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161 Seniors Receive Degrees Here Friday

Dr. Ralph Draughon, A.P.I., Is Speaker For Graduation

Four seniors will receive their degrees with special honors on Friday when graduation exercises will be held in College Bowl at 6 p.m.

Vivian Brown, Calhoun Va., will receive special honors in the natural sciences; Frances Jobson, Oxford, special honors in mathematics; William C. Stoner, Jr., Henegar, chemistry; and Betty Jean Gray, Detroit, Mich., secretarial science.

The college band, under the direction of Dr. J. E. Duncan, will play the "Water Music Suite" (Handel) for the academic procession; and the "Trumpet Tune" (Purcell-Gillette), as the recessional. Dr. B. H. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will give the invocation.

Commissions as second lieutenants in the U. S. Army Reserve will be awarded the following ROTC cadets by Lt. Col. A. W. Harvey; Hugh W. Avant, Sylacauga; William C. Hammill, Cedartown, Ga.; John A. Lowery, Gadsden; Bobby M. Harris, Kenneth C. Payne, Anniston; Jerry W. Roberts, Oxford.

Degrees will be conferred upon 161 candidates by President Houston Cole and Dean T. E. Montgomery. Dr. Ralph Draughon, president of A.P.I., will deliver the baccalaureate address.

Dr. Draughon, a native of Hartford, received his B.S. and M.S. degree from A.P.I. and did further graduate study at the University of Chicago. He was appointed president of A.P.I. in 1947 after having been connected with the institution since 1931 as instructor, executive secretary and director of instruction.

Candidates for graduation are as follows:

B. S. In Elementary Education

Milton E. Acton, Blount Springs; Evelyn Adair, Goodwater; Avis Arthur, Russellville; Patricia Pharr Bridges, Attalla; Mary Burdette, Roanoke; Bessie G. Carnell, Holly Pond; Lois Culp Acton, Myra Ann Culp, Sycamore; Hazel Stephenson Denson, Arley; Annie B. Gladden, Alabama City; Bess C. Horne, Talladega; Sara Hornsby, Union Grove.

Philip Russell Hudgins, Leesburg; Nell Watson Hughes, Hazel Akridge Rose, Lillian Joyce Rudd, Beatrice B. Tuck, Mary Ruth Watford, Gadsden; Fern

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6 Certificates Are Awarded For Semester

Six students received Certificates of Achievement for outstanding contributions to campus activities during an assembly in Leone Cole Auditorium here last week. The six



Hanson Davidson

were chosen by a joint student-faculty committee on the basis of the work in various organizations.

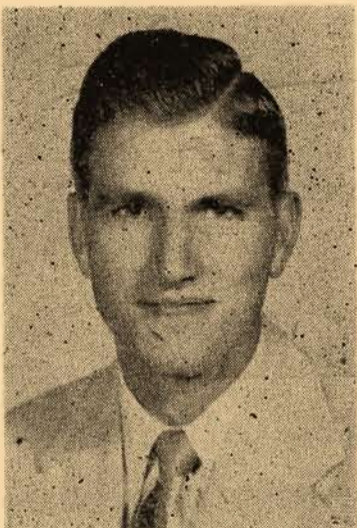
Students who received the awards were Jimmy Reaves, retiring president of the Student Government Association; Gene Hanson, retiring vice-



Taylor Conyers

president of the SGA and student director of the intramural program; Dewey Huddleston, president of Kappa Phi Kappa and student chairman of the Chapel Committee; Joe Conyers, president of the senior class; Beth Taylor, social chairman of the senior class and

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MR. AND MISS JACKSONVILLE—Joe Craig and Mildred Fernandez were chosen as Mr. and Miss Jacksonville here last week and were crowned at the SGA Masquerade Ball. The newest student honors were awarded by the senior class after the two were chosen by a student vote. Miss Fernandez is from Havana, Cuba, and is a graduating senior. Joe is the new vice-president elect of the SGA.

Rogan Gets 'Cadet Of Year' Award At Final ROTC Drill

Norman C. Propes was presented the award for Outstanding Cadet of the year in the annual ceremony held last Friday, May 20, by the ROTC Department. The award was presented by President Houston Cole who also presented William P. (Billy) Pannell with the ROTC Certificate of Meritorious Achievement.

Cadet Robert E. Rogan received the Cadet of the Year award which was presented by Colonel Harvey.

Joe W. Parsons received a .22 caliber rifle and a trophy for being highest scorer on the rifle team. This is an annual award by the American Legion Post 213, East Gadsden.

Plaques for the outstanding cadets of classes were awarded by Colonel Harvey to the following: Cadet Captain John A. Power, Senior class; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Earl W. Aldrup, Junior class; Cadet Fred Casey, Sophomore class; Cadet Robert L. Cantor, Freshman class.

Company "A", under the capable leadership of Cadet Captain Thomas E. Shamblee, received the award for the most outstanding company of the year.

The Third Platoon of Company "C", Cadet Lt Gary F. Burns, Platoon Leader, was designated the most outstanding platoon.

Awards for Distinguished Military Students, which is received at the end of the third year of military training for outstanding work, went to Earl W. Aldrup, Paul E. Cothran, Joe H. Craig, Gene Hanson, James W. Haynes, Jerry G. Howell, Hugh R. Johnson, Ger-

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Aviation Will Be Featured In Workshop

In offering for the first time an aviation education workshop for teachers during the summer session of 1955, Jacksonville is taking the lead in Alabama. The workshop is part of a nation-wide effort, sponsored jointly by education, the aviation industry and government, to promote the teaching of aviation education to American youth.

Instructors and guest speakers will be provided for the workshop through the assistance of aviation agencies all over the U. S. Speakers will include such outstanding leaders in aviation as Major General Lucas Beau, national commander, CAP; Dr. John Furby, education director, Trans-World Airlines; Dr. Mervin Strickler, national director aviation education, CAP, Wash-

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HYMNALS LOST

Several hymnals used by local religious organizations for vespers and morning watch are missing from the Little Auditorium. Anyone who knows where any of the missing books are, please see that they are returned to the Little Auditorium so that they will be available for future services.



JIMMY REAVES
... Student of the Year

Jim Reaves Receives Top Student Title

Jimmy Reaves, Anniston senior who has served as Jacksonville's highest student officer during the past year, has been named as the "Student of the Year" by the Student Government Association student-faculty awards committee. The retiring SGA president will receive an engraved desk set during graduation exercises this week.

The "Student of the Year" award represents the highest honor to be obtained by a Jacksonville student, and is reserved for the campus leader who contributes most to the betterment of the student body and the college each year.

This year's award represents the second that has been awarded. The first went to Arlie Gunter, SGA president during 1953-54.

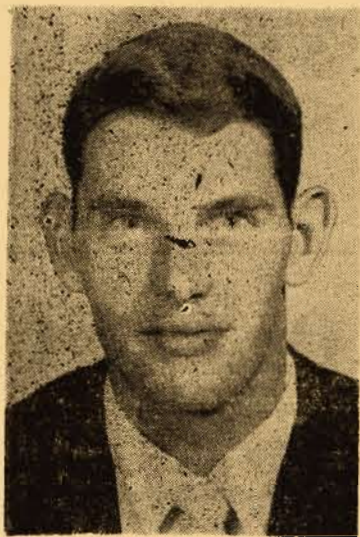
The desk set is donated each year by the C. S. Smith Distributing Company of Anniston.

SCIENCE CLUB

All members of the Science Club who ordered keys have been asked to see Harry Sherman this week, or leave the money and a mailing address in the biology department. The keys are expected to be delivered during the summer session.

The Spotlight

Bill Hammill's Four Years Have Been Asset To J'ville



BILL HAMMILL
... Spotlight for May

By GARY LUTTRELL

In this issue, our spotlight shines brightly on Bill Hammill, a graduating senior from Cedartown, Georgia.

Bill started his college career with honors. In his first year, he was elected as SGA representative for the freshman class. Since then he has added many more credits to his name.

He is numbered among those who were chosen for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He has served as president of the Masque and Wig Guild for '52-'53 and vice president for '53-'54.

During his distinguished military career, Bill held many positions. He was cadet captain for the ROTC and a member of Scabbard and Blade.

For four years, Bill devoted a large part of his time to the tennis team. He also found time in his junior year to work on the cheerleading squad.

Bill has set one record that he is very proud of. He has missed only one class dance during the entire four years, this being the Sophomore Hop in his freshman year.

At graduation, Bill will receive a B.A. degree, with a major in psychology and a minor in history. After a few years with Uncle Sam, he hopes to go on to graduate school.

Upon leaving Jacksonville after four years of work, study, and service, Bill would like to say, "In four years of college the greatest knowledge is obtained through associations out of class. Everything we are, have been, or hope to be, we owe to other people. I would like to say thanks to them."

Miss Roberson Speaks At Annual History Meeting

Miss Nancy Roberson, history department, spoke at the annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association April 23, in Huntsville. Miss Roberson's speech was entitled "The Attitude of Baptists in Alabama Towards Slavery."

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Goodbye, Seniors; Don't Forget Us Next Homecoming

To you, the graduating seniors, we, the students of Jacksonville, extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the years to come.

You may leave us, but don't call your going "Goodbye".

If you remain in our vicinity, come and see us often; if you are entering the armed forces, don't forget us in your letters, and visit us when you get your furlough or leave.

Make "Homecoming" a more pleasant day for all by your presence here on the campus. Come and see the progress we will have made on the projects you were so instrumental in promoting.

We will send you a copy of each issue of the *Alumni News* to keep you informed of all events and happenings here on the campus, plus the "whereabouts and doings" of your class.

Seniors Treated To Big Reception At Cole Home

An informal reception was held at the president's home Wednesday, May 11, honoring the graduating seniors. Dr. and Mrs. Houston Cole were hosts at the affair. Members of the faculty and staff were also among those present.

Mrs. Walter A. Mason greeted guests at the door and Mrs. L. T. Wilson and Mrs. Ernest V. Newman directed them to the receiving line and into the dining room.

Mrs. Tyler Posner and Mrs. James Williams presided at the dining table.

Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Montgomery, officers of the senior class and Student Government Association, assisted Dr. and Mrs. Cole in receiving.

Students assisting in serving were Sue Thrasher, Barbara Ferrin, Gaile Thornton, Foy Morgan, Jean Bonner, Vivian Lusk, Joan Miller, Inez Traylor, Maybell Layton, Bobbie Waits Ann Ferguson, Mary Bess Marshall, Joyce Edmondson.

About 200 called during the evening.



Student Constitution Needs Change In Representation

One of Alabama's most discussed controversies should have its counterpart here during the summer or early next fall. The problem of reapportionment to serve the work of democracy and fair play isn't limited to the state level. We need some of it on our own campus.

After examining the various student government systems used on other campuses in the state, the present apportionment for Jacksonville's student council is out of date. Its present system of choosing council members obviously was designed for the ideal situation and not for reality.

Not Representative

Under the present system of elections, the student body is not being truly represented. Most of the blame can be laid directly upon the students themselves, but the fact remains that the student constitution now paves the way for the operation of "cliques" which represent only a small portion of the entire student body.

Since the local student government was first organized, the council which passes many of the regulations that affect the students has been made up of four representatives from each class, along with the SGA general officers. Only in the case of the general officers, and to a large extent the freshman class, is the council truly representative.

Group Control

In the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, only a few of the students show up for the class elections each fall. The class officers, including the members of the student council, are elected by these small groups. Consequently, at least three-fifths of the council is, in effect, representing the various groups which were present at the fall elections.

Buddy Davidson, the new president-elect of the Student Government Association here, apparently realizes the problem at hand and has indicated that he wants to make some changes in the student consti-

tution this summer or next fall.

Many of the problems that come before the student council concern the dormitories, or married students directly. Many times in the past there has been no representative from at least one of the dormitories, the commuter group, or the married students. These groups have had no direct voice in any action taken by the council.

Suggested Changes

It seems that there are too many class representatives holding seats on the council. Surely it would be much more representative of the entire student body to insure a council seat for representatives from each of the dormitories, the commuters, and the married students, as well as the classes.

Davidson hopes to accomplish at least a part of these suggested changes in his program for the new year. He also intends to offer the various organizations and school publications a chance to send monitors to council meetings, and to give full publicity to all of the actions taken by the council. Too many of the discussions in the past have not been presented to the student body, and many of our students are still in the dark.

If our new president can put across his proposals, it is up to the organizations to take advantage of the invitation to attend SGA meetings of the future.

CERTIFICATES

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Buddy Davidson, president of the sophomore class and new president of the SGA.

Five of the six Certificate winners are SGA officers or Student Council members.

Letters of Appreciation were awarded to 16 students, including Billy Pannell, Vivian Carlisle, Virgil Holder, John Lee, Wilson Sherrill, Sara Hornsby, Martha Terry, Gerald Johnson, Jo Ann Lewis, Joe Sawyer, Kenneth Davis, Page Farmer, George Broom, Billy Jack Noles, Tom Freeman, and Harry Sherman.

Ed Davidson Has Program For New SGA

In-coming Student Government president, Buddy Davidson, has outlined the program he plans to sponsor this summer and the succeeding two semesters. If Buddy, with his ability, keen interest in the over-all welfare of the student body, experience in S.G.A. work, initiative, and background of leadership, is given student cooperation, the coming year will bring various improvements to the campus.

Buddy promises to promote the following measures:

To strengthen school spirit, the alma mater will be played at each assembly program.

Coffee in Chat 'Em

All efforts will be made to have hot coffee, hot chocolate, and sandwiches for sale in Chat-'Em Inn.

In order to improve attendance at class dances, the SGA will sponsor dancing lessons.

Since the addition to the dining hall has rendered the public address system inadequate, all efforts will be made to secure a new system which will meet the present and future needs.

Buddy will try to have buses chartered to all football games.

Chapel Program

The chapel building program is the most recent and the largest project undertaken by the Jacksonville students, and to this project Buddy has pledged his support.

There is an urgent need for study halls at night for students who get behind in their work, and to meet this need, the new president proposes to establish study halls with a competent student to conduct the period. Better student-teacher relationship will be promoted by inviting president of organizations and two different faculty members to each council meeting.

The Workers Council will be continued. This gives a large number of students an opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities, thereby gaining valuable experience and developing leadership qualities.

Proposed Amendment

A proposed amendment to the constitution will add to the SGA council the editors of the *Collegian* and the *Mimosa*, and one representative from each dormitory. (If this amendment is passed, the result will be better representation of the student body in the council.)

A skeleton outline of each council meeting will be posted on the bulletin board.

Buddy will try to create a program of events for a week-end recreational program.

The Honor System will receive the SGA president's encouragement and support, and he will endeavor to carry out the student body's wishes regarding this issue.

In every phase of his job, Buddy has pledged his utmost efforts to promote anything beneficial to the student body as a whole.

Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.

Woman driver to friend: 'The part I don't like about parking is that noisy crash.'



CONVENTION DELEGATES—Among the delegates attending the annual state convention of Alabama university and college student government associations here this month were Buddy Davidson, president-elect from Jacksonville; Mary Jo Hubbard, senior senator from Auburn; Edna Jackson, president from Alabama College; Wayne Johnson, president from Howard College; Warren Davis, chairman of Town Court at Huntingdon; Herman Boyd, president from Livingston; and Jimmy Reaves, retiring president from Jacksonville.

Band Ends Excellent Season With Outstanding Program

By **DR. ROBERT L. BARRON**
Jacksonville State College has always had reason to be proud of its fine band which is trained and conducted by Dr. Eugene Duncan. The concert

Ashburn Gets Title As Tops In Jax Band

Jacksonville's annual Directors Award was presented to W. H. Ashburn, a graduating senior, during the annual band concert held here recently. The award was made by Dr. Duncan, band director, and represents the highest honorary achievement within the local music department.

Ashburn was praised as being the outstanding Jacksonville band member throughout the four years that he has been associated with the college. He also has served as director for the Jacksonville High School band during the year.

During the same program five keys were awarded to local band members for especially outstanding service during the year. The winners were Ashburn, Guy Bigham, Douglas Borden, Gary Morgan, and DeLeath Rives.

Bandletters were awarded to John Carruth, Howard Entekin, Richard 'Dick' Jones, Arville Smitherman, Alan Mason, Guy Bigham, Robert Watford, Robert Guyton, Douglas Borden, Gary Morgan, Jimmy Rayburn, Ronald Brooks, Wayne Washam, William Hester, Ralph Westmoreland, W. H. Ashburn, George Broom, Billy Garrett, DeLeath Rives, DeWitt Self, David Gray, and Joyce Simmons.

which was given by the band last week to a most enthusiastic audience at the Leone Cole Auditorium was further proof of this fact.

Dr. Duncan, assisted by two student conductors, presented a program ranging from "Bach" to "Jam" which delighted the entire audience.

Opening with a Bach "Chorale" in which the band had a fine tonal quality, the program continued with "George Washington Bridge" by William Shumann, the March from the Sixth Symphony by Tchaikowsky and the Introduction and Tango by Helbig, all conducted by Dr. Duncan.

"The George Washington Bridge" was well played by the band, in fact the playing was much better than the composition itself. American music should be played and promoted when it is good music, but why waste time on a composition of this type when there is so much great music by American composers which should be heard. Dr. Duncan is an excellent conductor which was in evidence in his performance of the March from the Sixth Symphony by Tchaikowsky and the Tango by Helberg, both of which were done in good style.

The first part of the program concluded with a good performance of the Finale from the "New World Symphony" by Dvorak, very ably conducted by Gary Morgan, a senior student who has a natural "flair" for conducting and who will probably go far in his field.

Opening the second part of the program, Dr. Duncan gave a fine performance of a prelude by Schostavoitch and the Adagio from the Cello Concerto by Haydn which was performed with the band by W. H. Ashburn as Trombone soloist. Mr. Ashburn, who is also a senior student at Jacksonville State College and Band Direc-

tor at Jacksonville High School was expected to give a superb performance of this work; he did that and more. He has poise, assurance, a magnificent tone and the fine technic which enables him to actually interpret what he is playing instead of merely playing the notes.

Mr. Ashburn then "took over" the baton and conducted the Overture to "The Student Prince" by Romberg which was one of the best performances of the entire concert. Here is another young man who will probably make a fine conductor as he has the personality to "put over" his ideas. Dr. Duncan's idea to have student conductors for parts of these annual concerts is an excellent one for which he should be highly congratulated. The program with some lighter numbers: one of which was an arrangement of "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise." This arrangement which is a short series of variations on the tune made a "hit" with the audience, particularly in one of the variations in which there is a tremendous solo for baritone horn. Mr. De Leath Rives amazed the audience with his brilliant technic and beautiful tone in the performance of this particular variation.

After the program was concluded including an encore, the new "Alma Mater" by James Rayburn was played. This new Alma Mater has replaced the one which has been used by the student body for many years. It was written by Mr. Rayburn last year and was accepted by the student body as the official school song, after both had been played and a student body vote was taken.

Mr. Rayburn is a sophomore student with a definite talent for composition. Dr. Duncan conducted the final part of the program with dignity assurance and fine musicianship.

John Lee Becomes Newest State Prexy On Jax Campus

John Lee, a business administration junior, was elected state president of the Alabama chapter of Future Business Leaders of America at its annual convention held this month at Jacksonville State College. He succeeds Rosamond Ponder, also a Jacksonville student.

Delegates from twenty high schools and college chapters attended the convention, with the Jacksonville chapter as host and state-sponsoring chapter.

Elected to serve with Mr. Lee were Charles King, Oxford High School; vice-president; Gloria Wise, Anniston High School; Benny Stevenson of Russellville, treasurer; and Sharon Sullivan of Dothan, reporter. The new officers were installed by Miss Lucille Branscomb, State FBLA Director.

The guest speaker for the convention was Dr. Richard Clanton, executive secretary of the Louisiana FBLA. Dr. Clanton spoke on the "Role of FBLA, Present and Future." He outlined ways for chapters and individual members to develop leadership.

Another guest was Lyle Bufkin, state president of the Louisiana FBLA.

A highlight of the session was the election of Miss June Miles, a Jacksonville freshman, as Miss Ideal Secretary of Alabama, and Arris Smith of Oxford as Mr. Business.

Included in the events was the formal installation of the new Anniston chapter. Sylcauga, Talladega, and Bessemer chapters will be installed in the near future.

Oxford won top honors at the state meeting, taking first place as the most outstanding chapter and winning first prize in the exhibits and scrap book competition. Special mention was won by the Jacksonville College.

Jacksonville Chapter Activities

During the month of May the Jacksonville chapter sponsored the appearance of Mr. George Patterson, Director of Internal Revenue for Alabama, Birmingham, who spoke to students and faculty on the Federal Tax situation.

Also, an event of May was the FBLA picnic, held at Crystal Springs.

More recently, the chapter heard Mr. Winston Brooke, a certified public accountant of Anniston, speak on the proposed Alabama state withholding tax.

Delegates will soon be elected to attend the National Convention to be held in Chicago.

President of the Jacksonville

Three Boys Dormitories Have Barbecue Supper

The boys' dormitories dipped into their recreation funds to have parties recently.

Monday, May 9, Pannell Hall enjoyed their right in their own front yard. Forney Hall got as far away as Anniston Beach on Thursday, May 12. And Abercrombie Hall beat them by going on out to Crystal Springs.

Why are the girls in Dauguet Hall saving their recreation fund?

Men, like tacks, are useful if they have good heads and are pointed in the right direction.

Chapter is Kenneth Davis. Other officers are Judy Boozer, first vice president; John Lee, 2nd vice-president; June Miles, secretary; Mollie Dee Scott, treasurer; Betty Jean Gray, reporter. Local sponsors are Mrs. Lawrence Hicks and Floyd P. Tredaway. Joyce Maddux is retiring state treasurer.



To those who are graduating and will seldom return to these halls and only as alumni, Beacon Lights says: "Good luck and may your dreams and aspirations be realized."

'Tis true that Sir Isaac Newton sat under the apple tree and the law of gravity fell into his lap. Should you be starting out in life with the idea that success will fall into your hands—sans effort on your part—you will do well to keep in mind the hours, the days, the months and years that Sir Isaac had spent in the practice of that very old and ever new labor of Reasoning.

The first duty of an educator is to teach his students to reason. If during the four years you have been in college, you have learned this lesson, the more intelligent among you will be able to use reasoning power, and the less intelligent should at any rate have an idea what the more intelligent are choiceways.

Choice of Weapons

Most of you have made your choice as to your life's work. This is good. As the choice of weapons is the preliminary to duelling, so a decision as to the type of work you prefer doing is an important part of college life. We members of the library staff sincerely hope that we have had a small part in helping you to make that decision by introducing you to the world of books.

We hope that the habit of seeking answers to your problems within the covers of books has become so fixed with you that in the future, wherever you may live and work, you will find your way to a library and continue your education by reading for information, inspiration, and for recreation.

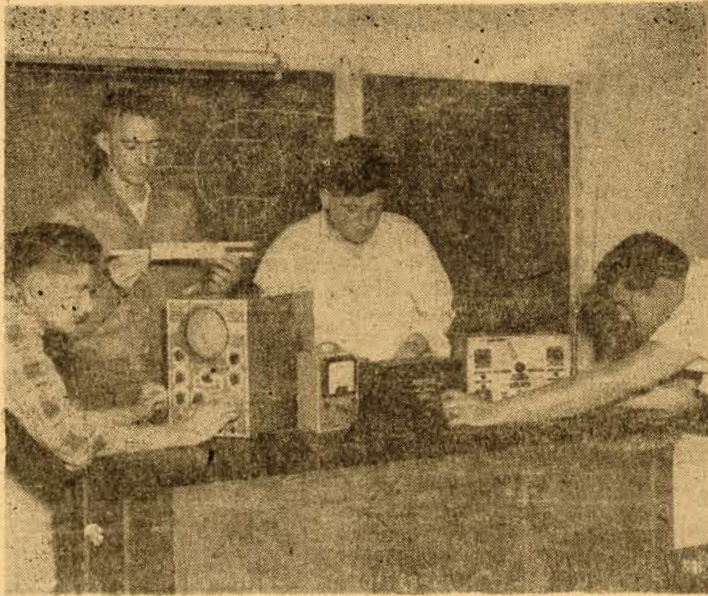
Statistics show that of the college graduates who make mostly A's, 8 per cent go into government work, 44 per cent go into business, and 48 per cent into the professions. Of those making mostly B's, 9 per cent are government workers, 51 per cent business men and women, and 40 per cent professional people. While of the C students, 10 per cent are connected with government work, 61 per cent with business, and 29 per cent the professions. Who knows? Anyone of you might become president of the United States!

What do you know of the men who have served our country as president?

Book on Presidents

Have you read Charles A. Beard's book: **The Presidents in American History**? In this book Historian Beard gives a short critical sketch of each of the U. S. from Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The

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FUTURE PHYSICISTS—Jacksonville physics students work out their difficult problems with slide rules and other apparatus such as that shown above. The four students pictured are members of Dr. L. T. Wilson's technical physics class and include Lamar Bannister, Roy Phillips, Horace Homesley, and Jack McLendon.

J'ville Physics Courses Help Local Students Keep Pace

Jacksonville's physics department has completed another semester of beneficial service in training local students for the highly-competitive fields involving one of America's most important professional programs. Dr. L. T. Wilson, former head of the mathematics department at the U. S. Naval Academy, is doing an outstanding job in promoting interest and learning in a field that is of extreme importance to the present and the future.

Marines Announce Aviation Program

Washington, D. C.—In re-emphasis of its traditional air-ground relationship, the Marine Corps today announced a new training program for prospective Marine aviators.

The first new program for Marine officers since World War II, it has been termed the Aviation Officers Candidate Course. It will result in earlier commissions as second lieutenants for men who desire to become Marine pilots.

Previously all Marine Corps aviators were drawn from the Naval Aviation Cadet Program (NavCad) or from the ranks of Marine officers on active duty. This new program is intended to supplement the present ones.

The AOCC will be offered to college graduates who will attend a 10-week basic indoctrination course at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico. This course will give them basic Marine Corps training, with an emphasis on the infantry aspects.

Successful graduates of this orientation course will receive reserve Marine Corps commissions and be ordered to active duty as student aviators. Upon completion of Flight Training, which lasts from 15 to 18 months they will be obligated to serve a minimum of two years with the air arm of the Marine Corps.

Although this new program will result in an increase in directly commissioned Marine aviators, it does not indicate lowered standards or a departure from the traditional Marine Corps air-ground partnership. The new program will be a different approach to the same standards.

The orientation course prior to flight training is intended to familiarize prospective fliers in Marine infantry theories, and is expected to reinforce the

air-ground relationship. Many of Jacksonville's students got their first good look at the work being done in local physics when they visited the lab during the last Spring Fiesta. Perhaps some of them were more than a little dismayed at the equipment on display. The timid souls might also have been frightened by some chalk marks on the board, such as a few of the equations that a physics student takes in stride every day.

No doubt, the display did a lot to acquaint students with the physics courses offered here. The students who helped to explain the workings of the equipment also did their share in public relations and recruiting.

The exhibit was planned and executed by Dr. Wilson's technical physics students, including Harold Stubbs, Lamar Bannister, Roy Phillips, John Reaves, Horace Homesley, Bill Powell, Myron Pope and Jack McLendon.

The apparatus on display included an electric-eye circuit which rang a bell when someone entered the room; an oscilloscope which flashed a pattern of sound from a record player to a screen; a miniature power distribution system; high voltage (80,000 volts) exhibits such as a climbing arc, a Crooks tube, and gas tubes; a polaroid light stress-analyzer; model engine; static electricity machine; and centripetal force exhibits.

Applications for the Marine Aviation Officer Candidate Course will be accepted commencing today. Twenty-one Officer Procurement Officers located at major cities throughout the country will be authorized to accept applications. It is expected that the first session will convene at Quantico this fall, which a second one after the new year.



By The Rev. Edwin R. Willison
Pastor, 1st Presbyterian Church
LANGUAGE OF MEN

"Raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"

Why require the court witness to swear on the Holy Bible? Why not on the Platonic Dialogues, Goethe's Poetry, the Philosophy of Kant or Hegel, the Magna Carta, or even, the Constitution of the United States?

Because this book, rightly interpreted, is for us the normative and essential expression of the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, to which all truths, tacit or expressed, must be conformed.

Best Seller

The "Holy Bible" is a book unexcelled in popularity. With the exception of the daily newspaper, it is the most read literature in our nation. Yet, with all the Bible's popularity in buying, in giving, in possessing, and in reading, we need no prophet to tell us that much of its contents and still fewer of its concepts are little apprehended or applied in life.

Every book store has a shelf of Biblical novels, of modern language translations, of boiled down—or otherwise "cooked-up" mixtures of Biblical selections.

Most colleges list in their catalogue a course entitled "Biblical Literature". Few students of English Literature gainsay the Bible as the greatest book of English prose. It is to be studied for its splendours of expression and its formative influence on the language if for no other reason, some tell us. Well, is it for literary interest that we should study the Book?

Great Literature

—Where is there in all literature a more moving and exquisitely told short story than that of the Parable of the Prodigal Son?

—Where a more elegant or nobler prose-poem than the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians?

—Where a finer expression of eloquence than the roll of heroes of faith in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews?

—Where a poem more moving and comforting than the twenty-third Psalm?

To study the Bible with a purely literary concern has vast rewards. But it is not as literature, nor for expressive style that those who know the Bible best ask men to reckon with it.

Moral Teaching

Could it be because of its pure and lofty moral teaching? Has not the church said that herein is God's way of making men good? This Book is proclaimed by Christianity as the matchless guide book to the good life—the supreme textbook of ethics—that which we ask to claim the considered attention of all men?

If this "goodness guide" approach to the Bible is the compelling virtue of its story, about three-fourths of the New Testament can be discarded as irrelevant and an ever larger part of the Old Testament. If the golden rules of morality are the Scriptures worth, then away with all the dross save the Sermon on the Mount and

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FRIENDLY STUDENTS—Beth Taylor, Roanoke, and Virgil Holder, Albertville, were selected as the friendliest students of the year during the first annual election for the honors. Both students are members of the graduating class this spring.

Music Students Give Recitals

W. H. Ashburn gave his senior recital on Monday evening, May 9, in the Leone Cole Auditorium. He was assisted by John Carruth, flutist, of Gadsden. Katherine D. Bates of Gadsden played Ashburn's accompaniments, and Walter A. Mason played for Carruth.

The program was as follows: Romanza Appassionata (von Weber), Concerto (originally for 'cello and orchestra) (Haydn), W. H. Ashburn.

Sonata (four movements) (Handel), Mr. Carruth.

Ann Bennett, Piedmont, pianist, and Gloria Wood, Jacksonville, soprano, presented their senior recitals on Sunday, May 8, at 4 p. m., in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

Miss Bennett played compositions by Beethoven, Chopin, Poulenc, and Debussy. She is a student of Miss Olive Barnes.

Miss Wood sang compositions by Dowland, Giordani, Mozart, Grieg, Hahn, Dell'Acqua, Scott, Charpentier, Ronald, Beach and Strauss.

She is a student of Mr. Walter Mason.

BEACON LIGHTS

(Continued From Page Four) whole book can be read in an hour—and it will be a worthwhile hour. Dr. Beard's scholarship and honesty make his conclusions worthy of careful study.

Among the Presidents are some accounted "great" and others "small". We think of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln and the Roosevelts as "great". Could it be that they simply lived in times of social upheaval? Mr. Herbert Ager, in his book **The People's Choice**, declares that "one feature of a money-bossed democracy is that good men learn to refrain from public life". Is this true? Is the quality of our govern-

ment leaders rising or declining?

Among the notable books of 1954 are two about former president. The first, **U. S. Grand and the American Military Tradition**, by Bruce Catton, is written simply yet eloquently and brings Grant to life, making plain both the scope of his military achievement and his tragic failure as president. The other, **Roosevelts of Sagamore Hill**, by Hagerdorne, adds form and color to the astounding career of the Republican Roosevelt.

Other good reading about men who have resided in the White House are **Abraham Lincoln**, by Carl Sandburg; **Franklin D. Roosevelt: Man of Destiny**, by Weingast; **Incredible Era (Harding)**, by Samuel Hopkins Adams; and **The Wilson Era**, by Joseph Daniels. Among the biographical fiction are **President's Lady** by Irving Stone, a novel about Rachel and Andrew Jackson, and **Love is Eternal**, also by Stone, which is the story of Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln.

So, Graduates of 1955, you who may some day be president, take time out to read, now, and tomorrow, and Tomorrow.

Clarence Day said: "The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts.

Monuments fall, Nations perish, Civilizations grow old and die out

And after an era of darkness, New races build others., But in the world of books are volumes

That have seen this happen again and again,

And yet live on, Still young, Still as fresh as the day they were written,

Still telling men's hearts Of the hearts of men centuries dead."



CAP SQUADRON RECEIVES AWARD—Major-General Lucas V. Beau, national commander of Civil Air Patrol, presents the Cassidy Achievement Trophy to Major Lucille Branscomb, commanding officer of the Jacksonville-Anniston Squadron, for being selected as the most outstanding squadron in the Alabama Wing, as Colonel Cary Nall, Alabama Wing Commander of CAP, looks on, at the Southeastern Regional Conference held recently at Daytona Beach, Florida.

GRADUATION

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K. Hulsey, Woodville; James E. Ingram, Eastaboga; Nancy Ann Johnson, Arab; Elvin W. Kennamer, Section; Lula M. Moseley, Anniston; Winfred Lovvorn, Woodland; Monday Middlebrook, Margaret Carol Rains, Arnold Wilson, Albertville.

Wilma Haytt Miller Oxford; Agnes E. Moon, Centre; Peggy Sue Moore, Leeds; LaJean Patterson, Ashland; Lawrence Davis Pearson, Round Mountain; Emma Lou Phillips, Jacksonville; Stella S. Ray, Mattylie Gross Richards, Birmingham; Charlotte Ann Robbins, Rockford; Elizabeth Alene Scoggin, Norma Jean Scoggin, Henegar; Odelle Prater Stewart, Weogufka; Beulah Thompson, Altoona; Ophelia W. Tucker, Trenton, Ga.; Mary Green Waldrep, Hollywood.

B. S. In Secondary Education
Betty Joyce Ashworth, Ed Riley Barnes, Jack Rowe Lister, Billy W. Mayfield, Loree Yates Teal, Margaret Ruth Watson, Gadsden; Hugh W. Avant, Sylacauga; Quinton Bagwell, Billy H. Hudson, James Marion Stanley, Gunterville; Don M. Baldwin, Trion, Ga.; Harold Vincent Ballew, Union Grove; Edward LaRue Bass, Thomas E. Phillips, Trussville.

Raymond Wesley Estes, Scottsboro; William R. Black, Dadeville; Ihus A. Boggs, Billy Jack Noles, Barbara Grant Shirley, Fort Payne; Julia Elizabeth Boozer, Lula Ann Johnson, John W. Sherer, Mabel Lucile Weaver, W. T. Logan, Jr., Jacksonville; Howard L. Brewer, Grove Oak; Vivian Prentice Brown, Calhoun, Ga.; James Ray Campbell, Gallant; Jerry H. Dupree, Darrell A. Scarborough, Talladega; George Dewey Drain, Claud Henry Glenn Mullinax, Tillerow G. Smith, Jr., Albertville.

DeLina Jean Everett, Rayford M. Boozer, Chavies; Clarence G. Gilley, Arab; Rudolph F. Gilley, Bobbie June McDougal, Piedmont; Jack Grizzard, Lester A. Sims, Oxford; Romola Gunter, Geraldine; Bob Hand, Wadley; Bobby M. Harris, Velta Clarence Lawler, Jerry Young Pullen, James A. Reeves, Rex Bell Watley, Sidney Lanier Whiteley, Anniston. Frances Marcel Jobson, Ox-

ford; William E. Johnson, Boaz; Franklin D. Kellett, Crossville; Joseph W. Lane, Colbran; J. C. Ledbetter, Sumiton; Curtis R. Lee, Addison; Carl L. Man-ship, Roanoke; Hugh Ed Michaels, Langston; Earl Morris, Somerville; Dorothy Traylor Rice, Wedowee; Blanche Rutland, Cedartown, Ga.; Charles Ross Smith, Clanton; George Benjamin Smith, Goodwater.

John P. Smith, William C. Stoner, Jr., Henegar; Jack B. Stewart, Lineville; Owen B. Thomas, Howard Waldrep, Jr., Hollywood; Helen Grace Thompson, Milford Thompson, Jr., Travis L. Walker, Altoona; Betty Jean Wade, Hueytown; Charles Edward Wilson, Fairfield; Linward A. Wilson, Woodland.

B. S. In Vocational Home Ec
Vivian Ruth Carlisle, Birmingham; Sidney Ann Clarkson, LaFayette, Ga.; Joyce Cummings, Rockmart, Ga.; Evelyn Wells Edwards, Helen Joyce Newby, Athens; Jeanette Honea, Jacksonville.

B. S. In Music Education
William H. Ashburn, Jacksonville; Jerry Lamar Countryman, Attalla.

Bachelor of Science

Frances Margaret Bonds, Birmingham; Rayford M. Boozer, Chavies; Wesley Herbert Brown, J. D. Gunter, John Alvin Lowery, Joyce Maddux, Gadsden; Jimmy W. Carroll, Rome, Ga.; Fain J. Cole, Jr., Robert D. Dishman, James F. Jordan, Kenneth Curtis Payne, Thomas E. Shamblee, Jay F. Silvey, Armiston; Betty Jean Gray, Detroit, Mich.; William C. Hammill, Cedartown, Ga.; David W. Lacey, Birmingham (now at Fort Sill, Okla.); Ralph H. Lindsay, James Harold Royal, Jacksonville; Edwin Justice Corbin, Albertville.

William Carey Murphy, Peterman; C. M. Nicolary, Fort McClellan; Benjamin Nodal, Havana, Cuba; William J. Norton, Glenn Harold Thompson, Centre; John A. Patterson, Meridianville; Peter S. Tey, Mobile; Jerry W. Roberts, Oxford; Robert W. Sanford, Dadeville; Carey Beth Taylor, Roanoke.

Bachelor of Arts

Marion Faye Crumbley, Holly Pond; Charles E. Fiquett, Jr., Boaz; Rolanda Goetze, Merida, Venezuela; Lionel Layden, Mobile; Joanne Porter Phillips, Trussville; Jean Elizabeth Pit-

Botany Students Help With Initial Wildflower Show

Dr. J. C. Wilkes and Reuben Boozer accompanied a group of students to the first "Wildflower and Bird Study Festival" at DeSoto State Park during the week-end of May 4, 5, and 6, which was sponsored by this college and the Alabama Ornithological Society.

Members of the local group were Edward Davidson, Albertville; Edith Wilson, Alexander City; Harry Sherman, Gerald Poore, Anniston; Billy Pannell, Birmingham; Billy Noles, Fort Payne; Martha Knowles, Jim Dyar, Bob Dyar, Gadsden; Jane Kurzhals, Kay Stevenson, Jacksonville; Frank Powell, JoAnn Lewis, James-town; Dot Rice Gene Hanson, Wedowee; John Butler, Woodville; Jo Deerman, Section.

Half-day field trips were made to Alpine Trail, Rhododendron Trail, DeSoto State Falls, and Little River Canyon.

AVIATION

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ington, D. C.; F. J. Schwaemle, vice-president, Delta Airlines, Atlanta; Lt. Com. Carl Nolting, commander naval airbase, Birmingham; John E. Sims, regional aviation education director, CAP, Nashville, Tenn.; Lt. Col. Richard H. Branan deputy wing commander, Alabama CAP; Dr. Frank Philpot, State Department of Education.

Also expected are two noted women in aviation, Jacqueline Cochran, and Marilyn Link, daughter of the Link trainer manufacturer.

One interesting phase of the workshop will be field trips to be made to Eglin Field Experimental AFB, Fla.; Naval Training Base, Pensacola, Fla.; Atlanta Municipal Airport; Lockheed Aircraft, Marietta, Ga.; and Hayes Aircraft, Birmingham. Transportation will be furnished by the CAP, Air Force, and Air National Guard.

The four-week workshop will carry three to five hours credit and is open to teachers as well as undergraduates, to school principals and others interested in working with youth. It will run from June 6 to July 1.

The course offered will provide teachers the opportunity to learn of the tremendous part air power is playing in the social, economic and military life of America and the world today. It will give a background in general aviation education including the commercial and vocational aspects, as well as methods and materials available to teach it in the elementary and high schools.

Instructors will be Capt. Thomas E. Tager, Air Force ROTC, from Queen's College, New York, who was assigned to the workshop by the Air Force; and William Roest of Gadsden, AF reserve pilot and instructor.

The workshop is under the direction of Miss Lucille Branscomb, head of the aviation department of the college, state director of aviation education, Alabama Wing, CAP, and commander of the Jacksonville-Anniston squadron, CAP.

A limited number of scholarships are available to teachers for the workshop and can be obtained by communicating with Miss Branscomb.

man, College Park, Ga.; Joseph D. Tommie, Bessemer; Virginia Ann Voss, Fruithurst.

Alpha Mu Gamma Annual Initiation Services Held

Annual initiation ceremonies were held by Alpha Mu Gamma, national language society, last week when two students were accepted as full members of the organization.

Katie Gouillmie, exchange student from Greece, and Tommy Boyd, Gadsden, were the students initiated. Miss Maude Luttrell, member of the college English faculty, and all of the international students were initiated as honorary members.

To be eligible for membership in the organization, a student must have completed the third semester of a foreign language, maintained A's and B's in the subject, and must show interest in promoting the ideals of sympathetic understanding and international relations.

The president of the local group is Virginia Voss, Fruithurst. The vice-president is William Jackson, Vincent. These two students performed the initiation ceremony last week. Dr. B. Locke Davis, pastor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Other members of the society are Jean Pitman, Helen Smith, Wilbur Lowery, Page Farmer, Margie Clark, and Shirley Childress.

Fifteen Students Receive Welcome By Kappa Delta Pi

Fifteen of Jacksonville's top students were initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary education society, last week.

The group included Dwight Pearson, Douglas Waugh, Willie Betty Cobb, Anniston; Thomas Jasper Freeman, Roanoke; Louise Vines, Patricia Parsons, Gadsden; Jo Ann Lewis, Jamestown; Dot Cole, Colbran; Betty Cryar, Albertville; Hazel Denson, Willardean Roddam, Jacksonville; Frances Jobson, Oxford; Walter Medlock, Boaz; Mary Campbell, Hefflin; and Jane Kurzhals, Plymouth, Ind.

The guest speaker for the initiation ceremonies was Dr. Frank Newell, Calhoun County superintendent of education and member of the University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

The new members were initiated by Marian Laney, president; Charles Hodge, vice-president; Judy Boozer, secretary; and Miss Lucille Branscomb, faculty counselor.

Other faculty members present were Miss Lora Frazee, member of the Peabody College chapter; and William Gilbert, member of the University chapter.

Miss Lucille Branscomb is faculty counselor.

PROFES

ald K. Johnson, Lewis T. Leath, Larry L. Lyda, James A. Moore, Charles W. Solley, Harold E. Stubbs, Merle L. Wade.

And here are the Cadets of the Week that were picked during the year: Robert E. Rogan, Jerry N. Cole, Billy S. Yates, Gene B. Coley, Thomas L. Ligon, William Hardy, A. W. Smitherman, John L. Wilson, Lesley E. Oden, Alva W. Deaton, Allen L. Lester, Ellis R. Morris, Donald C. Mundy, Gerald R. Lewis, David P. Stewart, R. L. Johnson, Wallace H. McDuffie, Edd L. Buckner, Fred H. Casey, Kenneth D. Estes, Charles Herst, Lavoy Stewart.

Red Devils Finish First In Softball

The Red Devils, managed by Joan Kidd, waltzed through the girls' intramural softball that ended here last week. The Devils finished with a perfect three-game record, while the other three teams in the league split the runner-up honors with identical 1-2 records.

Although the Devils had no trouble taking the championship honors, they fell behind the 3-D's in the number of all-star players. Six players were selected from the 3-D's, including manager Alice Faye Sides.

Other all-stars were Faye Kidd, Joy McNew, Nellie Thomas, Nola Line, and Carolyn Baker, all from the 3-D's; Jo Deerman, Myra Richey, and Sue Galloway, Daugeette Dogs; Jane Ramsey Juanita Ellis, and Beth Taylor, Dirty Eight; Joan Kidd, Mary Ann Milan, Mary Ambrester, and Ann Parker, Red Devils.

Science Club Ends Year With Picnic

Jacksonville's science club celebrated the end of the official club year last week with the annual chicken fry at Darby's Lake. Twenty-three students and nine faculty members and guests attended the outing.

Included in the group were Dr. and Mrs. James C. Wilkes, and Marty, Virginia Bannister, Mr. Snoddy, Dr. Gary Dr. and Mrs. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Boozer; Frank Powell, Shirley Dunn, Louis Pelz, Harry Sherman, Peggy Graham, Bill and Edith Wilson.

Dot Rice, Sonny Leath, John Butler, William Paschall, Gerald Poore, Alton Couch, Joyce Cummings, Blanche Rutland, Robert Barnett, Lou Ella Walls, Thomas Walls, Jo Ann Lewis, Orble Barnes, Mildred Letherwood, Nellis Thomas and Gail Case.

Delta Omicron Has Banquet At Purefoy

Delta Omicron Chapter of Delta Omicron, national music fraternity, held its spring banquet at the Hotel Purefoy in Talladega last Wednesday night. Fifteen members and guests enjoyed the occasion.

Included in the group were Ann Bennett, Bob Dillon, Carmo Jo Ray, Jimmy Rayburn; Gail Rutledge, W. H. Ashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCollough, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Scarborough, Gloria Wood, Frank McNutt, Olive Barnes, William E. Gilbert, Carol June Johnson, Phyllis Norton, and Jo Ann Chestnut.

Library Course To Be Offered

Dean T. E. Montgomery has announced a new course in library operation and management will be offered this summer. The class, to be taught by Miss Mildred Johnston, college librarian, will meet at 10 A.M. This new three-hour course is the first step in a new minor program that will require 18 semester hours.

The course is being given especially for teachers in high schools at the request of many superintendents, and is designed to meet the needs in the Jacksonville area.

Student Government FINANCIAL REPORT

Period: September 5, 1954 through May 17, 1955

SCHEDULE I

Beginning Cash Balance, September 5, 1954	\$554.31
Receipts:	
State Teachers College appropriation	\$ 500.00
Agnes Campbell (ring deposit)	5.00
Sale of Lockers (1st semester)	25.75
Senior Class of 1949 left over	27.00
Charges for fare to Chattanooga on bus	60.00
Loan to 1954 Mimosa paid	50.00
Charges for entry in "Miss Homecoming" contest	20.00
Charges for fare to Florence on bus	75.00
Sale of wavers for game	5.90
Sale of crepe paper	3.00
Debt paid by Charles Wilson	2.00
Relief drive contributions	77.17
Sale of lockers (2nd semester)	17.50
Sale of class rings	20.00
Contributions received for American Red Cross	20.24
Dies for pins	24.00
Returns on candy machines	10.06
J-Club paid debt	5.00
Forney paid debt	11.00
Charges made for delegates to Stu. Govt. Convention	97.50
Junior Class loan repaid	29.75
Returns of washing machines	392.25
Returns from Chat 'Em Inn	325.00
	\$1803.12
Total available	\$2357.43

SCHEDULE II

Expenditures:

Stock in Chat 'Em Inn	\$150.00
Anniston Electric Company (repairs on washing mach.)	51.85
Sending cheerleaders to ball games	161.00
Phone call for bus	1.27
Phone call for bus	1.15
Bus to Chattanooga	79.50
Decoration of football stadium	3.16
Bob Hand (winner of slogan contest)	5.00
Homecoming car washed	1.50
Homecoming trophy	12.00
Installing P. A. System	31.83
Prizes for floats	35.00
Charlie Wilson (dancing lessons)	15.00
Crepe paper for homecoming	172.80
Banners for Homecoming (Howell Sign Company)	32.00
SGA Cards (Jacksonville News)	12.88
Sgt. Brasseale (setting up P. A. system)	40.00
Flowers for Homecoming Queen	10.00
Expenses of Stu-Jack	11.00
Salary for Jimmy Reaves	100.00
Expenses for Florence game	66.31
Props for dances	11.20
Supplies for making props	5.00
Bus to Florence	158.10
Coleman Floral (flowers—Charlie Wilson family)	5.98
An in 1955 Mimosa	30.00
Relief Drive for storm victims	87.15
March of Dimes donations	10.00
Luke Coppock (bulletin board)	90.00
Josten Manufacturing Company	31.31
Gene Hanson (refreshments)	1.70
Buddy Mayes (pair of pants lost by cheerleaders)	5.00
Honor System Theme contest prizes	18.00
Trophy—Coach Steve Night	23.49
Donation to Red Cross	25.00
Cards for Gunter family (Southern 5c & 10c)	2.00
Bulletin board supplies	26.20
Junior class loan	30.75
Trophy—girl sports	5.50
Flag	8.33
Pictures in 1955 Mimosa	35.00
Supplies (book store)	9.05
Senior class loan	90.00
Letters for cheerleaders	37.61
Senior class (candidates for Mr. and Miss J'ville)	5.00
Meal (SGA Convention)	150.00
Josten's Manufacturing Company (pins & dies)	82.25
Mrs. Calvert—gym fee	5.00
	\$1984.87
Cash Balance May 17, 1955	\$372.56

SCHEDULE III

Accounts Receivable:

Senior Class of 1955	90.00
1954 Mimosa	50.00
Total	140.00

EXPENDITURES AS OF MAY 22, 1955

School Picnic (Crystal Springs)	10.00
Decorations for Masquerade Ball	6.43
Dining Hall (meals for SGA delegates)	31.50
Gift for SGA president	11.83

Abercrombie Hall Captures First Big Intramural Trophy

Vets On Top Of Final List For Softball

Abercrombie Hall, runner-up in the recently-completed intramural softball competition here, walked away with the first Intramural Sports Annual Award last week with a total of 12½ points.

The Abercrombie boys, managed jointly by Wayne Hardman and Buddy Davidson, failed to win a clear-cut claim to first place in any of the four sports on the intramural program this year, but they took enough points for second and third places to claim the first of the yearly awards.

The Deuces lost their chance when they failed to beat Hardman's softballers, working behind the effective pitching of Bobby Brown, in a crucial game week before last. The Deuces finished in second place for the year with 10 1/3 points.

Although Abercrombie managed to take the trophy, the Vets won the softball championship by beating the trophy-winner in a 10-2 play-off battle for the top spot.

Pannell Hall, riding at the top of the over-all intramural standings at the beginning of the softball season, couldn't hold on to the lofty position, and wound up in the cellar.

Actually, the regular season ended with three ties. The Vets and Abercrombie were on top with 6-4 records; the Rinky-Dinks and the Deuces were in third and fourth places with 3-5 marks; and Pannell and Forney were at the bottom with 4-6 records.

The Vets' roster for the season included Marvin Henry, manager and catcher; Tommy Phillips, centerfield; Jack Moore, first base; Bobby Ledbetter, second base; Dave Stewart, right field; Jimmy Carroll, shortstop; Lee Parker, pitcher-infielder; Sam Truitt and William Proctor, third base; and Jack Mitchell, left field.

All-Star teams were picked from the dormitory teams and independents, and the climax game last Thursday provided plenty of excitement when Chester Skates failed to give up an earned run as the Independents took a close 4-3 battle. Carlton Hosmer took the batting honors with three hits, the third driving in the winning run with two out.

Trophies for Friendly Students	21.50
Payment to 1955 Mimosa (annual page)	5.00
Prizes for Masquerade Ball, Picnic	20.00
Music for Masquerade Ball	65.00
Senior Class (Dance Props)	25.00
Donation for Ushers Club Keys	11.00
	207.26

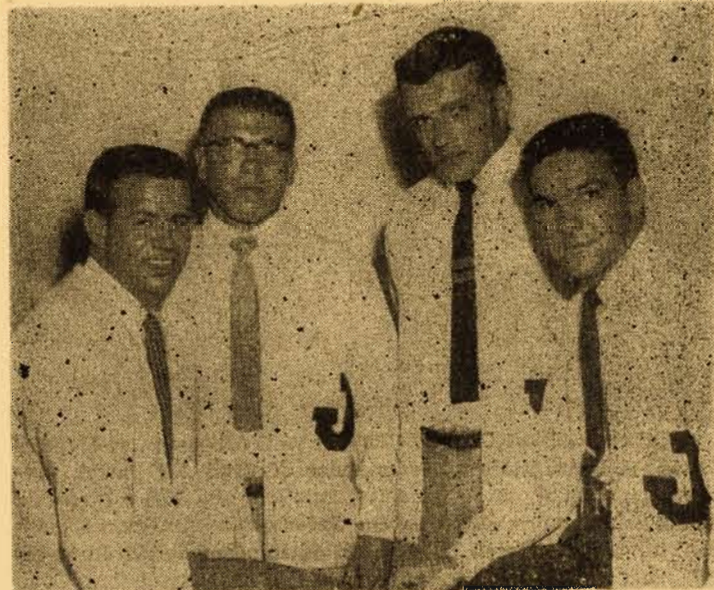
Cash Balance May 22, 1955 \$165.30

CERTIFICATION: I certify the above information to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Gerald Johnson, Treasurer

I wish to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Gerald Johnson, Student Government Treasurer, 1954-55, for the concise and efficient manner in which he has handled financial affairs of the Jacksonville State Teachers College Student Government Association.

Solon H. Glover, Business Manager



'J' CLUB OFFICERS—These four students will serve as the general officers of the 'J' Club next year. They include Don Standridge, secretary-treasurer; Chester Skates, reporter; Johnny Johnson, vice-president; and Charlie Grisham, pres.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS (Continued from Page Four)

a few chapters of the epistles.

Dr. Klausnes, an eminent Jewish scholar, expresses this view of the New Testament when he wants to preserve what he calls "the book of the ethics of Jesus" (implying Jesus' great sermon) and rid it of its "wrappings of miracle and mysticism."

To pluck the ethical flowers of the Bible to adorn some little container of our philosophy of life will at best arrange only a cut-flower religion.

No—the virtue and value of the Bible message lie not in its ethical purity. But as you seek ethics you will do no better than to start your study with it the Bible.

Other Views

For others Bible study is prompted by the assumption that Christianity is "the last and loftiest construction that man has put on the Infinite." They consider Jesus of Nazareth to be "the Columbus of the spiritual world who has by searching discovered God." Therefore, this approach concludes, we should study and prize Christ's words above all the religious classics of men.

Let it be so for some—for if they seek to meet Jesus of Nazareth, in finding Him, they must also come to know Christ of Calvary. However, if it is only antiquarian interest that the Bible contains, then this Book that occupies the central place in our house of worship would be better preserved in a museum.

For what then are we to study the Scriptures? What has the Bible to say to us? Let us

ask the Biblical writers themselves. Is their purpose fine literature, or superfine ethics, or lofty projections of thought about God—No. Their purpose is to proclaim the Good News FROM God. Authorized tidings of God's good will manifest in the Prince of Peace to redeem and deliver sinful men.

Test Yourself

Use yourself as a test of this: Do you go to the Bible for fine literature?

—Shakespeare is more satisfying.

Do you seek there answers to moral questions only?—Many a good philosopher can give you that with far less involvement.

Do you seek in the Bible views about God?—A comparative religion handbook will give you much broader information.

Why read your Bible?

The people of this Book know that its importance is that it is the record of the unique, self-revelation of the living God on the road of human history. It centers in the Gospel of Christ's coming. What does the revelation say:

"God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

"God . . . hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son."

Express Action

This revelation, notice, is expressed to us in action rather than words. In deeds, not in doctrines. The living God! If Goethe is right when he says: "The highest cannot be spoken; it can only be acted." The Almighty Highest has acted, once for all, in the drama of history. Christ is come to show us what God is like—to express God in the language of men. The Word has become flesh.

But He is not come to merely be looked at, but to be followed. It has never been enough to hear the Good News. It has never been a call to discipleship, the Gospel. But let the Word express Himself: "Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock . . . And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. . ."