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A Tribute to Brother Armstrong

By F. W. Mattox

Probably all who read this article will be familiar with the facts of the passing of Brother Armstrong, but many of us will be missing him for a long time. Brother Sears intends to publish a biography of Bro. Armstrong which will picture him as he was and help us to remember again the vividness of his life and stir the impressions for good that he made upon us.*

The school is getting along fine, with our big enrollment and our strengthened faculty, but we miss Bro. Armstrong. His cheering sense of humor, his devotion to his work, his high seriousness toward things divine, his chapel speeches, his grey head and stooped shoulders across the campus, his friendly counsel — these are but a few of the things we miss. My regret for the freshmen is that they will never know what they have missed by not knowing him. Harding College could not have existed without him. He was its spirit. He was its life. The responsibility for carrying on rests heavily upon the rest of us.

Bro. Armstrong had many fine qualities, but one that is outstanding to me was his courage. He would not take a position because it was popular. He never wavered because of men, but continued a life-long student of God's Word, that his belief might be the result of independent

scholarship. I learned much from his courage.

Another great quality was the value he placed on one human, and his great possibilities for development. Every student to him was a challenge that called forth his best as a teacher. To him the educational process continued from birth till death. He would look at a baby and remark about how much it had to learn. When we used to bring the training school into the college chapel service, he would gesture toward them to say, "These are the biggest folks we have." He meant that they had greater possibilities for they were in what he called "the best spot on earth." Those of us who have had opportunity, have seen those same little children respond to the vision held before them and some of them have come back from the universities with the highest honors. The rest of us who were not under his inspiration so long, will all testify that we are better men and women for having known him. He loved us all, he saw our possibilities and tried to bring out the best that was in us. For my part, I say he succeeded. One of the most common things I have heard people say since his departure is that he influenced their lives for good more than any other person they had known.

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Homecoming at Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving has always been a traditional day for the return of old students to Harding, and although war conditions will prevent a number from coming this year, we are expecting a very pleasant day when many old friends will meet once more.

A number of very outstanding preachers have been secured for the week's lecture series, and it will be one of the best that we have ever had. A calendar of the speeches is printed elsewhere in this bulletin.

The "usual" unusual dinner will

be served in the dining hall. Then to finish off the day's activities with a note of entertainment, Miss Vivian Robbins will present members of the Dramatic Club in a production of "Mrs. Miniver." Among the members of the cast are Mary Hargraves and Margaret Shannon, who appeared in several of the lyceum plays last year. The two children of Billy and Mildred Mattox are also in the production. Other members of the cast are Al Stroop, Bob Hawkins, Mildred Lanier, Harold Holland, Sammie Swim, and Imogene Franks.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ENDOWMENT FUND

(The following is a list of contributions to the endowment fund received since the May bulletin, and up to October 28.)

Mrs. Myrtle Rowe	.....\$ 5.00
Roy Harris	..... 10.00
Mary Nell Blackwell	..... 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Miller	10.00
Elizabeth King	..... 5.00
Mr. and Mrs.	
C. L. Ganus, Jr.	..... 10.00
Mr. and Mrs.	
Jim Bill McInteer	..... 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pitner	15.00
Woodrow C. Whitten	.... 5.00
Joseph E. Pryor	..... 10.00
T. Coy Porter	..... 3.07
Marguerite O'Banion	..... 5.00
Class of 1942	..... 10.00

ARMSTRONG (Cont. from page 2)

His influence will continue to be felt around the world. The spark that he kindled in our hearts will not die, but will continue to burn in the lives of hundreds of young Christians who have been inspired with the great example of Christian life and it will continue blessing humanity in an ever widening circle until the Lord comes, for only then can such influence be measured. A great saint of God has gone to rest and a well deserved rest it is, "for his works do follow after him."

* Dean Sears is eager for all to think back over their experiences with Brother Armstrong and write down the incident that reveals his character or his work. If all would do this it would make a much more interesting book. Send yours to Brother Sears soon.

Bales Is New Bible Teacher

By Joseph E. Pryor

All alumni and ex-students who attended Harding during the 1933-34 session remember a tall and energetic youth from Atlanta, Georgia, who enrolled in the fall as a member of the freshman class. Under the influence of J. N. Armstrong and B. F. Rhodes, in particular, and others, both teachers and students, James D. Bales caught a glimpse of the spirit of Christ and determined to devote his life to preaching the gospel of Christ. This fall he returned to his alma mater as professor of Bible.

Mr. Bales lacks but little completing all requirements at the University of California for the Ph.D. degree in the field of history and philosophy of education. His dissertation is entitled "History of Pragmatism in American Educational Thought". He entered the University of California during the summer of 1940 after having studied the previous year in the Ontario (Canada) College of Education.

The class of 1937 claims Mr. Bales as one of its members. After spending all four years at Harding he was granted the B. A. degree with majors in history and English. The following fall he entered George Peabody College and was graduated in the summer of 1938 with the M. A. degree in English. His thesis was a study of "The Kingdom of Heaven in the Works of H. G. Wells".

While doing his doctorate work at the University of California, Mr. Bales was also engaged as a reader in the department of education. He is a member of Pi Gamma Mu and Phi Delta Kappa.

Extra-curricular activities attracted some of Mr. Bales attention during his undergraduate days at Harding. He was an outstanding member of the debate team, he and his colleague winning the state tournament in 1937. He was a columnist for the *Bison* and was the organization editor of the *Petit Jean* his senior year. In the field of sports he was an outstanding wrestler and a member of the track team. His senior year he was chosen best all around boy by the student body. He was a member of the Sub-T club.

While preaching in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, he met Mary Smart who became his wife July 2, 1940. A daughter, Mary Ethel, was born March 18, 1944.

But regardless of his other accomplishments, it is as a gospel preacher and a faithful Christian that Mr. Bales desires to be known. During his student days at Harding he filled appointments at several places in Arkansas and neighboring states. His summers were spent in evangelistic work. During the time of his grad-

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Let's Meet Our Obligations

By Clifton L. Ganus, Jr.,

As you know, the Alumni Association, desiring to help its Alma Mater, took out some insurance policies several years ago.

Each year we have to pay the premium on these policies. The payment which is due in November amounts to \$350.00. Seems like a lot of money, but if prorated among all of the Association it is but little. Our only funds come from the pledges of the Alumni. Accordingly we plan and spend that which has been pledged.

If you pledged to give a certain amount to the Association please send it in at once. Or if you did not pledge anything, but can send us \$5.00 or \$10.00 now, please do it. We must pay the premium on the policies.

Sacrifice a little if necessary, but let's not fall down on our job. If you can't possibly meet your pledge do what you can, or write us and let us know that you can't, otherwise we will count on you to **send your pledge as soon as possible.**

ALUMNI NEWS

Cullen Dixon, '29, is a Chaplain doing overseas duty.

Pvt. Charley Shoemaker, ex-'34, is stationed at Camp Berkeley, Texas. His wife and baby daughter are in Harrison, Arkansas.

Myrene Williams, '41, was married on August 31 to Capt. J. W. Parker of the Army Air Corps.

Pvt. John Mason, ex-'41, is in the South Pacific with the parachute troops.

Aubrey Miller, '42, is preaching for the church of Christ at Tuckerman, Arkansas.

Avanelle Elliott, '39, is secretary to Batsell Baxter, President of David Lipscomb College.

Lutie Neal, ex-'39, is teaching in the Indianapolis city schools. Her address is 620 N. Bancroft St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

T. Coy Porter, '44, is teaching English and History at Cassville, Missouri, and preaching for the church there. T. Coy visited Harding recently.

Woodrow Whitten, '37, is teaching history in George Pepperdine College at Los Angeles.

Douglass Gunselman, '43, was married to Miss Charline Foreman, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on August 11. Douglass is Principal of the Harding Training School.

Elizabeth King, '44, is teaching home economics at Somerset, Ohio.

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Thanksgiving Lecture Program

SUNDAY

Morning

A. R. Holton

Evening

A. R. Holton

MONDAY

Morning

A. R. Holton

U. R. Beeson

Evening

Clifton L. Ganus, Jr.

P. D. Wilmeth

TUESDAY

Morning

James Baird

K. C. Moser

Evening

P. D. Wilmeth

Cecil Hill

WEDNESDAY

Morning

G. H. P. Showalter

Cecil Hill

Evening

P. D. Wilmeth

James Baird

THURSDAY

Morning

George S. Benson

G. C. Brewer

Afternoon

G. H. P. Showalter

E. W. McMillan

—BALES (Continued from page four.)

uate work at George Peabody College, he preached for different congregations in and around Nashville, Tennessee.

Since the fall of 1938 he has done local work for churches of Christ in Macon, Georgia; Toronto, Canada; San Francisco, Turlock and Oakland, California. Evangelistic meetings have carried him into Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Indiana, New York, California and Canada.

"The Christian Conscientious Objector", "Was Peter Pope?", "You Are A Christian Now", and "Apostles or Apostates?" (soon to be off the press) are books which he has written. He is also the author of several tracts.

Christian polemics engaged the at-

tention of Mr. Bales during the past summer. For eight consecutive Sunday afternoons he had two-hour discussions with W. G. West, a Seventh Day Adventist, in San Francisco, California. He met Kenneth E. Farnsworth, a Mormon, in a four-day debate at both Oakland, California, and Reno, Nevada.

At the Yosemite National Park camp meeting in 1942 he taught a course in "Selected Studies in Acts of Apostles", an outline of which was published in The Yosemite Reflector. During the past year Mr. Bales has spent two days a month in the San Quentin Prison interviewing the prisoners and helping them with their problems. While at Oakland prior to his return to Harding he preached over the radio each Sunday.

The New Alumni Council

In the new constitution which was drawn up and adopted at the spring meeting of the Alumni Association, it was provided that an Executive Council should be created and selected in order to formulate policies and discuss plans for the Association. The complete constitution containing this provision was printed in the summer number of the "Reflector," and if you have your copy, turn and read the details concerning the selection of this body.

According to the constitutional provisions, it is now time to be receiving nominations for the council. Nominations are to be sent in to the Executive Secretary, and the necessary ballots are then to be printed in the winter number of the "Reflector." Members of the Association will then select by ballot a member from their geographical district who will be one of the Executive Council.

District I is composed of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Africa, and Europe.

District II is composed of Louisiana, Texas, and Latin America.

District III is made up of all states west and north of Texas and Arkan-

sas and west of the Mississippi River, plus the part of Canada west of the 95th meridian.

District IV is composed of all states east of the Mississippi River and north of Tennessee and North Carolina, plus the portion of Canada east of the 95th meridian.

District V consists of the state of Arkansas, and is divided into East and West sections by a line running north and south through Little Rock. Each of these sections is to elect one member to the Council.

To be eligible for membership on the Council one must have attended either 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 have left the college voluntarily.

SEND IN YOUR NOMINATION. Sit down now and send us your nomination for a member of this Executive Council. Ballots will then be printed in the winter number of the bulletin. Take an interest in this matter and see that you have the best possible representative for your district.

—ALUMNI (Cont. from page 5.)

Jack Wood Sears, '40, has just completed all requirements for his Ph.D. degree at the University of Texas.

Capt. William H. Bell, ex-'40, is flying a cargo plane from St. Joseph, Missouri. Bill was recently married to Miss Mary Davis McCord.

News was curtailed this time because of lack of space.

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IMPORTANT

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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