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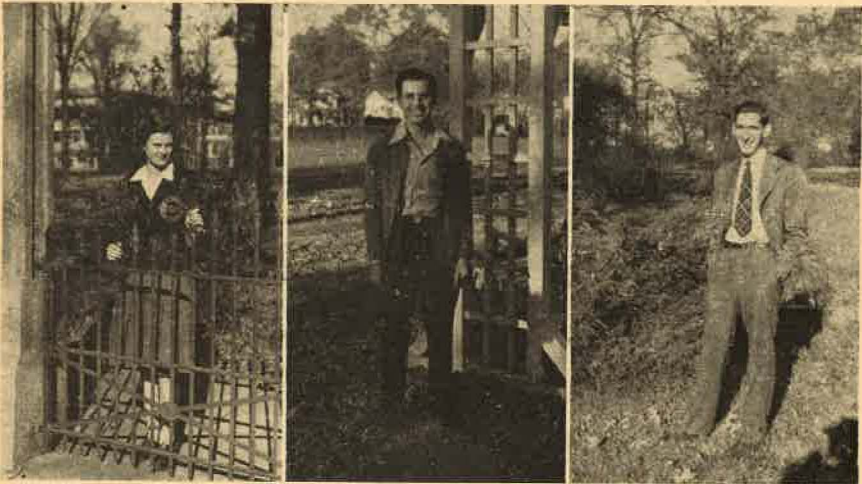
# BULLETIN

Harding College--Searcy, Arkansas

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## *Harding Reflector* *and Alumni News*

Fall, 1945



*Some Seniors of '45*

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# Thanksgiving Speakers Announced

By Jack Wood Sears

Beginning Sunday, November 25, and continuing through Thursday, the 29th, the annual Thanksgiving lectureship program will be in progress. The program this year is one of the best in recent years. Some of the outstanding preachers and speakers of the brotherhood will be present to deliver the message closest to their hearts. They are all men of great experience and for the most part well known to Christians everywhere.

Brother G. C. Brewer and Brother E. W. McMillan, both from Memphis, are too well known to need any introduction at Harding. Both have been faithful servants of the Lord for many years and have served as ministers of some of the largest congregations of the church in America. Harding is fortunate to be able to present to its visitors these great and inspirational men.

Brother John Allen Hudson, who was for seven years minister for the Southwest congregation in Los Angeles and at one time missionary to Australia and New Zealand, and who is now located with the 49th and Flora congregation in Kansas City, is another speaker of wide experience in preaching the gospel.

Brother John Bannister of Oklahoma City, Brother O. P. Baird of Atlanta, Georgia, and Brother Lowell Davis of Omaha, Nebraska, all former students of Harding College and men of outstanding ability with years of experience in the Lord's service, will return this Thanksgiving to be our speakers. Brother Davis is expecting soon to return to China where he was a missionary for many years.

Brother Cecil Hill, a graduate of Abi-

lene Christian College and the minister of the church in Longview, Texas, will be here again this year. Those present last year will remember the splendid lessons Brother Hill gave.

Brother Otis Gatewood of Lubbock, Texas is another of the widely known speakers on the program. He has done great work for the Lord wherever he has gone. He established the church in Salt Lake City against great opposition and now plans to go to Germany with a group of workers to give the gospel of the Prince of Peace to those people. May the Lord bless him and his fellow laborers in that work.

Brother T. H. Etheridge, Dean of Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine, Texas, will be new to most of us at Harding. He is an excellent speaker and a faithful Christian. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas and has been engaged in educational work for a long time. This experience makes Dr. Etheridge unusually valuable as a lecturer at Harding.

No definite subjects have been assigned. Each speaker is at liberty to speak on any subject that is on his heart. This should make the meeting more inspirational and beneficial to all of us. Plan to be with us and enjoy the good things found here.

Word has been received that two more regional gatherings are being planned. Alumni in Memphis are meeting in the near future. Wade Ruby, '31, Alumni Councilman for District III, and Professor of English at George Pepperdine College, announces that he is planning a Harding meeting in California twice a year.

## Benson Speaks to Federal Committee

Dr. George S. Benson spoke before the House Executive Expenditures Committee in Washington, D. C., October 18, on the "Full Employment Bill." Dr. Benson said that he approved the part of the bill that provided for co-operative planning, and that while he was in sympathy with the idea of full employment, he was opposed to some of the proposals contained in the measure. He reported to the committee that his views had the endorsement of officers of the Arkansas Farm Bureau and other organizations.

Benson stated: "I believe that if Congress passed a bill stating that our government has the responsibility of providing a job, for everybody able to work and de-

siring to work, it would be resented by a majority of our citizens. It would be received as a direct, personal insult by every independent, self-reliant individual in this country." He said that the bill would guarantee that even though a man is a lazy, untastworthy drunkard most of the time, a job would always be waiting for him. Dr. Benson cited the self-reliance of Harding students as proof that this is still the best solution to the problem of finding employment.

Complete government control of production and consumption would finally result, Benson said, if such a measure as the "Full Employment Bill" were adopted.

## Alumni News

Oscar Drake, '40, is preaching for the church in Tanacross, Alaska.

Captain Estell M. McCluggage, ex-'40, is at present stationed in Kunming, China.

Nathan Grey, ex-'29, is the owner of a chain of hamburger grills in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Helen Welter, ex-'41, is secretary of the Cornell Avenue church in Chicago.

Edith Johnson, ex-'41, is a secretary for the John Deere Tractor Company in East Prairie, Missouri.

Alvis Brown, '42, who is in the Marines, is now stationed at Santa Barbara, California.

Dale Larsen, '45, is working with the church in Manhattan, New York.

Wyatt Sawyer, '45, is preaching for the Charleston, Miss., church.

Tolbert Vaughan, '45, is preaching at Grenada, Mississippi.

Dean Lawyer, '45, is teaching at Mars-ton, Missouri.

Harold Holland and Ralph Starling, both of the class of '45, are working with the church in Schenectady, New York.

Sidney Roper, '45, preaches at Sardis, Mississippi.

Mabel Sinele, '45, teaches at Cave City, Arkansas.

George Tipps, '45, is teaching biology at Abilene Christian College.

Delilah Trantum, Clovis Crawford, and Ann Richmond Sewell, all of '45, are teaching in Dasher Bible School, Valdosta, Georgia.

Wallis Beasley, '38, is teaching in the Department of Social Sciences at George Pepperdine College.

Ray Stapleton, '32, and Ruby Lowery Stapleton, '26, are working on their Doctor's degrees at the University of Oklahoma.

Roy Whitefield, '32, works for the Southern Pacific Railway Company in Sacramento, California.

Julian Dewberry, '39, has been discharged from the army, and is living in Searcy.

## Marriages

Eleanor Goodpasture, ex-'44, and Myron Lyzon King, on August 13 at the Hillsboro Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn.

Julia Trantum, '45, and Monroe Hawley,

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## News Story

By Joseph E. Pryor

**OPENING:** Students from 31 states and Canada were welcomed by Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College, at the opening chapel of the 1945-46 school year on September 19. Other speeches were made by Dr. L. C. Sears, Prof. F. W. Mattox, and Prof. B. F. Rhodes. With more than 450 students enrolled in the various departments of the school, Harding has the largest enrollment in its history.

The annual president's reception for the faculty came Friday afternoon, September 21. Honorable mention was given to the three father-son combinations on the faculty. The following Saturday night the annual faculty-student reception was conducted.

**RELIGION:** Many Harding students worked in various mission programs and evangelistic efforts during the summer. Under the direction of Dr. Benson and Prof. Mattox, the voluntary class in personal evangelism has outlined a program of personal work for Searcy.

**JOURNALISTIC:** Under the editorship of Emmett Smith and the business management of Laura Lee Arms, the *Bison* was enlarged from a four-page weekly to a six-page weekly. A large press club is assisting them in this effort. An increased variety on the editorial page and better campus coverage is now possible.

Contracts have been let for the 1945-46 Petit Jean. Photographic work by a local photographer is well underway and the cover design has been submitted. Last spring the senior class chose Bessie Mae Ledbetter, editor and Bill Smith, business manager. Other staff appointments were recently made.

**DEBATE:** With several debaters returning from last year as a nucleus, Dr. Frank Rhodes, is preparing his teams for the various tournaments they will enter.

Last year's teams won three consecutive outstanding tournaments; however, some of the men who participated in these wins are not debating this year. The first contest will probably be the Mid-South Tournament, December 7-8.

**DRAMATICS:** "Smilin' Through" will be the first lyceum of the year, according to an announcement by Miss Vivian Robbins, director. To be produced November 29, this play will be a featured event on the alumni homecoming program. Eta Omega chapter of Alpha Psi Omega plans to assist the Campus Players in presenting the second lyceum.

**MUSICAL:** Over 165 students are reporting to Mrs. Florence Jewell for choral work. The large chorus meets twice a week and one night each is devoted to men's and women's glee clubs. Preparation is being made for several local programs. William Nations, Orel Herren, Evan Ulrey, and Paul Clark were recently selected for a male quartet. Doris Johnson, Lynn Hefton, Pat Halbert, Virginia Cranford, Mildred Lanier, and Geraldine Young comprise the sextette. Claude Lewis, Bob Collins, James Willett, and Virgil Lawyer are members of a quartet which will sing religious songs in surrounding communities. Renewed interest is being manifested in the orchestra under the direction of M. D. Chronic.

**ATHLETIC:** An active intramural program is being conducted by Hugh Rhodes, physical education director. Softball has been completed and touch football is in progress. The senior class was outstanding in both. An enthusiastic faculty team is participating in all the contests. The faculty recently defeated the sophomores in touch football 27-0. Playing for the faculty were Leslie Burke, Billy Mattox, John Lee Dykes, Jack Wood Sears, Frank Rhodes, Jess Rhodes, Hugh Rhodes, and Joe Pryor.

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## Reunion Dinner Given In Little Rock

The Little Rock Chapter of the Alumni Association sponsored a dinner for former Harding students at the Lafayette Hotel in Little Rock, on November 8, at 7 p. m. Not many details concerning the dinner can be given, since the bulletin was in process of being printed on that date. The program that was planned for the "turkey dinner" included an Invocation by U. R. Beeson, speech on "Struggles of Harding" by L. C. Sears, "Harding Now" by Bill Smith, "A Vision for Harding" by Charles J. Merryman, "Future of Harding" by President George S. Benson, and music by the Harding College Girls' Sextette under the direction of Mrs. Florence Jewell.

At the time of going to press, a large number were expected to attend the dinner. Quite a few tickets had been sold in

Searcy to teachers and others, and the Little Rock Chapter has some thirty names on its roster, most of whom were expected at the banquet. Many teachers from high schools over the state who are alumni of Harding were also considered sure participants, since the State Teachers' Meeting was to be in progress at that time.

So far as is known, this is the first attempt, at least on such a big scale, to hold a dinner and reunion for alumni in Little Rock. The Little Rock Chapter, under the Presidency of Charles J. Merryman, is to be commended for its initiative in undertaking this program. There has been much interest in its own activities and in the activities of the school manifested by the Little Rock group.

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Another feature of the homecoming program will be the annual alumni-college basketball game on the afternoon of November 29.

**SOCIAL:** Social activities on the campus have been highlighted by the social clubs taking in new members. Quite a bit of color was added to the campus by the ribbons, caps, and Robin Hood hats worn by the pledges. Also significant on the social calendar was the all-school outing at Bee Rock October 26.

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'45, on August 22.

Lamar Baker, '40, to Sue Jolly Batey, on August 21.

Claire Camp, ex-'45, and George Tipps, '45, on August 28 at Searcy.

Mary Hargrave, ex-'45, and Joe Wooton, '45, in the late summer.

Kathleen Williams, ex-'44, to Jerry  
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### FINANCIAL REPORT

Premium payments on our endowment insurance which are due now and must be paid by December 1, amount to \$352.46. We have on hand, November 1, \$239.03. This leaves \$113.43 which must be collected within the next few days. On June 1 we were better off than usual financially, but contributions have not been coming in very rapidly since then. A number have made pledges, and have probably forgotten to send them in. Now is the best time to send your annual contribution.

Contributions sent since the summer bulletin, and up to November 1, are listed below:

George Tipps, . . . . .	\$5.00
Mabel Sinele, . . . . .	5.00
Dean Lawyer, . . . . .	5.00
Leonard McReynolds, . . . . .	5.00
Frank Rhodes, . . . . .	5.00



## New York Alumni Organize

Formation of "The Empire State Chapter of the Harding Alumni Association" was accomplished on August 15 at a meeting in Schenectady, New York. Dale Larsen, '45, of New York City, was elected as President, and Ann French Bentley, '42, of Flushing Long Island, was voted Secretary.

George Gurganus, '39, of Syracuse, was responsible for the call of the meeting at which the New York Chapter was organized. At this gathering forty were present, twenty-one of whom were either former or present students of Harding. Others who came were prospective students or other friends. Virgil Bentley, '43, served as master of ceremonies, and the program included talks by Mr. Vaughan Abercrombie, of Schenectady, and Leonard Kirk, '29, former Professor of Music at Harding and Sponsor of the Class of '42. Mr. Abercrombie talked about the needs of the church in the Northeast, and Kirk gave recent news about Harding.

Gurganus stressed the fact that the purpose of the meeting was not to esteem Harding and former students above any other school or other Christians, but to help both the church and Harding. He stated that as long as Harding maintained the aim of promoting the church it deserved the support of all.

Those present who were alumni and residents of New York State were: Ralph Starling, Dot Johns Starling, and Harold Holland of Schenectady; Robert Hawkins and Betty Maple Hawkins of Rochester; C. W. Bradley and George Gurganus of Syracuse; Virgil Bentley and Ann French Bentley of Flushing, L. I.; and Dale Larsen and Raylene Thornton Larsen of New York City.

The Empire State Chapter plans to meet once or twice each year. It invites former students from nearby states to become members.

Doris Epperson, ex-'45, to Ensign Arthur Crowe, of the U. S. Maritime Service, on September 23 at Denver, Colorado.

Harriet Lawrence, ex-'44, and Freddie C. Stiles, on September 23.

### Births

Bonnie Marie to Mrs. George W. DeHoff and George, '37. The first child, George, Jr., is now three years old.

Jackson Irven to Rachel Jackson Trent and Carroll Trent, '35, on October 9. The proud father preaches for the church in Pocahontas.

Wayne Ellmore to the Leonard McReynolds, '42, on May 8. Leonard is engaged in church work in and around Leeseville, Louisiana.

### RADIO PROGRAM

Sponsored by the two congregations in Searcy, a religious radio program is given each Sunday morning at 7:30. This program is broadcast over Station KLRA, Little Rock, with wave-length of 1010. The chorus, which is composed of students and others from the college congregation, is under the direction of Joseph Pryor. Speaking is regularly by Brother T. H. Sherrill, minister of the downtown church.

Those who live within range of KLRA are encouraged to listen to the broadcast and to promote the program among their friends.

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Hanes, on September 7.

## "Smilin' Through" Is Holiday Entertainment

"Smilin' Through" will be presented Thanksgiving night by the Campus Players under the direction of Miss Vivian Robbins. The play will close the panorama of activities of the annual homecoming at Thanksgiving.

"Smilin' Through" is the three act romance first made popular immediately following the First World War. It has been revised and brought up to date. The first and third acts portray the present time;

the second act is a flash-back to fifty years before. The flash-back has a unique feature in that two roles played in the first and third act will be duplicated by a younger brother and sister in the second act. These combinations are Woody and Charles Stovall and Dorothy and Gladys O'Neal.

The romantic leads are played by Pat Benson and Warren Whitelaw. Others in the cast are Bob Helsten, Therman Healy, and Jimmie Mooneyham.

## Vote on Proposed Amendment

In accordance with the announcement in the Summer Reflector, a ballot is given below, which you are requested to fill out and mail at once to the Executive Secretary. As explained previously, this amendment is to correct a purely technical error, but we are interested in receiving as many ballots as possible. For convenience text of the proposed amendment is reprinted below. Please mark on your envelope "Ballot" so that it may be opened in harmony with constitutional regulations.

"AMENDMENT I. Article VI. Paragraph 4, is hereby changed to read as follows: 'In order to institute this exe-

cutive council, District II and IV shall each elect a member to serve one year and in the spring of 1946 shall elect a member to serve two years. District I and III shall elect in 1945 a member to serve two years. The East Section of District V shall elect in 1945 one member to serve two years. The West Section shall elect in 1945 one member to serve one year and in the spring of 1946 shall elect one member to serve two years.

This amendment hereby approves the election held in the spring of 1945 as the first election on the basis stated above in this amendment."

### BALLOT

I am in favor of

(Mark out one)

I am opposed to


### THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT I.

(Signed) .....

# Homecoming--November 29th

## IMPORTANT

If the address below is not correct or will soon be changed, please drop a card to Alumni Association, Harding College, Searcy, Ark., 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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