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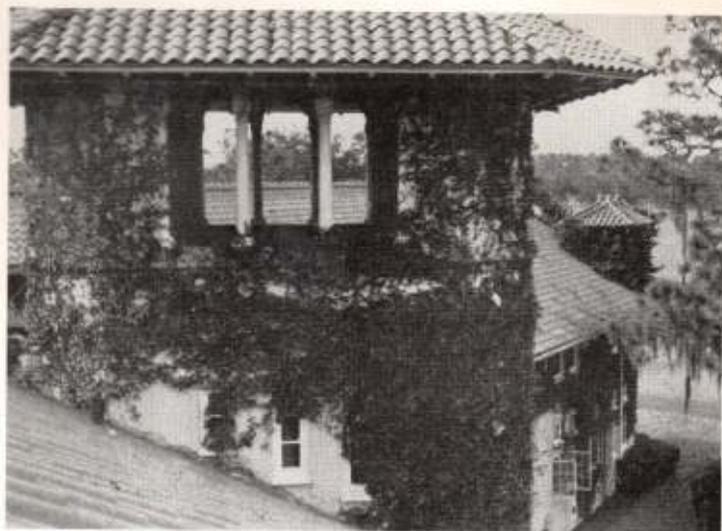




DR. W. T. WATSON, *President*

A Tribute to Our President

TO A MAN whose vision never dims; whose faith never falters; and whose energies seemingly, are never exhausted; whose prayers, faith and sacrificial efforts have been rewarded in the establishment of "an institution with a purpose," through which many young people are receiving training for Christian service, which makes for a maximum of efficiency, at which fountain we have been privileged to drink deep, and for which we are thankful! To him we bring our tribute.



FOREWORD

HERE, my friends, is a book of memories, prepared out of materials so fresh, they are hardly memories yet. They have been snatched out from under the galloping hoofs of time, and have been crystallized into a form which we trust will stand as a monument to the Florida Bible Institute, and as the embodiment of our affection, appreciation, respect and reverence.

To the Faculty, Directors and Friends of the Institute, as well as to our fellow students, who have helped us in every possible way, we give our profound gratitude.

To the Seniors, going out on the long trail of service, we present your future memories, caught as they hurried across the narrow threshold of the present, into the twilight country of the past; May they ever be a joyful and prideful reminder of happy days and hours well spent within the environs of your Alma Mater.

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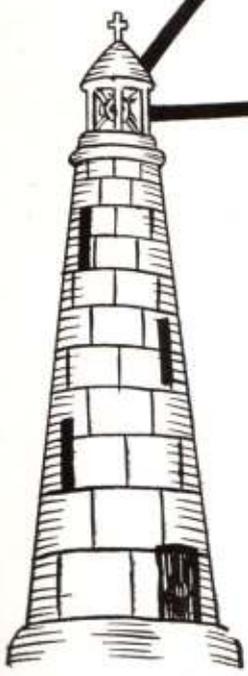
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DEDICATION

TO DR. AND MRS. A. A. SMITH,
Our Sponsors, whose devotion to duty has inspired us; whose sincere faith has strengthened us, whose beauty of soul enriched us; we affectionately dedicate this 1939 Beacon.

Faculty



You splendid teachers of F. B. I.
Who know as few others our worth,
Your eyes have followed our paths each day,
You've witnessed our sorrow and mirth.

"Now, as surely comes the even tide,
Drawing the curtains of night,
So comes the end of Institute days,
Showing bigger things in sight.

"For the better view of the bigger things,
We'll ever owe to thee;
Thanks from the depth of earnest hearts,
Deep as the fathomless sea.

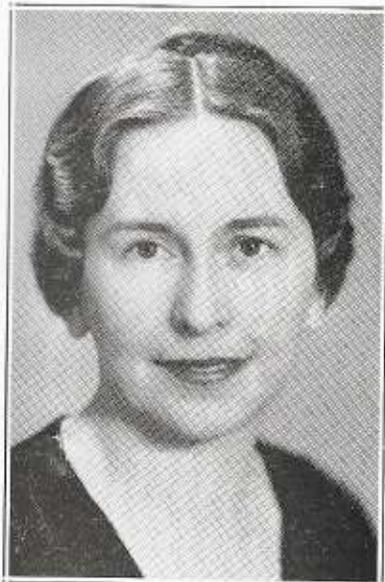
"And as years pass by and time rolls on,
'Till the Master Weaver calls,
We'll fill in the warp of life, the plans
You gave, with such thought, to us all."



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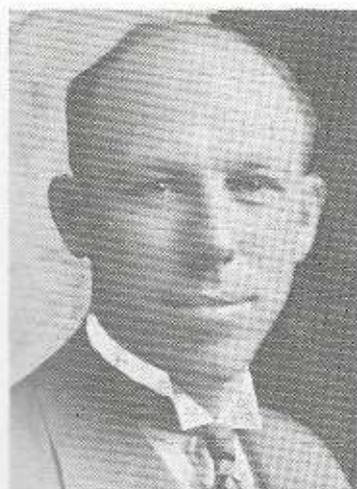
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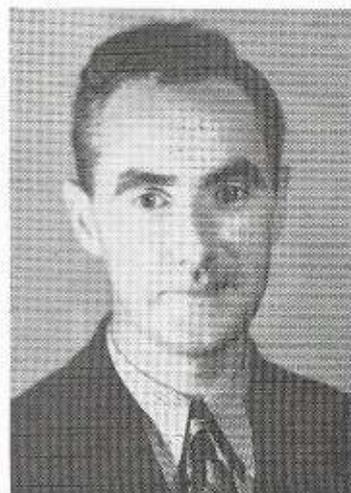
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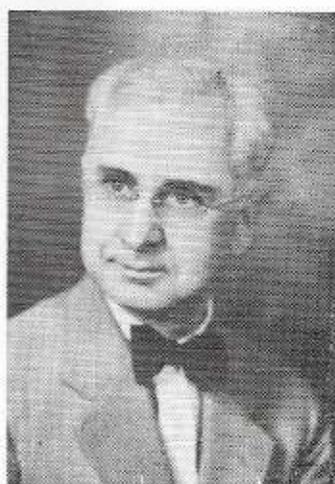
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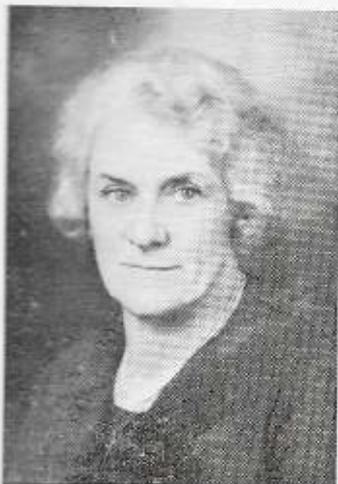
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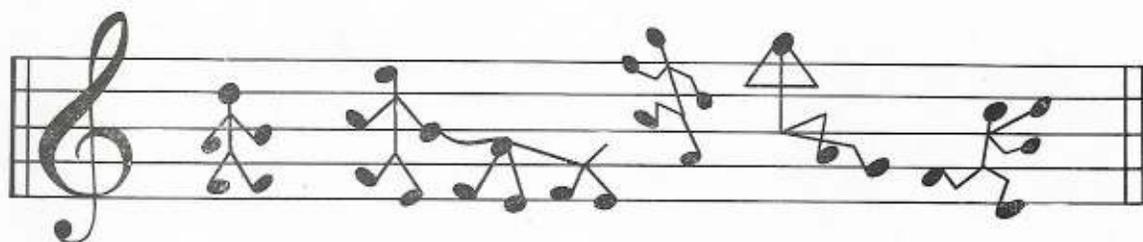
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Classes

In Memoriam



Mrs. Genevive Meyer, of the class of '39, was called to a higher realm of service, April 12th. She was deeply loved and appreciated by both faculty and student body, and in her home-going, the Florida Bible Institute and the Senior Class have sustained a great loss. To her devoted husband, whose faith and courage has been a benediction to all, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Meyer radiated a profound, Christ-like influence at the Institute which was a benediction to everyone. She, though now with Christ, continues to live in the sacred memories of those who knew and loved her. Her home-going was a glorious triumph over death, and "we sorrow not as those who have no hope."

Senior Class

CLASS COLORS

Red and White

CLASS MOTTO

"Forward with Christ"

CLASS VERSE

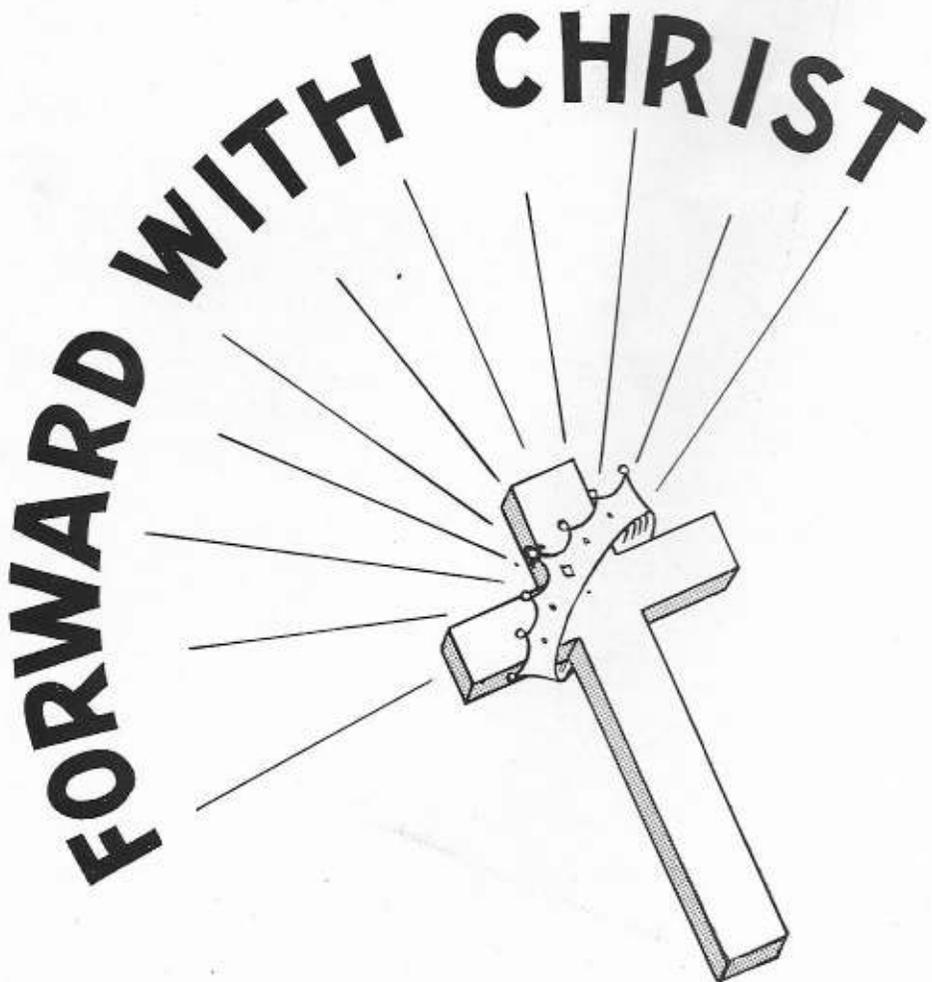
Phillipians 4:13

CLASS FLOWER

Red Rose

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CLASS POEM

A Candle Lighted

We leave the halls of F. B. I.
As a candle, dimly lighted;
We venture forth, for Christ our Lord,
In a world, by sin benighted.

This tiny flame, may shed a ray,
On a path, which sin has darkened:
A word of love, from one of us,
May cause some soul to hearken.

We pledge to you, our Alma Mater,
That the candle you have lighted,
Shall brighter grow, as on we go,
'Till the Heavenly Land is sighted.

This tiny flame, may some day be,
A mighty beacon, gleaming;
Sending the light, to lands afar,
With love and mercy, streaming.

So, the Class of Thirty-nine, goes forth;
As a candle, dimly lighted,
Or beacon bright, for Christ to shine,
In a world, by sin benighted.

—Elizabeth Beard.



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Junior Class

CLASS COLORS

Blue and Gold

CLASS MOTTO

"All for Christ"

CLASS VERSES

Philippians 3:13, 14

CLASS FLOWER

Sweet Pea

CLASS SONG

Jesus Only

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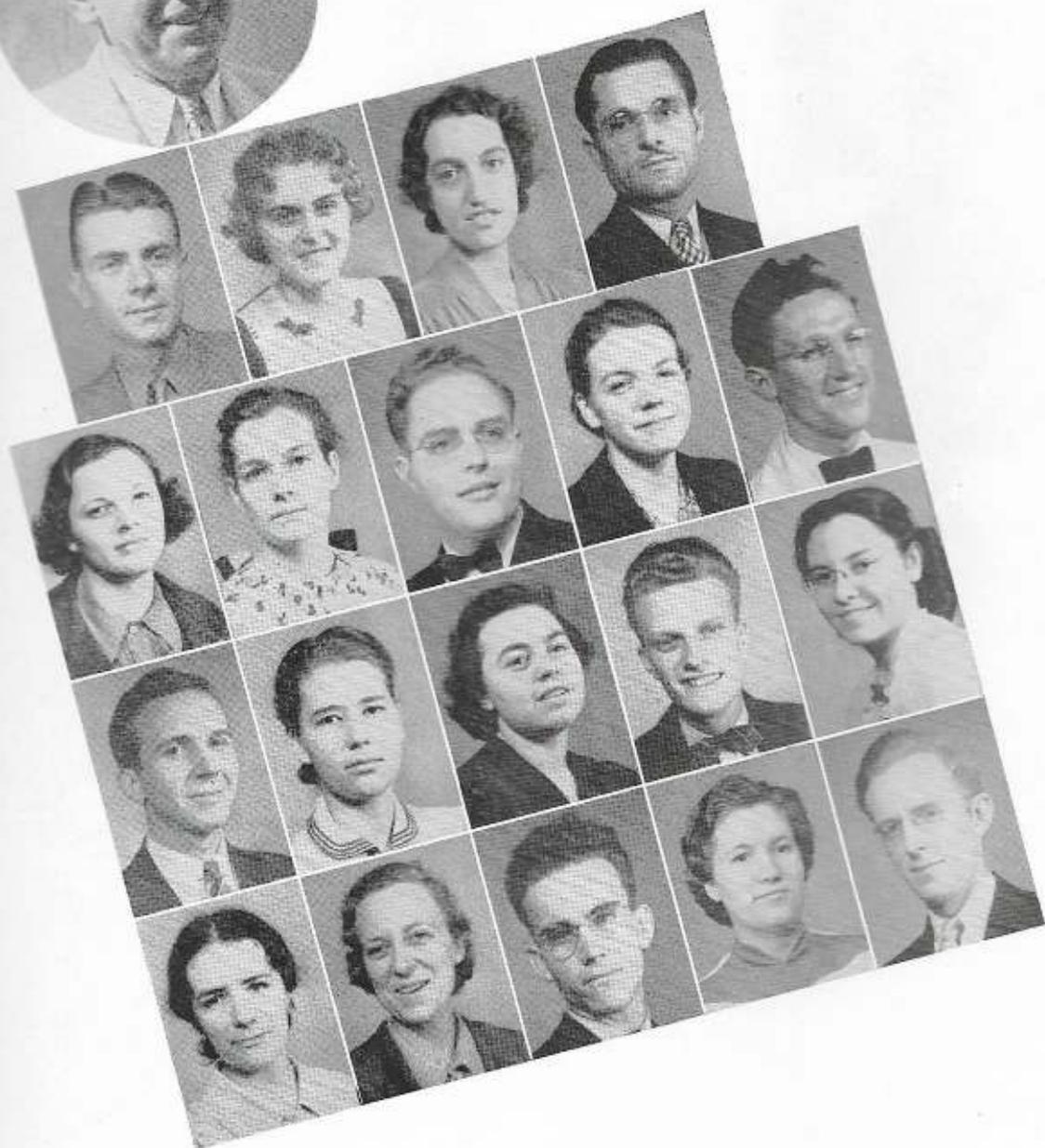
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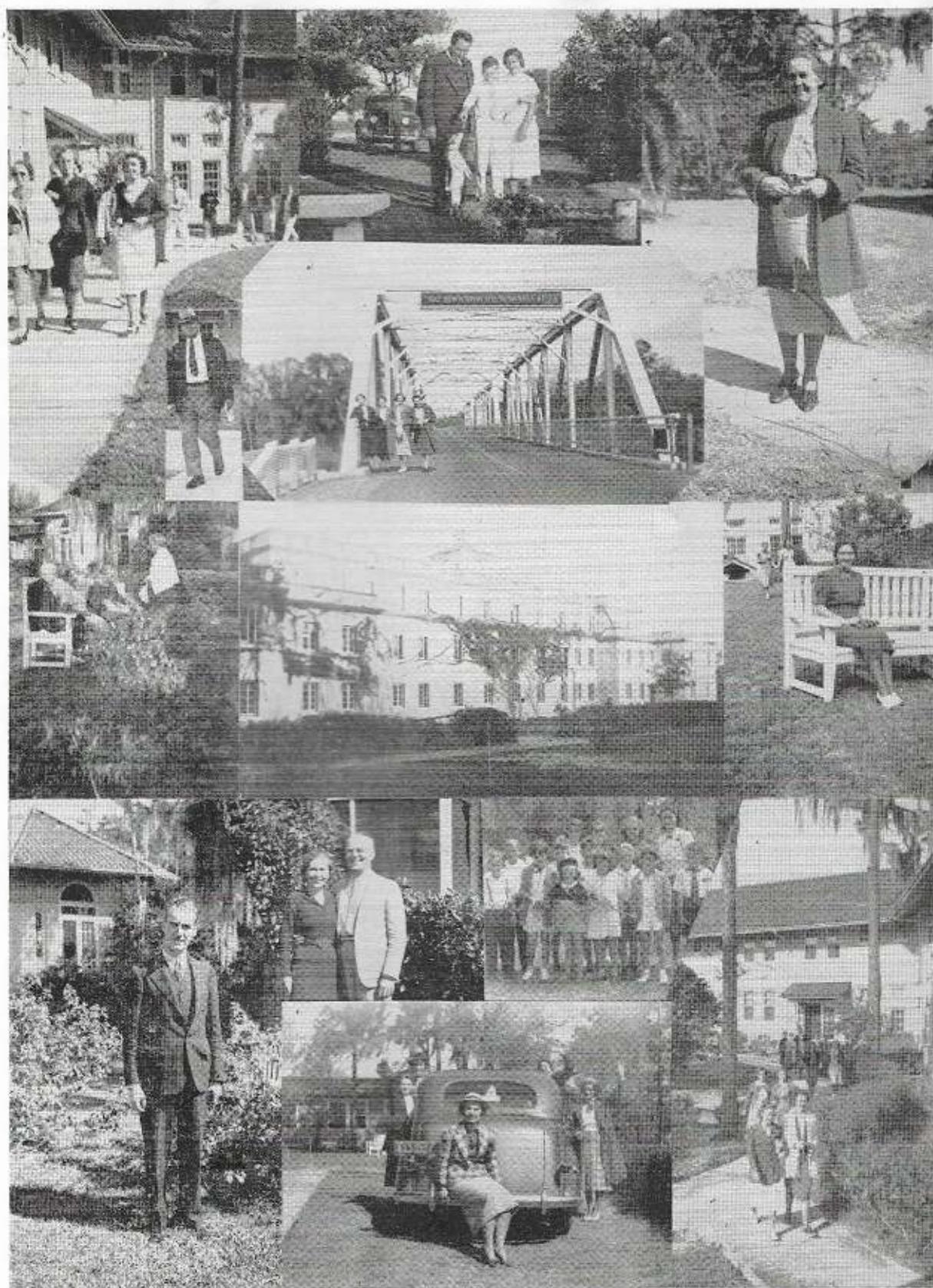
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JUNIOR CLASS





Freshman Class

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

CLASS MOTTO

"Saved to Serve"

CLASS VERSE

Proverbs, 11:30

CLASS FLOWER

Gardenia

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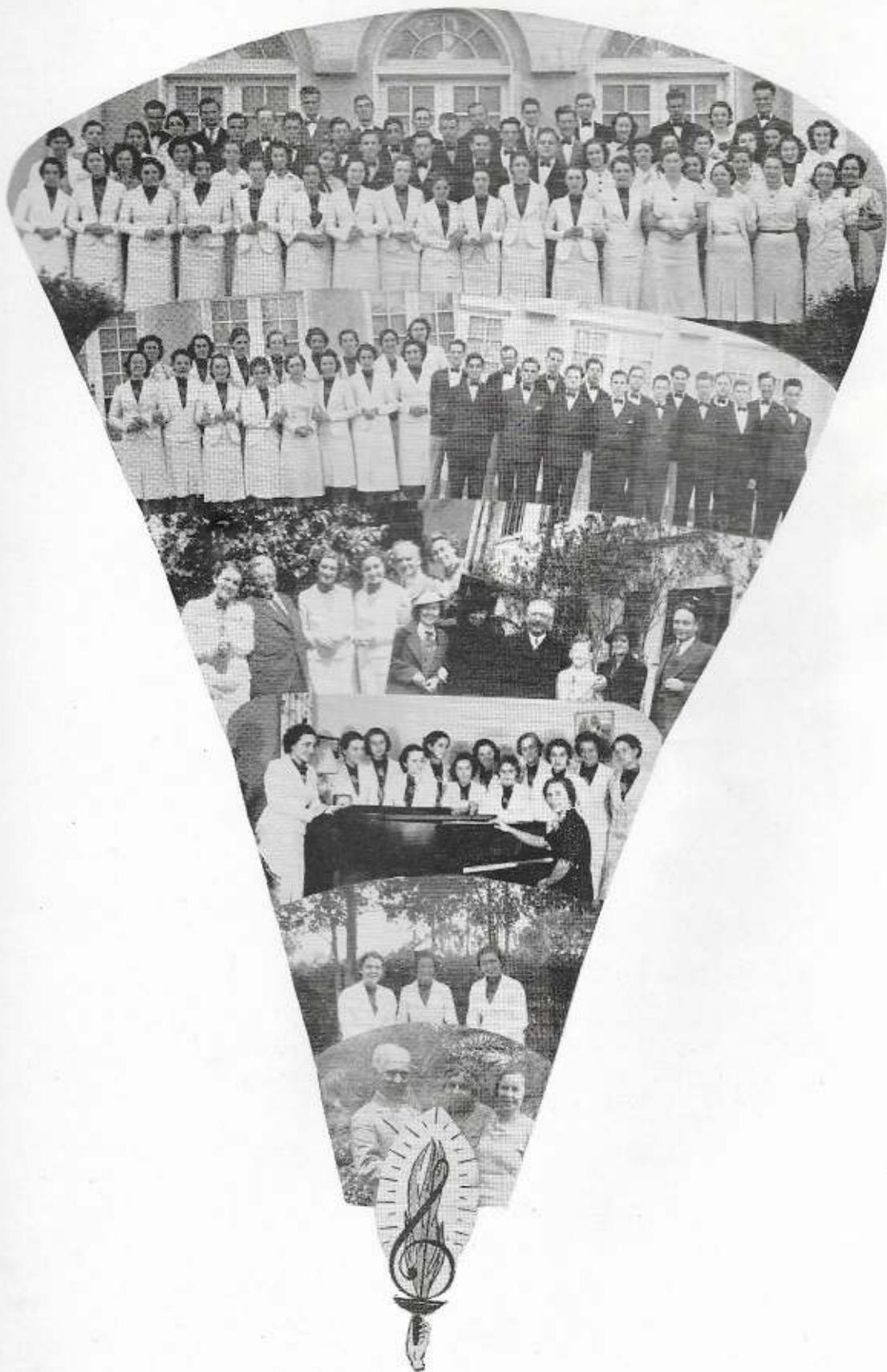




Activities

Music Department





GENERAL CHORUS

L. H. Markham

The Bible contains innumerable references to music, and its importance in public worship and for private inspiration. Such passages as, "Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing," (Psalm 102:2). And "I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding," (I Cor. 14:15) make it unthinkable for us to reach the heights of true worship, without music. It has been said, "music clears the mind of sorrow and worry, and fits one to take up the load or responsibility with renewed vigor."

Each year at the Florida Bible Institute, students have been organized into a General Chorus, and trained with a two-fold purpose in view: To acquaint the student with the beauty and interpretation of good music, and the singing to the public, the Gospel message in an efficient and understandable manner.

The music department activities also includes, the training of smaller groups, such as Glee Clubs, for both men and women; quartettes, trios, duets and solos.

LADIES' A CAPELLA CHOIR

Mrs. J. T. Mathes

The ministry of the A Capella Choir, has been far reaching this year. Their faithful practice has been rewarded by the privilege of singing, not only at F. B. I. but in many cities over the state.



The mountain peaks of the year's work were reached in Sacred Concert Tours, with President Watson, Gipsy Smith Sr., and Homer Rodeheaver. They visited many places; among which were: Plant City, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Saint Augustine, Daytona Beach and Jacksonville. Radio programs were given in many of these cities. Only eternity will reveal the good accomplished through trained and consecrated voices; blended in "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

LADIES' QUARTET AND TRIO

"The light that shines the farthest, shines the brightest at home!" This is very applicable to the ladies' quartet and trio. Often during quiet hours, their sweet voices rang forth in the halls of the Tect's Building, giving a deeper atmosphere to devotion and praise. Words of comfort were wafted in sweet harmonies, into sick rooms and hospitals nearby. Their ministry has carried them from Thomasville, Georgia, to Miami, Florida; and along the way, they have scattered the story of Jesus and His love, with their singing.



FLORIDA KESWICK SPEAKERS 1939



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Features

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A Religion--
That does nothing,
That gives nothing,
That costs nothing,
Is worth nothing!

Do you want Christ to represent you above as you represent Him below?

The Seniors had a wonderful time on the boat trip. Where did all the candy, ice cream and cookies go? Ask Pat...

Mrs. Todd: Allene you are a good thinker. You are right up on your toes in English.

Eddy: How about me Mrs. Todd, do you think I'm run down at the heels in English?

Averitt: I'm getting so absent minded. I sat up till midnight last night trying to remember what I wanted to do.

Bob: Did you ever remember?

Averitt: Yes, I finally remembered that I wanted to go to bed early.

Howard K.: (Entering late for breakfast) Dr. Grimes that bell rang before I got here.

Somebody tell Billy to duck, Audrey is looking for a toothpick.

Miss Ellis: (At 10 P.M.) Points out girls, or lights will be given.

Uncle Tom: Who turned off that hot air fan?

Mildred Mc.: I did; I was drying my head.

Uncle Tom: I thought I smelled wood burning.

Speaking of professions, Orpha just suggested she would like to learn to cook. I wonder why? Maybe she likes Graham crackers. Eh?

Musically speaking, if Bill Conner doesn't C (sharp) he will B (flat).

The students and Faculty express their appreciation to Miss Grover for the wonderful improvement made in our library.

Mabel: Yes, Bernice and I enjoy each other very much.

Emily: Of course you do, you both enjoy a good joke.

Ponzi: (To Henry Ellen) What is better than an i-deah?

Henry Ellen: I don't know.

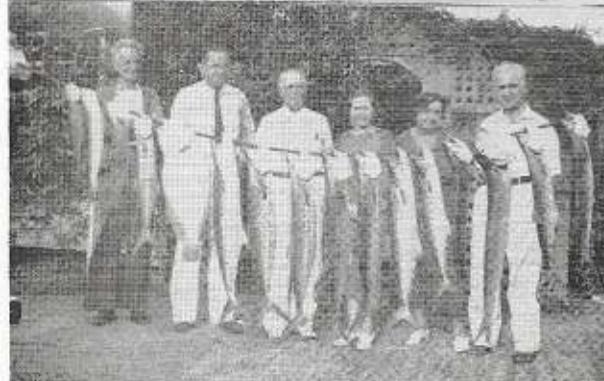
Ponzi: U-deah.

NEWS FLASH!! Dr Grimes, our dignified Dean, develops into another Rodeheaver.

Knowles had gone to practice with Mr. Markham, so Lawrence left this note on Knowles pillow: "If I am studying when you get back, wake me up, please."

Have you heard the F.B.I. morning call? "Get up and enjoy salvation."

SPORTS



LOG

- September 6. Doors were thrown open. The usual quiet, in the vicinity of the school grounds was broken by groups of returning students. Enthusiasm reigned supreme—new hands were clasped in welcome—old friends greeted with warm affection. Opening speeches and testimonies were enjoyed. All signs pointed to an excellent year, full of promise.
- September 8. Late arrivals registered. Lessons became a reality.
- September 13. All schedules fixed and our last hope of ease had vanished.
- October 29. Hallowe'en Party. We hardly recognized some of the Faculty. The spaghetti was fine.
- November 7. We'll never forget the boat ride. The "eats" were good and there was plenty of ice-cream and candy—even for Pat.
- November 23. Thanksgiving vacation began.
- December 5. Edith Linder: "I feel like a two year old this morning."
Beth Blowers: "Egg or Colt?"
- December 22. Everything hotsy-totsy. Such activity—practically all going home for Christmas.
- December 25. Merry Christmas. All of those staying at school enjoyed a Turkey dinner.
- January 3. Wonderful holidays that are no more! Lessons resumed.
- January 4. Dr. W. B. Riley spoke at Keswick Hour.
- January 6. Dr. Paul W. Rood President of World's Christian Fundamental Association, speaker.
- January 7. Dr. Vance Havner.
- January 20. Dr. Leland Wang.
- January 24. Dr. H. C. Morrison of Ashbury College, speaker.
- March 8. Dr. W. H. Ayer, pastor of Calvary Church, New York, our speaker.
- March 16. Pat: "Mrs. Todd if I was invited out to dinner should I eat my pie with a fork?"
Mrs. Todd: "Certainly Pat."
- Pat: "Would you speak to them in the kitchen and ask them to give me a piece of pie to practice on."
- March 20. Keswick Hour over. New schedule for rest of semester.
- April 12. We lost today one of our best loved students. Mrs. Genevive Meyer passed on to be with the Lord.
- April 20. Senior outing. Slept (?) at Lake Swan; but ask any Senior where we spent the rest of the time. Enjoyed swimming, saw Ravine Gardens, Silver Springs, Fort and Fountain of Youth at St. Augustine. Also broadcasted over Station W F O Y.
- May 14. Baccalaureate. Speaker, Dr. A. A. Smith. Subject: "The Challenge of the Future."
- May 15. Class Night.
- May 16. Alumni Banquet.
- May 18. Commencement. Betty Beard and Robert Adams married.

Adieu!

Alumni

F. B. I. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Another milestone has passed in the work of the Alumni Association; and our hearts are filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings of our Lord upon the ministry of those who have gone forth from their Alma Mater.

The addition of each graduating class to the ranks of the Alumni Association, makes possible the sending of the Gospel light farther into the darkened fields of the world. We now have missionaries in the British West Indies and dark Africa. Ere long, others of our association will be in other mission fields.

It is the aim of the Alumni Association to do all in their power towards the upbuilding of their Alma Mater, in every phase of its life; To hold high its standards and traditions, by being true to Christ, true to His Word, and faithful to the One who has called us to be "Ambassadors of light" to those in darkness.

TO THE CLASS OF '39

It is with pleasure that we welcome you into the ranks of the Alumni Association, and we believe your addition to our association will mean much added blessing upon its ministry and activities.

May you face the coming days with courage,
And be sustained by faith,
And tho' you travel far, so far,
God grant your road may turn this way,
And bring you back sometime,
To your Alma Mater, F. B. I.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

- Cloud, Rev. Steve, '36, (Married) 6309, 15th St., Tampa, Fla.
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Ware, Hazel, '36, Toccoa Falls Institute, Toccoa Falls, Ga.
Williams, Willizell, '36, Duncan Avenue, Tampa, Fla.
Rich, Rev. Howard, '37, (married) Eden, New York. Pastor.

ALUMNI Continued

- Green, Rev. Phillip, '37, Florida. Pastor.
Rich, Kathleen, '37, St. Petersburg, Fla. Young People's worker.
Clements, Clara, '37, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. Student.
Cavanagh, Inez, '37, 2819 Taliaferro St., Tampa, Florida. S. S. worker.
Street, Rev. Howard, '37, Shanbumbu Kahemba, via Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa
Missionary.
Street, Mrs. Rene, '38. (Rene Corley) Congo Belge. Missionary.
Hall, Ruby, '37, Marion, North Carolina.
Gustafson, Roy, '37, Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. Student.
Phillips, Betty, '38, Houston, Texas. Worker, Bible Cyclorama.
Boyer, Winifred, '38, Hope Mission, Laurel St., Tampa, Fla. Teacher.
Pettigrew, Eva, '38, Thomasville, Ga. Religious Education Work.
Massey, Rev. Charles, '38, Statesville, N. C. Pastor.
Duncan, Ruth, '38, Florida Bible Institute, Tampa, Fla. Worker.
Houser, Betty Ann, '38, Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.
Marshall, Sylvia, '38, Chicago, Ill.
Alexander, Mary Ann, '34, Detroit Mich. Church Secretary.
Bragg, Rev. Irvine, '34 (and wife) Lumberton, N. C. Pastor.
Robles, Mary Louise, '34, R. F. D. No. 1, (Lake Magdalene) Tampa, Fla.
Jewell, James, '34, New Castle, Penn.
Corwin, Rev. Orland, '34, 2322 Laurel St., Tampa, Fla.
Worker, Hope Mission, Missionary elect.
Van Dongen, Mrs. Edith, '34, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ellis, Louise, '34, Florida Bible Institute. Teacher.
Brook, Brunette, '34, Florida Bible Institute, Office Secretary.
Bragan, Mrs. Harris, '36, (Margaret Scott) Cayman Brac, B. W. I.
Brice, Charlene, '35, St. Petersburg, Fla. Music Teacher.
Harlee, Rev. Harold, '35, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.
Epperson, Rev. Charles, '35, High Point, N. C. Assistant Pastor.
Bragan, Rev. Harris, '35, Cayman Brac, B. W. I. Missionary.
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Lennon, Dorothy, '35 Florida Bible Institute, Tampa, Fla. Book Room.
Brooker, Rev. Latimer, '36, Holden, West Virginia. Pastor.
Brooker, Mrs. Ida, '36 (Ida Newcomb) Holden W. Virginia.
Caulkins, Louise, '36, Lake Harbor, Mich. Secretary, Maranatha Conference.
Hayward, Marjorie, '36, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.
Wolter, Mrs. Victor, (Gretchen Hunker, '36) Salisbury, Mo. Teacher.
McQuarters, Mary, '36, Booth Memorial Hospital New York. In Training.
Rodgers, Mrs. Ed, '36, (Margaret Maupin) Clearwater, Fla.
Gannon, Susanne, '36, St. Petersburg, Fla. Pastor's Secretary.
Lefforge, Everett, '36, Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago. Student.
Godfrey, Rev. Robert, '36, Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn. Student.
Mileham, Lorraine, '36, Orlando, Fla. Christian Endeavor worker.
Bragan, Murray, '36, Taylor University, Upland, Ind. Student.

MISSIONS

KATHERINE MASSERVY

The Florida Bible Institute has been true to the great commission, to "preach the Gospel to every creature." It has been one of the primary purposes of this institution from its inception and founding, to train young men and women, who will help to carry the message of salvation to the ends of the earth.

MR. AND MRS. HARRIS BRAGAN

Among those who have gone from this institution to "the regions beyond," are Mr. and Mrs. Harris Bragan, (Margaret Scott) who have been laboring in the Cayman Islands for the past three years. They have five churches on Caymen Brac island in which they are doing a heroic piece of work for the Lord. A little daughter, named Carolyn Ann, has recently come to their home, to bless and cheer them. They write: "The Lord has been so real and precious to us, as we have sought to serve Him here in the little island of Cayman Brac. We find in Jesus a true friend, and faithful to all His promises."

MR. AND MRS. HOWARD STREET

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Street, (Rene Corley) also of our Alumni, sailed in October 1938 for mission work in Africa, under the auspices of the "Unevangelized Tribes Mission." They are already assigned to their station, and busy learning the language, where they expect to work among the "Pigmies" of Africa.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

Mr. Orland Corwin, of the class of '35, has been accepted as a missionary by the Inland South America Missionary Union, and will doubtless sail this year sometime, for work in South America.

Among the graduating class this year, are a number of missionary candidates, who feel called to fields in South America, Africa, British West Indies, Armenia and Korea.

F. B. I. GIDEON BAND

The F. B. I. Gideon Band was instituted over a year ago, to assist in the training of worthy Christian Youth. Out of the thousands who were with Gideon, only three hundred were instrumental in bringing the victory. From among the thousands of friends of F. B. I., we are endeavoring to get three hundred who will give One Dollar, or more, each month for the support of the school.

To meet the actual operating expenses of the school, it is necessary to raise more than one thousand dollars each month, above the regular income. Everyone interested in the training of worthy Christian young people, for a life of service, should cooperate in this work and fellowship of the F. B. I. Gideon Band. This is an investment which will bring eternal dividends. An official membership card is issued to each member, and they will receive the school bulletin, and special news letters from the Institute. Many have already enlisted in this worthy cause, and anyone who is interested may address the President of the Institute.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

Louise Ellis

It is reported that there are more than 27,000,000 boys and girls and young people in the United States today, who are growing up without any systematic religious training whatsoever. These young people of today, will be the home builders, the fathers and mothers of tomorrow. The kind of citizens they will be, depends on the kind of training they receive while young. The three institutions which train youth are the home, the school and the church. In many of the homes, and most of the schools today, little or no attention is given to spiritual training.

The church has children such a small part of their time, even where children attend Sunday School regularly, that it makes it difficult for the church to offset the influence of the home and school, or to make up, for the lack of religious training, in these two institutions. If a child attends Sunday School, every Sunday in the year without missing, he or she is only in actual class study approximately 24 hours; or a total of one day—a precious little religious training for a whole year.

The Summer Bible School method was originated for the purpose of giving to children and young people special, intensified, Bible training, which they otherwise would not get. In the past six years more than 50,000 boys and girls have been enrolled in Summer Bible Schools, conducted by students of F. B. I. These have been held in fourteen states and the British West Indies. Thousands of children will be enrolled this summer by the graduates and students of this Institution.

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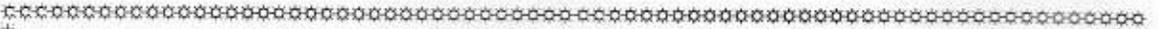
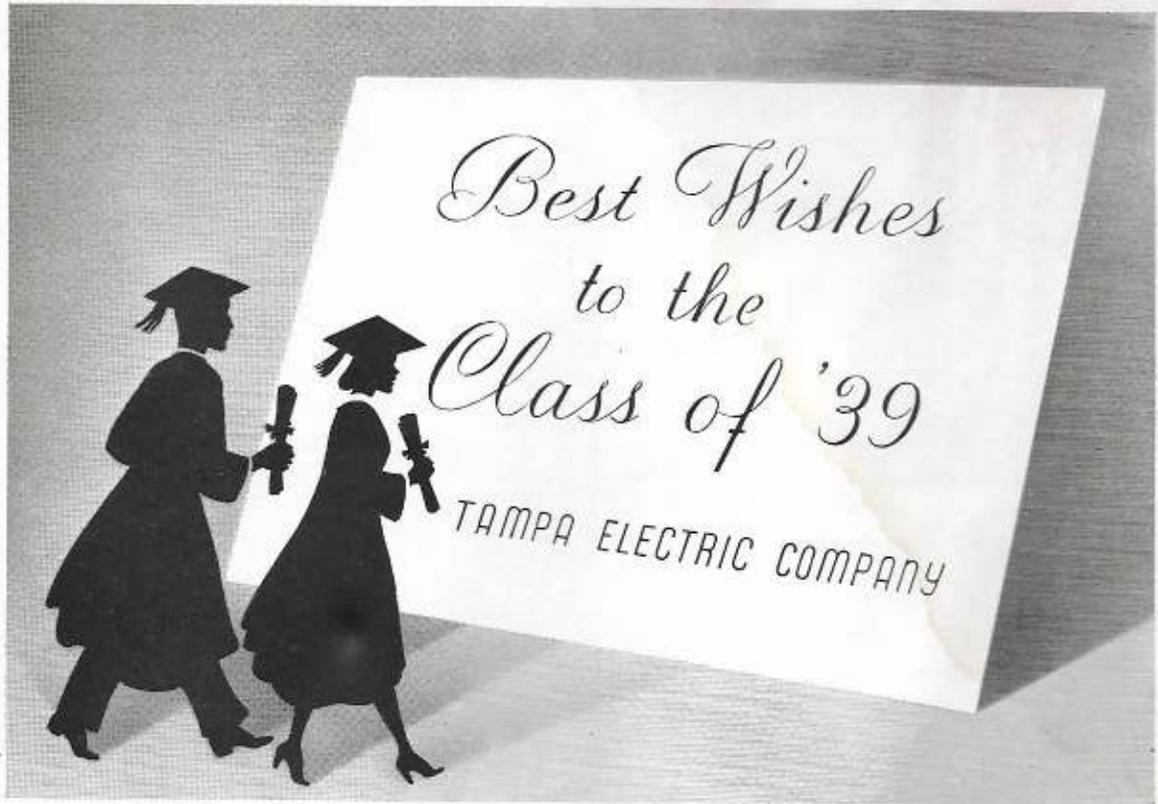
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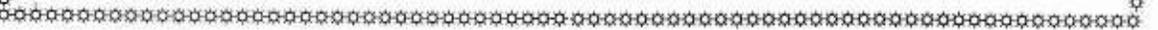
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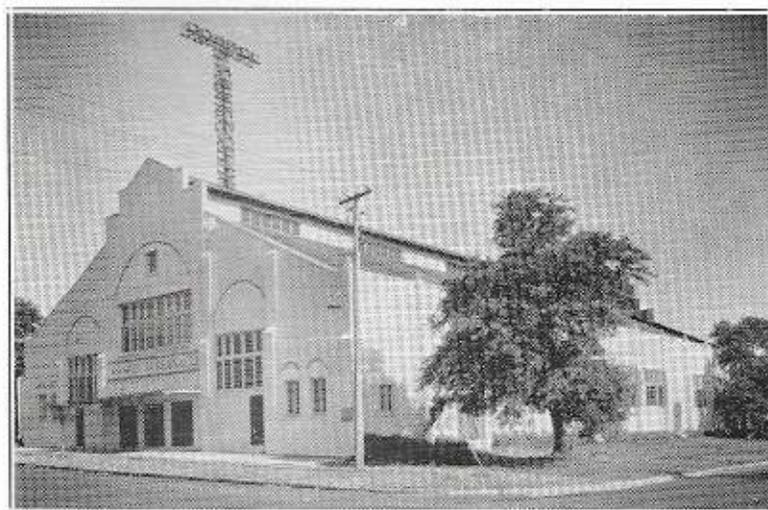
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