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THE CLASS OF '25

WILLIE I. BARKER

The sunshine filtered through the leaves,
The air was soft and still
When first we met together
In the school at Pleasant Hill.
Of goodly number was our class,
And to each girl and boy
Life seemed so full of promise,
So full of hope and joy.

And others who before us went,
When they together came
Told us of all the good that stood
Behind the school's fair name.
They told us of the many men,
And women too, who will
Look back through life and trace success
To the school called Pleasant Hill.

So day by day we wrestled with
The rugged knots of learning,
And night by night we burned the oil
The weary pages turning.
And though the weeks and months went by,
Our goal still seemed as far
As that dim spot in mystic space—
The far-off polar star

And many comrades who with us
Began this course to run,
Becoming weary of the race,
Have dropped out one by one.
But to us who have gained the goal
We've sought through bitter strife
Is rich reward, for it means much
In each one's after life.

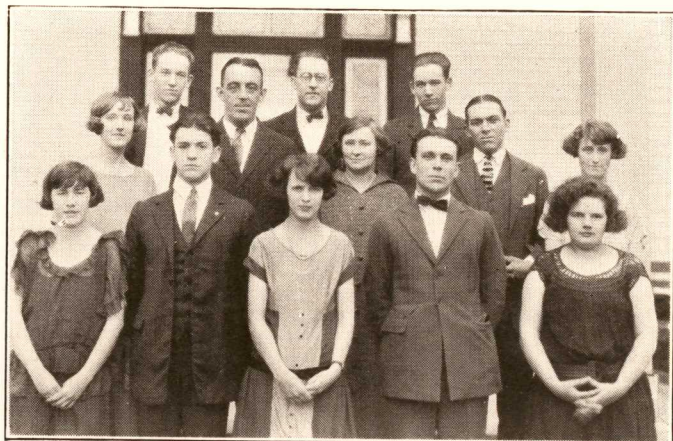
It means a higher, better sphere
For each young girl and boy,
And that is why each graduate
Hails Pleasant Hill with joy.
Farewell, for we must leave you now,
Fair halls and quiet bowers,
But in our thoughts forever more
We wreath thee 'round with flowers.

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Willie I. Barker Class Song of 1925 E.A. von Bockern

The sun-shine fil-tered thru the leaves, The air was soft and still When
first we met to-geth-er In the school at Pleas-ant Hill. Of
good-ly num-ber was our class, And to each girl and boy Life
seemed so full of pro-mise, So full of hope and joy.

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Senior Class

CLASS OFFICERS

EARL RODGERS DODSON *President*
 RHODA JANE WIGHTMAN *Vice-President*
 BERNARD R. CANTRELL *Secretary-Treasurer*

Class Motto: "*Constantia confirmatio omnis prosperitatis est.*"
 (Character is the cornerstone of all success.)

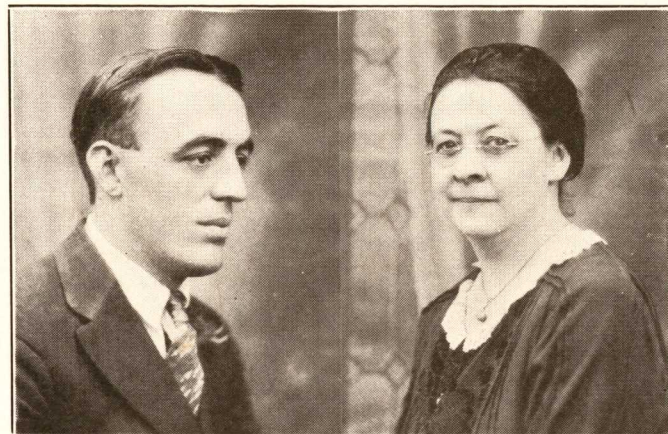
Class Colors: *Pink and Green.*

Class Flower: *Honeysuckle.*

ANNUAL STAFF

WILLIE I. BARKER *Editor-in-Chief*
 RHODA JANE WIGHTMAN *Assistant Editor*
 EARL R. DODSON *Assistant Editor*
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 JOHN SILAS CONNER *Art Editor*
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 IRA HOLLIS OURS *Assistant Business Manager*
 GENEVRA NELL GEER *Assistant Business Manager*

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Bernard R. Cantrell

Miss Mary E. Garner

"HOSS"—BERNARD R. CANTRELL

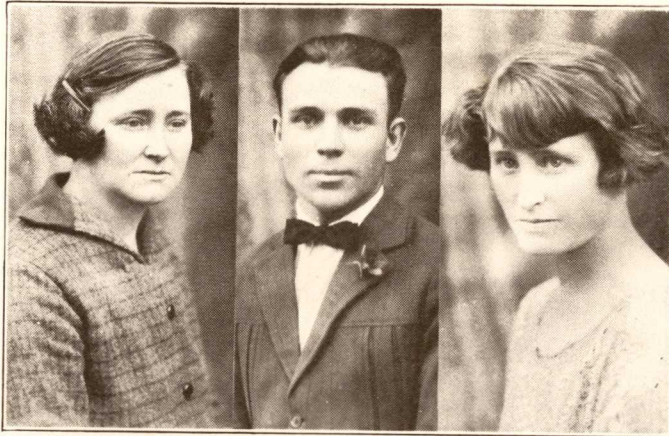
Student Pleasant Hill Academy since 1919, member 1920 and '22 Baseball Team; Captain Football Team 1924; member Phi Beta Delta Literary Society; Secretary-Treasurer Class '25; Business Manager Class Annual; President Christian Endeavor; member R. C. Club; Assistant Superintendent S. S.; Glee Club '24-'25.

MISS MARY E. ("MOTHER") GARNER

Longmeadow, Mass., Junior Secretary Springfield Branch W. B. M. eight years; work with the A. M. A., Tougaloo, Miss.; Pleasant Hill, Tenn., four years, Commercial Subjects and Secretary to Principal of P. H. A.; Senior Class Sponsor.

Miss Garner first came to Pleasant Hill in the fall of '21. She was matron in Dodge Hall at the time it burned. She has been at Pleasant Hill since that time all but one year at Tougaloo, Miss. As well as anyone else, Miss Garner knows all about the great disaster to Pleasant Hill, and she has shared with equal interest its joys and its sorrows.

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Emma Mitchell *Ira Hollis Ours* *Mattie Evelyn Mitchell*

"Modesty"—EMMA MITCHELL

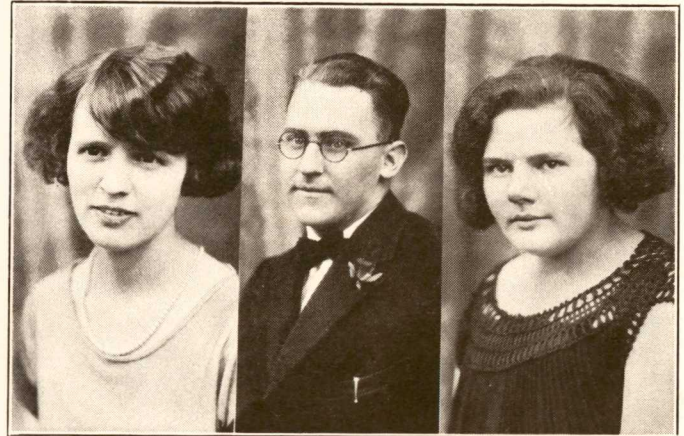
IRA HOLLIS OURS

Football, '22-'24; Baseball, '22-'23, '24; Basketball, '25; Member Phi Beta Delta Literary Society; Speaker House in Round Up Club; Athenaeum Committee, '24-'25, Social Chair, '24-'25; Vice-President Star Sunday School Class, '25; Class Grumbler; Charge of water supply '24-'25; Glee Club, '23-'25; Choir, '23-'25.

"Smiles"—MATTIE EVELYN MITCHELL

Glee Club, '23-'24.

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Alma Lorine Broom *William Isaac Barker* *Nina Elizabeth Broom*

"Skinny"—ALMA LORINE BROOM

Member of Christian Endeavor, '24-'25; Member Glee Club, '24-'25; Member Choir, '25; Journalist in Literary Society.

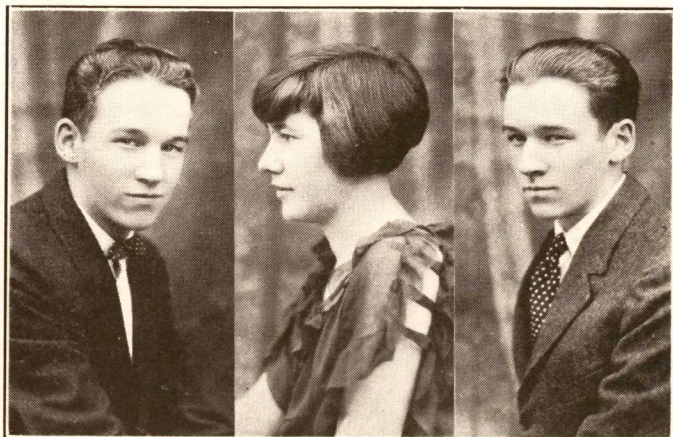
"Isidore"—WILLIAM ISAAC BARKER

Student P. H. A. since 1919; President C. E. U. 1920; President Alpha Literary Society, '23 and '24; Social Chair, '24; Charter member R. C. '22-'23; Legislator of House '24-'25; President Phi Beta Delta Literary Society, '24-'25; Member Glee Club, '23-'24, President, '25; Choir, '23-'25; Editor-in-Chief Class Annual.

"Fatty"—NINA ELIZABETH BROOM

Member C. E; Girls' Glee Club; Euterpean Literary Society, '25.

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Paul Stuart Conner Rhoda Jane Wightman John Silas Conner

"Elevator"—PAUL STUART CONNER

Basketball, '24-'25; Baseball, '24-'25; Art Editor of Annual; member of Spizzerinktum Club, '23.

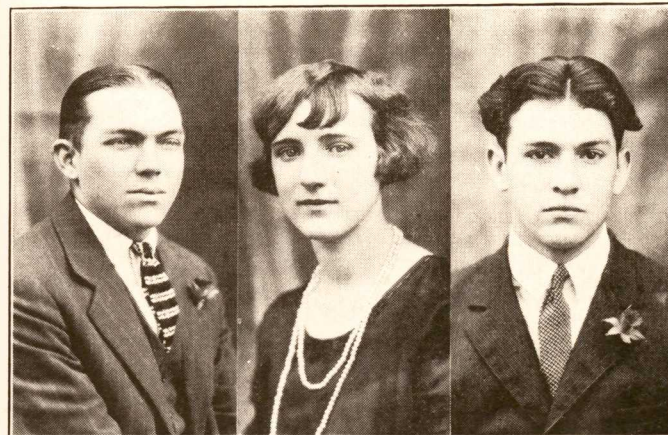
"Jane"—RHODA JANE WIGHTMAN

President Euterpean Literary Society, '25; Vice-President Senior Class, '24-'25; Vice-President Athenaeum, '24-'25; Vice-President C. E. '25.

"Bell-hop"—JOHN SILAS CONNER

Football, '24; Baseball, '25; Basketball, '25; member Spizzerinktum Club, '23; Art Editor of Annual.

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Rudolph H. Oswell, Jr. Genevra Geer Earl Rodgers Dodson

RUDOLPH H. OSWELL, JR.

'25.

"Jim"—GENEVRA GEER

Student at Pleasant Hill since 1921; Secretary Athenaeum; Basketball, '21; President S. S. C., '22; Secretary-Treasurer Euterpean Literary Society, '25; Program Committee, '24-'25; President Glee Club, '23; Choir, '21, '22, '23 and '24; Glee Club, '24-'25; Debating team, '25; Class Historian.

"Important"—EARL RODGERS DODSON

Glee Club, '23, '24 and '25; Secretary-Treasurer Glee Club, '25; Vice-President Alpha Literary Society, '24; Vice-President Phi Beta Delta Literary Society, '25; President Athenaeum Society, '25; Round Up Club, '24, President '25; Debating Team, '25; Baseball and Basketball, '23, '24, '25; Football, '23, '24; Class President, '25; President Royal Star S. S. Class.

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

By GENEVRA GEER

1925

Four long and weary years ago, we entered upon our high school life. We were not so very green and fresh in our own eyes, but we are told that we had an ample supply of verdant nature. However true that may be, the rough edges were soon worn off, and we fell directly into the line of those who do things. We are told that we are a remarkable class; but we will not mention this on account of our exceedingly modest dispositions. Our members have made great records in Literary Society work and in athletics. We can say with out boasting that this record has been equalled by no previous class of Pleasant Hill Academy.

We have tried to do our duty by our classmen, teaching them how to conduct themselves properly, and to show, above all things, the proper respect for the dignified position of a Senior. If we have failed in this undertaking, it is not our fault, for you all know the disadvantages of working hardwood and ivory.

But as the trials and the responsibilities were heaped upon us we began to realize that "Man was made to mourn." We tried, however, to be very optimistic, and to look on the bright side of things; to make the most of everything in the upbuilding of Pleasant Hill Academy, and to take advantage of the opportunities presented.

Now we have reached the top rung of the ladder; the ambition of our high school life; and are preparing to make our departure from this school. We want to say that we appreciate everything that has been done for us. We hope that our work in some way has benefitted some

one, and that we have done something by which to be remembered. It is with full hearts that we bid farewell to the "Old Hill," to enter its halls no more as a student. May our success in after life be of the nature that it will emblazon the walls of Pleasant Hill Academy.

When first we came to P. H. A.,
Of money had we none;
Not one of us was turned away—
But work we did for some.
The best of heart and brain and mind,
The service, wise, and free
Was given us by the teachers kind,
That we might better be.
And so we loved, and lived and learned;
We laughed and sang and played;
We dread to think this day has come—
Farewell to P. H. A.

A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

RHODA J. WIGHTMAN

1925

We, the Class of '25 in the school at Pleasant Hill, hereby declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and testamentary instruments of every kind made by us.

After payment of our just debts and graduation expenses, we give, bequeath, and devise all our estates, positions and talents, of every kind and nature, wherever situated, to the Junior Class.

Said estates, positions and talents are to be distributed as follows:

Because of their lack of brotherly love, we bequeath to Retha Collins and Milton Anderson, the Conner twins' devotion to each other.

T. L. Cunningham has always wished to be popular, especially with the ladies, therefore, to him, we will Earl Dodson's popularity.

Owing to her lack of mirth we bequeath to Arahnell Pedigo, Hollis Ours' laugh.

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For reasons that are quite plain we give and devise Lorine Broom's slenderness to Retha Collins.

In recognition of her talent in the art of bookkeeping, we give Genevra Geer's position in the office to Ella Southard.

That T. L. may have the further aid to his popularity, a volatile tongue, we bequeath to him Willie Barker's command of English.

Since his is entirely too straight, we hereby give Elizabeth Broom's curly hair to Emmett Dubois.

To counteract his forwardness, Lane Cunningham is to be given Emma Mitchell's modesty.

Because of the talent he is supposed to have along this line, we order bestowed upon Milton Anderson, Rudolph Oswell's knowledge of Fordology.

She needs them so sorely that we direct that to Claudie Lee shall go Bernard Cantrell's length and breadth.

Of all the Juniors perhaps Emmett Dubois has the sourest disposition. We therefore bequeath to him Mattie Mitchell's smile.

In view of her ability as chaperone, we direct that to Mrs. Ware shall be given Miss Garner's place as Class Sponsor.

We appoint the President of said Junior Class executor of this, our last will and testament.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our name, this the twelfth day of May, 1925.

[Signed]

THE SENIOR CLASS

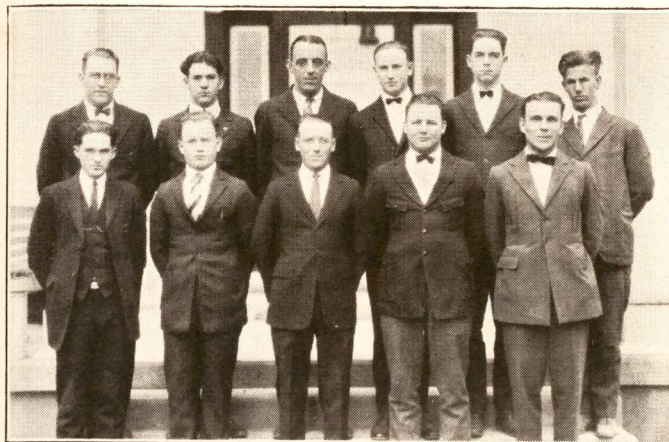
On this twelfth day of May, 1925, at Pleasant Hill, the above named testators, The Senior Class, subscribed the foregoing instrument in the presence of us and each of us, and at the same time declared the same to be their last will and testament, and we, at their request, and in their presence, and in the presence of each other, have signed our names hereto, as attesting witnesses. We further certify that at the time of subscribing the same, the said testators were of sound and disposing mind and memory.

[Signed]

EDGAR HOWARD ELAM, *Principal*.
Residing at Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

ALEXANDER BOYCE, *Treasurer*.
Residing at Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

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Phi Beta Delta Literary Society

PHI BETA DELTA LITERARY SOCIETY, 1925

Reading from left to right are: [top row], Willie I. Barker, President; Earl Rodgers Dodson, Vice-President; Bernard R. Cantrell, Sergeant-at-arms; John Dillon, Dillard Saylor, Floyd Scates.

[Bottom row], Frazier Harris, Secretary-Treasurer; Tom Frazier, William Saylor, Hollis Ours.

The Phi Beta Delta Literary Society was organized in September, 1924 with the present officers, and, in general, the present members. In the course of the few months of its existence, the Society has done some really good work. It has done a considerable amount of charity work, especially during the winter months of this year. One of the members, Frazier Harris, has the distinction of winning a trip to the State University in the triangular debate with two other high schools. He represented Pleasant Hill Academy April 3, 1925 in the County debating contest, and won. Taken on the whole, there cannot be found a more enthusiastic group of workers any where, and they excel in essay writing, debating, and many other lines of literary work.

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Euterpean Literary Society

EUTERPEAN LITERARY SOCIETY

Founded January, 1924

Motto: *Non confectus sed initus.*
(Not the end but the beginning)

OFFICERS

RHODA WIGHTMAN	President
ERCEL TANNER	Vice-President
GENEVRA GEER	Secretary-Treasurer

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mary Catherine Harden	Ruby Brendle
Ida Mae Driver	

ROLL CALL

Lorine Broom	Myrtle Lee
Cora Burgess	Lola Vandever
Elizabeth Broom	Kate Herrin
Zelma Tanner	Mattie Mitchell
Sallie Yeagan	Emma Mitchell
Claudie Lee	Cora Bullock
Dora Rhea Burgess	Ruth Carver

Sponsor: MISS ESTHER VON BOCKERN

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The name of the Euterpean Literary Society was taken from the Muse of Lyric Poetry, Euterpe, one of the nine Muses who presided over the liberal arts.

The Society has made a debating record that will long be remembered by all of its members. One prominent event of the year was the winning of the debate in March when the Euterpeans accepted the challenge sent them by the Phi Beta Delta Society. The question was, Resolved, That Woodrow Wilson was a greater man than Abraham Lincoln. The Euterpean representatives were Rhoda Wightman and Claudie Lee.

The greatest accomplishment of the year was realized most in the success of the triangular debates when Pleasant Hill won the honor of going to the University of Tennessee to debate the winning teams of other High Schools of the State. The question was, Resolved, That the United States should grant immediate Independence to the Philippines. The representatives for the affirmative side were Rhoda Wightman and Earl Dodson who debated the question at Pleasant Hill. The representatives for the negative side were Genevra Geer and Frazier Harris who defeated the debaters of Cumberland Mountain School. We are proud of the debating record and to those who follow us we leave our beginning of honor which always belongs to the Euterpean!

The programs we have consist mostly of debates, original orations and essays which are of great interest to the members. Every member has taken an active part in making the Society a success. It has given us a good beginning in expressing ourselves before the public and has helped to bring us out of the embarrassment and bashfulness of public speaking.

Each girl of the Society appreciates all that our Sponsor, Miss von Bockern, has done. Not enough praise can be given for her splendid work. The Euterpeans have enjoyed having her leadership since the founding of the Society.

As some of the Society members will not be here next year we who are charter members extend our best wishes for prosperity and success to those who will carry on the work so splendidly begun.

Long may the Euterpean Society live!

GENEVRA N. GEER.

April 15, 1925.

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Girls' Glee Club

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

ELLA SOUTHARD.....	<i>President</i>
DORA RHEA BURGESS.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
VALLIE MURDOCK.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
MARY CATHERINE HARDEN.....	<i>Social-Chairman</i>

First Sopranos

Beulah Allison	Claudie Lec
Ruby Brendle	Kate Herrin
Ida Mae Driver	Louise Burgess
Zelma Tanner	Retha Collins
Hailie Herrin	Myrtle Lee
Elizabeth Broom	Ruth Carver

Second Sopranos

Ella Southard	Dora Rhea Burgess
Mary C. Harden	Lorine Broom

Altos

Vallie Murdock	Ercel Tanner
	Cora Bullock

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On September 13, 1923, the girls of Pleasant Hill re-organized and established a permanent Glee Club which has been an active organization of the school life here.

The feature of this year was the Indian Operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn," by Paul Bliss, given at Pleasant Hill in January, 1924. This proved to be such a success that the Club was asked to repeat the operetta in April. The soloists sang their parts unusually well, and the chorus played its important part from beginning to end with true interpretation of the operetta. Much credit for the success of this year's work was due to our talented accompanist, "Peggy" Rumsey, who gave her services most graciously in all musical interests of Pleasant Hill.

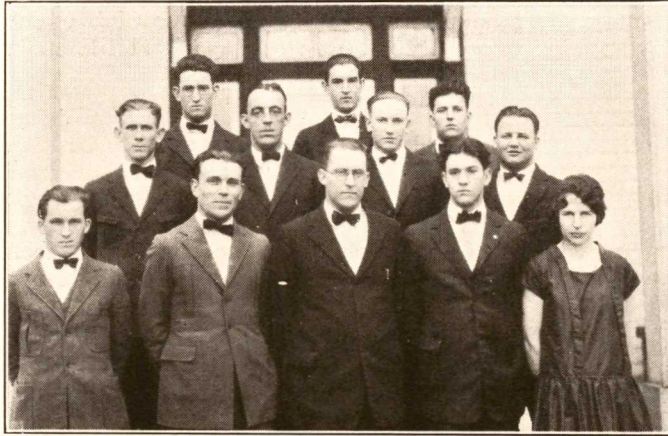
In December, 1924, "The Feast of the Red Corn," was again repeated, this time in Sparta, a trip and musical event that will not be forgotten.

Members from each Glee Club were chosen for the choir, which during the year has rendered a service much appreciated by all.

To Mrs. C. E. Bradley, our pianist for this year, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude for her excellent accompanying and untiring service. The Club has realized a successful year and one that has been enjoyed by all.

The annual concert, given by both glee clubs in May, is a feature of the term looked forward to when the year's work is then presented as a part of the Commencement Program.

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Boys' Glee Club

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

W. I. BARKER *President*
 BERNARD CANTRELL *Vice-President*
 EARL DODSON *Secretary-Treasurer*
 HOLLIS OURS *Social-Chairman*
 MISS E. A. VON BOCKERN *Director*

Tenors

Ward Henry Earl Dodson
 Sherman Wright Floyd Scates

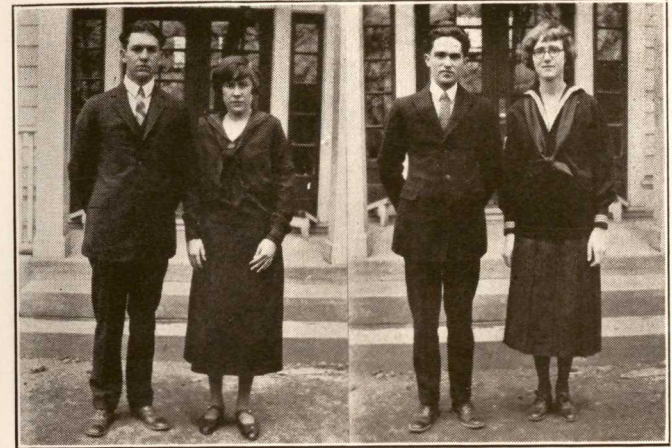
Baritones

T. L. Cunningham William Saylors
 John Dillon Clyde Dodson
 Hollis Ours

Basses

W. I. Barker Ruble Upchurch
 Grady Upchurch Bernard Cantrell

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Earl Rodgers Dodson

Rhoda Jane Wightman

Frazier Lee Harris

Genevra Nell Geer

The Extension Service of the University of Tennessee this year put on a State Debating Tournament. Individual high schools were to arrange triangular debates among themselves. The winners were to compete on May first in Knoxville, for the championship of the State of Tennessee. The immediate independence of the Philippines was the question for debate. The three schools to debate in this section were: Jamestown High School, Cumberland Mountain School, and Pleasant Hill Academy. Jamestown's Negative Team defeated Pleasant Hill's Affirmative Team at Pleasant Hill, and Pleasant Hill's Negative Team defeated Cumberland Mountain School's Affirmative Team at Crossville.

The debaters for Pleasant Hill Academy were as follows:

Affirmative:

Rhoda Jane Wightman
 Earl Rodgers Dodson

Negative:

Genevra Nell Geer
 Frazier Lee Harris

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NURSING CLASS OF 1925

Reading from left to right, are: Miss Adshead, Instructor and head nurse at "Uplands" Sanatorium; Mattie Mitchell; Emma Mitchell; Lorine Broom; Genevra Geer; and Elizabeth Broom.



Campus Scenery of Pleasant Hill

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Football Team 1924-1925

SENIOR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 1925

The football season started early in September, and after many weeks of stiff practicing under Coach Aycock, the team was ready for its first game.

Rockwood High was our first opponent, and the game was fast and furious, but it seemed that luck was in their favor, and they won 19 to 0.

Our next opponent was Livingston Academy, and the game promised to be exciting, but proved different. It was easy for Pleasant Hill to get sixteen scores—but a "goose egg" was Livingston's only reward. This was one of the best games of the year, and Pleasant Hill had every reason to be proud of its team.

As football was only started three years ago at Pleasant Hill Academy, not much was expected of them; but there are prospects for a fine team next year.

The Seniors made a great record on this team, and furnished three members of the squad. Much credit is given to Coach Aycock for his skillful coaching, and for the fine showing for the team.

The basketball season this year was a most successful one for the Senior Class. In the eight games played, the team was defeated only twice, and these defeats were not by class teams, but "all-stars" chosen from the entire school team.

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On Thanksgiving Day, the Junior Class, composed of "stars" from other classes, gave us our first defeat of the year. After that we easily took two games each from the Freshmen and Sophomores, and dropped one to the "all-stars." Another game with the Juniors ended in their defeat, while a game from the town gave us our class championship.

With Cantrell at center, the Conner brothers forwards, and Dodson and Ours as guards, the Seniors had a team that was hard to beat, and that surely made a record in athletics at Pleasant Hill.

The record of last year's baseball team was a fairly creditable one, and the team was composed of excellent material. Three members of the Class of '25 played with this team, and it was mainly through their good work that Pleasant Hill secured the credit she received.

The prospects of this year's team are much better, and judging from the material, and having an excellent Coach, the team should be a winner.



Senior Basketball Team 1925

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Senior Class Workers—Clean-up Day, March 1925

WORK

By ALEXANDER BOYCE, Treasurer P. H. A.

In these the latter days of the Class of 1925 when all energy and thought is directed toward graduation, little time or discussion is given to the part that our young men, some of whom are now about to graduate, have filled in the life of the school during the past five or six years. Bernard Cantrell, Earnie Cantrell, William Barker, Hollis Ours, Hubert Milligan, Rudolph Oswell, Frances Clark, Earl Dodson, James Pullum, T. L. Cunningham and many others have filled in no small way, a place in the last six years' history of Pleasant Hill Academy.

Several of these students first came here during the year following the close of the World War. Accommodations and equipment were then far from what we now have. It is within my knowledge that several of these young men, after proving themselves here, had flattering offers from other schools. In the main, however, they remained at and with Pleasant Hill through her up hill fight toward her former place in the sun.

During the World War, retrenchment in expenditure for up-keep of institutions was the rule of the day. Follow-

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ing the war frantic cries for aid for the starving peoples and particularly the children of European nations directed monies which would ordinarily have come our way for repair and upkeep, away from us. Thus the plant was sadly down at the heels. To add to our misfortunes came the burning of Dodge Hall with its heavy loss to both teachers and students and the loss of the life of one of our most loyal and devoted students, Gordon Roberts.

The heroism and unselfish spirit showed by the young men that dreadful night in forgetting themselves and rallying to fight the spread of the flames to other buildings, will long remain in our hearts. This same spirit continued to prevail in the weeks and months to follow when necessity provided cramped and noisy quarters for living and study, when, foregoing any Christmas vacation, they stayed to work on the construction of Roberts Hall for temporary quarters, when with high courage and unselfish devotion they worked on day after day in the midst of mud, rain, sleet and ice, days when not a man from the town could be hired to stick to the job, when new students came and on seeing conditions, in critical mood returned whence they came. Through it all, these students remained to carry on, for theirs was the make up with the character and the tenacity of purpose strong enough to surmount all difficulties.

In the mean time our "ship had come home" at least it had reached the New York Office of our supporting organization. Plans were prepared for rehabilitation of our plant. Then came the question of labor. How glad we were to find these young men not only willing but anxious to push to completion any and all the necessary building and repairs. Literally I mean "pushing." If any doubt it let them try pushing wheelbarrows of rock, sand and the resulting concrete with its water content up staging planks for foundations of buildings! See that "pushing" done under the *hot sun* day after day, or watch the handling of heavy timber for necessary framing of buildings, or the tearing out of some 3,700 yards of old dusty plaster and wooden lath and disposing of the same,

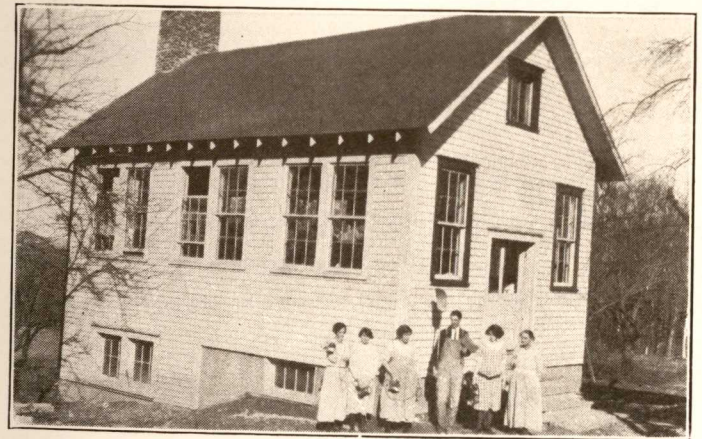
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the installation of steam and plumbing plants in all the buildings and with its necessarily exacting toil and difficulties.

Who knows better than I, how hard they all worked yet how exceedingly cheerful they all were throughout. Not only were these young men doing this work that a better plant with more attractive and comfortable surroundings might be available for themselves, but that it might be available for those who should come afterwards. The return in money was small indeed and it all went toward their respective educational expenses, but the return in character building and knowledge of construction under competent builders with the resulting ability to do for themselves is beyond calculation.

This does not mention the engines, the pump, the saw mill that have been installed, mastered, frequently repaired and constantly run by these same young people, nor does it speak of the prosperous printing department, turning out most creditable work for the benefit of us all.

The names and characters of these young men should, in the years to come, have a large place in the hearts of all who love Pleasant Hill Academy.



New Steam Laundry

This modern, up-to-date Laundry Building was put up largely by student-labor during the summer months of 1924. The work was supervised by a member of the class of '25.

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