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Harding Reflector and Alumni News



A campus scene showing west wing of Godden Hall and
north wing of Pattie Cobb Hall

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A Message From Our Alumni President

Dear Friends:

Events have moved rapidly and the future of the world may have been moved since the last alumni bulletin. Russia has been invaded and, it appears, all but destroyed. President Roosevelt has given his ultimatum, shoot on sight, and the United States may well be in the shooting war by the time you read this.

Beyond paying for taxes, conserving our resources, working cooperatively toward national defense, and some of us, enlisting in the various branches of the defensive service, there is little we can do toward determining the future of the world.

There is a service, however, which we can render, collectively and individually, toward determining the future of Harding College. For years Harding has been struggling against many odds, which you understand from personal experience. For years we have worked and waited patiently for that opportune moment which spells success or defeat for any institution.

At last the moment has arrived—and it now behooves us as former students and graduates of Harding to take advantage of the opportunities afforded and do our part in turning the opportunity into success.

As you know, Dr. George S. Benson had quietly and untiringly been working toward an endowment for Harding College, when last spring he was invited to appear before the House Ways and Means Committee on the 1941 tax bill. Dr. Benson's ap-

peal met with instant success; he was congratulated by outstanding business leaders from all over the country and applauded by government officials. His testimony was reprinted and reached a voluntary circulation of millions of copies—a voluntary circulation, probably unsurpassed, perhaps, unequalled in the history of our country. Dr. Benson has subsequently appeared before the Senate Finance Committee, has been interviewed by a government official, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, on a nation-wide radio hookup, and has spoken by request of the thousands of business men in the leading cities all over the country.

It has been stated several times, and no doubt true, that Harding College is the most talked-about college in the United States today, not excluding the larger universities!

The alumni of Harding College should be proud of the place occupied by their Alma Mater and her president and be both glad and eager to use the opportunity to further the interest of Harding College in every community.

The alumni may be justly proud of the fact that the association was the first definite contributor to the endowment fund, and that contribution has grown from absolutely nothing in 1938 to \$9,500.00 today.

Certainly we do not want to see the good work started by Dr. Benson go to waste under our very eyes. May I appeal to each of you personally; take advan-

ce of the opportunity that is yours; write Dr. Benson for reprints of his speeches, or write the alumni office and we will send you reprints. Use these reprints in interesting business men in your community in Harding College. Use them in pointing out the advantages of Harding College to high school pupils who will be deciding upon their choice of colleges in the near future; distribute them to high school economics teachers and pupils and make young America as conscious of Harding College as business America is conscious of her.

Join our efforts, as an organ-

ized and loyal group of alumni, to help in the endowment campaign. Do your part and urge others to do theirs, and we will not be ashamed of our contribution in the years to come.

Join the homeward-bound alumni who are coming to visit their Alma Mater November 27. Live again, if but momentarily, the glorious moments of a Thanksgiving meeting, as only they are held at Harding College. Let's make the Homecoming this year the biggest ever had—May we look forward to your visit?

Sincerely,

Edwin M. Hughes

L. D. Frashier, du Pont Chemist, Shows Loyalty

L. D. Frashier, '40, major in chemistry, has set a fine example for other Harding alumni by sending not the five dollars asked for but ten dollars for the endowment fund.

He said, "I am enclosing ten dollars for my part of the alumni insurance and to help out for some one who might not be blessed quite so well financially as I am."

Outstanding in many campus organizations, L. D. was editor of the *Petit Jean* during his senior year and was honored by an unusually large majority student vote as best all 'round college man.

The past year he did graduate work in the University of Kansas and now is employed by the du Pont Company at Memphis.

Many of Harding's former students are now employed in defense industries and are receiving unusually high



L. D. FRASHIER

salaries. How many of the other Harding students will follow L. D.'s example? Will you be one?

A Success Story

By NEIL B. COPE

Alumni everywhere should find cause for great rejoicing in the unprecedented popularity now being received by the president of our college, Dr. George S. Benson.

The rejoicing is wholly appropriate, and we may rah-rah with abandon until our throats are hoarse. Really, it's better than a winning football game. For this enormous wave of publicity bids fair to be just as important to the college as if it were something hard and concrete—yea, as much yellow gold. In fact, though this publicity cannot be measured in dollars and cents, it does present a very bright future to those of us who are fortunate enough to be first-hand observers.

It all started last May, when because of the interest manifested by the college during the last five years (in the "business-education" series of lectures, etc.), Dr. Benson was asked to testify before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington. The committee was at that time examining and reviewing evidence concerning the huge tax bills as well as large defense appropriations and was calling many people to testify. Into these generally dull and colorless hearings, Dr. Benson's clear-cut, logical presentation of an entirely new note on the national scene came as a bombshell. As many of you know, he literally set Washington by the ears. Washington buzzed. And then the buzz grew



DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

into a boom, until echoes of Dr. Benson's plea for sane economies in the conduct of the federal government were heard from coast to coast.

With reverberations unabating, Harding's president was called back to Washington to appear before the Senate Finance Committee on August 21. Again Dr. Benson literally "laid 'em low," with his sound reasoning and incontrovertible statistics.

The rest is history. Most of you know how Dr. Benson came into demand as a speaker, for he had found a theme which combined with the highest type of patriotism with good sound sense. Audiences, particularly those composed of business and professional people, were eager to follow his philosophy. Letters

of praise and commendation by the thousands swamped the campus. Groups everywhere were anxious to schedule his addresses, and eager requests came for more and more printed copies of speeches. The presses on the campus have been kept humming all summer and fall, striking off copies of his messages delivered from Milwaukee to New Orleans and from Boston to Kansas City. Radio carried his message, and on October 30 the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company featured Dr. Benson on a 15 minute broadcast.

One of the features of this popularity most worthy of notice here is the publicity angle itself. Newspapers and magazines the country over have printed multiplied columns and pages of information about Dr. Benson and his ideas—and about the college as well. A series of articles on national economy written by Dr. Benson for the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain were preceded by full page feature stories on Harding and on Dr. Benson personally. The articles themselves were featured on front pages in large type. Just last Sunday the Arkansas Democrat devoted the first page of its feature section to Dr. Benson's "One-Man Economy Crusade." Publicity is freely given, now. The press has characterized Harding's head as "the most widely known citizen of Arkansas" and has called him "champion college president."

Well, what of all this, you ask? What relation does this have to me as an ex-student or graduate? Before thinking further we should note well this fact: Dr. Benson is not building up himself as a national figure for personal reasons. Although

he has been mentioned as a candidate for high political office, I feel confident that a considerable amount of water will have run under the bridge before he has any ambitions in that direction. A nationally important post? He is capable, and could handle it right. But the answer is "no." Dr. Benson is an idealist who believes and practices the doctrine he has been preaching, but his only ulterior motives in these activities are those which will promote the welfare of Harding College!

You can read copies of his speeches and newspaper articles, and you will not read long before you find him "plugging" our Alma Mater. He may not always be asking for donations, but he is right in there advertising Harding.

It might be pointed out that in preaching an economy doctrine, Dr. Benson is not only helping to endow the college with friends (and money), but he is trying to put over a financial philosophy under which, and only under which, an endowment of money would be productive. He well realizes that should rank inflation come, invested funds, no matter to whom they belong, will have little value.

It is interesting to those of us on the campus to watch our president's work. With the energy and vitality of one thoroughly dedicated to a great cause, he is seizing every opportunity of the many that have so wonderfully come our way.

Every graduate of Harding College should realize that what happens to the school is of vital interest to him or to her in a personal way. All of us should

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Alumni News

Ernest Symcox, ex Cordell, age 44, died on August 17, at his home in Cordell where he was president of the Farmers National Bank. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Symcox, and brother Raymond of Cordell, and sisters, Mrs. Clay Hunt (Beulah), and Mrs. Carl Coulson (Mae), of Cocoa, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harris, academy '18, live at Texline, Texas, where he is operating a service station. Mrs. Harris was formerly Bessie Pogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rutherford of Louisville, Kentucky, visited their son, Clinton, a college freshman at Harding recently. Mr. Rutherford spoke at the chapel services.

J. D. Armstrong, '16ex, and Mrs. Armstrong of Oklahoma City, have a daughter, Billie Page, enrolled in the academy this year.

Mrs. A. F. Dever the former Goldie Warlick, '23ex, lives at 901 N. Porter, Norman, Okla., where she and Mr. Dever have a grocery store and service station in connection with the Sooner Courts for tourists.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rathers, '23ex, and son Dale Lee, age 13, live at Hiawatha, Kansas, where Mr. Rathers is sales manager for the Allis-Chalmers Company. Mrs. Rathers was Miss Mary McLaughlin.

Royal E. Wright, '23, is city mail carrier at Norman, Okla. He and Mrs. Wright, the former Indiana Hamilton, ex Cordell, have two

children, a boy and a girl, and live at 401 W. Tonhawa.

Ted Wright, '24ex, is married and living at Guymon, Okla., where he is a druggist.

Mrs. A. L. Brown, formerly Miss Eleanor Forster at Cordell, has a daughter, Sarah Beth, enrolled as a freshman at Harding. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have a typewriter agency at Fort Smith.

Lonnie Vanderveer, '24, is superintendent again this year at Cordell, Okla., and a member of the alumni board of the University of Oklahoma, from which institution he received his master's degree in 1940.

A. S. Croom, former president of Arkansas Christian College, and vice-president of Harding College, and Mrs. Croom, the former Margaret Price Harris, have a son, John Adlai, enrolled as a freshman at Harding this year. Mr. Croom is in the insurance business at Enid, Okla., and preaches for the church, carrying on a broadcasting program.

Angus Biggers, academy '26, is postmaster at Hampton.

Raymond Hazlet, '27, who has been in the high department of State Teachers' College at Weatherford, Okla., is teaching in the college department this year.

Nevelyn L. Bishop, '27ex, is farming near Belle Plaine, Kansas. He and Mrs. Bishop have two sons; Nelson, seven, and Charles Edward, three.

Luke Priba, '29ex, is employed by Montgomery Ward at Pampa, Texas.

Jack C. Smart, '29, and Mrs. Helen Haynes Smart, '28, live at Princeton where Mr. Smart is again superintendent. They have two children, John Allen, age 13, and Mary Helen, age 9.

Ethel Brabbzson, '29, is mathematics teacher in the Central High School at Caraway.

J. Dallas Roberts, 29ex, and Mrs. Roberts teach in the Walcott school. Mr. Roberts is superintendent.

Mrs. Gordon Chandler, formerly Miss Etta Belle Jarmon, '29, is teaching social science and biology in the Union High School near Eldorado. The Chandlers have a girl three years old.

Tatum Mills, '29 is again superintendent at Weiner. He and Mrs. Mills have two boys and a girl. Mildred Leasure, '41, is commercial teacher there and advisor for the school paper.

Albert Smith, '29ex, is minister for the church at Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Carlton Mays of Fordyce was formerly Miss Emily Gammill, '29ex. Mr. Mays is an undertaker.

Clark Fowler, '32ex, is beginning his third year as principal and coach at Sherrill.

Miss Prussia Brawley, '34ex, is teaching English at Caraway.

Milton Peebles, '34, is superintendent again at Saratoga. He and Mrs. Peebles, formerly Nannie Katherine McQuiddy, have two boys, Harvey and Larry.

Henry Pierce, '35, is teaching history and English in the ninth and tenth grades at Morgantown where he is principal.

Carroll Trent, '36, is beginning his third year at the Cypert school near Marvell, and preaching in Phillips County. Rachel Jackson Trent is primary teacher at Cypert. They have a daughter, Carol Virginia, age five.

Robert F. Lowyer, '37ex, is a bookkeeper in the State Bank at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Glen D. Trent, '37, is beginning his third year as principal of the Good Luck school near Marvel.

Ordis Copeland, '38ex, is teaching history in the Patmos High School.



BASKETBALL—an important part of Harding's intramural program.

L. W. House, Jr., '38ex, and Mrs. House live at Danville where he is principal and coach.

Faye Sullivan, '39ex, is doing stenographic work with the Arkansas Gazette in Little Rock. Juanita Seimears, '41ex, is also doing stenographic work in Little Rock.

Sidney Hooper, '39, is employed in the post office at Nashville, Tenn.

Jess L. Rhodes, '39, and Mrs. Rhodes, Pauline Moser, '39ex, are living at Houston, Texas, where Mr. Rhodes is an accountant.

Halley Marsh is teaching mathematics and science in the Pangburn High School and Margaret Alice Redis, '40, is teaching English there.

Eva Jo Brown, '40ex, is teaching the third grade at Glenwood and Odean Floyd, '40ex, is again teaching at Delight.

At Floyd this year Eugene Hart, '40, is principal, Excell Berryhill, '41, coach and Juanita Harrell, '41, primary teacher.

J. E. Bartley, Jr., '41, is teaching commercial subjects at Saratoga.

At the Dyess High School, Milton Poole, '41, is chemistry and mathematics teacher.

Dorothy Williams, '41ex, is teaching the first and second grades in the Hatcher School near Osceola.

Miss Margaret Alston, '40, is again teaching English and physical education at Cross City, Florida.

Hugh H. Rhodes, '40, is preaching for the West Cedar Church of Christ at Denver. Arthur Golden is preaching for the Sherman Street Church and Herman Wilson, '29ex, for the Park Hill church.

Harriet Lawrence, '41ex, has a stenographic position at Camp Robinson.

Mildred Cleek, '41, is teaching science and sponsoring the dramatic club at Hickory Ridge.

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Success Story . . .

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Success and achievement received by Dr. Benson, which is in turn so generously being dedicated to the upbuilding of the college and to the realization of our Alma Mater's ideals of education in measure more full.

Without being unduly optimistic—no one can look very brightly into the future during these times—I prophesy a period of growth and development for Harding College. If the worst should come to our country, Harding can still be a powerful influence for righteousness. If she abides by her traditions and comes through all her trials as of old, all the troubles that may come will only be a refining process.

But if the worst does not immediately come, Harding has glowing prospects for endowment and for a building program of enlargement. Many indications of success are visible already. And the thing for which we should all be thankful—the factor which more than anything else is producing these results—is Pres. George S. Benson: his zeal, determination, and lightning action in doing the job right! It is a real success story.

Thanksgiving Invitation

Thursday, November 27 is Thanksgiving at Harding and many old students will be back not only for the day but also for the week.

A week full of instruction and inspiration is promised with A. C. Pullias, vice-president of David Lipscomb College, and Jesse P. Sewell, ex-president of Abilene Christian College, as principal speakers. Many former students will also be on the programs.

Professor Leonard Kirk will be in charge of all music and special musical features will be the groups directed by him and Mrs. Florence Jewell.

A special musical group is hoped for this year by the return of the men who sang in the glee club directed by Mr. Kirk in 1929.

Herman Wilson, president of the glee club that year is coming with a group from Colorado. What a thrill it will be for these students to assemble again to sing together or to join the present men's glee club. Last year men of former years joined the regular group in singing "Old Lazarus," a favorite of all times.

There is no substitute for cherished memories. How often have you lived again your college days as you sat at home after a day's work! Friendships made at Harding are unusually binding because of the "big family" spirit that pervades the campus. When the rest of the family is going home every loyal son wishes to return. The greater the

number that is returning, the greater it makes one desire to return also.

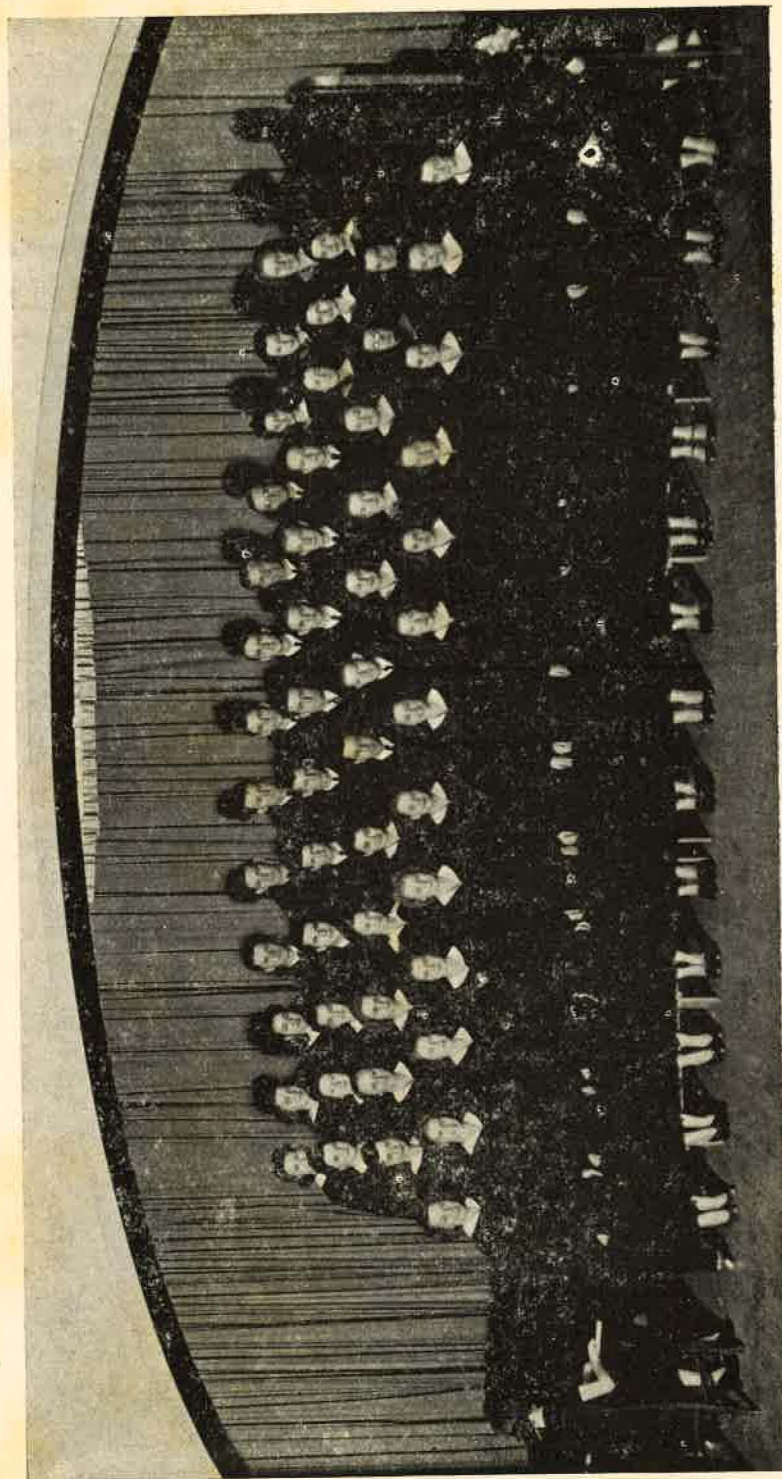
This year the number returning of those who were here in the last five years will be about as usual but there will, no doubt, be an increase in the number of older students returning. There is a special effort among the students of the year 1928-29, for all who can to be here this year. Not only do they desire those of that year but their special friends of the two or three years before and after that date.

Get down your old annuals. Look at the faces of your former schoolmates. Now live those years again. Think of those laboratory problems, the dining hall, those winding walks, the grove, the sunshine on the rock fish pond—the social hour, the chapel hour.

Now look at the calendar—Yes, Thanksgiving is on Thursday—of course. Yes, you can arrange to go. You will go! The decision is made and you are all getting ready to return to the campus where a sincere, cordial welcome awaits you.

Ruby Lowery Stapleton

The Harding Alumni-Ex-student tea will be held in the men's reception room at 5:00 in the afternoon on Thanksgiving. Let every former student make a special effort to be present at this gathering. It will be the best opportunity of the week for a visit with your old friends. Remember the hour—5:00 p. m.



HARDING'S MIXED CHORUS—A special feature of the annual Thanksgiving program is the musical program given by the glee clubs and mixed chorus at 6:30 p. m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Lectures, November 24 to 27

Monday—November 24

7:30 p. m. A. C. Pullias—The Spirit of Christ

Tuesday—November 25

9:45 a. m. Jesse P. Sewell—In God We Are Able

10:25 a. m. A. C. Pullias—This Cry For Freedom

7:30 p. m. Lewis F. Mills—Exploring Realities In Religion

8:10 p. m. A. C. Pullias—God's Promise

Wednesday—November 26

9:45 a. m. John G. Reese—The Lord, Our Helper

10:25 a. m. A. C. Pullias—The Blessings of Adversity

7:30 p. m. Jesse P. Sewell—Abiding Sources of Power

8:10 p. m. A. C. Pullias—The Christian Privilege of Prayer

Thursday—November 27

10:00 a. m. J. N. Armstrong—The Spirit of Thankfulness

10:40 a. m. George S. Benson—Plans for the Future

11:15 a. m. A. C. Pullias—Thorns in the Flesh

12:30 p. m. Basket Dinner in Dining Hall

3:00 p. m. Milton Peebles—Be Not Anxious

3:45 p. m. Bernie Bawcom—(subject yet to be chosen)

5:00 p. m. Alumni Tea

6:30 p. m. Musical Program directed by Prof. Leonard Kirk

7:30 p. m. Jesse P. Sewell—Keeping Christian Education Christian

8:00 p. m. A. C. Pullias—Security in a Perilous Time

Alumni News . . .

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Claudia Rosenbaum, '37, who taught in the Harding academy last summer, is teaching English in the high school at Saratoga for the fifth year.

Robert Yingling, '40, and Edna Harwood Yingling are teaching in the Trenton school near Poplar Grove. Mr. Yingling is principal.

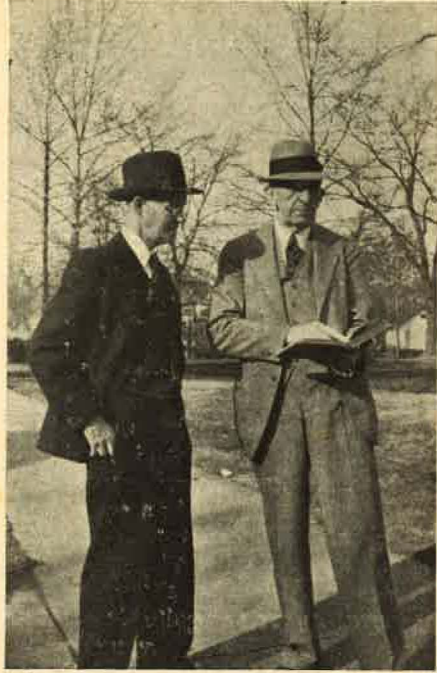
Delbert (Buck) Harris, '40, is principal and coach of the Judsonia High School. He and Mrs. Harris, the former Reddie Bridges, '39ex, have a son a year old.

Mary Nelle Blackwell, '39, is teaching commercial subjects and Spanish at Stamps. Zelma Bell '39, is librarian at Earle, while Alice Ann Davis, '39, is doing commercial art work at the Hall Gentry art studio in Dallas.

Vertie Davis, '39, is teaching typing and biological science at the East End High School at Hensley. Annie May Alston, '39, is teacher-librarian in the Hulbert-West Memphis school at Hulbert, Arkansas.

James E. Adams, '40 is commercial teacher and basketball coach at Crawfordsville.

Anyone who ever attended Harding College recognizes immediately these two professors. Dr. J. N. Armstrong, president emeritus, is continuing his work as the dean of the Bible department and professor of Greek. Professor B. F. Rhodes is head of the social science department.



Murrey Wilson, '40, and Mrs. Wilson, the former Hazel Gragg, '40ex, are living at Waldo where Mr. Wilson is preaching.

At Lepanto, Elizabeth Roberson is clerking in a ready-to-wear store, Wanda Lee Fielder is teaching the second grade and Bonnie Beth Byler is teaching English in the high school.

Florence Morris, '41, is employed at the Research Hospital at Little Rock.

Gene Koken, '40, is again at the Providence school near Judsonia. This year he is principal. Valda Montgomery, '40, is teaching at Biggers.

Mary Alberta Ellis, '41, is teaching the second and third grades near Lawson, and Mabel Dean McDoniel, '41, is teaching English and Spanish in the Searcy High School and sponsoring the yearbook.

Ralph Scruggs
Morven, Georgia