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BULLETIN

Harding College--Searcy, Arkansas

Harding Reflector and Alumni News

February 1, 1945



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Sam Peebles

By Joseph E. Pryor



Sam Peebles

The announcement of the death of Lt. Sam Peebles, Jr., came as a shock to those who were assembled in the college auditorium for the annual Thanksgiving service Thursday morning, November 30. Lt. Peebles was killed in England in a plane accident on his 28th birthday, November 22.

He and his navigator were killed on what was to have been his last operational flight in England. Both motors of his plane suddenly failed in the take-off or shortly afterwards and his plane crashed.

Lt. Peebles enlisted in the U. S. Naval Air Force in March, 1941, and received his wings in February, 1942. Most of his training was done near Jacksonville, Florida. After receiving his wings he spent about two years as an instructor at different

bases in Florida. He was sent to England to receive further training from the R. A. F. and was expecting to return to this country in December to resume his instructional duties.

Lt. Peebles was born at Smyrna, Tennessee, November 22, 1916, and was graduated from the Smyrna High School in the spring of 1934. He entered Harding the following fall and was graduated with the B. A. degree in English in June, 1938. Following graduation he worked a short time with the News Journal (Murfreesboro, Tenn.) and the Nashville Times (Nashville, Tenn.). He then worked about two years in Washington, D. C., for the Federal Government.

While attending Harding Lt. Peebles was outstanding in journalistic activities. He was editor of the Bison, sports editor of the Petit Jean, a very active member of the Poetry Club and a member of the Dramatic Club. He was voted Best All 'Round Boy his senior year and was vice-president of his freshman class. He was a charter member of the Koinonia Club.

He is survived by his father, mother, two brothers and two sisters. An older brother (he was the youngest child), Milton, graduated from Harding in 1934 and is now superintendent of schools at Saratoga.

(The following lines written by Sam Peebles in 1941 about his own death show his deep poetic feelings and great ability.)

Now at last I may rest
—Oh tired body be glad of this!
Rest, rest in quietude.
My arms have known the joy
Of holding loved ones tight
And pain of emptiness.
These eyes have gazed on beauty,
Have seen ruin — and in the middle
Of night they have stared wildly
Into the black — seeking — seeking
Oh tired eyes, this weary mind
Will prod you on no more!
This heart would not be still till now
But peace has come

And I have come back to my first love
Be heavy on my chest oh earth
And crush these ribs until my longing
Has been satisfied.

Pilgrim, where was your home?
Sevastopol
Oh that was far away
But rest now Pilgrim, Here in peace
The clay packs tightly and, I think
The rains begin.

—Sam Peebles.

Oct. 11, 1941.

What The Alumni Are Doing

1932

Van Allen Bradley, Jr., (Ex), is living in Lincolnwood, Illinois, and is working for the Chicago Sun as chief of the Copy Desk.

1934

Mrs. J. Owens (formerly Lucille Matthews, Ex), and two sons and husband live in Berryville, Arkansas, where Mr. Owens is engineer with the Rural Electrification Administration REA. A sister, Lola Matthews, class of 1933, is in Berryville, Arkansas, as stenographer with the Farm Security Administration.

1935

To Mrs. Borden Bradley was born a daughter, Borda Jean, on December 4. Borden Bradley, Ex 1934, is in the army.

1936

Henry Hoover, his wife, who was

Jeanette Jackson, Ex 1935, and son Mike live in Phoenix, Arizona, where Henry works in an airplane factory.

Eleanor Holley (Ex) is in the Waves, and is stationed at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. David V. Whitley, formerly Miss Annie Forest Batey (ex), is now working in the office at Jeffersonville Boat Company, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Miss Margaret Batey (Ex), is now teaching English at Smyrna High School, Smyrna, Tennessee. Since leaving Harding, she has received her B. S. degree from State Teachers College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and also her M. A. degree from Peabody College.

1937

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitner are now living at 913 Dunlap, Paris (Continued on page five.)

(The following is an elegy on Dan Finch written by Sam Peebles. Dan was an ex-student of the year 1937).

I promised you an elegy Dan Finch
That was an eon ago the way the world
has moved
That was in 1936 when you and Rogers
and I, college lads
Had dreams of glory we'd be a new trium-
virate of poets:
Byron, Keats and Shelley of America or so
we had it
You were the Keats of us: the pure the
true the undefiled
The man with greater faith for life
(Oh more of him was Keats than earth
can know
Aside from dying young)
I promised you an elegy Dan Finch, in jest
Shorn of names the classics wear
Adonais could not be worn by an Okla-
homa lad like you;
The tall, the tan, the Indian cheeked.
Somewhere new earth is packed upon your
mold.
And in the air battlefield unshifted still
the rancorous
Smell of fresh death pollutes your com-
rades Ration K.
Half in jest the three of us pledged, to
eulogize the first to die
And then we talked of death, amazed by
its mystery

Death the ultimate of life: the great re-
vealer or
The quiet obliivator of everything.
Death whose secret men of all the ages
know except the living men
(And a beggar who is dead knows more
than all the wise men)
Rogers talked with speculations wild, and
often weird
And often with a strong desire that he
should know the secrets.
But Finch filled with a desire for life was
content to know in due time
Guessing that eternity was great enough for
him to learn
When his brief pause on earth was done.
How is it now Dan Finch?
Was your spirit quick to leave the smell of
fresh death on the battlefield?
Was the span of life enough
That death should follow hard on college
days?
Wide across the earth now
How the dead abound
There is an Oklahoma lad whose name is
written on the ground
Far from Oklahoma now, far forever more
They've made a wooden cross for him.

—Sam Peebles.

DR. GOODBAR SPEAKS

Dr. Joseph E. Goodbar, counsellor at law in New York City, spoke to the school assembly on January 11 and 12. He spoke on "Central Planning," saying: "The accustomed freedom of American life and business activity are inconsistent with the imposition of central control over our economy." Dr. Goodbar contrasted many conditions in Russia with those that prevail in this country.

Goodbar is a member of the New

York bar, Massachusetts bar, American bar association, U. S. District of Columbia bar, and others, and has traveled extensively in Europe.

FARM BOUGHT

The Allen farm of 51 acres, about half a mile east of the campus, has been purchased with money contributed for the purpose by Sterling Morton, vice-president and director of the Morton Salt Corporation. This farm will be a valuable addition.

Jack Wood Sears To Teach

By Mildred Mattox

I am eager that all the Alumni become acquainted with Jack Wood Sears. To many of us, especially those who were in Harding back in '29 and '30, he is just a small boy in knee pants. But years have swiftly passed and Jack Wood will soon be back, not as a student, but as a member of the faculty.

Jack Wood is the son of Dean and Mrs. L. C. Sears. He recently completed his Doctor's degree at the University of Texas, doing superior work in his field. He majored in Biology, and will teach in that department in the University for the remainder of this year. He plans to return to Harding in September.

Jack Wood was an outstanding student all through training school and high school. In college he was a member of the Alpha Honor Society,

Who's Who, Sub T-16 Club, Chorus, Glee Club, and honor student in 1938-40.

He is the fourth generation to work in our Christian schools. His great grandfather, James A. Harding, his grandfather, J. N. Armstrong, and his father L. C. Sears have instilled into him the love of God and inspired him to carry on in Christian education.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1943, he was married to Mattie Sue Speck, daughter of H. E. Speck, who for many years was Dean of Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, and who is now Dean of Men at State Teachers College, San Marcos, Texas. Mattie Sue is teaching in the Austin city schools. We will be happy to welcome them to Harding in September.

—WHAT THE ALUMNI ARE DOING. (Continued from page three.)

Tennessee. Charles is preaching every Sunday, and is principal of Grove High School in Paris. Mrs. Pitner was formerly Miss Mary Neal.

Woodrow Whitten was married December 22, 1944, to Miss Elwanda Kniffin.

Capt. Charles Paine is stationed now at Lubbock, Texas. Capt. Paine is a doctor in the Medical Corps of the army.

Mrs. Glen Johnson, formerly Miss

Elizabeth Travis, is living in Nashville, Tennessee, where her husband works with the Telephone Company. They have one daughter.

Rebekah Henderson is teaching in Princeton, Kentucky.

1938

Miss Billie Bartley (Ex) was married on January 12 to Mr. Russell M. Ingalls at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather in Glendale, California.

(Continued on page six.)

Alumni Council

By Clifton Ganus, Jr.

This bulletin contains a ballot for your vote for a member of the Alumni Council. As already explained, this council is to formulate policies of the Association and make plans for the coming years.

The council is to meet each Alumni Day and its recommendations shall be made known to the Association at the general meeting of the alumni and ex-students during the week of commencement.

Remember to vote for one who is interested in Harding and her advancement. I know that you are busy, but you can at least take time

to mail in your vote. It may seem a small thing, but if each one of us will back the Association, our work shall be accomplished.

Harding is making real plans for the future. Buildings are to be erected as soon as the government permits. An endowment is in sight. Nothing seems to be in the way to keep us from the North Central Association. The future looks bright. Let's give Harding an Association that she can be proud of. It will take the cooperation of us all. Sit down now and fill out the ballot for your candidate. **Do it now.**

—WHAT THE ALUMNI ARE DOING. (Continued from page five.)

1939

Herbert Flynt (Ex) is principal of a country school near Rector, Arkansas. His wife, formerly Miss Thelma Harris, is commercial teacher at Greenway High School.

Shelby N. Heltsley (Ex) is traveling auditor for the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company of Pittsburgh. Since leaving Harding he has received his B. S. degree from the University of Illinois.

George Gurganus is working with the church of Christ in Syracuse, New York. C. W. Bradley, 1944, is also working with the church in Syracuse.

1940

Lloyd R. Brents is preaching for the Southside church of Christ in Tucson, Arizona. He is also working as Materials Expediter for the (Continued on page eight.)

REX POWELL KILLED

Sgt. Rex Powell, a former Harding Student, was reported dead from wounds received during major military action in Belgium. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Powell, Biggers, Arkansas, he attended Harding in the fall of '35, '36, and '37.

Instructions for Voting

1. All members of the Association are eligible (and requested) to vote for one person as representative of your district.

2. Your present residence determines the district to which you belong.

3. The districts are as follows: District I—Tenn., N. and S. Car., Miss., Ala., Ga., and Fla.; District II—La., and Tex.; District III—all states west and north of Tex. and Ark. and west of the Mississippi River; District IV—states east of the Miss. River and north of Tenn. and N. Car.; District V, eastern half—all of Ark. east of a line drawn north and south through Little Rock; District V, western half—all of Ark. west of Little Rock.

4. Fill in one name from the names below which have been nominated for your district, sign your name, and mail to the Executive Secretary.

LIST OF NOMINEES FOR THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

District I

Robert G. Neil ('32), Battery Lane, Nashville, Tenn.

John Dillingham ('42), 965 Delaware St., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Charles Pitner ('37), 913 Dunlap, Paris, Tenn.

District II

Frances Williamson ('41), 1030 Margaret Place, Shreveport, La.

District III

John Maple, (Ex-'33), Cleveland Kans. Adair Chapman (Ex-'43), 905 N. 9th, Kansas City, Kans.

Wade Ruby, ('31), 1121 W. 79th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

District IV

Lutie Neal (Ex-'39), 620 N. Bancroft St., Indianapolis, Ind.

George Gurganus ('39), 306 W. Kennedy, Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. Johnny Hay Gentry (Ex-'29), 17558 Trinity, Detroit, Mich.

Louis Green, Jr. ('42), 1426 Myrtle Ave., Whiting, Ind.

District V, eastern half

Valda Fay Montgomery ('40), 1421 W. 2nd, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Doris Cluck Swang (Ex-'44), Greenway, Ark.

District V, western half

Mrs. Borden Bradley ('35), Morrilton, Ark.

BALLOT

Is my choice as a member of the Alumni Council from District _____

(Signed) _____

—WHAT THE ALUMNI ARE DOING. (Continued from page six.)

Tucson Division of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation.

1941

Miss Mary Gray is teaching primary work in the East Detroit Public School System. She has completed several hours toward her M. A. degree.

Mr. L. Griffin Copeland is now living at Falfurrias, Texas. He received his M. A. degree in Spanish at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, last summer.

Miss Pauline Reid and Miss Mary Elizabeth Skidmore are now teaching in Blossom School, Blossom, Texas.

Doyle F. Earwood is preaching for the Lincoln Park church of Christ in Detroit, after working for two and a half years with the Mt. Vernon congregation. He is working on his Master's degree at Wayne University in Detroit, and is also connected with the Juvenile Court in Detroit.

1942

Mrs. Harvey Vance, formerly Miss Veda McCormick (Ex) is teaching school at Shady Bend, Arkansas.

1943

Miss Gretchen Hill is teaching English in the high school at Twin Bridges, Montana. She is also sponsor of the Dramatic Club and of the freshman class. Miss Lenore Campbell, 1944, is also teaching in the high school at Twin Bridges.

Miss Doris Healy is now working for the bursar at George Pepperdine College. Before going to California, she worked for about five months at the Henry Ford plant in Detroit.

Mr. Charles Geer (Ex) and Mrs. Geer (LaVonne Thornton, class of 1941) are now living at Lepanto, Arkansas, where both are teaching school. They have one daughter, Marilyn Jean, born June 10, 1943.

Winston Allen is at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, and is working toward his Master's degree in Zoology. He has also done some preaching in Johnson City.

Miss Ruth Bradley is teaching home economics in Bald Knob High School.

Miss Zulema Little is teaching in the high school at Tuckerman, Arkansas.

Jack Nadeau is preaching in Reno, Nevada. Since going to Reno, he has married Miss Kathryn Drake of Little Rock. They have one daughter.

Mac Timmerman is teaching and preaching in Alma, Arkansas.

Theonel R. Garner is at the University of Pennsylvania, in the Navy V-12 unit, after nearly a year in the Pacific.

Lamar Plunket is working with a small mission in Battle Creek, Michigan. Since leaving Harding, he has married Miss Chloe McLain of Detroit.

Highlights and Sidelights

By B. Frank Rhodes, Jr.

School continues in much the same way that you former students remember, except for a few limitations brought by war-time conditions.

The intra-mural athletic program continues to attract a large number of participants. In the fall the faculty softball team defeated the champions of the intra-mural league. Carmen Price won first honors in the girls' tennis tournament, which result should make familiar reading to all students of the last few years as this is the fourth time she has captured the crown. The junior boys and the freshman girls were champions of the first half in class competition in basketball.

All students spent one day in picking cotton on the college farm, and another day on the all-school outing at Bee Rock. The Queen of the Petit Jean and the May Queen were recently elected, but no announcement has been made of the winners. The three finalists for Queen of the Petit Jean were Betty Maple, Sub T nominee; Bessie Mae Ledbetter, Lambda Sigma; and Ann Richmond, TNT. The three contenders for title of Queen of the May were Claire Camp, W. H. C.; Julia Trantum, Omega Phi; and Christine Neal, GATA.

The Chorus went to Little Rock December 10 to sing in "The Messiah" with singers from all over the

state. Harding choristers then sang a part of Handel's work in the college auditorium on December 17. The Chorus journeyed to Pangburn January 18 to sing at the high school there. At present a more extensive trip to the southern part of the state is being planned for this group by Professor Kirk.

The second number of the lyceum, "Spooks," was presented January 26. Bob Hawkins and Ruth Benson had leading roles in this mystery drama.

Twenty-three new students have enrolled during the winter term, but some have been forced to drop out to pursue other duties. In short, school life presents many of the interesting facets, with its change and never-ending variety, with which it used to sparkle for you former students.

CHORUS MAKES TRIP

The Harding Chorus, under the direction of Leonard Kirk, made an extensive trip through the southern part of the state February 10-12.

The group sang at the Norphlet high school, over KELD in El Dorado and at the El Dorado church, the Magnolia church, at Waldo church and high school, over radio station KTHS in Hot Springs, to a group of officers and GI's at the Arlington Hotel, and at the Army and Navy Hospital.

Benson Announces Endowment Plan

Dr. George S. Benson revealed a plan for an endowment for Harding College on Thanksgiving Day. The plan is that 150 individuals should pledge payment of one hundred dollars annually for the support of the school. This would be the equivalent of the interest from a \$500,000 endowment, and would make possible admission of Harding to the North Central Association.

Thirty pledges were secured on

Thanksgiving Day, and a number have been received since. Any alumnus or ex-student who can secure one or more of this type of pledge will be performing a real service for Harding College. Write to this office or to Dr. Benson for further details of this program.

Dr. Benson continues his energetic campaign for funds for buildings and equipment, speaking before various business groups over the country.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM ENJOYED

G. C. Brewer, G. P. H. Showalter, E. W. McMillan, and George S. Benson concluded a profitable week's lectures with speeches on Thanksgiving Day.

A brief devotional program began the day's activities at 6:30. A short musical program preceded the morning speeches. Following the lectures, a basket dinner was served in the dining hall. In the afternoon the annual alumni-varsity basketball game was played, with the alumni losing

to the close score of 45-43. The lineup for the ex-basketballers was: Sam Bell, Clifton Ganus, Joseph Pryor, Mabrey Miller, Hugh Rhodes, and Frank Rhodes.

Mrs. S. A. Bell was hostess at a very enjoyable tea for the alumni and ex-students at 5:30 in the home economics dining room. "Mrs. Miniver," the first number of the lyceum course was presented in the evening by the Campus Players under the direction of Miss Vivian Robbins.

OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Association has on hand at present \$24.49. We have a debt of \$90.00, which we borrowed in November to meet a payment on the insurance policies. There is a payment of \$89.41 due on the policies June 1. If any of you who haven't contributed your \$5 or \$10 can do so now, it will be appreciated.

HARDING COMMENDED

"President Benson was recently informed by Mr. F. E. Searle, superintendent of Ford schools, Dearborn, Michigan, that Harding College students who had worked at the Ford company had been very satisfactory. He requests that more students from this institution be sent up there."—The Bison.

Contributions

(This list includes those received since the November bulletin, and up to January 25.)

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Roberson ..\$	5.00	Winston Allen	5.00
Maj. James E. McDaniel	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mattox	10.00
L. G. Copeland	5.00	Ruth Bradley	5.00
Pauline Reed	5.00	Mrs. Flossie Tipps	5.00
Mary Elizabeth Skidmore	5.00	S. Dewitt Garrett	5.00
Mrs. Charles Geer	5.00	Lowell Davis	5.00
Don C. Bentley	5.00	C. W. Bradley	5.00
Annie Mae Alston	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. George S. Benson ..	10.00
Mary Gray	10.00	Doris Healy	5.00
Kern Sears	10.00	Don Healy	5.00
Esther Marie Clay	10.00	Dennis Allen	5.00
Frank Rhodes	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. Vance E. Greenway ..	5.00
Mabel Grace Turnage	5.00	Mac Timmerman	5.00
Theonel Garner	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Henderson	10.00
Argyll Allen	10.00	Robert L. Oliver	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Rhodes	10.00	Marian Graham	5.00
W. Leslie Burke	25.00	Ethel Brabbzson	5.00
Hugh Rhodes	5.00	Lamar Plunket	5.00
		Doyle Earwood	5.00

New Signs At City Limits



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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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