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# Bulletin HARDING COLLEGE

Searcy, Arkansas

# Harding Reflector & Alumni News

Spring 1947



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## Delta Alumni Association Organized

By Virgil Lawyer, '46

An alumni group has been organized by ex-Harding students in the Southeast Missouri-Northeast Arkansas area.

Officers for the association were nominated by a special nominating committee which met in Kennett, Missouri in December, and were elected by ballots mailed to the members of the district.

Robert Lawyer, minister of the church of Christ in Kennett, Missouri was elected president for the group: Vance Greenway of Paragould, Arkansas, vice president; Marvin Howell of Kennette, secretary; Mrs. Polly Box Hanks of Bragg City, Missouri, treasurer; Miss Betty Lou Spruell of Essex, Mo., college secretary; Keith D. Swim of Bernie Missouri, Southeast Missouri chairman; and J. Woody Stovall of Manila, Northeast Arkansas chairman. Dr. W.K. Summitt of Searcy, formerly of Cardwell, Missouri was chosen as the faculty representative.

The group has selected the name "Delta Alumni Association" which signifies the Mississippi delta region. Their emblem is the Greek letter Delta enclosed in a circle.

### Sponsor Projects

The purpose of the association is to sponsor scholarships, awards, and other projects, including the encouragement of young people in the Arkansas-Missouri area to attend Harding College. Toward the accomplishment of the latter, the

group has arranged for the mailing of the Bison and other Harding literature to prospective students, in addition to arranging a visit to the Harding campus, personal letters from the alumni, etc.

The association had its first meeting in Hayti, Missouri and appointed a committee to decide on awards and scholarships.

Anyone who has attended Harding from that section is automatically a member of the Delta Alumni Association and is considered an active member when he has paid the initial membership dues.

The officers of the association are interested in contacting ex-students from that area. They would like also to get information concerning prospective students in their territory.



Homer H. Hawes, '45, is now located at Owosso, Michigan, after attending Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, 1945-46. He and his wife Alene, Ex-'45, have three children—Carol, 6, Janice, 4, and Eugene, 4 months.

Gayle Oler, Ex-'30, and his wife are in charge of the Boles Orphan Home, Quinlan, Texas.

Terrell Clay, '44, is a chemist for the Eastman Chemical Research Company in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. His sister, Mrs. James Yingling (Esther Marie, '42), is managing the Harding College Laundry.

## Gala Program Planned for Alumni

By Clifton Ganus, Jr., '43

You can't afford to miss the commencement exercises this year. Besides seeing many of your old friends, you will find an imposing array of events scheduled for your entertainment. Plan now to arrive on Sunday, May 25.

Batsell Baxter, former Bible teacher at Harding and now at Lipscomb, is scheduled to preach the Baccalaureate sermon. We remember him well for his able and practical lessons. Dr. J. P. Saunders, dean of Lipscomb, will deliver the commencement address. He has spoken here several times in the past and is an able speaker. Since our auditorium is too small to seat the expected crowds, both services will be held in the auditorium of the town high school.

### Alumni Chapel - May 28

One all-alumni program will be that of the Alumni chapel Wednesday morning, May 28, at ten o'clock. The program is supposed to be in the hands of the class of '27, a 20-year class. However, all members of the '32, '37, and '42 classes are urged to be present for class reunions. Leonard Kirk is working up some numbers for alumni ensembles. We hope this will materialize.

Wednesday afternoon the Alumni softball team will play the varsity. It should prove an interesting game. Let's all try to be here to play or root for our team.

At six o'clock there is to be a dinner sponsored by the Alpha Honor Society. Some outstanding speaker will be selected. Last year Mr. Henthorne of Kansas City was the speaker and delivered a very popular address.

### See "The Spy"

Following the Alpha Honor dinner will be the presentation by the Alpha Psi Omega of "The Spy", a play written by Mrs. Armstrong. The play, centered around the American Revolution, will present the acting abilities of several old students—J. W. Sears, Joe Pryor, Oral Cone, Fayette Coleman, Ray Stapleton, and Eva Tompson. Jack Wood Sears and Oral Cone will direct the play. It will be given in the down town auditorium, and will, as usual, be free to alumni.

After the commencement exercises are over, the alumni are all invited to a free dinner in the college dining hall. The senior class will at that time be formally inducted into the Association. Let's be on hand to welcome them.

## Honor To Whom Is Due

Forty-seven Years in Bible Schools

By Annie Mae Alston, '39



Photograph by Jess Rhodes

When on March 14, 1869, a son was born to D. W. and Sarah Worton Rhodes in Appanoose County, Iowa, it is possible that those proud parents little dreamed what a real tower of strength for Christian education their son would prove to be.

Throughout the years, though, from 1900 when he entered Nash-

ville Bible School until the present time of the Harding campus, he has been admired and loved by all the students and teachers whose good fortune it has been to be associated with him. The intervening years which include the teaching of Bible and history at Odessa, Missouri; Cordell, Okla.; Thorpe

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## Harding College Plans for Future College Will Remain In Searcy

By Neil B. Cope, '34

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 interest. 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 interest 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 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 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.

### Searcy Citizens Support College

When it was announced the college would remain in Searcy, local citizens got busy and took a renewed interest in the school. This interest has now reached a peak that, if maintained by good public relations on the part of both the college and town, will mean much to Harding.

The Searcy Chamber of Commerce has announced an agreement with Harding College stipulating the establishment of a fund of \$40,000 by Searcy citizens. The money is to be used for the general endowment fund.

The announcement came following a dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of February 13. Richard Deener, chairman of the group's Committee on Harding College, explained details of the agreement to members.

Operation of the fund will be similar to pledges given to the Harding Endowment Association Fund, which was started two years ago. The Chamber will obtain a minimum of 40 pledges of \$100 each, to be paid annually to the Harding endowment over a period of ten years.

Searcy businessmen and citizens have expressed their desire to keep the college here and have thus offered to aid in meeting the financial demands of the North Central Association. Membership in the association, for which the college will apply, would add to the value of the institution and its prestige. The North Central has agreed to accept these pledges as income from endowments. Other requirements for admission

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## News of Alumni and Ex-Students

Compiled by Grace Riggs, '48  
Secretary to Executive-Secretary

Mrs. Herbert J. Johnson (Eloise Coleman, '36) is now working as bookkeeper at Cragmore Sanatorium Colorado Springs, Colorado. She has a son, Warren, age 4.

Lee F. Lambert, '41, is buying a home in Corona, Calif., where he is working as clerk in the Post Office while recovering from rheumatic fever, which he contracted while in the service. During 1943 he worked on his Masters degree at Indiana State Teachers, Terre Haute, Indiana. To his classmates he says, "Come and see me!"

Gene Koken, '40, is an expeditor in Aircraft at Redondo Beach, California, and says, "Would like to see any of you when you're in or near Los Angeles."

Gail Overton, Ex-'44, has been teaching for the past three years in the Dell system at Roseland, Arkansas. She plans to attend Harding again next summer.

James D. Groves, Ex-'37, is located with the Vinewood church in Detroit, Michigan, and is chairman of the board of proposed Michigan Christian Academy. He has completed the class work toward the M. A. degree. There are now two children in his home—Byron, 4, and Joan, 7 months.

Mrs. G. H. Sinele (Mabel Ford, Ex-'39) is holding down two jobs--that of housewife, and of secretary at Fire Companies' Adjustment Bureau, Inc., Jonesboro, Arkansas. They have a new daughter, Belinda, born March 17, 1947.

Delilah Trantum, '45, is working on her master's degree in library science at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Robert B. Boyd, Ex-'36, is still at Johnson City, Tennessee, after about seven years there. Previously he was located at Toledo, Ohio; Linton, Indiana; and Abilene, Texas. His classmates will be interested to know that he still plays the trumpet, and is giving some private lessons now. He has a son, DeWayne, age 4.

Mrs. Ralph Cralle (Etta Belle Bradley, '35) announces the arrival of a new Harding student for 1964 or perhaps even 1960—a baby daughter born February 12, 1947, at the Fowler hospital in Harrison, Arkansas. Weight 7 7/8 pounds.

Mrs. Otis Couch (Jerry Farrar, Ex-'40) is living in Fayetteville, Tennessee, where she helps her husband in their grocery store. She says, "Tell all my friends hello and that my motto still is 'To Enjoy Life'."

Ethel Brabbzson, '40, is teaching mathematics in the high school at Trumann, Arkansas.

Mabrey Miller, '43, is preaching at Boise, Idaho. He and his wife (Madge Black, Ex-'45) have one child, Wanda Pearl, age 7 months.

Winston and Dennis Allen, both of the class of '43, are teaching in the Portland Christian School in Louisville, Kentucky. Plans are being made to expand this school to a Junior College.

James L. Keown, Ex-'43, is now a sergeant in the army stationed in the Philippine Islands. He plans to return to Harding as soon as he receives his discharge.

Enid Coleman, '43, is living with her parents at Lutz, Florida, a suburb of Tampa. She and her mother are both teaching in the school there

Griffin Copeland, '41, is head of the language department at Florida Christian College, Tampa, Florida, while his wife (Gretchen Hill, '43) is keeping house for him. Griffen also preaches at the Antioch church near there.

Worley Ferguson, '45, is working with the church at Twitty, Texas. He and his wife are very proud of the addition that was made to their family on September 23, 1946 Name: Patricia Ann.

Gladys Walden, Lucien Bagnetto, Robert Collins, and Evan Ulrey, all of the class of '46, are working on their master's degrees at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The three boys are also working with nearby churches on Sundays.

Jack Dyer, '40, is in Los Angeles, attending George Pepperdine College. He and his wife have two children, Tommie Carol, 4, and Jack, Jr., 2.

Sibyl Rickman, '46, is in Africa, working with Mrs. Myrtle Rowe in the mission work there. In a letter written soon after their arrival the first of this year, Sibyl said she was enjoying her work, and hadn't had time to get homesick.

Laura Lee Arms and Gay Golden, both of the class of '46, are doing office work in Juneau, Alaska. In their off hours, they are doing personal work with the people there.

Mrs. Flavious Rose (Nellie Golden, '40) is living in Orlando, Florida. Her husband works at the Orlando Air base in the refrigeration department. They have two children, Judith, 4, and Juliet, 1.

Mrs. Kenneth H. Bell (Joyce Blackburn, '44) is living near Oceda, Arkansas, where her husband is engaged in farming. They have one daughter, Carla, born April 8, 1947.

Mrs. M. K. Rothrock (Amy Williams, Ex-'44) is living in Denver, Colorado, where her husband is stationed in the army. They have one son, James Kenneth.

Prewitte Copeland, '46, is supervisor of the boy's dormitory and director of physical education at Dasher Bible School, Valdosta, Georgia. On Sunday's he preaches in Lake City, Florida.

Ambrose Rea, Ex-'46, is attending Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is majoring in Aeronautical Engineering.

L. D. Frashier, '40, is working toward a master's degree in the College of Chemistry of the University of California, Berkeley, California.

Pauline Jackson, '45, is teaching business administration at the high school in Hayti, Missouri.

Loyd Collier, '46, and his wife (Sara Stubblefield, '45) are living in Lepanto, Arkansas, where Loyd is preaching for the church, and also teaching in the high school. They plan to go to Germany with Otis Gatewood as soon as this is possible.

Warren Whitelaw Ex-'46, and his wife (Marilyn Thorton, Ex-'46) are in Beamsville, Canada, where he is preaching for the church. They have a new daughter, Barbara Ann.

## President Of Board 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 activi-

ties, 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 intertainment will be arranged.

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

### HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

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Spring, Texas; Harper, Kansas; Morrilton, Arkansas, have been years filled with unforgettable experiences in the growth of our Christian schools.

In addition to his regular classroom work, Bro. Rhodes has been active as an evangelist, beginning his preaching in the year 1894.

Probably his schoolmates will longest remember his marked ability in debate. Besides his clear, logical thinking he possessed an unusually keen wit that proved an invaluable aid. Especially far-reaching in its effect was his debate at Odessa with Daniel Somner on the Bible school question.

Not primarily, though, as a brilliant historian, a winning debater or as a wise counselor, but more as a faithful, trusting student and teacher of the Bible will he be

remembered in the hearts of his boys and girls.

Never did he more strongly show forth his excellent judgment than in his choice of a wife, Otie Sparkman, whom he married in 1916. Those who have known her intimately attest to the fact she has served nobly as a pattern of industry and patient sacrifice to her family and of infinite devotion to her God.

They are parents of five children, all of whom are graduates of Harding College. Willis, the oldest, lives in Borger, Texas; Mrs. J. C. (Maurine) Kingsley in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mrs. O. P. (Geraldine) Baird in Atlanta, Georgia; Frank and Juanita in Searcy Bro. and Sister Rhodes, too, have the privilege of being typical, doting grandparents to their six grandchildren—4 boys and 2 girls.

### HARDING COLLEGE PLANS FOR FUTURE

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to the association have been met or are now being completed.

The pledges are made under the following conditions:

"1. On condition I remain satisfied with the purpose and ideals of Harding College.

"2. On condition my financial status remains such that I am able to make payment, I alone being the judge of my financial status.

"3. I also reserve the right to pay out the full amount at any time I may so choose."

#### Dr. Benson Very Active

Dr. Benson continues in action on a good many fronts. Besides running the general affairs of the college, he does more Bible teaching and preaching than most of you would imagine. When in Searcy he teaches the adult Bible class of the college church. He also preaches to the college congregation each first Sunday. He has held two evangelistic meetings in recent weeks, and has appeared on several lecture programs. Currently, he is conducting a meeting in Norman, Okla.

Another front on which Dr. Benson is active is that of promoting good citizenship, under the sponsorship of the college's Department of Popular Education. His weekly, transcribed radio program is used by 75 stations scattered from Maine to California: The weekly column is printed in about 3,500 publications.

Still in demand as a speaker before varied audiences everywhere, Dr. Benson recently spoke to the four divisions of the Texas State Teachers Association. (There are too many school teachers in Texas to bring together at one time and place.) Needless to say, Dr. Benson was enthusi-

astically received.

Recently Dr. Benson spent some time in Toronto, Canada, in an effort to help the church people prepare for a summer campaign in which Harding students will participate. While in Canada, Dr. Benson made plans with Canadian brethren for the extension of Harding's educational work into Canada. Through Bro. Jardine McKerlie, who administers the Omagh Bible School near Toronto, and other prominent Canadians, arrangements will be completed to offer two years of college work. This will enable Canadian students wanting to attend Harding to complete two years of their work before coming to the United States.

#### W H B Q An Asset

Radio Station W H B Q, Memphis, promises to become a substantial supporting unit in financing Harding. Already earning at an estimated rate of \$100,000 a year, the station will soon have paid for itself. It will then become the chief source of income. Harding, like other private colleges, could not exist without income to supplement that from tuition and fees. The money the student brings to Searcy with him (you alumni know how some of us brought very little), never pays for the bills and obligations the college has to assume in the process of giving him an education.

W H B Q has applied for increased power, and if this goes through the potential earnings of the station will be increased.

The Harding print shop, which has been out of operation almost four years, is now in operation. Equipment newly installed includes a small lithograph press, camera, plate making equipment, and cutter.



— Photograph by Harding College Camera Club

NEWS OF ALUMNI and EX-STUDENTS (Continued from Pgs. 6 & 7)

Mrs. Grady Cunningham (Sue Burford, Ex-'41) is working as technician in her husband's office in Ripley, Mississippi. She reports, "There's never a dull moment in our home," which is probably because of Roger, 2 1/2, and the twins, Livonia and Geneva, 8 months.

Robert Oliver, '41, better known as "Sprat", is attending the school of dentistry at the University of Texas.

Geneva Clem, '46, become the bride of Hayden Mason on April 11, 1947, in the presence of the families and a few intimate friends. The groom served 29 months in the E. T. O.

Lloyd Wheeler, '46, teaches in the high school in Sidney, Nebraska, and preaches for the church each Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Eades (Alta Lee Boultinghouse, '33) is moving to Little Rock, Arkansas, after teaching for five years at Sheridan, Arkansas. Next fall she will begin teaching the first grade in North Little Rock, while her husband is working for the Missouri Pacific.

Elizabeth King, '44, is teaching home economics in the high school in Somerset, Ohio, this year. She plans to enter Peabody College next year to continue her studies in this field.

PRINT SHOP REOPENED

With the return of Homer F. Howk, who was supervisor of printing at Harding College from 1938 to 1941, the printing department has been reopened. Mr. Howk returned recently from a similar position in Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, to resume his work here.

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District .....

(Signed) .....

INFORMATION, PLEASE?

In the Next 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 school-mates 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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## 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.*

Maxine O'Banion  
Campus

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