WHMA in Anniston. Assisting her are Joyce Maddux of Gadsden and Kenneth Davis of Jacksonville, president of the college chapter of FBLA.

The Jacksonville chapter last year won the national FBLA award for the most unique and outstanding project—the placement bureau. The bureau makes contact with business firms in many states, informing them about the qualifications of Jacksonville business students. Its representatives attend meetings of various companies and teachers' meetings in an effort to place graduates in attractive positions.

Miss Lucille Branscomb is head of the department, and is FBLA sponsor, with Mrs. Lawrence Hicks and Mr. Floyd P. Tredaway, co-sponsors.

## District DO Meet Held On Campus

Seventeen High Schools from Northeast Alabama attended the convention of the Diversified Occupation Clubs held March 16 at JSC.

James Haywood presided, Ernest Stone gave the welcome address, and the Rev. Edwin R. Wilson led the invocation.

First, Second and third place prizes were awarded in four different categories. The winners are as follows:

Essay Contest: first place, Martha Oden of Decatur; second place, Mary Little of Anniston; third place, Zelma White of Piedmont.

Oratorical Contest: first place, Eva Gallahar of Piedmont; second place, Lamar Kelso of Decatur, and third place, Juanita Parrish of Cullman.

Skits: first place, Alexander City; second place, Talladega; third place, Gadsden.

Ralph Bates of Anniston was named Mr. DO and Miss Carol Motes, Sylacauga was named Miss DO.

## TENNIS

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Larry Lyda (J) defeated Joe Patcox (H), 6-4, 6-2.

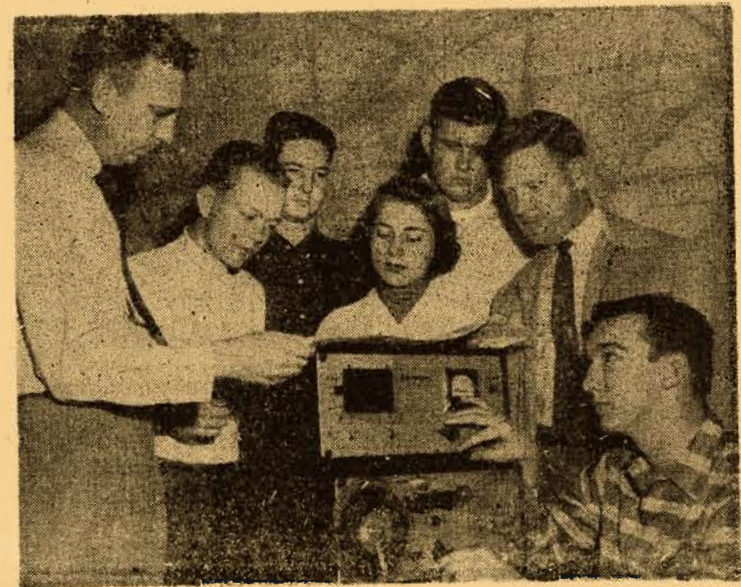
## DOUBLES

Hammill and Lyda (J) defeated Boozer and Casey (H), 6-0, 6-1.

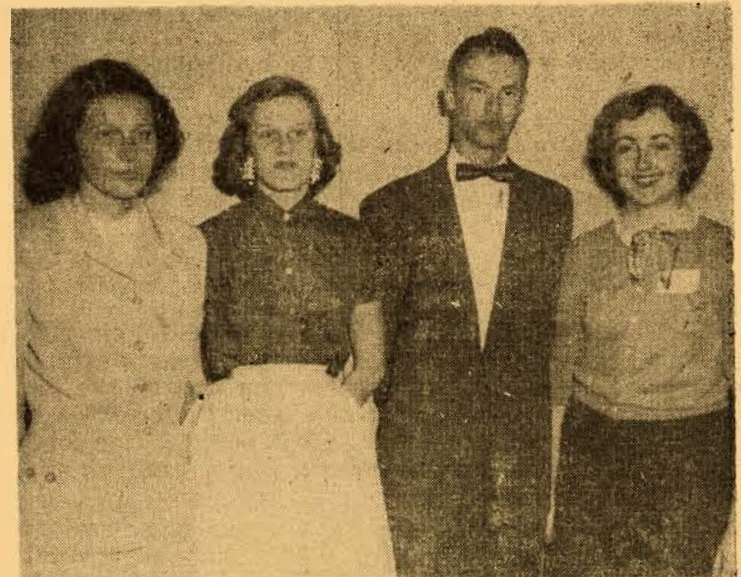
Bullock and Fred Smith (J) defeated Chen and Stewart (H) 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.



**PLACEMENT BUREAU DRAWS INTEREST**—Jacksonville's prize-winning placement bureau for business students is gaining the attention of several well-known business concerns. Shown above, talking with a representative of Proctor & Gamble are Jerry Roberts, Rosamond Ponder, Billy Bradberry and Ben Nodal.



**AVIATION CLASS STUDIES WEATHER**—Instructor William P. Roast directs his class in elementary aviation in a study of weather. This class is concerned with a warm front and hears a recorded conversation with a weather station. Left to right are, Mr. Roast of Gadsden; Maurice Holder, Anniston; Robert T. Howle, Delta; Jackie Harvey, Jacksonville; Wallace Fuller, Five Points; Miles McElhany, Anniston; and (seated) Bill Nash, Anniston.



**WINNERS IN DO CONTEST**—The above students won first place honors in contests held in connection with the annual Northeast Alabama Conference of Diversified Occupation Clubs held here last week. (Left to right) Miss Jessie McQuiston of Huntsville won first place for her school in the competition for the best Job Manual; Martha Oden of Decatur won in the essay contest; George Pirdmore of Alexander City represents his school for the best skit, and Eva Gallahar of Piedmont captured oratorical honors.

## OPINIONS

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tend to create such a habit. It would extend social conformity and increase moral standards." —Roland Ray.

"A chapel is an excellent idea. We need a place to be alone for meditation. It would

be open for all." —Betty Cook, Mrs. Shirley Williams.

"I think we need a chapel on our campus to make it more complete. It would also strengthen the spiritual lives of the students and offer a more reverent environment for student church meetings." —Carol June Johnson.