



# Campus Buildings Planned

## H. Y. Dempsey, Jr., Acting Postmaster

Harry Y. Dempsey, Jr., was appointed temporary postmaster of the Jacksonville office on Monday, Dec. 31, and began his new duties Tuesday, Jan. 1. He succeeds J. Thomas Martin, who requested retirement several months ago. Mr. Martin had served as postmaster for the past 22 years.

Mr. Dempsey is the son of Mrs. Fancher Adams of Birmingham and the late H. Y. Dempsey. He has served as rural mail carrier on Jacksonville Route 2 for the past three years.

The new postmaster was reared in this county, having spent most of his life here and in Piedmont. He attended the elementary school here for three years and Jacksonville State College for two years before going to the University of Alabama where he received his degree and later graduated from the law school.

During World War II he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He is a member of the City School Board and a former member of the City Gas Board. He came to Jacksonville to live in 1949 and bought the Jacksonville Farm Supply which he operated until he became a letter carrier. The business is now supervised by his father-in-law, Walter Lee. He has been president of the Exchange Club and is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Charles Watson, substitute carrier, is carrying the mail on Route 2 temporarily.

## J'ville Receives Large Donation

Jacksonville has received a fortune in oil lands to provide scholarships for deserving girls and boys in northeast Alabama, it was announced recently by President Houston Cole.

Mrs. Nannie E. Logan, native of Jackson County, who died in Tampa, Fla., about a year ago, left half of her estate to Jacksonville to be used for scholarships. The value of the estate will run into six figures, the administrators estimate, and the interest will finance the scholarship fund.

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H. Y. DEMPSEY, JR.

## NEA Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The National Education Association, nation-wide organization which enrolls a majority of the teachers of America, will observe its Centennial anniversary in 1957. The NEA includes educators of all subjects and levels, administrative, supervisory and teaching, from kindergarten through university. It is an independent organization which has worked with all groups in support of universal education throughout the century. It has assumed that all people—not just teachers—have a stake in education and a responsibility for the schools. It, therefore, invites ALL—including students—to join in observing the one-hundredth anniversary of the organized teaching profession in America.

The NEA created a special Centennial Celebration Commission in 1955 to establish the general framework of theme and objectives for the observance. This commission is made up of 21 leaders drawn from both inside and outside the teaching profession. They have approved a series of projects aimed at involving the entire nation. They invite students in 1957 to join in a nation-wide effort to build a deeper appreciation of what their schools mean in the life of the nation.

## J'ville Graduate Work Approved

This summer will find many new students on the Jacksonville campus and the work which they will be doing will be the first of its kind ever done here.

A master of science degree in education will be offered beginning in June, it was announced last week by Dr. Montgomery. This addition to the curriculum was authorized by the State Board of Education at its meeting on December 14.

Dean Montgomery stated that the graduate work is designed primarily for elementary and secondary teachers, public school supervisors and administrators. Half of the course will be in professional education and the other half in subject-matter areas, he explained.

In offering graduate study, Dr. Montgomery said that this college will be rendering a public service for teachers in this section of the state who cannot leave their homes to pursue further study. The program is planned around three eight week summer sessions with six hours to be earned during one winter session. Additional specialists are being employed to supplement the regular college faculty.

Regular summer school for under graduate study will continue to be eight weeks and will be carried on at the same time as the graduate study.

Interested persons should write to Lawrence R. Miles, director of admissions and secretary of the Committee on Admissions. A bulletin will be released in February giving full details of the study.

## Foreign Students Visit In Florida

Two groups from Jacksonville's International House made trips to Florida during the Christmas holidays.

One group consisted of Miguel Valdes, Francisca Jofre, Francine Laloue, and Ike Goldfield. This group left Jacksonville on Dec. 14 and visited Fort Myers, Naples, and Winter Haven. Some of the highlights of their trip included swimming, water skiing, airplane rides, a boat trip and, a new idea to Jacksonville folks, a moonlight picnic. A trip to Cypress Gardens proved very interesting and an old fashion-

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## Cafeteria, Chapel And Dormitory Among Future Construction Plans

Following a meeting of the State Board of Education recently, President Houston Cole announced that approval had been granted for a building program at Jacksonville State College which will total almost a million dollars. This will include a \$600,000 dining hall and a \$275,000 men's dormitory.



REV. JOHN L. OLDHAM

## Rev. John L. Oldham Retired On Dec. 30

Sunday, Dec. 30, officially ended the long ministry of the Rev. John L. Oldham, rector of historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Some time ago he requested retirement on Jan. 1, 1957, and Sunday marked the last Sunday in the old year.

Although he will relinquish active service as rector of the church when a new minister has been secured the Rev. Mr. Oldham will not cease to be active. His interest in the community as well as the church will keep him busily occupied, particularly since he and Mrs. Oldham will continue to make their home in the rectory, which was a gift from the congregation.

Born in Liverpool, England, Mr. Oldham came to this country in 1887. He was educated in the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Kenyon College, and received his theological training at Baxley Hall in Gambier, Ohio. He was ordained a priest in the cathedral in Cleveland and served as curate of Trinity Church, New York; as civilian chaplain at Fort Sill, Okla., during World War I, and in the Cathedral, Dallas, Texas, where he was married to Billie

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Dr. Cole stated that application had been made in August for federal funds to finance the program and although all legal details have not been completed, the building program is practically assured.

The state board also approved the beginning of graduate work at the college. This move has been anticipated for some time and plans are in the making to begin the program next summer. Under the plan master's degree in education will be offered and it will be possible for a degree to be earned in three summer sessions.

Dr. Cole pointed out that Hammond Hall, the building now used for a cafeteria, was built to accommodate 400 students and 800 are now using it. The new dining hall will be modern in every way and will accommodate at least 1,000 students. The new building will be erected on the west side of the campus between Daugette and Pannell halls.

One feature that will be attractive to students will be a foyer where students may wait for their meals protected from the weather.

The new men's dormitory will be located on the north side of the campus near the new Gadsden highway. It will be three stories tall and will house 175 students.

Dr. Cole also mentioned the fact that the drive for funds to build a small religious chapel on the campus has practically been completed and building should begin at the same time the other buildings get under way.

It will take some time to complete plans, advertise for bids and to make other required preliminaries before actual work can begin on the building program, Dr. Cole said, but building should get under way by the latter part of the summer.

The Nannie E. Logan scholarship fund is expected to attract many new students by next fall also.

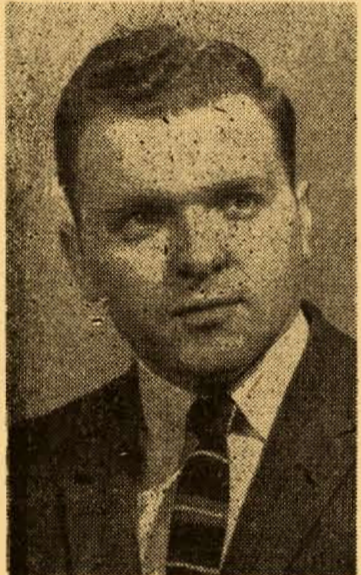
**SPOTLIGHT**

**Ward Outstanding In FBLA; Kirkland Is In Publications**

Twenty-one year old Garland Ward of Sylacauga captures the spotlight for this month.

Garland is one of the most versatile seniors on the campus at Jacksonville State.

During his freshman year, Garland began to prove himself a leader in all respects. He was chosen as a SGA representative from the freshman class. He was also a member of the FBLA and Masque and



**GARLAND WARD**

Wig. Serving as an officer for the BSU was also important to Garland.

Garland's sophomore year bought with it many more honors. He was the founder of the BSU Breeze, baptist newspaper at Jacksonville State. He also served as chairman of the work committee. Garland was one of the two Jacksonville students chosen to attend Minwanca. He was chosen as vice-president of his class while he was there.

While attending summer school Garland was elected sophomore president.

Going into his junior year, Garland was chosen as a delegate to the National FBLA Convention which was held in Chicago. In 1955 he was third place in the Mr. Business Executive Contest. He was student chairman for the FBLA Placement Bureau. He also served on the Collegian staff.

For a year and half Garland served as Chesterfield representative for Jacksonville State College. He was chosen Representative of the Month. This contest was held throughout the whole United States.

This year Garland is a senior. He serves as vice-president of the Usher's Club, a club made up of a few selected men on the campus. He is also serving as State President of FBLA.

Garland first decided on pre-med when he first entered Jacksonville State. Later he changed his mind and changed his major to business administration, which he has done a fine job in.

Upon graduation Garland is considering doing graduate work at Ole Miss. Everyone is certain that Garland Ward will be a success at whatever task he undertakes. The spotlight could not have chosen a more worthy person. This fact is proven by his being chosen to the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

January's spotlight is centered on a lovely brown-eyed sophomore from Birmingham—Kay Kirkland.

Kay attended Tarrant High School in Birmingham, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, and a member of the school chorus. These activities were but a few of the many other various organizations in which Kay participated. Even though Kay took part in so many organizations, she was able to uphold a fine scholastic average while in high school. To prove this she graduated at the age of sixteen.

Since Kay has become a member of the student body at Jacksonville State she has received many honors.

During her freshman year she was elected reporter for the freshman class. Kay proved to be a fine class officer. Later she was chosen to serve as associate editor for the Collegian, on which she has done an excellent job. This was quite an accomplishment for Kay as it is very seldom that a freshman



**KAY KIRKLAND**

is chosen to serve as associate editor of a college newspaper.

On attending summer school, Kay soon added a few more honors to her record. She was again chosen a class officer, serving as SGA representative from the sophomore class.

During the summer she helped in the writing of the 1956-57 college handbook, acting as co-editor of this publication.

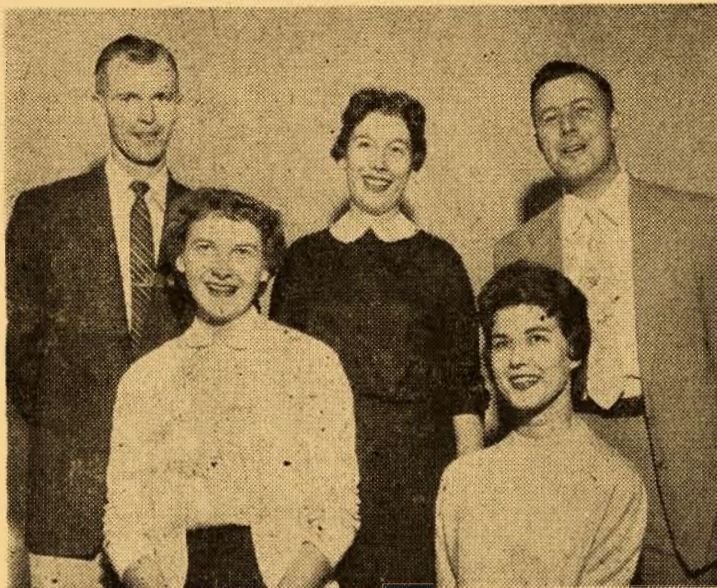
Again this fall Kay is serving as SGA representative for the sophomore class. While at Jacksonville State, Kay has served as a class officer each term and has thus proved to her classmates she is well capable as a leader in her class.

Serving as president of the Writer's Club is also one of Kay's responsible jobs, along with being a member of BSU.

The Chapel Committee can well sing her praises as a member of their organization. Kay has worked very hard in trying to get money together for the construction of Jacksonville State's future chapel.

One of her extracurricular activities is working with the News Bureau as a roving reporter.

At present Kay plans to major in English, and either teach or go into the field of journalism.



**COLLEGIAN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**—Pictured above are the group who make up the administrative staff for the Collegian. They are: front row, left to right, Thann Pennington, Fort Payne and Lanelle Nelson, Oxford, typist; back row, Buford Howard, Geraldine, circulation manager; Kay Kirkland, Birmingham, associate editor; and Bryant Whetstone, Birmingham, assistant circulation manager. Bob Crosby, editor, from Goodwater, is not pictured.



**STAFF WRITERS FOR THE COLLEGIAN**—Seated, left to right, Arlene Powell, Centre; Shirley Ray, Lyerly, Ga.; and Jo Ann Shipman, Fairfield. Standing, left to right are Joyce Bazemore, Anniston; Betty Stephenson, Tuscaloosa; Ernest Winchester, Talladega, sports editor; Bettye Fossett, Guntersville, social editor; and Lucy Durham, Hokes Bluff. Not pictured are Nancy Chestnut, Judy Archer, and Gloria Wise.

**Meet The Students Who Gather The News**

By Betty Stephenson

Settle back in your favorite easy chair there in the dorm and let me give you a few intimate facts about the Collegian staff, but you must promise to keep these facts to yourself because they are "top secret".

First a little bit about Bob Crosby, the editor. He is a junior English major from Goodwater, a member of The Usher's Club, and chairman of the Chapel Fund. Before he came to college he served three and one half years in the Navy.

Kay Kirkland, assistant editor, is a sophomore from Birmingham, where she attended Tarrant High School. She is president of the Writer's Club, a member of B.S.U., and an S.G.A. representative for the sophomore class. Kay plans to major in English.

Joyce Bazemore, a staff writer is a senior in elementary education from Anniston. As an extra-curricular activity, Joyce is president of Westminster Fellowship. Joyce is interested in piano and plays each Sunday morning for a small chapel near Anniston.

Lucy Durham, a home economics major, is from Gadsden. Lucy's room in Dauge Hall is papered with interesting hom economics projects.

Art also captures Lucy's fancy; she plans to minor in it. She is social chairman of the junior class.

Thann Pennington, a senior in elementary education, is from Fort Payne. She is an officer of Westminster Fellowship. At the present time Thann is practice teaching. She carries danger weapons with her for protection: a little red paddle and a dunce cap.

Gloria Wise, an English major from Anniston, is secretary of the Writer's Club, and I am quoting Gloria, "a member of the 'quiet hour' club in Dauge Hall."

Jo Fay Phillips, an 18 year old freshman, is from Florence, and a graduate of Coffee High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and Hi-Y. Since she has been with us, she has taken an active interest in the Freshman class.

Jo Ann Shipman, a 17 year old freshman, from Fairfield, is majoring in secretarial science. She was editor of her high school paper, secretary of the Thespians, and a member of the Beta Club and P.T.A. In her family are a 21-year-old brother and 9-year-old sister.

Judy Archer, from Cedar Bluff, is an only child. She is

a member of Masque and Wig, F.B.L.A., and the English Club. At Cedar Bluff High she was assistant editor of the school paper.

Don't tell anyone I told you, but Bettye Faucett is a junior business major from Guntersville. She is an English major and a member of the well-known society, F.B.L.A.

Listen! Shirley Ray is a transfer student from Reinhart Junior College in Waleska, Ga. There she was a member of the Phi Delta Literary Society and the Glee Club. Incidentally, Shirley has a beautiful soprano voice. Shirley has an uncle here in Jacksonville.

Betty Stephenson, with whom I am well acquainted, is a second semester sophomore in elementary education from Tuscaloosa. She is secretary of Wesley Foundation.

Now for some juicy news about the boys on the staff. I don't think they'll care if we talk about them just a little.

Bryant Whetstone (Whet-rock) is 25 years old. He is a Korean War Veteran from Pinson, majoring in math and minoring in chemistry. He is a band member and a good "ole" Methodist.

Buford Howard, from Geraldine, is also a Korean War veteran. He is a S.G.A. representative for the Junior Class and a member of F.B.L.A.

Gerald Williams, from Oxford, is a history major and a math minor. He graduated from Oxford High in 1951. His bright cartoons give the Collegian a touch of humor.

Virgil Nix, sports editor, from Walnut Grove, is a business major and English minor. He has been seen working in the dining hall.

Ernie Winchester, sports editor, from Talladega, is a physical education major and a member of the annual staff. Ernie is a veteran, having been in service 21 months previously.

Mrs. Coffee, our adviser, lives here in Jacksonville and is the wife of the editor of the Jacksonville News. In her spare time Mrs. Coffee likes to play the piano and organ; she also likes to paint.

And last, but not least, is Opal Lovett. I am sure that everyone knows Opal with little introduction. His headquarters are in the gym, where he develops many pictures and teaches audio-visual aids.

**Study Offer In England**

Summer study at British universities is open to American students in 1957 according to an announcement made today by Kenneth Holland, president of the Institute of International Education, 1 East, 67th Street, New York City.

Six-week courses will be offered at Oxford, at Stratford-on-Avon, and at the capital cities of London and Edinburgh.

A limited number of scholarships will be available to American students. Two full scholarships are reserved for graduate students. Award and admission application forms may be secured from the Institute of International Education in New York City or from its regional offices in Chicago, Denver, Houston, San Francisco and Washington.

Closing date for scholarship applications is March 1, 1957, for regular applications, March

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# 1956 Successful Year For Jacksonville

By Shirley Ray

The year of 1956 at Jacksonville State College started with a bang. The Freshmen Hall for men was opened January 22, 1956. There were seventy-two students slated to graduate at the end of the semester. Many of the seniors were tapped for membership in honor societies.

Mrs. J. J. Arnold of Anniston began her 1956 year at Doughty Hall Annex as director freshmen girls.

Rudolf Bing, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, lectured at Jacksonville. Opera lovers from towns and cities throughout North Alabama attended because it was his only appearance in the state.

There were eighteen states, and twelve foreign countries listed among JSC's new students this year of 1956.

One of the country's most distinguished scientists made an appearance here. He was Dr. Ralph E. Lapp, a native of Buffalo, New York, who spoke on the subject of atomic energy.

Tony Pastor and his famous orchestra was present at the annual Military Ball on March 7, 1956 in the college gym. "Queen of the Ball" was Miss Frankie Smith, Fort Payne. Another military highlight — Jacksonville's ROTC unit received a "superior" rating at the third army inspection.

Dedication of the Thomas W. Ayers Science Hall added another highlight in this year of great progress. "H.M.S. Pinafore", performed by the college chorus provided one of the most successful entertainments ever to be presented at Jacksonville State. New SGA officers were elected after a very tough contest. Those elected and serving now were Tommy McManus, Roanoke, president; Billy Nale, Gadsden, vice-president; Ann Brothers, Gallant, secretary; and Corky Morris, Roanoke, treasurer. In the same election the staff for the yearbook was chosen. They were William T. Bains, Albertville, circulation manager; Etheridge Killion, Blountsville, business manager, and John Hughes, Madison, editor. Almost a year of service is behind these officers now, and they may look back to a job well done.

Members of the Writers' Club at Jacksonville State College

released their annual publication "Soundings", composed of their own creative writing.

Degrees were conferred upon 144 candidates for graduation at the exercises held in the College Bowl, at which I. J. Browder, superintendent of Gadsden city schools, delivered the commencement address.

Top ten students picked by the Collegian Staff for the year 1955-56 were Joe Craig, Meredith Sanders, Billy Hicks, William Jackson, Louise Stanton, Calvin Smith, Gerald Johnson, Charlie Grisham, Martha Terry, and Edward Davidson.

Entering the fall session of 1956 were ten new foreign students who were included in the largest enrollment ever at Jacksonville as it began its 74th session. Several new members were added to the college faculty. They were Miss Ann Mitchell, Miss Douglas Olsen, Austin Howard, Carlyle Cross, Thomas Riggan, Jr., Edward E. Espling, Jr., Joseph J. Fremouth, Jr., Mrs. Lenora Dempsey Nolen; Dr. Greene Y. Taylor, Lee R. Manners, Mrs. Edwin R. Wilson, Col. Earl W. Aldrup, Mrs. John J. Campbell, Miss Eleanor Kelly, Mrs. Lois Maxwell, Dr. E. E. Van Keuren, and Gerald Yelverton.

R. Liston Crow, college treasurer, was honored by fellow employees at Jacksonville State on the 29th anniversary of his association with the treasurers' office. He received a letter of commendation, and President

Houston Cole spoke words of appreciation for his long and efficient service.

Four major figures in the acting field—Constance Bennett, Frank McHugh, Robert Strauss and Tod Andrews—appeared at Jacksonville State College in an offering of "The Best of Steinbeck."

Homecoming was held October 13. The day's festivities began at eleven o'clock with a colorful parade which toured Jacksonville. At 12 noon, a luncheon was given in the private dining room for members of the executive board of the alumni association. The ROTC Review took place at 1:00 p.m., followed by the "J" Club Smoker at 2:00 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Cole were hosts at the recreation at the President's

Home at three o'clock, with members of the executive board receiving with them. The alumni banquet was followed by the football game at 7:30 p.m., with Troy State's team opposing the Jacksonville Gamecocks. Reigning as queen was Miss Sue Claybrook, Dadeville freshman. Composing her court were Arlene Powell, Center; Carolyn Baker, Gadsden; and Shirley Ray, Lysterly, Ga.

Freshmen and junior classes presented the famous "Glenn Miller Orchestra" at their annual dance on November 20. One of the biggest highlights of the year was the oil fortune left for Jacksonville scholarships.

The Marching Band at JSC showed fine progress with the

addition of eighteen pretty girls known as the "marching ballerinas." Masque and Wig again came through with a great performance of the year with the play "Picnic." Last, but not least, is the growing fund toward the new chapel which will be built soon on our campus.

These are just a few of the highlights that made the year 1956 one of the most important in the history of Jacksonville State College.

## B.S.U. Members Attend Tenn. Rally

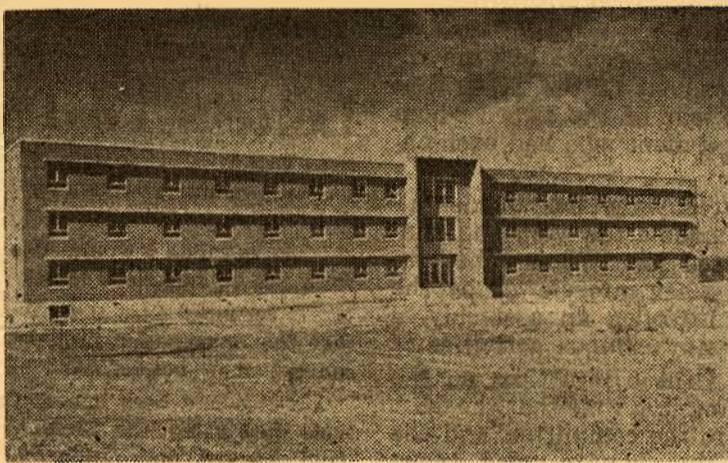
Twelve people from Jacksonville State's Baptist Student Union attended the World Missions Congress in Nashville, Tennessee, during Christmas holidays. The conference was held from Dec. 27 to 30 in the Belmont Heights Baptist Church and the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville.

"The Christian Student in The World Crisis" served as the theme of the four-day study which over 2300 students attended. Some of the topics discussed were "The True Basis of Justice For All Men"; "Principle versus Prejudices," "The U.S.A. In The Eyes of the World", and "The Dignity of Work." Besides the large meetings, these Baptist students from all over the world met in small discussion groups to investigate many areas of the theme. Among outstanding speakers at the conference were evangelists Howard Butt and Billy Graham.

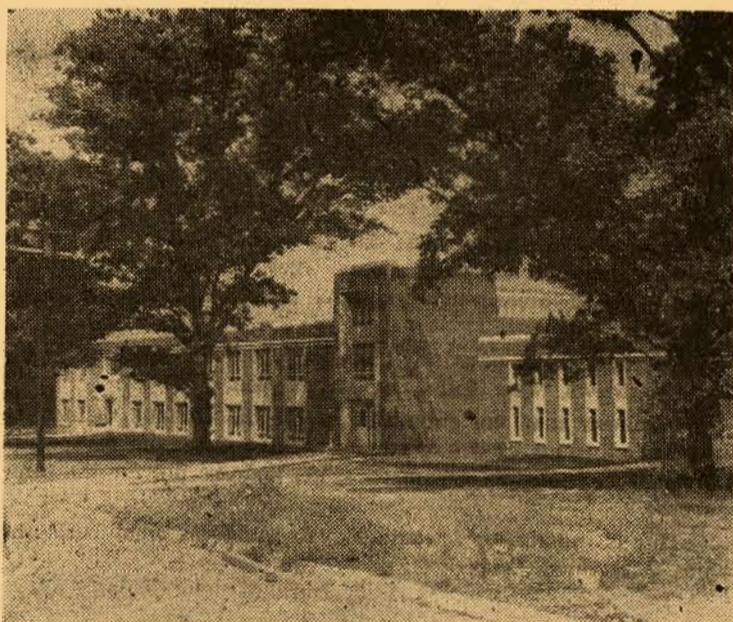
Delegates from Jacksonville BSU were Ed Buckner, J. C. Holmes, Carolyn Baker, Anita Lockridge, Jo Ann Mauldin, Ann Barber, Ronnie Barber, Charles McCain, Mack Heaton, DeWitt Self, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harper. Everyone came back from the congress full of enthusiasm over the entire program. Anita Lockridge probably expressed the feeling of the entire group by saying, "It was the most wonderful thing I've ever been to."

Mother: "Be sure you wash your arms before you put on a clean shirt."

Junior: "For long or short sleeves?"



FRESHMAN HALL



AYERS HALL

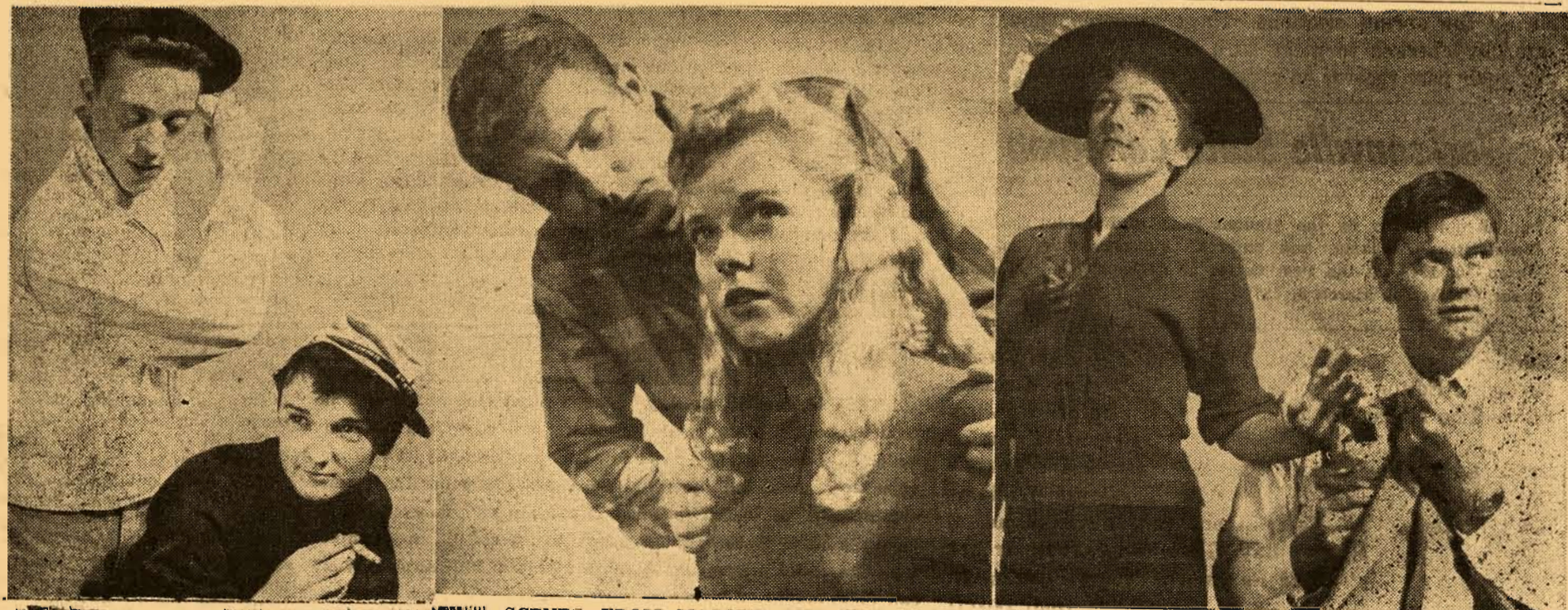
## Masque & Wig News

By Betsy Robinson

Immediately following Masque and Wig's representation of "Picnic" members of the cast and their guests had a get together at the faculty club house. Here, over delightful refreshments of cokes and cake, the guests enjoyed imitations of scenes from "Picnic."

The Masquer's award was presented to Miss Erin Woodruff and President Lavoy Stewart was given one of the properties as a memento of the occasion.

As an expression of thanks for all the time and hard work that Mrs. Ralph Lindsey had put in as sponsor, the cast presented her with a lovely pair of earrings and a dozen red roses.



SCENES FROM MASQUE AND WIG PLAY, "PICNIC"

**EDITORIALS**

**Achievement Awards Due; New Committee Is Needed**

Student leaders who have been particularly outstanding in extra-curricular activities during this semester are due to receive Jacksonville's second highest award early in the next semester, when Certificates of Achievement, reserved for outstanding campus leaders, will be presented at a student assembly.

**Program Began In 1953**

The achievement program was initiated here during the summer of 1953 to give recognition to students who exhibit outstanding qualities of leadership, initiative, achievement, character, and scholarship. The certificates are signed by Dr. Houston Cole, and are recognized as being second only to the Student-of-the-year Award as the highest student honor on the campus.

The program, since it was started, has steadily come to mean less and less until there have been several semesters when no awards were given. Those semesters when Certificates were awarded found students receiving awards because of belonging to a group or because of holding a title. Student of the Year Award has always been given to the outgoing president of the SGA. And in some cases this has made a joke of the award which was created for an outstanding student who had been obviously over-looked.

This year the same committee, which has, incidentally, served for too many years, made a few very bad mistakes. One man who was selected for "Who's Who" refused to accept the award and when interviewed by the Collegian said, "I have never attended an assembly, a football game, or taken part in any campus activities."

What is to be done about these injustices on the awards, committee? For one thing it is time that the SGA appointed some new members to the committee, and the faculty members appointed should have a good knowledge of what the students are doing.

The Collegian has been told that the present committee chairman will not hear of a new committee, but it is not for him to say as this is a committee which comes under the direction of the SGA. It is time they took control or else it is time that all awards should be banished.

At one time the awards meant enough for a person to work for and there were many hard workers in extra-curricular activities and a great deal was accomplished for the benefit of the students and school. Lately, it is hard to find students who will give their time to extra activities and there are few student leaders.

**Now Is A Good Time For SGA To Make Resolutions**

It seems that the time has come to revamp the entire procedure for electing class officers and other positions held by students. This year's crop has proved to be about equal to those of other years, but they have been below par for a long time now.

Right now would be a good time for the SGA to obtain the names of candidates who plan to run for office during the spring elections. These students should be carefully checked to make sure that they are qualified and their past records as office holders should be looked

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 Circulation Managers ..... Buford Howard, Bryant Whitstone  
 Social Editor ..... Bettye Fossett  
 Cartoonist ..... Gerald Williams  
 Staff Writers Betty Stephenson, Jo Ann Shipman, Shirley Ray, Gloria Wisé, Judy Archer, Joyce Bazemore, Thann Pennington  
 Photographer ..... Opal Lovett  
 Faculty Adviser ..... Mrs. R. K. Coffee

into.

The people who qualify should then be required to attend lectures pertaining to the duties of the offices for which they are campaigning. These lectures should be prepared by a committee of students who have taken active parts in student affairs during the past few years.

A new set-up is badly needed for the selection of editors for the Mimosa. This year's editor can vouch for the fact that it is a tough job for those without experience. At the present time no one is helping on the annual who intends to run for the office of editor next year.

In the past years, the many different candidates for SGA positions have spent a great deal of money during their campaign for office. The SGA should place a limit on the amount that may be spent in campaigning. Certainly a \$25 limit should be sufficient for all candidates.

There are many other things that might be considered and looked into by the SGA if only the members would come to life and try to do a better job.

Thus far this year the SGA has accomplished a great deal, however most of the credit must go to the organization's president. The latest new look brought about by the SGA is the fresh paint in Chatem Inn.

The SGA could make some very good resolutions at this time.

**Letters To The Editor**

Dear Editor:

Last month you ran an article rating the organizations of the campus.

The question I would like to have answered is on what basis were the organizations rated?

It certainly must not have been on the basis of the service that the organization provides when the college is host to a convention or honors someone with a tea.

If this had been one of the things on which the organizations were rated, the Leone Cole Home Economics Club would have received some rating.

What other club serves at banquets, teas, and conventions which help to advertise the work that is being done here at Jacksonville?

The Home Economics Club sponsors annually a fashion show for the students and gives it at the Fort.

The Club sent refreshments for a Halloween party to the tuberculosis hospital at the Fort.

The Home Economic Club is very active in the State and National Home Economics Associations.

Programs are given each month by members of the club, which are helpful to all members. They provide experience in preparing and presenting programs which will be useful in community life.

No club could have any finer sponsors than Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Matthews, Miss Kelly, and Mrs. Green.

I believe that the organizations on the campus cannot be rated as all clubs or organizations do not serve the campus in the same way, are not organized alike, and are not for the same purpose.

This is the reason I would like to know on what basis the clubs were rated.

Lucy Durham

A member of the Leone Cole Home Economics Club

Dear Mr. Editor:

In answer to your editorial about clubs in last month's paper, I would like to plead the case of the Alpha Rho Tau—the Art Club of Jacksonville State College. As Recording Secretary of the club, I was asked to write about some of the many things we have done during this fall semester.

For one thing, we decorated Hammond Hall for the Alumni Banquet during Homecoming. We also designed the posters for the Masque and Wig play, the Junior-Freshman Dance, and the covers for the Fashion Show programs. In short, every big event on campus this fall has counted on us for help and we wish to be recognized.

Shirley Vines

Recording Secretary  
 Art - Club

Ed: Certainly an apology is due the art club and the home economics club. I am glad that there are some organizations which have the spirit to let us know how they feel and let us know what they are doing. However, you must remember that every organization on the campus has a purpose and many of these have ceased to meet or take in new members. As an example, take the social science club and the Kappa Phi Kappa. What can these organizations report for the year in the way of activities? I still seek answers.

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**Bits From Bettye**  
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Happy New Year, everybody! Here we are again, paused at the threshold of a new year—1957. All the signs point toward peace and prosperity and new opportunities during this year.

With the arrival of a new year, new gossip and chit-chat arise. New couples appear on the scene. It's a fine time for a gossip editor.

Everybody, it seems, had a wonderful Christmas. But Santa Claus just had a special weakness for some people—Jean Leach, for instance. He dug down real deep in the sack and brought up a lovely ring. However—most people believe that Jimmy White was wearing the beard.

Shirley Underwood has a diamond so big she has trouble carrying it around. Isn't she the lucky girl!

During the holidays, Jeanette Painter decided she would like the feeling of two rings on her left hand better than one, so she hooked Jack Gardner into the role of her new husband.

Wedding bells rang also in December for Miss Emory Jo Harris.

Some of the other girls who got themselves engaged during the holidays are—Ann Dews Cole, Bobbie Perry, Carolyn Grant, Dot Wheelles, and Joyce Green.

I don't think I've mentioned it before, but Ann Skidmore has been wearing a diamond all semester. She is engaged to "Toot" Haas, who is a coach at Collinsville.

Record players were another popular present for Christmas Now, Mary Nell Galloway, Betty Wallis, Shirley Ray, and Dot Gabbett can listen to music all night long.

Sandra Kendall and Clark Gable are planning on a wedding at the end of this semester.

Exchanging class rings has gotten to be a fad. Arlene Powell and Hal Butler seem to think it is a good one, though.

Some of the couples seen on campus lately are—Shirley Vines and Jack Stanridge, Jo Ann Shipman and Jan Stowers, Glenda Thompson and James Brown, Mary Durham and Sonny Roberts, Vera Durham and Robert Campbell, Frankie Smith and Phil Powell, Kate Hodges and "Coosa", Patsy Thornhill and Jackie Traylor, Mildred Stevenson and J. C. Holmes, Elizabeth Wooley and Mac Carson, Kay Black and Ed. Buckner, Evelyn Latham and Norman Blalock, Susie Hicks and Conrad Wellbaum, Joanne Moore and Reginald Meeks.

Wynell Miller decided five years was too long to wait for another leap year, so she took advantage of 1956. The only disadvantage is that she gets to see her future husband only on week-ends.

We would also like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nale (Shelby Thomas). It seems that they surprised everybody by getting married early in December.

Lyndth Roden and Jimmy Morgan decided two can live as cheaply as one, and tied the knot at 8:00 o'clock, December 30.

Remember all college students, take inventory of yourself. Make New Year's resolutions and include a resolution to do more studying.



## Second Guessing

Just what has happened to basketball at Jacksonville is hard to say. The team started out with several good showings by winning their first three games. Then all of a sudden things started to happen which were not good for the Gamecocks. They lost one, then two and first thing anyone knew they were on the trail of a losing streak which it seems is hard to break.

A losing streak not being bad enough, Tom Langston has been dropped, leaving a hard to fill spot at the center position and guard Joe Ingram has a hurt ankle which will keep him from action for several days at the least. This all happened just before big contests with such teams as Howard; Athens, who has already beaten the Jaxmen in one contest; Chattanooga and Florence.

All these teams are tough and will be rated above Jacksonville. The present outlook is not at all good.

### A Look At Football

Perhaps it is a little early to be looking at the football picture, but Coach Salls doesn't think so. He is finding it rough going again this year in working out a schedule for the coming season. He has several good teams in mind for opponents, but so far the schedule is about as clear as muddy water. Football fans can look for some pleasant surprises, we believe, when the new schedule is finally completed.

Speaking of football brings to mind the players that Jacksonville will lose or have lost during the past semester. At least one of the graduating gridironers will be playing professional football next season. Yes, in case you haven't already heard, Billy Hicks will play with Montreal in the Canadian League next year. There will probably be several press releases coming this way from the border.

Another fine back who was lost from the camp was Carl Harrison. Carl not only played a fine game at the quarterback spot, but did some fine safety work. "Shorty" White has ended his career here and the thrill of seeing him run next year will be greatly missed. Venoy Jolley has also finished his days of football here. He was perhaps the fastest back on the 1956 team. Chester Skates hung up his pads after spending a very heart-breaking season because of an auto accident just before the season opened.

Linemen who will not be returning for another season include end Sam Black, centers Don Standridge, Joe Currie, and Johnny Johnson, and guards Alex Mandli and Joe Roberts.

As for the outlook on next year's team—it is not too bad. Several good backs entered the Jacksonville camp last year and will be around for two or three more seasons. They received enough experience this year to be seasoned for a hard year. Coach Salls biggest problem will most likely be filling the center spot, but with the advise of Coach Wedgeworth, centers are usually made here. All in all the starting eleven should be strong. The trouble can come from lack of reserve strength.

## "J" Club Initiates Its New Members

By Jack Standridge

Don't be surprised if you see a bunch of boys running around the campus with partially scalped heads and non-descript costumes, for it is time once again for the annual J Club initiation.

January 7 and 8 will be two eventful days for the new J Club members. The boys being initiated are those who have lettered in football or basketball for the first time this year. On the football list will be Stanley Burger, Jerry Duke, Wayne Keahey, Bill Nichols, Harold Shankles, and Harold Smith. Lettermen in basketball will be some of the boys from this group—Gary Durham, John Mayfield, Robert Cushen, Doyle Grizzell, Norman Brymer, Jerry McNabb and Don McGriff.

After Tuesday nights' basketball game with Athens will come the climax of the initiation. Among other things, a "special supper" will be served to the unlucky initiated. Rumor has it that by special request, Don Standridge and Carl Harrison will have charge of the menu. All of the old J Club members will be around to make today a miserable day for the new boys.

Congratulations is certainly due the new members—the old ones, too, for that matter, for it has taken hard work and skill on the part of each one to gain this honor, and Jacksonville State has a very fine group of lettermen in both sports.

## Parking Problem Eased On Campus

Many Jacksonville students will be glad to hear that the restrictions on parking were lifted on December 14. This means that no more tickets will be given.

This action was brought about after the administration looked into the problem and found that the school now has adequate space for the cars on campus.

Regulations were placed on campus traffic for the first time in the history of the college last September. Since that time several new parking lots have been constructed, adding several hundred car spaces to the campus. The ease-up on parking does not mean driving the wrong way on one way streets or parking on the grass will be allowed.

Jacksonville is probably the only college in the state which does not have parking difficulties. Many colleges have problems so bad that they refuse to allow freshmen to have cars on campus.

## NOTICE

There has been some discussion on the Collegian staff about picking a "Gem of the Hills" each week and run four in each issue of the Collegian.

This plan would give more girls a chance to be selected for the Collegian honor and would be additional news material for the publications bureau to send out to local daily papers.

What do you, the students think of this plan? Would like your opinion.



**COLLEGIAN'S CHOICE**—January's "Gem of the Hills" is not Atlas carrying the world. The new twist to this old belief old belief is pretty Betty Graham. A senior from Gadsden, Betty is majoring in business and minoring in English. She really has the world in the air for the new year.

## ROTC News

By Robert Payne

The report of the inspection held on December 14, 1956, by the officers of the Alabama Military District has been received and the Cadets of this institution can certainly feel proud of their unit. Our unit has received a Superior Rating by marking 93 per cent on the inspection. This was even better than last years rating, by four percentage points. This report proves that our Battalion can stand its own against any in the State.

The inspection was conducted by Col. Spinks and Lt. Hones, a graduate of Jacksonville. They were very much impressed by the performance given by the band and drill team. The drill team put on an excellent performance which impressed the inspectors very much. Each cadet was given a personal inspection by one of the officers and later the Battalion passed in review for the officers. In this review each company looked exceptionally sharp, but one company had to win in order to have a selection of the company of the month. The company winning this honor was D. Company, commanded by Cadet Captain Fred Casey.

This inspection had a two fold purpose, one was to rate our unit with other units over the state, and the second purpose was to serve as a preparation for the Federal inspection in the spring.

The rifle team has put in a lot of work and time this year and have developed into another unit of which we can be proud. They have participated in a number of matches this year, competing against teams at Auburn, Alabama, and Florence. Their most recent match was against Fort McClellan, which we won.

Cadets selected as Cadets of

the Week during December were as follows; L. H. Davis and W. T. Day.

Major General Garvin, Deputy Commander of the Third Army, will be here Monday, January 7 for a command inspection of the ROTC Department.

### Scabbard And Blade

The Scabbard and Blade undertook two important projects in the month of December. The first was to have 100 per cent contribution from its members for the Chapel Fund, which it succeeded in accomplishing. The second was to provide a free informal social each month for the members of the Blade and their dates. The first was held in December and was a success. At the social we had a variety of entertainment varying from dancing to games, and a good time was had by all.

### STUDY

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British Universities have combined annually since 1948 to organize a special program of summer schools. Courses are planned to serve the needs of post-graduate students, but highly qualified undergraduates in their junior or senior years will be accepted. Many American universities allow credit for attendance at these sessions to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Courses to be offered next summer are Shakespeare and Elizabethan Drama, the University of Birmingham course given at Stratford; Literature and Art in Georgian England, 1740-1830, at the University of London; Literature, Politics and the Arts in Seventeenth-Century England, at Oxford University; The European Inheritance given by the Scottish Universities at the University of Edinburgh; and English Law and Jurisprudence at the University of London.



During World War II a newspaper reporter wrote a book about the early phase of the war in the Philippines and called it **They Were Expendable**. It was the story of a squadron of PT boats that were hastily thrown into the sea battle around the Philippine Islands, not with the idea of defeating the Japanese navy, for our naval leaders knew that the small, frail but speedy crafts had little chance against the destroyers, battleships and airplanes that the Japanese had on hand. The PT boats and their crews were looked upon as expendable; that is, the navy was willing to sacrifice them without any hope of their escaping in order to inflict some damage on the Japanese navy and to gain a little time. There were many times during the war when men were regarded as expendable. Sometimes they were treated as little more than Army Serial Numbers stamped on the dog tags that the soldiers wore around their necks.

Often in our civilization we treat people as expendable. They become the great masses that are viewed not as a group of personalities, but rather as anonymous digits that do not really count. Sometimes they are treated as dogs in the great machinery of industry. Sometimes governments treat them as a great herd that is directed according to the whims of the great leader. Some politicians look upon them as potential votes to be begged, borrowed, stolen or bought in a given election. Quite often unscrupulous men use their fellowmen as means to an end, much as checkers are moved about on a checker board. We become concerned with statistics and numbers, and in that concern overlook the importance of the individual personality.

There is nothing more degrading to human life and more frustrating to the individual than to be considered in such a way. When a person is treated as a thing and not as a person it is a basic denial of his humanity, and consequently arouses resentment or causes inner disharmony that may later lead to serious trouble. Perhaps it is this very fact that has caused the great restless stirring of what we sometimes call "the masses." Perhaps it is one of the reasons that today more than one-half of the patients in our hospitals are people who are mentally ill.

Jesus constantly emphasized God's concern not just with the masses of humanity, but with each individual person. As he put it, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows." To God no man is expendable.

To make this point strikingly clear Jesus told the beautiful parable of the Lost Sheep. There is no more beautiful or striking picture of God's love and concern for each of us than the story of the lost sheep. Christ pictured as the Good Shepherd has always caught the imagination of artists and poets and has been painted for us countless times both on canvases and in words. Perhaps the

most striking thing about this picture of God's love for the lost is that He seeks the lost; it is not just a matter of welcoming the lost back, but rather searching diligently for the lost.

Do you ever feel that no one cares about you, that your life has no real meaning or significance, that there is really little that you can become? The Good News that Christ came to bring to the world is that God does care, that His love is so great that He gave His only Son to show us that love and that we might have everlasting life.

We often read in the newspaper about the all-out efforts made to find a downed airman, or the all-night search of an entire community through the woods seeking a lost child who has strayed from home. These examples only give us a faint reflection of God's constant search for His own who have gone astray, who have wandered aimlessly into dangerous and terrifying places. No, you are not expendable, God still loves and cares for you, however far you may have wandered from the fold.

Every person in the world is unique. Each of us is distinctive by birth. None of us is an exact copy of his parents. We are like no one else who has ever lived. We have our own fingerprints, our own accent of voice, our own turn of thought, our own abilities and potentialities. God needs each of us and has a purpose for our lives. As one writer put it, "God has made you a necessity in some situation, and He has provided no substitute for you." You may say, "What can God do with my life, as devoid of talent as I am?" Some years ago there lived in California a great botanist named Burbank who had the marvelous ability of bringing out new strands of flowers from what had been useless weeds. In his hands every weed was a potential flower. In the same way, everyone of us in the hands of God are potential saints. God can remould and remake our lives into marvelous instruments of His purposes in the world; and our lives can flower forth, beautifying and purifying all that is around us. You say, "How can He do it?" He can do it as we respond to His love that is constantly seeking us out, and submit our lives to Him and His will for us.

It is not just the respectable church members, the wealthy people, the socially acceptable people, the Americans, or the white race that God loves. No, His is an impartial love for us all, whatever our station in life may be. The opening words of a prayer of St. Augustine expresses this love of God that is for each of us: "O Lord, who so carest for everyone of us as if Thou carest for him only, and so for all, as if they were but one." In His sight you are not expendable, but His child whom He loves and for whom Christ died.

Tom Stevenson

"Not guilty of bigamy, said the judge. "You may go home."  
"Thanks, judge, which one!"  
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When a girl says she's got a boyish figure, it's usually straight from the shoulder.  
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"Slush, you've been drinking for many, many years . . . why don't you stop?"  
"What!—and give up something I've got \$50,000 invested in."  
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With the advent of the new year it is natural that we look backward as well as to look forward; for in so doing we are able to clean the good from that past in order to build and to go forward in the future.

In the world of thoughts and ideas it is the same as in the practical business world. The literary world in its own way contributes its labor to progress as well as does science to technology; therefore it seems fitting that we examine something of the value of its output.

Let us examine briefly some outstanding contributions in 1956 to the world of literature. In looking at those books which have received good reports from the critics and those receiving mention on the best-seller lists, we discover that many of the best books for the past year in fiction and in non-fiction are those written about a period in history or books that are concerned with people in history. Some cover an aspect of politics and history in the making.

Writers in 1956 have found in the people and events about the Civil War material for very readable and informative books both in fiction and non-fiction. During the past twelve months some thirty books—novels, biographies, monographs, and special studies—have been published concerning this subject. McKinley Kantor's **Andersonville**, though published late in 1955 stayed on the best-seller list throughout 1956. It gave a very vivid account of prison conditions in the South during the Civil War. For his contribution Mr. Kantor received the Pulitzer Prize. Bruce Catton's **This Hallowed Ground**, also became the best-seller, admirably describing the Union side of the fighting. The figures of this period have always found an important place in literature and 1956 brought a renewed interest in them. Importantly mentioned among such biographies was Kenneth P. Williams, **Lincoln Find A General**. This endeavor appears in four volumes, the fourth **Iuka to Vicksburg**—appearing in October. Writers have found in the Civil War—the supreme national experience—the opportunity to recreate the war's drama, gallantry, cowardice, and tragedy.

The Civil War was not the only period in America's history that claimed attention in the past year. The coverage of historical events and percentages has run the gamut from early days to the present. The University of Chicago Press has begun a new series of brief histories with Edmund S. Morgan's **The Birth of the American Republic**. Colorful and inspiring are C. S. Forester's, **Age of the Fighting Sail** and Irving Stone's, **Men to Match My Mountains**. Eric F. Goldman reviewed the years since World War II in **The Crucial Decade**.

1956 was a vintage year for biography dealing with historic personages. Samuel Flagg Bemis's **John Quincy Adams and the Union** noted for its historical scholarship, rated high. **Three Saints and a Sinner**, the fascinating look at the family of Julia Ward Howe, offered by Louise Hall Tharp proved successful. **Charles Evans Hughes and American**

## ROTC Drill Team Begins 3rd Year

By Jo Fay Phillips & Gloria Wise

Now entering its third year on the Jacksonville State campus is the R.O.T.C. Drill Team. Still in the formulating stage, the team is growing each year, both in number and in skill.

At the present time the drill team is under the able direction of Cadet Captain William Powell, a senior from Attalla. Sponsor for the group is Captain Mary Durham, a Gadsden sophomore.

Composed by twenty-four cadets, all of whom are freshmen and sophomores, the team is built on a purely volunteer basis. Of the volunteers applying for the team, those showing the most promise begin on a program which consumes a great deal of time. The regulation drills prescribed by the army are learned, and other drills are invented and perfected by the group. For their efforts, members of the team receive five merits per semester. As a reward for proficiency, the cadets are allowed to wear red shoulder tabs. The unit has performed at homecoming, the South Georgia game, and at Alexandria, Nov. 16.

There will be several openings on the team next semester. Any ROTC Cadets who are interested should get in touch with Capt. Powell. This colorful and skilled group is an asset to both the military department and to the college as a whole. We look forward to future performances by the team.

JOHN L. OLDHAM

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Jane Watkins.

Following that, they were in Martinsburg, W. Va., for 10 years; Jacksonville, Fla., for 12 years, and have been in Jacksonville since August, 1942.

During his ministry here, Mr. Oldham has re-vitalized the church. Under his guidance, the congregation has grown and a full church program is carried out. The work of the men of the church has been especially outstanding. His weekly column in the Jacksonville News has become one of its most popular features, and he has identified himself with all phases of community life.

Jacksonville citizens are happy that Mr. and Mrs. Oldham will continue to live here and that his retirement will not take them away from this place where they are greatly beloved.

**Democratic Statesmanship** by Dexter Perkins and Roosevelt; **The Lion and the Fox**, a life of Franklin D. Roosevelt, by James McGregor Burns were ably written.

One of the most widely read books in the field of biography has been John F. Kennedy's **Profiles in Courage**, sketches of statesmen in integrity.

It seems strange that the book rated high for its political significance is in the fiction field. Edwin O'Connor in **The Last Hurrah** presents authentically big city politics and the Irish in New England. This book is mentioned favorably for a Pulitzer Prize.

The writer, the critic, and the reader in 1956, all seem to have been favorably impressed by the history of our country and the people who have contributed to its interest and greatness.

## FOREIGN STUDENTS

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ed barbecue and square dance topped off the activities.

The group met with other students from here in Tampa for New Year's Eve where they had supper and danced. They returned to Jacksonville on January 2.

The other group included Margarite Dewar, Jackie Verhaegen, Steve Sirisinha, and Paul Frys. This group visited St. Augustine, Tampa, Sarasota, Bradenton, and Venice. They enjoyed sight-seeing tours, boating, and visits to several private homes. They tried getting radio contact with Europe, but were only able to pick up England. A highlight of this group was a swimming party in the Gulf of Mexico on December 27.

When asked what they liked best about the trip, their replies were:

Steve—"Food and girls in shorts"

Jackie—"Climate"

Margarite—"Palm trees"

## LARGE DONATIONS

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Dr. Cole said the gift is the largest sum of money ever appropriated for a scholarship fund in the state of Alabama.

This fund will provide scholarships for at least 100 boys and girls each year who would not be able to attend college otherwise.

In fact, it is estimated that every boy and girl in this part of the state, whose record justifies a scholarship and who cannot finance himself, should be provided with the means through this fund.

Mrs. Logan was Nannie E. Walker before her marriage. She was a member of a large Jackson County family and, although she had a burning desire for a college education, she was deprived of it because of limited means.

After making a good record in high school, she took a state examination for a teacher's certificate and eventually received a life certificate. She taught in Albertville, then left Alabama to teach in Texas.

She saved her money and bought cheap land on which oil was later discovered. A provident and shrewd business woman, she invested her dividends wisely and over a period of 35 or 40 years became a very wealthy woman.

Although she lived to see every material wish gratified, she never got over the disappointment of being unable to go to college when she was young. Buried within her was the determination to make it possible for deserving boys and girls with limited means to secure college training and to fit themselves for professions.

Looking around for an institution through which this dream could be realized, she chose Jacksonville where her sister, Mrs. W. M. Posey, had been a teacher in the training school. After her death, her will was probated, and President Cole was notified of her last instructions.

President Cole stated that the scholarships will probably be available by the fall term of 1957.

There are more important things than money but they won't go out with you if you've broke.

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Someone has come to the conclusion that the reason God made woman after He made man was because He didn't want any advice.