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# BULLETIN

Harding College - Searcy, Arkansas

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## *Harding Reflector*

*and Alumni News*

*Winter 1947*



BEAUTY AND NATURE AT THE FISH POND

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# Thanksgiving Day

NOVEMBER 28, 1946

By Clifton Ganus, Jr., '43

The Thanksgiving lecture series was a big success. Visitors came from all over the United States and northeastern Canada. Many came for several days preceding Thanksgiving and enjoyed the various lectures and singing clinics. Naturally, Thanksgiving day was the climax. Attendance was very good and interest was enthusiastic. It seemed that everyone enjoyed everything from the religious services, at which congregational singing was emphasized, to the Alumni-Varsity basketball game which the grads barely won by one point.

A new meeting time has been found for our Thanksgiving get-together. We met for an informal session in the Home Economics room from 9:00 to 9:30 Thursday morning. Approximately sixty old students were there. It was really swell to see them all again. Incidentally, no one reminded them of their pledges. We didn't want to spoil their coffee and doughnuts.

## \$3200 Contributed for Africa

Then came our morning assembly. The auditorium was packed, as well as the gymnasium. The lectures and singing were good. Brother Hobby briefly told us of the African mission work and the great need that exists in that section of the world. Harding students, faculty members, and visitors gave \$3200 to the work.

This is the largest contribution taken at any of our Thanksgiving meetings.

Brother Benson had requested that we give \$2500 which he would match by raising a similar sum. Thus the brethren in Africa would receive a substantial boost in their building plans. The sum was exceeded by \$700, thereby showing the interest of Harding and her visitors in the African work.

## Delicious Dinner Served

Not to be forgotten was the usually good Thanksgiving dinner. Over one thousand people crowded into the dining room to partake of the hundreds of pounds of meat, dressing, salads and other delicacies. "Ma" Chandler and her helpers outdid themselves for the feast. It is a good thing that we don't eat like that every day or there would be more bulges than the Belgian. There was almost enough left over to feed another thousand people.

In the afternoon we attended more lectures and then proceeded to the gym for the basketball game. Ray Miller, Ordis Copeland, "Pinky" Berryhill, Hugh Rhodes, Joe Pryor, Virgil Lawyer, Jess Rhodes, Jack Wood Sears, and Clifton Ganus played for the faculty. It was a nip-and-tuck affair that thrilled the spectators. The game was in doubt until the last few seconds.

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# Alumni Endowment Fund

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PLEDGE THIS YEAR?

In the fall of 1939 the Harding Alumni and Ex-Student Association under the presidency of Edwin Hughes, '37, presented to Harding College an alumni endowment fund consisting of insurance policies on various alumni of Harding. At present the alumni association has nine policies.

The annual premium on six of these policies comes due November 1st of EACH year and the total payment at that time amounts to \$352.46. On December 5th the annual premium on another policy to the amount of \$59.77 comes due. On June 1st two more annual premiums totalling \$89.41 come due. Thus, the total annual premium on the endowment policies is \$501.64.

## Have You Paid?

Pledges have been made from time to time by many members of the association. The last five or six graduating classes almost to the person have pledged themselves to make an annual payment to this fund — usually five dollars — as long as they were able. But how few remember their pledge! Just look at how few names are in the contributors column this time. The one last fall was not much larger and it included the names of those who made contributions at the annual alumni banquet in the spring.

In order to make the payment last November 1st it was necessary to

borrow \$100.00 — we cannot let these policies lapse. Letters were mailed to some of the alumni last fall telling them of the progress of Harding and reminding them of their pledge. A FEW replied.

## A Reminder!

Let this be a means of reminding YOU that YOUR PLEDGE is NOW DUE — unless you have made a payment within the last year. DOES HARDING MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU? If she does, WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR ALMA MATER? DO YOU ENJOY RETURNING TO THE CAMPUS AND REMINISCING WITH YOUR FORMER CLASSMATES? DO YOU ENJOY THE ALUMNI BANQUET IN THE SPRING WHICH DR. BENSON PROVIDES FREE FOR ALL ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENTS?

The officers of the association do not want to "dun you" at our meetings. We want you to enjoy your return to the campus. We want you to be glad to come to an alumni meeting, and to come without thinking that the meeting is merely an excuse for "holding you up". Nor do we intend to make the bulletin a medium for submitting "bills".

## Please !!!

Procrastination and forgetfulness are two big faults of mankind. You  
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## Fond Reminiscences

OF THANKSGIVING DAY

By Annie Mae Alston, '39

To every Harding alumnus and ex-student Thanksgiving Day means much more than the traditions ordinarily connected with it; it has come to be a very special day for renewing old friendships and reviving associations of past years. It's the day for greetings, good cheer and good news.

To those of you who came, we want you to know that your visit made us happy; to those of you who were unable to be with us, we would like to tell you about some of the familiar faces that you might have seen had you been here.

Probably you would have seen the greatest number at the informal Alumni get-together held in the home economics dining hall on Thanksgiving morning at nine o'clock. Instead of a planned program, there was a word of welcome from our president, Clifton Ganus, and the only requisites of the occasion were that you drink hot coffee, eat doughnuts, and talk with your friends.

### At the Alumni Social

Over a cup of coffee you would have glimpsed the L. O. Sandersons, the O. P. Bairds, the Adrian Formbys, the Carroll Trents, the Argyll Allens, the Clinton Elliotts, the Bernard Lemmons, the Joe Wootens, the Guy Thompsons, the Thednal Garners, the Clyde Hances, the Caudell Lanes, the Ordis Copelands, the Hershell Turners, the Aubrey

Millers, the Alvin Hobbys, the Joe Mitchens, and the Curly Lashlees.

If you were very fortunate; you would have spied a group of Harding's professional men composed of Dr. Norman Smith, James McDaniel, and Dr. Kirk Cone in a conversational mood.

It is common knowledge that when the T. Coy Porters, the Tolbert Vaughans, and the Sidney Ropers get together the place doesn't matter. Reminiscences are the food for conversation. Joining them were Gladys Walden, Lucien Bagnetto, Bob Collins, and Evan Ulrey, all from L.S.U., Shirley Vaughan and Frances Watson.

### With the "Old-Timers"

The F. W. Mattox were among the busiest for they had to be brought up to date on Harding news for the past three months. At present he's completing work on his Ph.D. at Peabody.

Your best chance to have seen Bob and Martha Neil and Leonard Kirk would probably have been after one of the song drills. It was noticeable that everybody seemed a bit reluctant to leave after any of the programs; there seemed to be no better way to spend our minutes than in each other's company.

### Around the Campus

And perhaps just in a leisurely  
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## Alumni Executive Council

MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER

The constitution of the Alumni Association of Harding College was revised during the year 1943-44 and at the annual business meeting of the association at the 1944 commencement was adopted. This revised constitution provided for the establishment of an executive council with representatives to be elected every two years from the districts defined in the constitution.

Five districts were established with the district composed of Arkansas divided into two sections. Thus, six delegates comprise the council with the president of Harding College, the president of the Alumni Association and the executive-secretary of the Alumni Association as ex-officio members. To give some continuity to the council, the election of delegates was arranged so that three delegates would be elected each year after the initial election.

### Three Districts Nominate

This year the term of office for the delegates from District I, District III, and the eastern half of District V expires. District I is composed of the states of Tennessee, N. and S. Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. District III is composed of all states west and north of Texas and Arkansas and west of the Mississippi River. The eastern half of District V is all of Arkansas east of a line drawn north and south through Little Rock.

The present council member from District I is Charles Pitner, '37, 913 Dunlap, Paris, Tenn.; from District III, Dr. Wade Ruby, '31, 1121 W. 79th St., Los Angeles, Calif.; from the eastern half of District V, Doris Cluck Swang, '46 (formerly ex.'44), Greenway, Ark.

### All Members Eligible

All members of the Alumni and Ex-Student Association are eligible to nominate one person as representative of your district. **AND YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO! NOW!** If you wait, you will forget to do it. **SO MAKE YOUR NOMINATION TODAY — RIGHT NOW — AND GET IT IN THE MAIL!!** Your present residence determines the district to which you belong.

The list of the nominees from each district will appear in the spring bulletin along with a ballot. Why can we not have several nominees from each district? We can if you will cooperate with us in making a nomination.  
—J. E. P.

### THANKSGIVING DAY—

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The evening produced more good lectures and songs, thus closing a series of services designed to teach by demonstration the necessity and worth of good congregational singing. We all went to our homes tired, but happy — thankful for the blessings that we had truly enjoyed.



## Chorus Transcribes Hymns

Under the direction of Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., fifty-six members of the small chorus of Harding College made transcriptions of hymns at KARK in Little Rock, Monday, January 13. These recordings were made to meet the requests that have been made by a number of congregations for transcribed hymns to be used on a religious broadcast.

Two sixteen-inch records and one twelve-inch records were cut on both sides. One side of the twelve-inch record contains four cuttings of the theme song, "How Precious Is the Book Divine". Following the singing of one stanza the music is hummed so that announcements can be made if desired. The stanza sung says, "How Precious is the Book Divine, by inspiration given; bright as a lamp its precepts shine to guide our souls to heaven." "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt!" was cut on the other side.

### Variety of Religious Songs

The first group of hymns recorded includes "All Things Praise Thee", "O, Praise the Lord", "Abide with Me", "I Am Thine, O Lord", "He Leadeth Me", and "On Zion's Glorious Summit". The second side of this sixteen-inch record contains "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", "Holy, Holy, Holy", "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", "Rock of Ages", and "Have Thine Own Way, Lord".

"All Hail the Power of Jesus'

Name", "Softly and Tenderly", "Saviour, Teach Me", "Take Time to Be Holy" and "Peace, Perfect Peace" are the numbers in another group. The final selection of songs includes three of the favorite chorus numbers — religious songs not found in the hymnal — along with "Purer in Heart". These three songs are "Beautiful Saviour", "My God and I", and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You".

### Many Requests for Records

Recording companies have been written to see about having plates made from these recordings so that reproductions can be stamped on blank disks rather than recut. This will permit a greater number of reproductions along with an improvement in quality.

Requests for recorded hymns have been received from California, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Indiana, and Canada. The Harding chorus wants to render a real service in this manner. Additional recordings are anticipated in the future with the goal of building up a good library of transcribed hymns suitable for broadcasts by the church.

On page 10 is a scene of Director Ritchie putting the Men's Glee Club through a rehearsal. In addition to this and the small chorus, Harding has a Girls' Glee Club, a large chorus, and several ensemble groups.

## Presenting Dr. E. R. Stapleton

By Marvolene Chambers, '42

Another alumnus has "made good" and returned to his Alma Mater bringing with him vast resources of wide and varied experience and knowledge, thus further enriching the heritage and culture which is Harding's. Dr. E. R. Stapleton obtained his Doctorate this past summer of 1946 from the University of Oklahoma, and returned to the campus the fall of 1946 to begin his duties as head of the Department of Business Administration and Economics.

Dr. Stapleton's connection with Harding began in 1928 when he registered as a freshman, not realizing how much his life would be influenced and changed during the years he was to spend in the environment of Christian education. During his four years as a student, he participated in many and varied activities. He was a member of the Pioneer social club, Dramatics Club, Campus Players, Press Club, and Texas Club. He was active also in the Chorus and Glee Clubs. Incidentally, it was while he was at Harding that the Glee Club first "blossomed out" in tuxedos.

During each year he studied at Harding carrying a full load of classes and participating in these many extra-curricular activities, he also was a student-teacher in the Harding Academy. Dr. Stapleton majored in three fields: Business Administration,

Spanish, and Art. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1932.

### Begins Graduate Study

But Dr. Stapleton was not satisfied to stop here. As anyone knows who is acquainted with him, he doesn't stand still, literally or figuratively, in any field in which he is interested. As a result, he began graduate study not long after finishing at Harding and in 1941 received his Master's Degree in the field of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

With his thirst for knowledge and his dissatisfaction of anything less than the best, it was not surprising to learn that he had obtained his Doctor's degree in 1946 from the same institution. As a result of the high achievement he attained in his studies, he became a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Pi Omega Pi, both national associations of the highest order. He carries these same high achievement ideals into his classrooms with the result that requirements for his courses are as high or higher in comparison with requirements in the same departments of other undergraduate institutions.

### Has Diversified Interests

By the time he had finished his education, Dr. Stapleton had acquired a wife — a Harding alumna named Ruby Lowery — and two



children — a son, Glen Dewey, aged eight, and a daughter, Mary Claire, aged three. Dr. Stapleton is proud of his family, as he has every right to be, and, as a result of his philosophy that a child's mental abilities are based to a large degree on the opportunities afforded him by his parents, Glen Dewey and Mary Claire are given the best.

Besides the interest and enthusiasm he gives to his home and to his children's accomplishments, he finds time to read a great deal, especially in the field of economics and business education. He makes a garden each year, grows prize-winning flowers, plays the piano for his own enjoyment with a deep and abiding hatred for jazz and cheap music, and has hundreds of tomahawks, skin flints, and arrowheads in an Indian collection which he prizes highly.

As though these accomplishments weren't enough, he does oil paintings as a hobby. He attracted quite a little attention on the campus and in Searcy in 1944 with his painting of Raphael's Madonna of the Chair. His versatility is also carried into the world of sports where he enjoys swimming.

#### Develops Christian Ideals

The religious side of the multiple character is in no way neglected. He was, before his leave of absence for further graduate study, a deacon in the college church of Christ. His ideals are a Christian's ideals and he carried them into the Sunday School classes he loves to teach, something he had done for years.

Dr. Stapleton's career was probably started back in Texas at the tender age of six when he saw a typewriter for the first time and a red-headed stenographer typing fast and furiously. It took all the powers of persuasion his father possessed to pull the young man away from his first love — the typewriter, that is.

#### DR. FRANK RHODES RETURNS

At the beginning of the winter term on January 1st, Dr. Frank Rhodes resumed his position as head of the department of history and social sciences. During the fall term Dr. Rhodes taught social science at George Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. Rhodes received his B. A. from Harding in 1935; his M. A. from George Peabody College in 1937; his Ph.D. from the University of California in 1943. While at the University of California, Dr. Rhodes served as a teaching assistant in American history.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE FALL BULLETIN

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Joe Lewis Leslie .....	25.00

## Empire State Chapter Meeting

By Raylene Thornton Larsen, '43

The second annual meeting of the Empire State Chapter of the Harding College Alumni and Ex-Student Association was held Monday, November 11, 1946, at Balbrook, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Davidson, near Bernardsville, N. J.

After a picnic dinner, planned around a weiner-roast, the group assembled in the beautiful little Wildwood Church nearby for a devotional service and a short business meeting.

#### EMPIRE STATE SCHOLARSHIP

Among the things discussed in the business session was a project for the coming year. The Empire State Chapter chose to make possible a scholarship for some student from the Northeast who attends Harding in the school year of 1947-48. This scholarship would be known as the EMPIRE STATE SCHOLARSHIP, and would cover one-half of the regular tuition for one school year. (In the event a ministerial student is selected, the scholarship would cover his entire tuition for one year.) The selection of the student would be made by a committee made up of the officers of the chapter for the coming year.

The thirty-three attending the meeting included not only ex-students of Harding College, but also friends and prospective students of the school. The alumni and ex-students present were:—

Bell, Miss Zelma — New York, New York.  
 Boyd, Mrs. Kathleen Johnson — Jersey City, New Jersey.  
 Boyd, Mr. Vernon — Jersey City, New Jersey.  
 Couch, Mr. E. G., Jr., — New York, New York.  
 Fox, Mr. Harry Robert, Jr., — Hempstead, New York.  
 Gurganus, Mr. George — Hubbardsville, New York.  
 Kelly, Miss Doris — Halcott Center, New York.  
 Case, Miss Dorothy — Syracuse, New York.  
 Larsen, Mrs. Raylene Thornton — New York, New York  
 Larsen, Mr. Dale R., — New York, New York.  
 Rutherford, Mrs. Bonnie Bergner — Bernardsville, N. J.  
 Rutherford, Mr. Clinton H., — Bernardsville, New Jersey  
 Smith, Mr. Bill, — Syracuse, New York.  
 New, Mrs. Ruth Barker — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers elected for the coming year are:—

President — George Gurganus.

Vice President — Bill Smith.

Secretary-Treasurer — Raylene Larsen.

Retiring officers are Dale Larsen and Ann French Bentley.





"Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes", "Do You Kin John Peel?" and other familiar songs ring forth from the choral studio on Monday and Wednesday evenings as Andy T. Ritchie directs the Men's Glee Club. Miss Janet Rea is the accompanist.

**FOND REMINISCENCES—**

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stroll around the campus you would have encountered Robert Lawyer, Glenn Shaver, O. R. Perkins, Harvey Riggs, Worley Ferguson, Aubrey Miller, James Bradley, Mrs. Frank Kell, "Padgie" Ellis, Will Houser, Mrs. A. R. Love, Maurice Murphy, Mrs. H. W. (Leah Barr) Scott, Helen Walter, O. L. Mason, Wade Ozborn, Wanda Luttrell, Marvin Howell, Maxine Southard, Alice Ann Davis, Lowe Hogan, Gena Dell Chesshir, and Betty Chesshir.

Now you can see for yourself all that you missed by not being here. Please resolve now to spend Thanksgiving Day 1947 with us. Our day won't be complete unless you do.

**ALUMNI ENDOWMENT—**

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really intend to make your contribution to the alumni endowment fund, but you just put it off until you forgot about it. But the insurance company will not permit us to procrastinate in paying the premiums. There are many things that could be done to make this bulletin more interesting and to make our alumni organization more effective — but most of them require some financial backing.

Now before you let it slip your mind, send us that check, money order or bill for the endowment fund. Send it along with your personal information blank and your nominee for council member from your district if you are in District I, III, or the eastern half of V. PLEASE! ! !

**NOMINATION FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ is my nominee for a member of the Alumni Council from  
District .....

(Signed) .....

**INFORMATION, PLEASE?**

In the spring issue of the bulletin we plan to carry as many personal interest items about alumni and ex-students as possible. We know that you have lost contact with many of your schoolmates and classmates and that you would like to know what they are now doing. No doubt they have lost track of you. So, please fill in the blanks below and supply us with this information. We shall not be stingy with it. Our motto is, "Pass it on". Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Married? \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Children (name and age) \_\_\_\_\_

Years at Harding \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Statement for classmates \_\_\_\_\_

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# BULLETIN - - Harding College

## 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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