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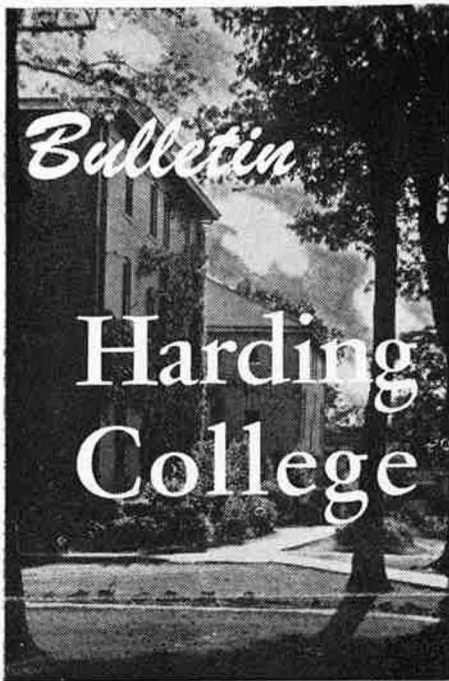
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## W. E. Street Awarded LL. D. Degree

William Ezra Street, head of the engineering drawing department, A. & M. College of Texas, College Station, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Harding College at a special evening convocation at the college auditorium February 7. Dr. George S. Benson awarded the degree on behalf of the faculty.

Delivering an address on "The Value of Engineering and Other Scientific Training for the Advancement of Social Welfare," the Texas educator emphasized the importance of applied science in the modern world and pointed out that the realities of scientific progress should bring a closer relation between man and God.

Science, if used properly, he said, will contribute much more than it has already done to the improvement of society. He mentioned the preservation of foods by X-ray as an example of a development that would mean much to the world.

Professor Street is an authority in the field of engineering education and in drawing and drafting. Formerly a professor in Texas Technological College, Lubbock, he was active in church work and an elder in the Broadway church there. He is now active in church work at College Station. R. B. Sweet, minister of the College Avenue church in Austin, and personal friend of Professor Street's, accompanied him to Searcy.

Professor Street is author and co-author of several books on drafting, mechanical drawing, and descriptive geometry which are now in use by some 30 leading colleges and universities.

## Dr. Benson Announces Postponement Of Move

Plans for moving Harding College to Memphis have been "indefinitely postponed," Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college, announced February 1.

In a letter to Memphis businessmen who acted as a committee sponsoring the move, Dr. Benson explained that the Board of Trustees had not extended time for acceptance of its proposition to Memphis interests. The deadline had been set for last December 31.

The proposal of the Harding Board involved the gift of a site at Memphis and the raising of \$500,000 for new buildings. Dr. Benson said that Memphis interests had offered a site but had suggested that the money be raised at a future time.

The letter, addressed to former Mayor Walter Chandler, stated that cost of constructing new buildings had increased greatly during the time the proposal has been under consideration. "It is now very evident that we could not replace the buildings we have at Searcy for the amount of money which the Harding College Board named 12 months ago," Dr. Benson said.

Harding has also contracted to receive surplus war equipment which will be advantageous to the college if the location is definite, the president of the college stated.

Dr. Benson expressed appreciation for the interest of citizens in Memphis who have promoted the move. He also stated that the town of Searcy had been "deeply interested" in keeping the school in the present location.



*Brodie Crouch, junior from Morristown, Tenn., is a careful student and spends much time in preparation of sermons.*

## Sermons All Prepared, They Go Preach To Many Congregations On Sundays

Sundays on the Harding College campus there is an exodus of student preachers to small congregations of the church scattered throughout the county and the state, even into the uttermost parts of Arkansas.

By automobile, bus, train—and even hitch-hiking, to the more inaccessible locations—Harding's ministerial students travel to preach and teach. They go in car-load groups, pooling their transportation, but there are also many who go alone. Audiences which hear them range in size from three or four persons to congregations of several hundred members.

This is practical training of the best sort. For many years these ministerial students have conducted services and assisted church programs in small communities which could not support full-time preachers and workers.

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## Christians Have Power To Use Christ's Light

By THERMAN HEALY

There are many things in life from which we can learn lessons if we will but take the time to see them. One of these simple things I have noticed is the flashlight. It isn't at all an uncommon instrument. But it is a fascinating one, first of all because of what it can do and, second, because of lessons it teaches.

The holder of this flashlight has the power to decide whether the light will shine or not by merely pressing the switch button. The batteries are in the case, the bulb is good, and the only thing that is keeping away the light is that it is not turned on.

So also do we possess the power to turn on within our souls the spiritual light which is not only able to lighten our path but to enlighten those about us. Christ has said: "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in darkness." Here is the Light pleading to come into souls, and it is up to us whether it comes in.

"If a man love me he will keep my word: and my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Because without this spiritual light we are none of his, it is then within our power to be a part of his. Man without Christ is stumbling and groping in darkness. A man who refuses this Light to guide his destitute soul is far more foolish than the man who has a flashlight in his hand, stumbling in the darkness, yet refusing to turn it on.

This simple lesson reaches farther and includes the most of us who have become Christians. In time, the batteries become weak and if we never make any effort to put in fresh ones the light will soon go out.

The most of us as Christians are operating on spiritual batteries that are so run-down that those watching us can't see the light our lives emit. We have needed to recharge our souls with the Word of God, but many of us have been too lazy to do it.

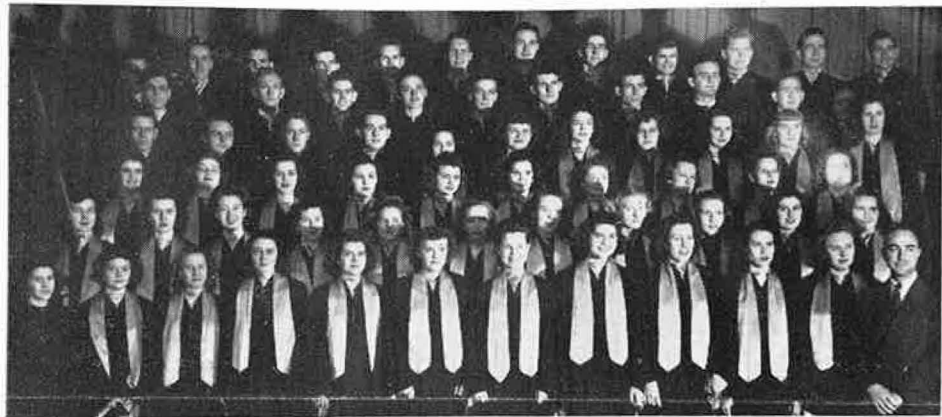
We can put into our souls that which is right. We can brighten our light by study, prayer, worship, and fellowship. But what do we do?

"It's too cold to go and worship." "Have to stay home and fix dinner." "Stayed out too late on Saturday night so didn't feel like going to church on Sunday morning, but I'll go tonight." "Go to church in the mornings so I don't need to go at night." "Don't go to Bible study because I never do get anything out of it."

Is it any wonder that we are so weak and indifferent, that Christianity hasn't permeated our lives, much less the lives of those we say we are trying to teach?

As we have power over the flashlight to turn it on or off, so we have the power to let Christ shine in our lives or to refuse and thus darken our souls forever.

## Harding's Chorus To Sing In Detroit Before National Music Organization



The "small" chorus is approximately one-fifth the size of the whole group. Andy T. Ritchie, director, is at right front.

The Harding College chorus has accepted an invitation to appear before the National Biennial program of the Federation of Music Clubs in Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, April 26, according to an announcement made by Professor Clarence Haeflinger, head of the music department.

The chorus, under the direction of Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., will sing four selections during their fifteen-minute appearance before the national music group Saturday morning.

The Harding group is one of the two music organizations in Arkansas which have been invited to the annual music program. A selected group of school singing organizations from all parts of the United States will participate in the week-long program to be held in the auditorium of the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

### Meet Therman Healy:

Therman Healy, senior from Ft. Collins, Colo., is author of the accompanying article. Therman grew up on a small farm in the Rockies, but he can feel at home in the Arkansas Ozarks. You see, his twin sister, Thelda, is enrolled at Harding, and brother Don and sister Doris were on the campus in recent years.



A major in history and Bible, Therman is already an accomplished speaker who delivers thoughtful sermons in a scholarly manner. He

has spent two summers preaching in Mississippi, and has expressed interest in engaging in foreign mission work after graduation.

On campus, Therman has been busy this year as Petit Jean photographer. He is president of Campus Players, the dramatics group, and member of Alpha Psi. He was chosen for Who's Who in American Colleges for 1947.

The 200 members of the Harding chorus represent almost one-third of the student body of the college. The group sings each Sunday over KLRA in Little Rock on a religious program broadcast from the campus. The chorus has successfully competed with other college music organizations in state-wide meets.

A select group of the chorus composes the smaller chorus which makes frequent radio appearances and annually presents programs through Arkansas and neighboring states.

Approximately 40 members of the large organization will make the trip. They have also tentatively scheduled programs in St. Louis and Chicago. Other appearances enroute are also under consideration.

The phenomenal growth of the Harding chorus to a singing group numbering 200 voices indicates in dramatic fashion an awakening of music interest on this campus. More than one-fourth of the present enrollment of the college is represented in this music organization.

While the chorus is as old as the college, the group is now at its peak both in size and performance. During the past 10 years the Harding chorus has earned a reputation for radio performance. There have been network assignments, appearances on local stations while on tours, and remote control broadcasts from the campus.

Traditionally, the chorus sings religious music, hymns and spirituals, to perfection. Folk music is also popular with these campus singers.

## President Of Board Will Make "GI Award"

To inspire the highest possible achievement among veterans enrolled in the college and to encourage them in their best efforts, funds have been set up by C. L. Ganus, Sr., of New Orleans, president of the Harding College Board of Trustees, for a "GI Award," it was announced by Dr. George S. Benson, president.

Plans for the award were disclosed by Mr. Ganus on a recent visit to the Harding campus, at which time he commended the college work the ex-servicemen have done so far and expressed a desire to make an award to an outstanding veteran.

To be selected on the basis of scholarship, character, personality, and participation in school activities, the winner will be given a week's vacation trip to New Orleans with all expenses paid, including transportation to and from the home of the GI.

The winning veteran will stay in the Roosevelt Hotel, one of the finest in the city of New Orleans, and will be given the opportunity of meeting Louisiana dignitaries including the governor of the state and the mayor of New Orleans.

Arrangements will be made for visits to all points of historical interest in the vicinity. A full program of entertainment will be arranged.

If the winner is married, his wife will be invited to accompany him, Dr. Benson said.

## "Out Of This World" — An Editorial

(The following editorial is reprinted from the Harding College student weekly, "The Bison.")

A Harding student had just seated himself on a train at the opening of the Christmas holidays when he heard a profane statement from a passing soldier. He turned to the serviceman seated next to him and made the casual remark that that was the first profanity he had heard in three months. The soldier, with an incredulous look on his face, exclaimed, "Where have you been—out of this world?"

"Yes," the student answered, "I suppose you might call it a place out of this world." Lapsing into silence, his thoughts traveled back to the place he had just left. No, it was quite true that he had not heard a single word of profanity in the more than three months he had been there. It was also true that he had seen only two instances in which boys his own age were smoking, and in no occasion had he seen or heard of a fellow student's drinking an alcoholic beverage. Should he mention these items to the serviceman at his side? He would be more amazed than he had been at the first statement. He would undoubtedly think the student had dreamed up the place from which he came. Do places where there is no smoking, drinking, or profanity still exist in the world? He knew of one . . . were there others? Where?

Well might that question be asked. The value of ideals has changed until one sometimes wonders if there are ideals left. How could there be then a place where ideals not only had not changed, but where they were actually practiced? The soldier must have been wondering too for presently he turned to the student and commented, "I have no idea where you have been, but I have been in a place that must be its opposite. The use of profane language is so common, even among the women, that I don't even notice it anymore."

Harding is the place the soldier should have known about. Harding is the place a lot of the world wouldn't believe existed. Harding is the place where countless thousands tired of a world blinded by cigarette smoke, its sense of odor drowned by alcohol, and the sense of duty to God dulled by the taking of His name lightly, would find a renewal of faith, a relief from immorality and ungodliness.

## Students Preach To Varied Congregations

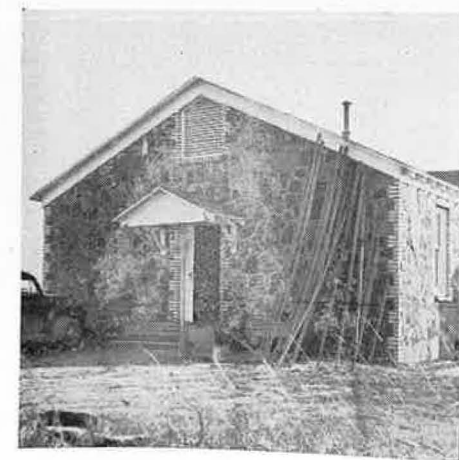
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Approximately 50 students go out regularly, and others occasionally. Their Sunday appointments are varied as much as possible to cover most conditions to be found in congregations in which they will work after they graduate. They preach in one-room country schoolhouses and private homes, and in modern church buildings. Many of the congregations are the result of active work in these communities on the part of students.

One such example of students taking an active part in a growing church work is found at the community of Providence, Ark., where a new \$3,000 church building with exterior of veneered stone is in process of completion. Where formerly the church work there was at an ebb, a coordinated effort on the part of church members there and students from the college has resulted in a new building and in renewed interest in church activities. These activities include weekly Bible classes which attract an average attendance of 80 children and adults.

It is estimated that approximately 23 churches within a 25-mile radius of the college have grown and were benefitted by activities of Harding ministerial students in recent years. These young men, in addition to preaching and teaching work, engage in extensive personal work. This includes visiting the sick and similar activities. In many instances they have revived community interest in the church.

Although the preaching program does not belong to the formal curriculum at Harding, it is worked out in conjunction with advanced Bible courses and with personal evangelism classes. Prof. J. L. Dykes, professor of mathematics, and Dr. J. D. Bales, associate professor of Bible, assist the students in obtaining Sunday appointments and are active in promoting interest in this work.



Students have helped build this church at Providence, Ark.

A universal realization among Christian people that spiritual values are *always* paramount would defeat the materialistic lethargy into which we, sometimes, seem to have fallen. When Christian parents and their children are made to appreciate the quite evident fact that preparation for the material, apart from a consideration of the spiritual is an early surrender to a materialistic philosophy, the church will, undoubtedly, make strides it has not experienced since the early days of its existence.

If, when they are planning a program of preparation, parents and children will consider that there are many things without which it is impossible to be happy, which cannot be bought, they will, in many cases, make entirely different plans. When we consider that it is within the power of every Christian parent to endow his child with a priceless heritage and to endow the world with a workman that money cannot buy, we are made to stand in awe at the great opportunities and responsibilities with which God has endowed his children.

A. B. Lipscomb wrote in *Things That Money Cannot Buy*:

"You cannot buy brains unless they are calf brains in some butcher shop. You cannot buy the artist's touch, the musician's ear, or the gift of song. You cannot buy a good name, an easy conscience, or a stainless reputation. You cannot buy a big manly heart or the faith of a little child. Neither can you buy happiness, it has a way of running away from the person with money. You cannot buy a good man's confidence or a good woman's love. Still less can you buy self-respect, or the right to pray, or a place in the kingdom of heaven.

"Peter's rebuke to Simon the sorcerer brings a timely lesson. We sin in thought if we think for one moment that we can buy the secret of a quiet heart, the hope of glory, 'The peace of God which passeth all understanding,' or any of the transcendent blessings of the Christian religion. These are God's free gifts ordered impartially to every person who by faith lays hold upon them. They are like the summer sunshine and the singing birds, the glory of a spring morning or the autumn sky, which lavish their beauty without stint upon all. You do not buy them. You do not borrow them. You simply take them in, you enjoy them, and you give thanks to God for them if you have grace in your heart."

From these thoughts of things which cannot be purchased with money it is only a natural step to a statement made by Brother J. N. Armstrong in an article entitled "The Greatest Givers," printed in R. N. Gardner's *Let Us Make Man*:

"He that gives money to a worthy cause does well, but he that gives a child, trained for service, fitted to lay down life in loyal and unstinted sacrifice for a great cause, does infinitely better.

"It is not money that is needed to better the world; it is the consecrated lives, unselfish and devoted hearts that cannot be bribed—hearts that can forget self in loyal service to others.

"Fathers and mothers who rear their children to supply this crying need are the fathers and mothers that count in a needy world like the one in which we live, and



## Two-Fold Endowment

By EMMETT SMITH  
Assistant Professor of Social Science

are therefore the greatest givers to the church and its work."

In matters of education even those who are nominally Christian have lost sight, to a great extent, of the spiritual values that so far outweigh the material. Christian homes, seemingly without knowing the reason for it, are losing children forever, as far as the church is concerned, by simply failing to provide the proper training in the home and in their schooling. Brother Gardner has aptly stated that "Christian parents owe it to their children and to God—to put constructive teaching into their hearts that will reform their lives and create desires to live right, to honor God, and to be of service to their fellow man spiritually."

When those who are responsible for the irresponsible young deliberately or unknowingly place them in an infidel atmosphere for their training, they become directly responsible for their loss to the church. Many fine young people who have been more or less sheltered from the ungodly influences of their home community have been ushered into an atmosphere for their college training more viciously Godless than anything their community could possibly produce.

David Lipscomb realized more fully than most of us the fearful responsibility of the parent when he wrote in the *Advocate* "Schools without the Bible are infidel schools, just as a home and a heart and a life without the Bible is an infidel home and heart and life." He also said: "A few earnest men and women in the schoolroom day by day impressing the hearts of the young with the religious truths that should govern them through life will do more to advance religion and build up the church than an army of eloquent preachers." He said "The church that gives up the education of its children to others will, doubtless have faithless members."

The reasoning and logic of such statements cannot be questioned by the most uninformed person regarding the comparison of the spiritual and the material. And yet, Christians not only neglect to establish and maintain institutions where spiritual values are stressed, but they fail to utilize such institutions as are already in existence for this purpose.

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