LANE COLLEGE
“A Symbol Of Christian Education”

It is most fitting that we pause at this milestone of achievement and take stock of our accomplishments while at the same time seek to lengthen our perspective and to sharpen our conception of Lane’s role in the future.

Our efforts in this, the “Diamond Jubilee” edition, are to highlight Lane’s traditional interest, emphasize and accomplishments and to show the role she plays as a Church related college in the state and the nation.
LANE'S TRADITION

Since 1882 Lane College has adhered to three great principles which together constitute its tradition. The first of these principles is the college's dedication to Christian education, which has expressed itself vigorously throughout the institution's seventy-five years of service in the educational field in a thoroughly Christian atmosphere and a Christian approach to the academic disciplines. The whole program of Lane is designed to direct and modify the behavior of students in ways which will make them truly Christian.

The second part of Lane's tradition is found in the quality of teaching personnel the college has attracted and maintained. From the early beginning Lane has attracted able faculty members whose philosophy of life has corresponded with that of the college's. The conservation and dedication of a fine teaching staff has been one of the enriching influences on the growth of the institution.

Finally, Lane's tradition includes faithfulness to high scholastic standards on which the college has not compromised during its seventy-five years of existence. The College is respected throughout academic circles for its vigorous educational program. Lane has come to be more than a college. It is a preparation for life itself. Its academic, religious, cultural and social programs are designed to develop mature, self-reliant young men and women capable of happy and successful living in our changing social order.
LANE COLLEGE IN THE ‘80’s

Woven into the Lane College educational program are rich traditions from the past: the courage and wisdom of the devout C.M.E. Church Leaders who were imbued with the desire to help Negro men and women and founded the college in 1882; the past presidents, the faculty, alumni and even the old frame buildings on the first campus are all permanently tied to the college we enjoy today.

THE FOUNDER
BISHOP ISAAC LANE

Lane College began its first session Nov. 1882 under the name of C.M.E. High school, with Miss Jessie F. Lane as teacher. In January of the following year J. H. Harper, of Jackson, Tenn. took over the work and carried out the unexpired term. It was during his administration that the school was chartered under the law of the state of Tennessee and its name changed to Lane Institute.

In 1887 Reverend T. F. Saunders was appointed the first President. He made numerous contributions to the institution and the students. It was during his administration that the need for a college department was felt. This department was organized in 1896 and the name changed from Lane Institute to Lane College.

In 1903 Reverend James A. Bray was elected President. He served until 1907 when Dr. J. F. Lane, son of the founder was elected. Dr. Lane served for thirty-seven years. During his administration the college improved its educational facilities and its physical plant and attracted the attention of such agencies as the General Education Board of the Rosenwald Foundation. The Board of mission of the M. E. Church South. Both gave liberal donations to the college.

In 1936 Lane was approved and rated by the Southern Association.

With the passing of President Lane in December, 1944, Reverend P. R. Shy served as acting President until Dr. D. S. Yearwood was elected in 1945. He served until 1948 and was succeeded by Mr. J. H. White. Mr. White was succeeded by President Chester A. Kirchhoff who is now in his seventh year.
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J. K. DANIELS LIBRARY

TIGRETT SCIENCE HALL

A small group worship hour in the chapel.

Freshmen taking the National Standardized tests
THROUGH . . .

A WELL TRAINED FACULTY
Faculty Seminar In Session

PERSONAL GUIDANCE
Mrs. Pruikker, House Director of Classes Hall and Girls

SHARING OF HUMAN EXPERIENCES
Student Government Organization

A WELL PLANNED CULTURAL PROGRAM
Louis Tokar, Concert Pianist

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Under President Kirkendoll Lane’s Tradition

Remain Ever Present... Progress Is Unprecedented

Six years of outstanding service and constant improvements have marked the term of service of President Kirkendoll. An honor graduate of Lane in the class of 1938 he did graduate and post graduate work at Northwestern University. He came to Lane with a deep appreciation of her rich tradition and with a strong determination to solve the problems facing the institution at that time. Early in his administration his ability as a leader and an administrator could be clearly seen.

Under his administration the physical plant has been greatly improved, the J. K. Daniels Library, Hamlett Hall, The Home Economics Building, the President’s home and Saunders Hall have all been completely renovated. The Isaac J. Berry Music Center has been developed; Tiggrett Science Hall and two faculty cottages have been added to the plant.

The faculty is being constantly strengthened, and relations increased. A retirement system and Social Security have been added under his administration.

The endowment for the college has been increased to more than double its previous size. Grants and gifts to the college are growing yearly.

President Kirkendoll and Dr. Clement of Atlanta University

A busy man, President Kirkendoll has not been able to escape the call of civic, religious and educational responsibilities. He was chosen man of the year in 1953 for outstanding service to the Jackson community. He still serves as secretary to the Jackson-Memphis conference of the C. M. E. Church. Secretary of the Board of Directors of the United Negro College Fund, and a member of the planning committee of the National Council of Churches, Higher education division.

President Kirkendoll is seen with other U.N.C.F. Presidents
Is One Of Its Most Loyal Rooters

Mrs. Alice E. Kirkendoll, wife of the President and first lady of the campus, is a charming lady with an endearing personality. A graduate of Lane, where she met her husband as a student, she is a favorite among the faculty, students and guests to the campus.

A mother of three fine children, Mrs. Kirkendoll finds it necessary to keep her home as well as her heart open to a large number of young people. She gives freely her time, energy and resources to help others. She is widely known as a gracious hostess who radiates warmth and hospitality to all who come to the campus.

Mrs. Kirkendoll has done graduate work at DePaul University of Chicago. She taught at Coleman College in Louisiana and the public schools of Chicago. She also served as lesson writer for the Sunday School Publications of the C. M. E. Church.

The Kirkendoll Children are:

Kepel, the youngest whose hobby is collecting old coins and stamps.
Loretta Jean, an eighth grader who has music as her hobby.
Chester Arthur, a High School freshman, who has traveled extensively with his father, likes hiking and crafts also.

Favourites among the children of the community, they keep the campus in the area of the President's home alive with activity.

The Academic Procession, led by President Kirkendoll and
Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Commencement Speaker

THE ADMINISTRATION
AND STAFF
Dean Of Administration

Dr. J. O. Perpener

Dr. J. O. Perpener, Dean of administration, is in his fifth year at Lane. He received his B. S. from Texas College and the M. Ed. and D. Ed. from the University of Colorado. He served as head of the Division of Education before being appointed Dean. Dean Perpener has sensed the needs of the students and has worked untiringly to organize the facilities to meet these needs.

Dean Perpener’s faculty boasts of higher degrees from leading universities in America and Europe. These include Columbia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas, The University of Paris, Western Reserve and California. The University of Ohio, New York University, Atlanta University, Howard and Fisk have also been responsible for the training of a large number of the faculty members included in this fine faculty group are fine lecturers and authors.

The Registar

The College’s academic records are kept by Registrar George E. Thrashker and his capable assistant Miss E. Ruth Maddox.

Mr. Thrashker received his A. B. degree from Lane College and the M. A. from Columbia University. He has contributed much to making Lane’s registration a painless task and the office one of the most popular on the campus.

Reverend F. R. Shy, Dean of Men, handles a wide variety of the men’s miscellaneous problems and works to have the men understand their capacities, strengths and weaknesses so that they may be able to find themselves as group members.

Personnel Office

Mrs. Marie M. Penn, Dean Of Women, is a dynamic lady who is interested in developing a varied and rich program for the young ladies of Lane College. Mrs. Penn is in great demand as a public speaker and fills many engagements each year. She also directs an annual Charm Clinic on the campus and serves as coordinator of social activities for students and faculty.

The Personnel Office

Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Penn, Rev. Shy

Lane College accepts the responsibility of providing services which are essential to the development of each student’s personality. A rich program of activities and comprehensive counseling services are provided through an experienced staff. Careful co-ordination of the personnel and academic programs provides for social, intellectual and spiritual growth of each student.

Lane’s program is under the leadership of Mrs. Penn, Dean of Women, Reverend Shy, Dean of Men, and Mr. W. F. Jackson, overall assistant in the department.
The Business Office

The Business Manager, Mr. S. H. Bronough is in his sixth year of service to the college. He has a policy of full cooperation and carries out his duties competently. His spirit of friendliness and helpfulness has made students and faculty admire him.

Mr. Bronough

The Cashier

Mrs. Gussie P. Adams, Cashier, has given more than thirty faithful and helpful years of service to the college. She is remembered by Lanites all over the U. S. for many kind words of advice she has given them while students at Lane.

Mrs. Adams

The Bookkeeper

Mr. A. J. Porter, Bookkeeper, is new at Lane but because he works so close to the students in his position, he has made a large number of friends. Willing to give freely of his time to curricular and extra-curricular activities, Mr. Porter is proving to be an excellent asset to the College.

Mr. Porter

Secretary To The President

The strategic and vital position of secretary to the President is held by Miss Fluriden Echols, who is now in her second year. She handles the large volume of mail and calls that come to the office and conducts the office when the President is away.

Miss Echols

Assistant To The Registrar

Miss Ella Ruth Maddox, assistant to the Registrar, has displayed amiable and patient adjustment in a position of varied demands.

Mrs. Maddox

Clerical Help In The Dean’s Office

The large volume of correspondence in the Dean’s office requires considerable help to keep the program running smoothly. Helping in this operation are: Leila Merriweather, head clerk, C. Gloria Whitman, files, and E. Elaine Wade typist.
The Librarians

The very efficient Library Staff consists of Mr. J. W. Sloo, Head Librarian, Mrs. Clara Hewett and Mrs. Alice Kirkendoll, Circulation and Mrs. Erma Shry, Reference. Much information is on display for those who will avail themselves to the opportunity to use it and this very capable staff is always happy to serve those who come in to use the Library.

Residence Directors

The three comfortable Dormitories on Lane's campus have been called "home away from home" for hundreds of Lanites. Cleaves Hall, Hamlett and Saunders Hall have all been renovated in the last two years and are equipped with television and other modern facilities.

Shown here are Mrs. Praithber, Director of Cleaves Hall for Women and Mrs. Anderson, House Mother of Hamlett Hall for Men. The two are real mothers for the many men and women who live in residence and are held in high esteem by all Lanites.

Health

The College Health Program is designed to develop habits of self direction which may be carried over into adult life. Aiding in the administration of this program are Dr. I. W. Hildreth and Mrs. Gertrude Ford, R.N., whose function is to diagnose and treat students who encounter health problems.

Book Store Manager

The college book store is managed by Miss Julia E. Steeg. She provides books, stamps and many other supplies and notions for faculty and students.

Buildings And Grounds

Mr. William Jones is the person responsible for the comfort and beauty of the campus. He is busy the year through in his effort to keep Lane the pleasant place that all Lanites would have it be. He has an efficient staff of workers under him who helps to keep things in top notch shape.

Foods

Continuing the home-like atmosphere for resident students and faculty members in the College Dining Hall are Mrs. Marie Smith Davis and Mrs. Rachel Reynolds. They are assisted by Mr. Leo Comer and Mr. Harvey Donaldson. This fine group seeks to please and satisfy each person with basic and wholesome meals.
The Division Of Education

Lane College is widely known for the caliber of its Teacher Training Program, and Lane educated teachers are in great demand. The department attempts to make each student sensitive to the whole man, his attitudes, his feelings, his fears and his desires for recognition and security.

... Dr. J. O. Perpener is Director of the division and operating under his leadership are 1. the Department of Elementary Education, the department of Secondary Education, the department of Health and Physical Education, the department of Business Education and the department of Home Economics.

Elementary Education

The department of elementary education attempts to provide thoroughly prepared elementary teachers and to give professional training for specialist and educational leaders preparing to be experts in the field of elementary education. Headling this department is Mrs. E. M. Perry, a dynamic teacher and field worker for the college. Mrs. Perry is widely known for her ability to train elementary majors.

Psychology

Psychology is offered as a professional core program. Headling this very essential area of instruction is Mrs. L. S. Avant. Mrs. Avant is an excellent teacher who attempts to meet every need of the student. She is widely known in this area as an educator.

Health And Physical Education

The department of health and physical education is directed by Mr. J. A. Cook. The Department has a large number of majors and has placed them in many of the large schools of the country. He is assisted by Miss Margaret Peters and Mr. Roy David Manuel.

Social Sciences

The Division Of Social Sciences is headed by Professor P. R. Shy. The division offers the A.B. degree in history and sociology and offers endorsement in the areas of economics and political science. Religion and philosophy are also taught by members of this very competent staff.

The division attempts to lead the students into an appreciation of the problems and achievements in the area of the social sciences, to give them a scientific knowledge of the nature and processes of human society and prepare them for professional training in law, social work, the ministry and teaching.

Business Education

Mr. Crawford L. Robinson is head of the department of business education. The objectives of this department are: to prepare students for positions as commercial secretaries; to prepare students to qualify for positions as teachers of business subjects in schools. The department has four excellent teachers and serves a large number of majors as well as those who desire to learn typing for their own benefit. Working with professor Robinson are Mr. Potter, Bookkeeping, Mr. Bannor, accounting and Miss Maddox, shorthand and typing.

Home Economics

The department of home economics at Lane is small in size but serves an excellent purpose. Under Miss V. R. McClain, the members of the department take the lead in many of the projects and activities of the college throughout the year.

Music

The department of music seeks to provide those competencies necessary to produce good musicians and efficient teachers of music. The department is headed by Mr. Charles Jones.
Division Of Natural Physical Sciences

The Chairman of the division of natural and physical sciences, Professor J. T. Beck, has served the college for approximately thirty years.

The division of science is composed of the department of biology, headed by Mr. Herman Stone, chemistry, headed by Professor Beck and assistant Mr. William Lynk, and Mathematics headed by Mr. Henry Palmer. The division has as its objectives: the preparation of teachers of science, the preparation of students for further study in the various fields of science and the related professions, and the provision of training and experience in the scientific method of reasoning.

The division was recently moved into the new science hall, Tigrett Science Hall and boasts of having the most modern facilities and equipment for operation. The interest in science is constantly growing among Lane students and the members of the division are constantly planning and studying means of meeting the growing need for scientific knowledge.

Division Of Humanities

In the Division Of Humanities are the Departments of English, Speech and Drama, Modern Foreign Languages and Music. Mr. N. V. McCullough heads this division; the major objectives are: to provide for students a broader understanding of their cultural heritage and thus enlarge the cultural perspective in his own view of life. To acquaint the student with contemporary life and its problems and enable him to build wholesome attitudes and make intelligent choices. To acquaint the student with the great works of music, drama, art and literature and help him to appreciate them. Mrs. M. C. Masgrove is director of the Department of Speech and Drama. Dr. J. O. McShine is Director of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages. Mr. McCullough is head of the Department of English and Mr. Charles Jones is head of the Music Department.

Along with her class work in speech and drama, Mrs. Masgrove directs each year a number of excellent plays for the student body and the public. She also has a Verse Speaking Course.

Mrs. Howard, a Lane College graduate is teacher of freshman English and also teaches the course in remedial English.

Mrs. Catherine Taylor, teaches Literature along with some basic English.

Dr. McShine, head of the department of modern Foreign Languages is a dynamic teacher and has put new life into that area of instruction. His able assistant, Mrs.
LANE'S ALUMNI

ARE AMONG THE RECOGNIZED LEADERS IN THE NATION

An intelligent person does not judge a college by its buildings, its athletic program or the beauty of the landscaped campus. He judges it by its products — and by the reputation which springs from its products. These products are its alumni.

On the basis of this score, Lane stands high among the colleges of the nation. Lane numbers among its graduates some of the nation's most outstanding men and women who, in their communities large or small — are making a satisfying social contribution. They realize that the success of Lane depends upon the extent to which they make themselves felt in the community where they live and work.

No one is a Lanite just for four years. He or she is a Lanite for life.

1. President Kirkendoll greets Attorney E. W. Ragan Class of '28 and family during their visit to the campus at Home-coming.

2. President Kirkendoll awards the Certificate of Merit to Attorney Donald Hallowell, Class of '47.

3. Mrs. Guusie Adams, Class of '27, President Kirkendoll and Mrs. Essie M. Perry, '23, congratulate Prof. J. H. Parrish, '34, Public school administrator, on his being given the Certificate of Merit.

4. Miss Darlene Hutson, '41, Supervisor of Jackson Public schools and National Alumni President. Mr. S. H. Bronough, Business Manager of Lane College, Mrs. Edna White, '44, local alumni president, admires the certificate awarded to Mrs. White.

ALUMNI

The Class Of 1907

The class being salutarily honored this year is the class of '07. There were only two members in this class, both of which became outstanding men in their own right.

Bishop W. Y. Bell, continued his education after leaving Lane by going to Northwestern University where he was awarded Master's degree. He then went to Garrett Biblical Institute where he earned the B.D. degree. Already an outstanding man he was still desirous of more education. He went to Yale University where he earned the Ph.D.

He has taught at Garret Biblical Seminary and at The Howard University School of Religion. He was elected Bishop in 1932. He is considered today an outstanding lecturer and among the top gospel preachers of the world.

The other member of the class of '07 is Mr. Milton Galloway. After leaving Lane upon Graduation, Mr. Galloway took the Civil Service examination in the city of Chicago, Ill. Because of his high score he was placed in civil service as a postal clerk, even at this early date. Presently he is enjoying retirement after his many years of service. However, this does not mean rest. Mr. Galloway is an active church worker, an outstanding civic worker and a staunch supporter of Lane College. He organized and served for years as first President of the Lane College Club of Chicago. Even today he still serves to spearhead all Lane College projects in the Chicago area.
ALUMNI
The Class Of 1927

From the class of '27 came men and women who have succeeded in many fields of human endeavour. There were fourteen women and men in this class and many of them will return for Commencement in May to be honored by the Alumni association at the annual banquet.

Pictured here are three members of this very class who are still active in their chosen field.

MRS. GUSIE PERSON ADAMS '27
Rev. J. A. Adams, is her husband
Mrs. Adams has been Bookkeeper at Lane College for over thirty years and has rendered a service to be treasured for years to come.
Rev. Adams is from the class of '20. He is one of Lane's most loyal supporters. Presiding Elder of one of the large West Tennessee Districts of the C.M.E. Church. He has served several of the largest churches he is a Minister and Teacher of Phillips Institute of Theology.

MRS. ESSE M. ATWATER PERRY '23
Mrs. Myram Chatman White '30, Graduated from Lane Magna Cum Laude and received a position of teacher of English at Miles High School of Union City, Tennessee upon graduation. She has done advanced study at T. S. University and has written a number of poems. An excellent teacher, Mrs. White gives highest praises to Lane College at all times.

MRS. MYRAM CHATMAN WHITE
Outstanding in the Jackson community is Dr. I. W. Hildreth. He is not only outstanding as a physician but as a civic leader and a church worker.
Dr. Hildreth is a member of the Board of Trustees of Lane College, a Deacon of the Bearen Baptist Church and a member of several civic organizations. He was chosen Man of the Year by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.
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Professor Robert V. Teague, '42, is Professor of History at Central High School, Paris, Tennessee. He also serves as assistant Principal. After leaving Lane, Mr. Teague accepted a job in Paris from which place he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After his tour of duty in the army he came back to his same job. Since his time in service, Mr. Teague has finished the masters degree at Boston University and has done some additional work.

**Mr. Robert V. Teague**

Attorney Edmond Wesley Ragan was president of his class, the class of 1936. After finishing Lane he went into Law School in Chicago where he was granted the professional degree. Presently he is a very successful lawyer in Chicago. He has two sons one of which is presently enrolled at Lane College.

**Attorney Edmond W. Ragan**

Mrs. Ethel Burnett Gill is outstanding as an educator and as a business woman. She taught at Lane College at one time. Presently she is in Humboldt, Tennessee where she is enjoying the success of her early years of working after finishing Lane College.

**Mrs. Ethel Burnett Gill**

Mrs. Lora Z. Smith

Mrs. Smith is presently working with church projects and civic programs. She has taught school for several years and worked with the Leadership Training School of the C. M. E. Church. She is the wife of Rev. T. M. Smith, a member of the Board of Trustees.

**Mrs. Lora Z. Smith**

**ALUMNI**

Dr. Ernest Carter, prominent dentist of Brownsville, Tennessee is one of many Laneites who have gone into some branch of medicine. He is shown here with his attractive wife Florine and his fine son and daughter.

**Dr. Carter and Family**

**Attorney Estes**

An outstanding lawyer in Tennessee is attorney James F. Estes of Memphis, Tennessee. He is nationally known for his cases handled for the N. A. A. C. P. He is shown here with his fine family. Attorney Estes is from the class of '42.

Members of another honored class this year are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pulliam, both of the class of '37. Virgil and Velma are in the Business of Interior Decorators. They enjoy a very lucrative business.
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Among the successful Laniites who are School Administrators, the two on this page stand high.

Mr. Roy R. Bond, Principal of the Carver High School, Brownsville, Tenn., has made an outstanding record as an administrator and community leader. He is seen here with his wife and daughter.

Prof. Roy R. Bond
AND FAMILY

Prof. Ledbetter has been Principal of the McNairy High School since it opened. He is President of the West Tennessee Teachers Conference and has held many positions of trust in the Educational organizations of the state. Shown with him are Mr. and Mrs. Essel Black, Mrs. Black is Prof. Ledbetter’s daughter and both Mr. & Mrs. Black are Lane College graduates. Mrs. Black holds her daughter, Mrs. Ledbetter, Prof. Ledbetter and his father.

ACTIVITIES
Freshman Week

Freshman week is planned at Lane College for the purpose of orientating freshmen into the customs and traditions of Lane College. The activities are carried out by student counselors selected by the faculty orientation committee.

To be chosen a Freshman Counselor is a real honor for a Lane College student. It means that a student has been rated among the top students on the campus and that he or she show excellent adjustment to the Lane College program and exemplify the aims and objectives of the college.

Freshman Counselors

The counselors take groups of students for a week of planned activities. This includes excursions, retreats, receptions, tests, physical examinations and profitable visits.

These big sister-big brother activities last an entire year.

A Group of New Freshmen Arrivals

Freshman Week Concluded

Another activity of Freshman week is that of showing New students the new and accepted styles at Lane College.

1. Miss Elaine Wade wears Church wear outfit at the Fashion show given by the counselors for Freshmen during Freshman Week.

2. Miss Barbara Brack models a date or party gown on the same show.

3. Carol Fulwood, William Johnson, and Vernell Corder are three of the counselors who performed for the Freshmen on the Counselor Talent Show.

The Freshman class is always a talented class and quite willing to display their talents. Students at Lane always look forward to the Freshman Talent Show on the first Friday night after school opens.

4. Three sweet little Freshmen lift their voices in a trio on the Freshman Talent Show.
HOMECOMING

Homecoming at Lane is always a big week and at Lane. Everyone looks forward to the pretty girls riding beautiful floats, the Pig Skin Review, the bonfire, the Coronation festivities and a victory at the football game. Homecoming for 1956 topped them all for glitz, good fellowship, and fun topped everything but sore feet on Monday the week ended has passed.

Miss Dragonette is Crowned Football Queen

The President and Family lead the big Parade

The last Stepping Lane College Band

1956

Miss Lane College and President of the student council

Beautiful floats stop down town traffic

Royalty was everywhere

Two pretty Sweethearts smile from a pretty float

From any angle the floats were beautiful
EIGHT LANE SENIORS MAKE WHO'S WHO

Eight Lane College Seniors were nominated to "Who's Who" among students in American colleges and universities a directory of students who have distinguished themselves in American institutions of higher education.

Recognition based upon a combination of scholarship, participation in extra curricular activities and promise of future usefulness came to Vernell Currie a business education major and Miss Lane College for 1956-57. She is President of the S. C. A., typist for the Lane staff, religious editor for the Lane College Reporter, Secretary to the senior class, assistant secretary to the Future Teachers Of America, a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, a proctor on Chosen Hall and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Theodore McCurry, a biology major, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council, associate editor of the Lanier, chairman of the membership committee of the S. C. A., a member of the Lane College players, the Y. M. C. A., the Young Men's Senate and Beta Kappa Chi scientific honor society. He is Businessman of the Omega Phi Fraternity.

Elaine Wade, an English major, was Miss Personality for 1956. Lane representative to the Spirit of Cotton Contest, 1956 where she was chosen first alternate. Chairman of the special days and seasons committee of the S. C. A., Student representative to the committee on religious activities, Secretary to the Dean, President of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and The Sweetheart of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Frederick Madison, a history major, is editor of the Lanier, President of the Young Men's Senate, President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Vice President of Sigma Rho Sigma, and a member of the student Christian Association and the Y.M.C.A.

Charles Boone, a Chemistry major is President of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Vice President of the student council, Chairman of the Judicial Committee of the Student Council. Member of the Y.M.C.A, a Varsity Football man.

Willie Scott Taylor, an English major is President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Member of the Young Women's Senate, Secretary of the Pan-Hellenic Council, Assistant Secretary to the senior class, society editor for the Lane College Reporter, a member of the Lane staff, the English Club and student representative to the administrative council.

William Johnson, a sociology major is President of the Student Council, Editor of the Lane College Inquirer, Sports Editor of the Lane College Reporter, Assistant Dean of Pledge Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, student assistant in public relations, a member of the executive committee and the administrative council. He is a member of Sigma Rho Sigma, Young Men's Senate and the Y.M.C.A.

Evelyn Cantor, a Home Economics major is President of the Home Economics Club, assistant secretary to the student council, chairman of special committee of the S.C.A and a member of the Lanier Staff.
The Charm Clinic

Charm is an every day thing with students at Lane but once each year a special period of concentration on charm, personality and other essentials for happy successful living is held. This year in keeping with the Diamond Jubilee of the college the theme for the Charm Clinic was “Charm Is Your Diamond”. Special conferences were held for women and men students with consultants chosen carefully by a faculty committee. Students were given lectures on good grooming, basic health, personality improvement and social etiquette.

At the end of the clinic a Miss Personality and a Mr. Esquire were chosen from a large number of candidates selected by the clubs to represent them in talent, fashions, current events and polite talk.

Chief consultant for the Charm Clinic was Mrs. Thelma Watson, Kansas City, Kansas. She gave two well planned lectures on the basic principles of being charming. She was assisted during sessions by a large number of professionals in the field of cosmetology, modeling, public life and health education.

Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Hewett

Mrs. Watson with students

The men were not left out during the Charm Clinic. Doctors, professional men, buyers for men, and other consultants were brought to the campus to confer with the male population.

Dr. W. R. Bell and Mrs. V. J. Gilmore with men students in conference.

Miss Personality and Mr. Esquire

Were crowned at the end of the Charm Clinic

Mr. Esquire, Nelson Watson

Mr. Watson was winner among the men students. He is a sophomore sociology major. He is also a varsity basketball player. Mr. Watson's talent was popular. He also appeared in the fashion show in several scenes.

Miss Personality, Lydia Murray

Based on a merit point system used during the Charm Clinic, Miss Personality and a Mr. Esquire are chosen for the women students. Miss Murray is a Junior and an English major. Her talent was demonstrated in a dramatic reading, an adaptation from the “Ribs.” She also modeled several garments at the mammoth fashion show.

Miss Personality, Lydia Murray is crowned at the end of the Charm Clinic while Mr. Esquire Nelson Watson and last year's Miss Personality and Mr. Esquire look on.
Lane's Annual Career Conference
A Fast Growing Activity

The annual Career Conference sponsored by the college is one of the fastest growing activities. Each year in March two days are set aside to guide the Lane college students and the thousands of high school seniors in West Tennessee into the careers for which they are interested and best prepared to pursue.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. M. Perry and her very energetic faculty committee plans are made a full year in advance to bring to the campus the very best consultants from all over the country to serve for the two days of activity.

A number of activities are planned for the many high school seniors who come to the campus for the career conference. All of the organizations such as the band, the choir and other student organizations take this opportunity to show the high school students what Lane has to offer as an institution of higher learning. Each year in the freshmen class many students who make Lane their choice while visiting on Career Day.

Educational Groups Constantly Use Lane's Facilities

Lane's facilities are used by educational groups all through the year. The State Department schedules a number of meetings on the campus. This makes available to the teachers not only adequate facilities but also a number of experts who are members of the Lane College faculty.

Lane Plays Host To Many Distinguished Persons And Groups During The Year

Because of the central location of Lane College there are a large number of visitors on the campus from time to time and many meetings are held annually. Lane has a reputation for being a hospitable College and many people have opportunity to share this hospitality throughout the year.

Among the distinguished visitors on the campus recently was the "Spirit of Cotton," the Southlands Ambassador of good will. The much traveled very pretty Miss Maxine Perryman was accompanied by Mrs. R. O. Venson. They spent a day on the campus giving a fashion show, meeting important people, seeing the campus and enjoying Lane.
Miss Lane College, Summer School

Pretty Miss Minnie F. Durham reigned as Queen over the Summer School and quite a deserving queen she was. Miss Durham was one of several young ladies who competed for the coveted title in an effort to add a bit of pleasure as well as glamour to the annual summer school project.

Miss Durham, a business major was given a royal reception on the evening of her coronation on the facade of the administration building. Entertainers trained by loyal Lamlites from many areas came to the campus to give commendable performances before her royal highness and to add to the entertainment of the summer session.

As usual the entire summer school project was a success and everyone was happy over their queen and their project.

Annual Religious Week Observance

The annual Religious Emphasis Week is held in January each year. Under the general leadership of the director of Religious Life at the college, Reverend P. R. Sty and with the assistance of the Student Christian Council the program met with the usual success.

The visiting leader for the services was Reverend Buntny, a minister of Memphis, Tennessee, a minister with a wealth of experience and a rich background in religious education. The theme for the meeting was set in advance and every effort was made to provide the proper atmosphere for the sessions. There were two sessions each day and class visitation by request.

Retreats were held in resident halls during the week which provided a more informal type of meeting of the ministers and students. Each day the devotional services were beautifully done and the messages were inspiring. The Sunrise Communion Service was attended by the largest group in the past few years.
Artists Series

Lane College plans a well balanced cultural program for its students each year. Some of the top performers in the fields of music, drama and the dance have been presented on the campus.

Those concert offerings also serve the loves of the fine arts living in the Jackson community. Season tickets are sold in the community to a limited number of interested persons each year.

Miss Gwinn

Huel Brooks Gwinn, a Chicago soprano is a popular favorite with Lane students and Jacksonians alike. She has appeared in concerts on the campus three times and has been applauded over and over for her fine renditions of the classics as well as spirituals.

Miss Gwinn

Joyce Flissler

Julius Caesar

Each year the college has presented Playsmen Incorporated in a Shakespearean play. This year Julius Caesar was presented before the usual capacity audience.

Anthony Gionardo

Everyone loves the sweet music of the violin and Lane sponsored two violin concerts the past year. Both performances were thrilling.

The dance is always popular with college students. The performance this year however, was presented in a mid-day assembly for students only but was enthusiastically received.
Two Outstanding Alumni
Held World Affairs Seminar At Lane

Outstanding in her own rights is Mrs. Lena Hamlett, wife of Bishop Hamlett. She is also a graduate of Lane College and did graduate work at Northwestern. She is an outstanding worker in the field of religious education. She has helped many young people in her youth work in the C.M.E. church.

Bishop and Mrs. Hamlett are presently preparing materials for a book that will be published in the near future.

The Seminar was an overwhelming success with each session filled to capacity with interested students and friends of the college.

Bishop J. A. Hamlett

Mrs. Lena Hamlett

Two outstanding Lanesites, Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett and his charming wife, Mrs. Lena Hamlett came to Lane for a seminar on world travel after returning from an extensive trip abroad.

Bishop Hamlett is a graduate of Lane College and has done considerable work at Northwestern University. He is a Senior Bishop of the C.M.E. church and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lane College.

Lane College is proud to have two such fine alumni as the Hamletts. Both are sincerely interested in the program of Lane, and always accept any opportunity to serve her.

Mr. Willie L. Barnett '27

Mr. Willie L. Barnett, Trenton, Tennessee is a real community leader in his home town. Principal of Roswald High School with an ADA of more than five hundred students he has been responsible for many improvements in the curriculum and the instructional staff of the system. He is also a Steward in the Martin Temple C.M.E. Church, Assistant Youth Director of his district, and a member of the planning board for education in the church. After finishing Lane College he went on to finish his masters degree at Tennessee State University.

Mr. James Hawkins

Mr. James Hawkins graduated from Lane in 1952. He entered the School of Religion at Southern Methodist University in Texas as one of the first Negro students of the school. He graduated with the B.D. degree and accepted a charge as pastor in Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Stone is presently employed as professor of Biology at Lane. He received the M.S. at Howard University and has done work toward the Ph.D. at the U. of Colorado. Mr. Stone is an excellent photographer and works closely with this and other Lane college publications.

Mr. Moses W. Beasley

Mr. Moses Beasley has distinguished himself as a Lane college graduate in several areas. Holder of the B.B. degree, he is Pastor of the Stilwell Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. He also teaches Math in the Eliot Junior High School in the same city. He is a member of the National Baptist Publishing Board of the Virginia Baptist Publishing Board of the Virginia Convention, a member of the National Baptist Historical Comm. of Washington, a member of Columbia Lodge, The Chata Lodge, Who's Who in Colored America, a member of the Alexandria Council of Churches and President of the Ministerial Alliance. He represents Lane well in all areas.

Shown here are some Honor Graduates of the Class of 1956. Four members of this group are doing further study in major graduate schools of the country. Other members are gainfully employed in their areas of interest.

Annual Institute

On Courtship, Marriage And Family Life Features Outstanding Couple As Consultants

The Annual Institute on Courtship, Marriage and Family Life sponsored each year by the Division of Social Sciences had as consultants, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Murchison of Chicago, Illinois. There were three sessions each day in which students were given lectures, discussion sessions, conference hours and question and answer periods. Mrs. Murchison, supervisor of social workers in Chicago opened the first formal session with a discussion on preparation for marriage. The evening session was used to show the movie "Are You Ready For Marriage?" followed by a discussion period.

On the second day Mrs. Murchison discussed "Saving Your Marriage".

The evening movie was "Marriage Is A Partnership". This discussion was led by Dr. Murchison and Mrs. Hazel Wright.

Afternoon sessions were held in the seminar room of Teggett Hall each day for small groups and retreats were held on the residence halls for men and women in a more informal setting.
THE FARMERS CONFERENCE

One Of Lane's Oldest Community Services

The Farmer's Conference, held on the campus each year for more than a quarter of a century has been one of the offerings of the college that has really met the need of a group that was for a long time neglected. Designed as a program to point out the fine job being done by the rural people of west Tennessee and to afford an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and skills under the supervision of experts the conference has become more popular each year.

The Lane college faculty, the ministers and business leaders of the city of Jackson all combine their forces to make the Farmers Conference an enjoyable as well as an educational meeting each year.

One of the high points of the conference is the keynote address given by some outstanding person who is selected by a committee. This is the final session of the meeting and always brings a capacity crowd.

Presidential Kirkendoll gives Rev. Donald an award for twenty-five years of service to the Farmer's Conference.

Award winners for 1956

Committee members of the conference.

Outstanding Speakers At Lane

1. Dr. J. Len Stokes
2. Dr. W. B. Banks
3. Rev. St. Elmo G. Brady
4. Mrs. E. P. Marcalson
5. Rev. J. B. Pettigrew
6. Rev. J. L. Tulbert
ACROSS THE FOOTLIGHTS

THE LANE COLLEGE PLAYERS

The Players presented "No Room At The Inn" from the "Greatest Story Ever Told" as their Christmas season drama. The drama was centered around the birth of the Christ child who was to live the greatest life ever lived.

The Lane College players serve as a 'melting pot' as well as an outlet for student actors and producers. It is open to students who may or may not be enrolled in Speech and Drama. Students from all classes at Lane are admitted. In connection with the regular school productions, the college players extend its activities through the summer session and incorporates talent from among in-service teachers.

Mary and Joseph played by M. G. Masgrove and Theodore Ongea with two of the Three Wise Men.

AT LANE COLLEGE

IN ACTION

"The Secret Door" a three act mystery
Presented by the Summer Theatre

Death Writes a Message a mystery in three acts
Presented by the annual Summer Theatre

"Grandma Falls A String" a one act comedy
SENIORS

Rahon Hawkins
President
Activities: Sigma Beta Sigma, S.C.A., President of the Choir, Y.M.C.A.

A. D. Williams
Vice President
Activities: History, Sigma Beta Sigma, Football, Basketball.
Angie R. Hoyser
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: Member of F.T.A., Frat Club, Choir, Phys Ed Club.

William R. Johnson
St. Petersburg, Florida
Major: Sociology
Minor: History
Activities: President, Student Council, Editor of The Lance Journal, Sigma Nu Sigma, Y.M.S., Alpha Phi Alpha, Who's Who 1957.

Theodore McCrary
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Biology
Minor: Anatomy

LaRonica Banksley
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Sociology
Minor: Elementary Education
Activities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, College Choir, Y.M.C.A., Sigma Nu Sigma, Student Council.

Lucia S. Knox
Nashville, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Social Science
Activities: Delta Sigma Theta, Y.W.C.A., F.T.A.

Raymond Long
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Education

Gladys Yeocene Bess
Brownsville, Tennessee
Major: English
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: Sigma Theta, Delta Sigma Theta, T.M.S., F.T.A., English Club.

Marie Barham
Henderson, Tennessee
Major: Sociology
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: The Lane College Choir, English Club, Y.W.C.A., Spanish Club, F.T.A.

Archie Bradley
Germantown, Tennessee
Major: Music
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: Band, Choir, F.T.A., Y.M.C.A., Lane College Concerts.

Laura Maclin
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Sociology
Minor: Elementary Education
Activities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Y.M.C.A., Alpha, Sigma Nu Sigma, F.T.A.

Alfred C. Collins
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Education

Geneva Parks
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Social Science

Dorothy Shaw
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Sociology
Minor: Education

Dorothy M. Allen
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Social Science
Minor: Elementary Edu.

Samuel Braxter
Bolton, Alabama
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
Activities: Alpha Phi Alpha, Y.M.S.

Blanche Cherry
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Edu.
Minor: Social Science
Activities: Speech Club, French Club.

James Burton
Brownsville, Tennessee
Major: Sociology
Minor: Education

Walter Long
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Edu.

Raymond Long
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Education

Laura Maclin
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Sociology
Minor: Elementary Education
Activities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Y.M.C.A., Alpha, Sigma Nu Sigma, Verse Speaking Choir, Delta Sigma Theta.

Arva Lee Rice
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Edu.
Minor: Mathematics
Activities: F.T.A., Choir, Delta Sigma Theta.

Marjorie B. Lamey
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Edu.
Minor: Social Science

Dorothy Wynn
Bolton, Tennessee
Major: Social Science
Minor: French
Frederick Madison
Birmingham, Alabama
Major: History
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: Editor-in-Chief of Latin, President of Alpha Phi Al¬
ka Fraternity, President of Young Men's Senate, Vice Presi-
dent of Sigma Beta Sigma, M.C.A., Y.M.C.A.

Elaine Wade
Kansas City, Kansas
Major: English
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: S.C.A., Sigma Chi, Rho Alpha Society, English Club, Eng¬
lish Staff, F.T.A., Parallel-
logue Council, Miss Personality '56.

Lehr M. Yance
East St. Louis, Illinois
Major: Sociology
Minor: Elementary Education
Activities: F.T.A., Y.W.S., Y.W.
C.A., Delta Sigma Theta Society, Sigma Beta Sigma, Miscellaneous.

R. Julian Smith
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Education

Mayme Marlene Davis
Hendberd, Tennessee
Major: English
Minor: Secondary Education

Rodney Clayton
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Biology
Activities: Y.M.C.A., Y.M.
N., Alpha Phi Alpha Frat¬
ternity, Phys Ed Club.

R. Julian Smith
Chicago, Illinois
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Education

Emmonia Caldwell
Union City, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Social Sciences

Paul Eley
Fayetteville, Tennessee
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: Choir, S.C.A., Y.M.

Emilee Gibson
Forest City, Arkansas
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Social Sciences
Activities: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, F.T.A., Choir.

Julia Lane
Cerminates, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Social Science

Amiee Mac Henderson
Birmingham, Alabama
Major: Sociology
Minor: Secondary Education
Activities: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Gloria Beatriz
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry

Roland Porter
Covington, Tennessee
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
Activities: Y.M.C.A., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Kappa Chi.

Effie Simmons
Alma, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Sociology
Activities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Y.W.S.

Julia Lane
Corinthia, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Social Science

Samuel Polk
Jackson, Tennessee
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
Activities: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Y.M.C.A., Band.

T. J. Trotter
Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Mathematics
Minor: Chemistry

Dorothy N. Jones
Baptist, Tennessee
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Social Science
Activities: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, French Club.