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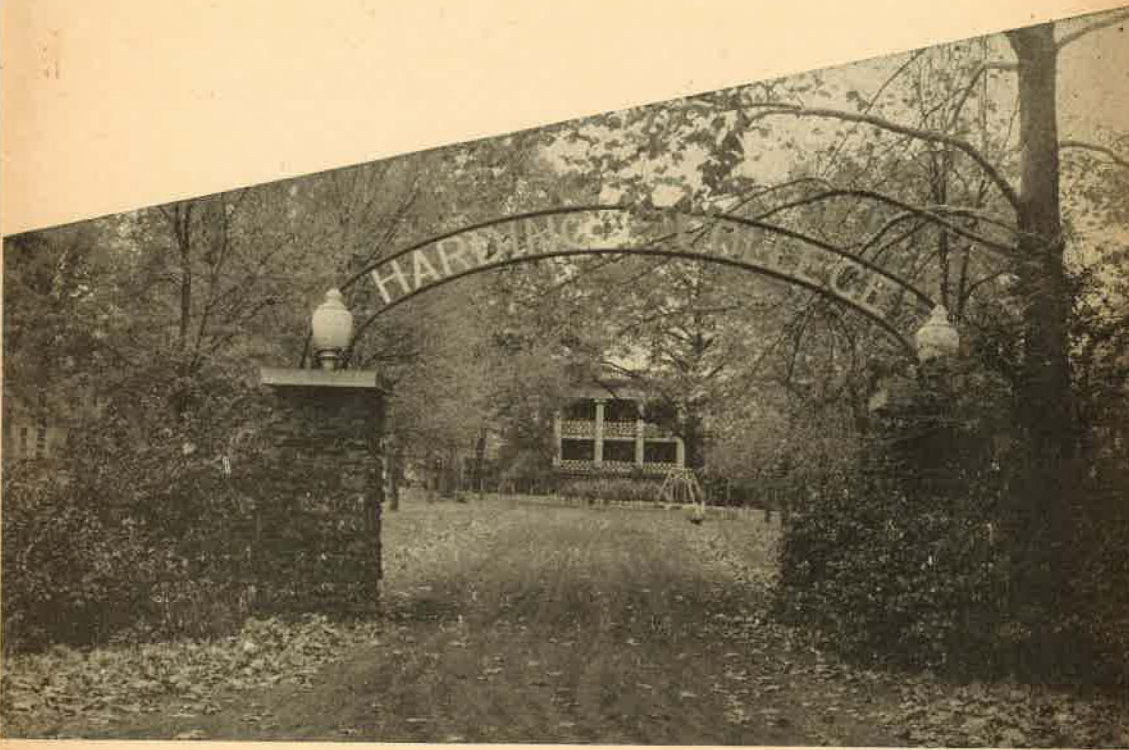
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Harding Reflector *and Alumni News*

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Our President's Message

Edwin Hughes, president of the Harding Alumni and Ex-Student Association for the past six years, has informed the new officers that there is much work to be accomplished by the Alumni Association. This work, however, is not to be done only by newly elected leaders but by all of the members of the association.

Harding will soon take a higher place in the educational world. We can hasten the day when our alma mater will reach this position of enhanced usefulness if we will but put our shoulders to the wheel and push her on to her deserved height. In this bulletin can be found some of the proposed plans for the expansion of Harding College. Likewise, herein can be found some work that we can do.

May I plead with the presidents and secretaries of the graduating classes of the past to get and to keep their class together—in spirit if not in person. Write to the members of your class! Form some system of communication to keep in touch with them!

The class of '42 has for its president and secretary Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Green, Jr. Before this class left Harding's Campus it devised a plan whereby each member would keep in touch with the other members. Every year each person would write a brief sketch of his or her life since graduation and send it to the secretary. These notes would then be mimeographed and mailed to each of the class members. This has kept them closer than other classes. Why don't we all try this? How about it presidents and secretaries? You were elected by your class for purposes like this. Don't let your fellow members down!

On behalf of the new officers may I express our appreciation for the responsibility you have given us. We shall do what we can to fulfill your wishes in boosting Harding College.

CLIFTON GANUS, JR.

Alumni Day

AND COMMENCEMENT AT HARDING

Registration for the alumni and ex-students began at 9 a. m. Wednesday, May 31. Complimentary tickets for the Lyceum number that evening and for the alumni banquet Thursday noon were given to all alumni and ex-students. Approximately sixty former students returned for this homecoming.

The chapel program Wednesday morning was under the supervision of Professor Leonard Kirk, vice-president of the class of '29. He made a short talk about his class and then had all alumni and ex-students present by years to introduce themselves to the audience and state what they are now doing. Edwin Hughes and Dr. George S. Benson spoke briefly.

The remainder of the time was spent in singing. Among the numbers presented by the chorus, accompanied by former members, were "O Lord, Our Lord", "The Angelus", and "To Thee, O Country". Lois Wilson, Frances Welch and Wanda Hartsell, a trio of yesteryears, sang "The Green Cathedral" and other numbers.

In the afternoon the annual varsity-alumni softball game was played with the alumni emerging the victor. The game was interesting and fast despite the aging of some of the alumni. Hugh Rhodes, Joe Pryor, Leonard Kirk, Henry Pierce, Clifton

Ganus, Jr., Mabrey Miller, Frank Rhodes, Billy Mattox, Hale Miller, Charles Geer and Sam Bell played for the alumni.

Wednesday night the Harding Campus Players presented their final Lyceum number, "Four Daughters". Alumni and ex-students enjoyed this program as guests of the Campus Players.

A new feature was introduced into the graduation exercises this commencement—that of having the alumni march with the graduating class and the faculty. The alumni formed two lines in front of the regular procession and marched to the stone steps at the northwest entrance to Godden Hall where the two lines parted ranks and allowed the graduating class and faculty to march through. Then the alumni followed the academic procession into the auditorium and sat behind the graduating class. The music was supplied by the mixed chorus under the direction of Professor Kirk.

E. W. McMillan, minister of the Union Avenue Church of Christ (Memphis), was introduced by Dr. Benson and gave a very timely address to the members of the graduating class. Dr. G. H. P. Showalter, editor of The Firm Foundation, was then introduced by Dr. Benson and

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Rhodes Returns to Alma Mater

By Ruby Lowery Stapleton

News that Dr. B. Frank Rhodes, Jr., had returned to his alma mater as head of the history department was welcomed by everyone who attended Harding during the last quarter of a century and studied history under his father, Professor B. Frank Rhodes, Sr.

Except for a short time spent at Abilene Christian College during his grade school work, Dr. Rhodes did all of his work from the first grade through senior college on the Harding campus.

Even during his grade school days, he distinguished himself as a student. He was twice chosen honor student in high school and once during college. In 1935 he was graduated from Harding with the B. A. degree in history. His scholarship was later recognized by the Alpha Honor Society, organized the next year.

Following a year's teaching in the public school at Alma, Arkansas, he entered George Peabody college at Nashville, Tennessee, and was graduated in 1937 with the M. A. degree in history. His thesis was a study of the "Concepts of the Westward Movement in High School Text-books".

Again Dr. Rhodes became a school teacher and taught one year in the high school at Monroe, Louisiana. In 1940 he entered the University of

California at Berkeley and continued his studies there until he was graduated in August, 1943, with the Ph. D. degree in history. For his dissertation he wrote "Thirsty Land", a study of irrigation in Modesto county, California.

During 1942 and 1943, Dr. Rhodes was a teaching assistant in American History at the University of California. He is a member of the National History Fraternity.

While at Harding, Dr. Rhodes was a sports enthusiast and a creditable member of the intercollegiate tennis team. He was a columnist for The Bison, a member of the debate team, doing very effective speaking, and a member of the Sub-T club.

Religious work has claimed much of his time, especially while he was in California. In 1938 he was minister for the San Francisco church of Christ and while in school at Berkeley he was minister for the congregations at Marysville, Tracy, and Albany, California.

For the camp meeting at Yosemite National Park, lasting two weeks in 1942 and attended by hundreds of members of the church of Christ, he prepared and taught a course in the Sixteenth Century Reformation.

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Constitution and By-Laws

(Last year a committee was appointed by Ex-President E. M. Hughes to make a study of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alumni Association of Harding College and to prepare a revision to be submitted to the Association for approval. At the annual business meeting of the Association on June 1 the proposed revision was adopted. The revised articles clearly state the purpose of our organization and definitely outline plans by which the Alumni Association of Harding can become a more efficient unit.

Your newly elected officers intend to the best of their ability to help you attain an active and working Association. But much depends on you—yes, just you as an individual. YOU are a vital unit in the organization! Read over and familiarize yourself with the Constitution and By-Laws of YOUR Alumni Association. File this copy of the **Reflector** so that you will always have at hand the articles of the Constitution and By-Laws. President Clifton Ganus, Jr., is now working on a plan for electing the representatives from the various districts to the executive council. You will hear from him soon.—J. E. P.)

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF HARDING COLLEGE

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Harding College Alumni and Ex-Student Association.

Article II. Purpose.

The purpose of this association shall be to promote the welfare of Harding College and to perpetuate and broaden her sphere of influence by:

- A. Keeping an informed membership;
- B. Stimulating an active interest in the school program;
- C. Perpetuating the contacts of former students and graduates with each other;
- D. Stimulating active participation in projects designed to promote the growth and welfare of Harding College and the Association.

Article III. Membership.

All graduates and former students of Harding College, Arkansas Christian College, Harper College, Western Bible and Literary College, Cordell Christian College, and Monea College are, by reason of their having attended any one or more of these colleges, members of this association of graduates and former students.

Article IV. Fees.

A membership fee may be set from time to time as the association may deem wise. The Executive Council, hereinafter provided for, shall determine the amount of this fee, and recommend it to the Association in its annual business meeting.

Article V. Officers.

The officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, and Secretary-Treasurer. The duties of each of these officers shall be those commonly incumbent upon such officers in similar organizations. All officers shall serve two years and shall be elected at the annual meeting of the association during Commencement week at Searcy, Arkansas. Election of officers may be by voice vote or secret ballot if deemed wise.

Article VI. Executive Council.

An Executive Council shall be elected and constituted as follows: The area served by Harding College shall be divided into five districts in the following order: District I shall be composed of Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. District II shall be composed of Louisiana and Texas. District III shall be composed of all states west and north of Texas and Arkansas and west of the Mississippi River. Districts IV shall be composed of all states east of the Mississippi River and north of Tennessee and North Carolina. District V shall be composed of the state of Arkansas and shall be divided into the East and West Sections by a line running north and south through Little Rock.

Those members from foreign countries or living in foreign countries shall vote in the following districts: Those living in Canada east of the 95th meridian of longitude shall vote with District IV; those west of the 95th meridian shall vote with District III; those living in Latin America shall vote with District II; those living in China and the Pacific area shall vote with District III; those living in Africa and Europe shall vote with District I. In each instance the place of residence shall determine the District in which a member of the association shall vote.

Districts I, II, III, and IV shall each elect one member to the executive council and District V shall elect two members. Each member of the council shall be elected for a term of two years, with half the membership retiring in alternate years. Any member may succeed himself.

In order to institute this executive council, District II and IV shall each elect a member to serve one year and in the spring of 1945 shall elect a member to serve two years. District I and III shall each elect in 1944 a member to serve two years. The East Section of District V shall elect in 1944 one member to serve two years. The West Section shall elect in 1944 one member to

serve one year and in the spring of 1945 shall elect one member to serve two years.

The President of Harding College, the President and Executive Secretary of the Alumni and Ex-Student Association shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Council. The Executive Secretary of the Association shall serve as permanent chairman of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council shall meet regularly on the day designed as annual Alumni Day to formulate policies and discuss plans for the ensuing year. All recommendations shall be submitted to the general meeting of the alumni and ex-students at the annual meeting which shall be held during commencement week. A two-thirds majority of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum which shall be empowered to transact business and to act in all capacities for the Council.

Qualifications for membership on the Council: To be eligible for membership on the Executive Council one must have attended Harding College, Arkansas Christian College, Harper College, Western Bible and Literary College, Cordell Christian College or Monea College for at least two academic years and shall have left the college voluntarily.

Election: Nominations for the Executive Council shall be mailed to the Executive Secretary who shall prepare the necessary ballots and who shall have said ballots printed in the winter number of the official Alumni publication. Any candidate winning a majority of votes cast in his district shall be declared elected. In event no candidate wins a clear majority, the Executive Secretary shall mail ballots to all enrolled members in the given district. These ballots shall carry the names of the two candidates winning the largest number of votes. These ballots shall be mailed not later than May 15; all ballots must be signed. Ballots returned later than May 15 shall not be counted. An enrolled member of the association is one whose correct address is on file.

Judges: To insure fair and impartial elections, the judges shall be the President of the Senior Class, the Registrar of the College and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

Article VII. Elections.

Notice of elections shall be published at least three months prior to the date of the elections. The manner of voting and all necessary information shall be explained fully by the Executive Secretary. The manner of voting is in each instance explained in the appropriate article.

Article VIII. Amendments.

Amendments to the constitution may be made at any time provided that

each proposed amendment shall have been published three months in advance. Amendments may be initiated in the Executive Council or in the regular business meeting during commencement week. A two-thirds majority shall be required of the Executive Council in initiating an amendment. When initiated in the annual business meeting a two-thirds majority shall also be required, provided a quorum is present. Voting on amendments shall be by ballot signed and mailed directly to the Executive Secretary and shall be opened and counted in the presence of a committee composed of The President of the College, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and the President of the Alumni and Ex-Student Association. Ballots must be in the hands of the Executive Secretary within fifteen days following the election date to be counted. No amendment shall be adopted except by written ballot and must carry two-thirds majority of all votes cast.

BY-LAWS OF THE ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Article I. Meetings.

There shall be three annual meetings, one of which shall be during the Thanksgiving week, another of which shall be during the State Teachers Association Convention, and the third shall be during Commencement week. This last meeting is the only one empowered to transact official business, to elect officers, or otherwise to adopt official policies.

Article II. Committees.

All standing or special committees shall be appointed by the President.

Article III. Quorum.

Sixty per cent of the membership registered in the Alumni Office shall constitute a quorum. Registration shall begin at 8:00 a. m. on Alumni Day and shall close at 12:00 noon the following day.

Article IV. Publication.

The Alumni and Ex-Student Association of Harding College shall publish some form of magazine, paper or bulletin, which shall be designated as the official publication of the Association. This publication shall not be issued on less than a quarterly basis and may, if the need arises, be published more often. All notices of election, ballots, etc., inserted in this publication shall be counted as officially published.

The assessment of a subscription fee shall be left to the determination of the Executive Council.

Harding Plans for the Future

Dean Sears recently informed me that the summer enrollment is a record enrollment and that reservations are coming in rapidly for the fall term. Harding has not suffered the decline in enrollment that many other institutions have. Perhaps this is true because her Alumni Association is working.

President Benson is working tirelessly for Harding's future and it is bright. The following are some of the plans which he presented at the Alumni Banquet.

I. Faculty—The present faculty, which has served Harding so many years and has given hundreds of young people a vision of greater usefulness in life, is now being supplemented by the second generation of Harding teachers. With but one exception these teachers are alumni of Harding. They are returning with the highest attainable degrees according to a plan which will make the Harding College faculty second to none.

These young returning professors include Dr. Frank Rhodes, Jr., Ph.D. in History, University of California; Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, Ph.D. in Chemistry, Louisiana State University; J. D. Bales, completing work on his Ph.D. in Philosophy of Education, University of California; Jack Wood Sears, completing work on his Ph.D. in Biology, University of Texas; Mrs. S. A. Bell, completing work on

her Ph.D. in Home Economics, University of Chicago; Neil Cope, working on his Ph.D. in Journalism, Northwestern University; M. E. Berryhill, working on his Ph.D. in Physical Education, Peabody. Then, this coming year Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stapleton will be on leave of absence to continue work on their Ph.D's in, respectively, Business Administration and English at the University of Iowa.

II. Building—Money is already definitely in hand or in sight for the following buildings:

- (1) Men's Dormitory.
- (2) Library Building.
- (3) Student Center.
- (4) Gymnasium.
- (5) Additional Class Building.

III. Endowment — Definite progress is being made on an endowment for Harding College and plans are under consideration which would result in admission to the North Central Association by the time the above proposed buildings can be completed.

IV. Admission to the North Central Association—When the above plans have been realized, admission to the North Central Association should be merely a matter of routine. The academic standing of Harding would then be unquestionably on the higher level. Her academic recognition would be world wide.

V. Retirement for Teachers—
Definite plans are now being formulated for this necessary and needed addition to the policies of Harding College.

Your Alma Mater is moving for-

ward! And ever "Christian standard is her motto" and "Christian life is stressed". What about that boy or that girl in your community that needs the training Harding gives? Harding is counting on you to direct them within her portals! —C. G., Jr.

ALUMNI DAY AND COMMENCEMENT AT HARDING

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spoke on the greatness of Christ. Clifton Ganus, Sr., president of the Board of Trustees, made a few remarks on behalf of the Board.

After the conferring of degrees and the awarding of honors, the graduates, alumni and faculty proceeded to the dining hall for the banquet. The graduating class was formally inducted into the Alumni Association and pledges were signed for this year's donations.

Last year a Revision Committee was selected to revise the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Harding Alumni and Ex-Student Association. A report was given by this committee and a motion that the revision be accepted passed overwhelmingly after a brief discussion. Following the election of officers for the next two years the meeting was adjourned.

RHODES RETURNS TO ALMA MATER

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college graduate from Harding to receive the Ph.D. degree, but he was first to return to his alma mater as professor.

During the past year, Dr. Rhodes has served as faculty advisor for The

Bison in the absence of Professor Neil B. Cope. This fall he will continue his duties of the past year as head of the history department, debate coach and executive secretary of the Alumni-Ex-student Association.

Election of Officers

CLIFTON GANUS, JR.

Elected President of Alumni Association

June 1, 1944



Election of officers of the Alumni and Ex-Student Association was held at the regular business session following the annual banquet on June 1. Clifton Ganus, Jr., minister of the church of Christ in Charleston, Mississippi, was elected President of the Association succeeding Edwin Hughes who had faithfully served in this capacity for six years.

Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, head of the Chemistry Department of Harding College, was elected Vice-President succeeding Leonard Kirk. Mildred Formby Mattox of Searcy was elected Secretary-Treasurer succeeding Ruby Lowery Stapleton. Dr. B. Frank Rhodes, Jr., head of the History Department of Harding College, was reelected Executive Secretary by acclamation.

President Ganus, '43, was an outstanding student throughout his four years at Harding. He was an honor student, a member of Alpha Honor Society, editor of the Petit Jean, a member of the Sub-T Club, a member of several musical groups and an excellent athlete. This summer he

is directing an extensive evangelistic effort in northern Mississippi assisted by several young preachers from Harding.

Dr. Pryor, '37, was an honor student, a member of Alpha Honor Society, editor of the Petit Jean and of the Bison, a T. N. T., a Campus Player and an athlete. He is teaching the summer session at Harding.

Mrs. Mattox, '30, attended David Lipscomb College before coming to Harding and was the college bookkeeper during her student days. She is the wife of F. W. (Billy) Mattox, ex-'31, who is supervisor of the boys' dormitory and Bible teacher at Harding. Mr. and Mrs. Mattox and their two children are in Nashville, Tennessee, this summer where he is preaching and doing graduate work at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Rhodes, '35, was an honor student, a columnist for the Bison, a Sub-T, a debater and an athlete, and he is an alumni member of the Alpha Honor Society. This summer he is preaching in the San Francisco, California, bay area. —J.E.P.

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I M P O R T A N T

If the address below is not correct or will soon be changed, please drop a card to Alumni Association, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, giving the correct information. Or, if you know an alumnus or an ex-student with whom we have lost contact, please send us the correct address of such a one. We want to keep in touch with all, but we need your help.

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