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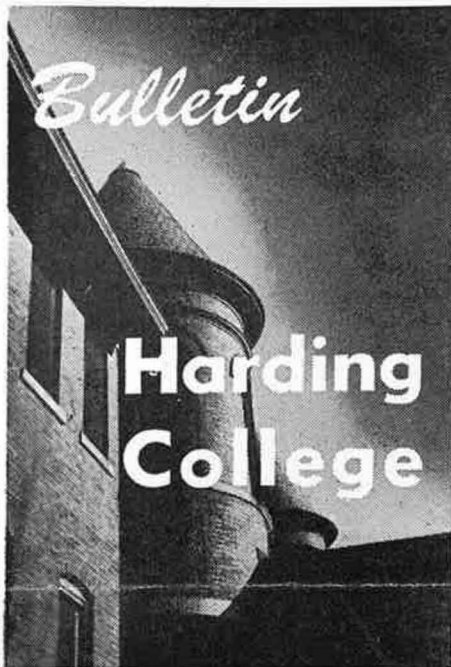
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## Fall Opening Postponed to Sept. 30

Reservations for fall enrollment, including the college and the academy, have been accepted from 830 students, according to Dean L. C. Sears, who says this will represent the largest enrollment in the history of the college.

Emergency housing facilities are being erected, and Dean Sears states that this space may make it possible to accept additional single veterans, both men and women, and a few non-veteran men.

Because of so many requests for admittance and in view of the emergency housing which will be ready within a few more weeks, Dean Sears announced the opening of the fall quarter will be postponed until September 30.

All freshmen must report for the placement testing program on September 30, and upperclassmen who have not completed enrollment already should report also on that date. Classwork begins October 3 for the college and high school students. Grade school work, however, begins September 17.

Two representatives of the Veterans Administration will be present on October 1-2 to help veterans with their enrollment, and to assist those who have not filled out the government forms necessary for the subsistence allowance.

All students are asked to complete their registration this year before reporting to the campus. The new system involves making out their class schedules on forms sent out from the Dean's office, and is calculated to break the jam of enrollment traffic usually experienced on fall opening days.

Dean Sears said it will become necessary in the future to advise those requesting reservations that they should plan to enter the college in the summer or fall of 1947.

### Our Pictures Puzzle?

## Harding's Photogenic Pool Taken For A Good Cleaning

Readers say they are sometimes puzzled by the pictures we print on the address side of this bulletin. There is one class of readers, however, which will never have to look sideways at any of the photos we may publish in our attempt to interpret the college.

This group is made up of alumni and ex-students, who know the campus and its activities inside and out. It was quite clear to them, for example, that the young people on the address side of the July *Bulletin* were participating in the biannual cleanout of Harding's famous "Fish Pond." This is a spectacle (for those "just watching," of course) that has developed gradually into a tradition. Once in the Spring; once in the Fall. But this summer the students thought it needed an extra cleaning, hence the picture you saw when you received last month's *Bulletin*.

Which brings to mind the thought that this beautiful, oval-shaped pool is the "most photographed spot" on the Harding College campus. Certainly one of the most photogenic fixtures about, the "Fish Pond" has a glamour about it that antedates the coming of Harding College to Searcy.

When Galloway College occupied the present plant at Searcy, one of the instructors was Mrs. Mary Burke Somervell. Sometimes she was visited by her small son, Brehon. Many years later, after World War II, when General Brehon Somervell visited his native State, the *Arkansas Gazette* related the story that little Brehon fell into the pool on one of those visits.

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*Sarah Harder, from Vallejo, Calif., first girl to take flying, gets fundamentals from Burrel Dykes, instructor*

## Flight Training Attracts Many Students Wanting "Wings" With College Courses

Thirty-six Harding students, two of them girls, have studied flight training courses while attending the college, according to Dean L. C. Sears. Most of the trainees are veterans who take the courses under the GI Bill. The courses were begun during summer session.

The flying courses are available through the cooperation of Searcy Flying Service, owned and operated by Burrel Dykes and T. J. Noble, Jr. Ground courses are taught at the college under the direction of Bill Morgan, veteran airman and instructor, and flight training offered leads to either private or commercial pilot ratings.

Dykes, Nobles, and Morgan were all formerly in the service. Morgan and Nobles flew with the Army Transport Command in the China-India theatre, while Dykes was a pilot in the Southwest Pacific. Morgan has been an instructor for eight years and has flown 3,600 hours.

Several Piper Cubs are in use as training planes, and eleven students "soloed" in these planes during the summer session. One student has completed his "cross-country" flight and is ready for his private license.

## Peace of God Is Available As True Victory For All

By Charles Rice

The world is struggling to regain its balance after the greatest conflict civilization has ever known. Where is the peace the world sought? The mad race for superiority among men continues, and under the impetus of man seeking to outdo man, the peoples of the earth have launched into a new sea of uncertainty and doubt. Man in his anxiety for self is wildly clutching and grasping every opportunity for wealth and power and security, and will stop at nothing to attain them. This universal unrest is not difficult to understand, considering that men everywhere, refuse to recognize a Supreme Being, and are unmindful of His great love and power. What then, is the true victory?

May we turn to the Word of God for this answer? I John 5:4, 5, states this: "For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world; and this is the Victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" If the victory brings the peace, what heart is there that can be at peace amidst the confusion of the world?

None but the man who acknowledges his own insufficiency, and realizes his dependence on a kind and loving God and Father; who becomes a Christian by obedience to the Gospel, and builds his life on the sure foundation of Christ Jesus, a security that cannot fail. This does not mean that followers of Christ have no struggles and hardships. They also are fighting, not for themselves, but against evil, so that those who are in darkness may be led to Jesus and to rest.

Think for a moment on Paul's beautiful words to Christians in the Philippian letter. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

Are they not inspiring, reassuring words? The peace of God which passeth all understanding—how great is that peace! Jesus pleads: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It is His plea to all mankind, and a troubled world pleads it no heed. Think of the joy to take refuge in Jesus' love; to know that his comforting arm is ever near! Think of the joy to be free from the cares of the world. And joy of joys, to know that God is not slack concerning his promises, and that death is just the beginning of life, for a Christian.



These six new residences will house sixty single veterans. Houses face athletic field from the east.

## Additional Housing Projects Under Construction To Accommodate Overflow of Largest Enrollment

How will the college take care of approximately 700 boarding students this year?

The answer to this seeming miracle can be found in the several emergency housing projects which will supplement campus dormitory space. Without utilizing a single dormitory room for boys (they're all for girls, now), it will be possible to offer board and room to approximately 400 boys this coming year.

### Meet Charles Rice:

Charles Richard Rice, freshman student from Colver, Pa., is the author of the accompanying article. A GI student, Charles and his wife live in one of the veterans' housing units.



Although he entered school in the winter term of last session, Charles already has earned a reputation as a serious and hard-working student. One of his teachers referred to Charles as "a good writer, in embryo." His article in this issue of the *Bulletin* shows talent along that line.

However, Charles plans to become a scientist and teacher, and will write only incidentally. His major is chemistry, and he wants to take all of it he can get.

Along with his major field, Charles studies diligently in his Bible courses. Like so many Harding students, he wants to prepare himself to teach the principles of Jesus Christ, no matter what his profession. Charles will find happiness and satisfaction in his service to the Master, in the years to come.

The new housing project pictured above will accommodate 60 single veterans. These residences are being constructed by a local contractor for the college, and are going up on the vacant area east of the athletic field.

Farther east on the same plot, the emergency housing from Camp Robinson will be placed to house up to 300 men. Two different contractors are now at work at Little Rock preparing these structures for moving. Some of the housing will be hutments, but plans are also underway to adapt two mess halls for emergency apartments.

A larger number of boys than ever before will be accommodated in rooms listed with the college by private homes in Searcy. There is a possibility that the Chamber of Commerce may undertake a special campaign to find additional rooms.

To supplement the men's houses already purchased or leased near the campus, the college recently bought a large stone residence northeast of the campus. Formerly used as a hospital, the structure will accommodate 16 to 18 boys.

The housing shortage at least partially solved, attention is now being turned to a need for classroom space for the greatly increased enrollment. It is possible that the college may obtain a chemistry laboratory, three classrooms containing office space, and an infirmary of 10-20 beds through the government program of distributing educational facilities for use of veterans.

## Successful Summer

John Lee Dykes, summer school director, has evaluated the summer term of 1946 as one of the most successful in the history of the college. More than 300 students, from twenty-four states, the District of Columbia, and one foreign country, made up the record enrollment, almost twice as many as in any previous summer term.

The record student-body was attributed to the return of veterans from military service, increased interest in preparation for ministerial work, and the necessity more young people are feeling for more education for teaching and other professions.

Eighteen regular members of the faculty were on hand for the session. One visiting professor, Crawford Allen, a Harding graduate formerly of the English department of Mississippi State College, was called for the term.

A precedent was established in continuing student activities which ordinarily do not function during the summer. A summer chorus, Dramatics Club, and Press Club were active. Religious forums similar to the traditional Monday Night Meeting were held.

## Photogenic Pool —

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Harding's own "Alumni of the Fish Pond," including those who have fallen into the pool, some by accident but most by design, have a share also in the traditions. Whether they shall become as famous as General Somervell remains to be seen. Anyway, it has been suggested



Here's the photo you now understand. It's the "Fish Pond," stripped of its photogenic qualities.

that the Fish Pond has shared in the personality development of a number of former Harding College students.

For snapshots, for excitement, for a friendly rendezvous, for sheer beauty—we nominate the "Fish Pond." And we promise to show it to you again. (See photo on address side, this issue!)

## Student Workers Too Busy For Fancy As Campus Is Readied For Fall Throughs

The interim between the close of summer school and the opening of the new fall session is sometimes described as "quiet" or "dull." Few students are on the campus, and compared with the bustling fall quarter, the whole place does seem lonesome and just a little forbidding.

However, there is one group, regardless of how dull the campus may seem, which is kept too busy to get lonesome. These are the student workers who have elected to stay on during the interim and help "Building and Grounds" get everything in readiness for the tread of busy feet. They'd like to dream of all old friends, and new friends-to-be who will soon arrive—but they are simply too busy.

Twenty-seven students are working from eight to nine hours each day at assorted tasks, under the general direction of Professor Jess Rhodes. A corps of eight are busy with hammers and saws helping build the six new residences go-

halls, reception areas, and the cafeteria keeps a good-sized crew of workers busy.

Many of the college facilities must be kept running during this interim between summer session and fall. The laundry, serving many townspeople, is in full operation. The farm continues to grow food, on the hoof and on the vine. The cafeteria is in operation for the purpose of feeding those who stay and work.

Administrative offices, including the office of the president, dean, registrar, business manager, and postoffice, must remain open for business. Letters must be answered, and this means secretarial



Student helps nail on timbers in housing project, as Mr. Earl Smith operates power saw.

help. Publications, also, must go out. Reservations, pre-registration details, and new-student problems come in mass to Dean L. C. Sears and Bursar C. D. Brown. Housing for students and faculty is a constant problem. Except for lack of students who, in the regular terms, are



Brodie Crouch, new junior transfer, paints woodwork on president's home.

ing up for veterans (see opposite page), and they are determined that nothing short of complete shortage of materials will keep them from having the job done come September, 30.

Some of these students are doing the work of skilled tradesmen, who are hard to find nowadays. One of the veteran workers, a former officer of Army Engineers with bridge-building experience in Germany does an expert job nailing timbers. Another is a skilled electrician and will wire the houses.

Cleaning, painting, waxing—these go on in all buildings in endless cycle during the interim. Already the woodwork in the Administration Building has been re-varnished, and some of the classroom floors have been refinished and waxed. The men's buildings are being redecorated extensively. Pattie Cobb Hall is undergoing a thorough cleaning, and the painting and waxing of floors in rooms,



Dorothy Baker (standing), senior and chief mailing clerk, supervises posting of school bulletins.

always "waiting to see" the president, dean, and others, the administrative offices are as busy as usual.

And all this is simply a prelude to a busy year.

**A**LMOST two thousand years ago, there appeared on the earth an individual who was destined to become the salvation of people in every land and every age. Needless to say he was Jesus Christ.

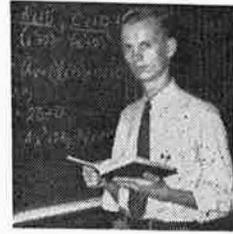
The world into which Jesus was born was one that was steeped in error. Religious division was evident on every hand. Jesus' own people, the Jews, were no exception to this, but rather they were a living example of the corrupting influence of sects in religion.

In the Scriptures one reads of the Pharisees and Saducees, two religious groups who were contentious about their religious opinions. What was the cause or need of such divisions? Jesus answered this question himself when he quoted the words of Isaiah, the prophet,

“But in vain do they worship me,  
Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.”  
—Matt. 15:9.

They had not continued to let God's word be the supreme guide in spiritual matters, but had let the traditions and opinions of men be of more importance.

The world was in a somewhat similar condition at the beginning of the nineteenth century when there became evident in the minds of a number of men the need for a return to the “old paths,” meaning the paths advocated by the Spirit guided apostles of the first century. People of that day were not devoting their efforts to spreading the gospel as it was in New Testament days, but they were more interested in upholding the peculiar teachings of their particular sects. Notable among the men who recognized these things were Barton W. Stone, Walter Scott, and the Campbells. They, therefore, launched upon a life work of spreading to the world the teachings advocating a return to the undenominational church of the New Testament.



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## Whom Shall We Choose, Man or God?

By Dale Straughn  
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This restoration movement and the influence it had and is having on the world cannot be lightly considered. These men saw before them what they confidently expected to be a complete overthrow of the evils of denominationalism. Had not the evils of division in the form of digression crept into the movement itself, one can see that it would have swept the world. They were engaging in a mighty offensive for the Lord.

Today there are still people advocating the same things that characterized the plea of the restoration, not because Stone or the Campbells believed in them, but because they are the teachings of the New Testament. We need but to observe the conditions of the world today to see that there is a great need for a return to undenominational Christianity.

The Bible knew nothing of denominations. Its pages tell of the church established by Christ, but it was not divided into different groups. It was only in later years that the divisions came. Why? Because as Christ said, they became more interested in the “doctrines and precepts of men.”

The remedy then is simple. Let us do just what those Christians did in the first century when the apostles were guided by the Spirit. Let us belong to nothing but the New Testament church. Only in this way can religious unity be achieved today.



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