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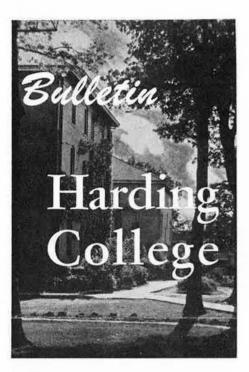
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## "Outstanding GI" Honor Goes To Clark Stevens

Clark Stevens, senior and veteran from Batesville, has been named winner of the "Outstanding G.I. of the year" award at Harding College, according to an announcement by Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college.

As winner of the award, Stevens and his wife will receive a one-week all-expense trip to New Orleans, La., with a suite in the Roosevelt Hotel, and will meet state and civic dignitaries, including the governor of Louisiana and the Mayor of New Orleans.

The award was recently established by Mr. C. L. Ganus, president of the Harding College Board of Trustees, and prominent New Orleans businessman.

Selected on the basis of academic attainment, character, personality, and extra-curricular activity, Stevens was chosen by a faculty committee from the 250 veterans attending Harding College.

Stevens was recently elected president of the Alpha Honor Society, the honor award group at Harding which includes students with outstanding scholastic records. He has made a perfect "A" record scholastically. Stevens is also active in the intramural sports program at the college, and holds a fearsome reputation locally as a softball pitcher.

A pre-medical student, Stevens hopes to attend University of Arkansas medical school after receiving his B. S. degree from Harding this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will leave for New Orleans early in June, to begin the summer vacation period.

## Canadian To Head Industrial Arts

Jardine McKerlie, Toronto, Canada, will come to the campus by September 1 to head the newly established industrial education department, Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college, has announced.

Mr. McKerlie is a successful construction engineer, with special training in several fields and a number of engineering achievements behind him. He is now connected with the John Ingles Contractors and Engineers in Toronto, where he is in charge of foreign developments. During the war, Mr. McKerlie established technical training schools for the Canadian government, and later served as manager for the Ontario and Great Lakes division of Wartime Ship Building, Ltd.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. McKerlie came to Canada in 1923. Mrs. McKerlie and a son, James H., will come to Searcy with him. A daughter, Florence, is already on the campus, where she is employed in the business office.

Mr. McKerlie will have charge of constructing the plant for the new department. Considerable equipment is already on hand for the industrial program, and other equipment will be acquired in time for the completion of the project in the early fall of 1948.

The department is to include airplane, automobile, radio, and printing mechanics, as well as courses in wood work and agriculture.

Approximately \$100,000 has been raised for the new department, including one individual \$50,000 gift for a building. Additional funds will be made available in accordance with the growth and success of the program.



May Queen Wray Bullington descends from throne followed by Trainbearers, Crownbearer, and Maids of Honor Mary Belle Garner and Jerry Young.

## May Festivities Attract Large Crowd To Witness Traditional Spring Ceremony

Wray Bullington, junior from Athens, Alabama, was crowned Queen of the May by Dean L. C. Sears at Harding's annual May Day Fete, held on the front lawn of the campus May 6.

Miss Bullington, who became Mrs. Bill Smith the following evening in a beautiful marriage ceremony in the College auditorium, reigned at ceremonies witnessed by 2,000 people.

Festivities began at 5 o'clock, with the appearance of two lines of pastel-gowned maids walking from the Administration building on the east and from the home of Dean Sears on the west. Two heralds and a majorette from Searcy High School band assisted in these formations.

The Maypole girls formed a full length path from the brick walk to the improvised throne near the rose garden on north campus, through which the Queen and her procession advanced.

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## Gift Of Grace Offered **To All Upon Conditions**

### By Sammie Swim

Suppose someone should offer you a million dollars, provided you met a few obligations toward him. Would you accept that gift?

One may never offer us a million dollars, but every day we have extended to us a gift far more precious than any frivolous gifts of man, yea, of more value than the entire world.

Paul tells us of that gift in Ephesians 2:8, 9: "For by grace ye have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory."

The gift of God is the bountiful grace that promises us eternal salvation through faith. Truly, what could be more precious? What more could a rightthinking individual want? But yet, millions are telling God by their actions and deeds that they do not want that gift.

That we are saved by grace is too clearly taught in the Bible to be questioned. But will all to whom God's grace is offered be saved? If so, then all will be saved. Hear Paul again: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11) Notice that this grace which appeared to all men is the grace that brings salvation, not the grace that gives material things. And the Bible clearly teaches that many will be lost.

The fact that a condition is included in man's salvation is mentioned in the very passage that tells of the grace of God, "for by grace are ye saved through faith." This suggests two sides to the plan of salvation-God's side and man's side. God's grace is accepted by man's faith. God's grace is capable of saving every person who has ever lived or ever will live, but only those who accept His grace, through faith, will be saved.

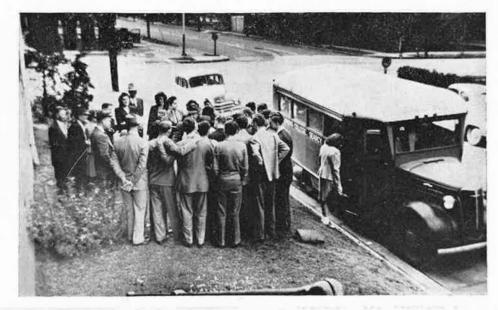
We may forfeit this gift by failing to comply with the conditions of the gift. Paul teaches in Gal. 5:6 that the faith that avails is "faith that works by love." Certainly, then, when the same apostle said, we are saved by grace through faith, he meant a working faith, but excluding a self-glorifying work.

The Word of God says the people of Ephesus were saved by grace through faith. Then the Bible tells us what these people did in being saved. They heard the gospel and believed in Christ (Eph. 1:13); they repented of their sins (Acts 20:21); they confessed Christ (Acts 19:18); they were baptized (Acts 19:5).

We should thank God for His wonderful goodness to us, that we may accept His bountiful grace and escape the fate of the lost, and sing:

"Amazing grace-how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost-but now am found-Was blind, but now I see."



Here a part of the group sings informally while waiting for others to load up. The place: Broadway Church, Paducah, Ky.

# Harding Chorus Goes Through Seven States Singing All The While — There And Back

Packed into the 12-day trip for the Harding chorus were 2,100 miles of traveling through 7 states, 10 formal programs to approximately 5,000 people, a radio broadcast, 2 recording sessions, endless informal hymn sings, and many foot-wearying hours of sightseeing. But, they say, it was worth it. Under the direction of Prof. Andy T.

### **Meet Sammie Swim:**

Sammie Swim, a senior from Wichita Falls, Texas, graduating this year, writes the accompanying religious article. Sammie majors in Bible and social science

and minors in speech and English

Sammie first came to Harding as a high school student. He graduated from the Academy, went to Freed-Hardeman College, and then came back to Harding for his degree. His brother, Keith, a Harding graduate of former years,

will be remembered by alumni.

Sammie preaches every Sunday, and this year has preached regularly at Black Rock and Pleasant Valley, Ark. After commencement, he will go to Montague County, Texas, where he will work full time with a group of churches.

Of Harding, Sammie says: "I appreciate the Christian environment and wholesome spirit at Harding, and only wish that more young people could enter our Christian schools to enjoy the good things they have to offer."

Ritchie, Jr., the chorus was one of the two Arkansas singing groups invited to the biennial convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs, in Detroit, Mich. Using the opportunity to show Harding to her friends, the group presented programs en route at St. Louis and Chicago, and on the return trip at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Paducah, Ky.

In Chicago, the group appeared on a 15-minute program over radio station WJJD which was piped into the entire Chicago school system.

In Detroit, the chorus presented four programs, a 15-minute appearance before the national group, and a Sunday afternoon program before 1,000 people at the West Side Central Church of Christ.

Representing 15 states and Canada, chorus members had a variety of home towns to tell customs officers when they crossed the international boundary into Windsor, Canada, for some good-neighbor sightseeing.

Thanks to the opened doors of Christian homes in the cities visited, the 36 choristers felt like "they never left home." Ex-Hardingites, parents of students, and many friends made their homes the choristers' homes.

Rolling on the campus one evening, the group found that spring had come to Harding during their absence. Following custom, the chorus-with more than a handful of well-worn voices in their midst-broke into the strains of the Alma Mater. This was home. Tired people weren't tired any more.

## May Day—

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Entering from the south of the lawn, members of the Queen's court. carrying bouquets of gladiolas, slowly walked down the pastel pathway with their escorts. Two girls from each social club, with escorts, made up the court.

Next came the Queen's maids of honor, Jerry Young and Mary Belle Garner, in white gowns; Betty Ritchie, crown bearer, also wearing a full-length gown of white; the Queen, attired in fitted white gown with full train; and trainbearers, Bobbie Cope and Donnie Berryhill

The Queen's maids carried sprays of white gladiolas with fern, and Miss Bull-

Queen of May



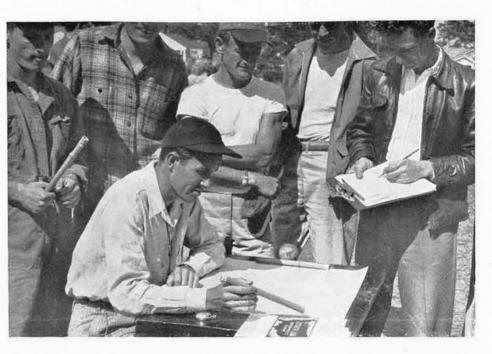
### WRAY BULLINGTON SMITH

ington carried a large bouquet of white gladiolas.

Following the crowning, the Maypole maids broke lines, pairing off in several formations as a prelude to winding the poles. Blue and white, pink and white, and orchid and white streamers were used on the poles.

In groups of four, the girls wound the streamers into an interlacing pattern. A second pattern, called the "Spider Web," was wound and left staked at the ground, while the maids filed back to the Grand March position before the Queen. Walking forward to the place occupied by the initial row, each line broke to march back to their original stations flanking the Queen's descent from the throne. The court then left the pageant field.

A program was presented by the "large chorus" following May festivities.



Hugh Rhodes (seated), of the physical education department, looks over records for interview by Jimmie Atkinson, Bison sports editor. Members of Prof. Rhodes' class, which officiated, look on.

# Seniors Take Track And Field Event **But Upset No Records In Annual Meet**

A small but determined Senior team repeated the accomplishment of their Freshman year and took first place in the Track and Field Meet yesterday, scoring 431/2 points out of a possible 143. The Freshmen and Juniors tied for second spot with 33 points each, while the Sophomores came next with 321/2. No records were tied or broken. Herb Lawrence, Colis Campbell, and Sidney Roper bore the brunt of the toil for the winners, seeing action in nearly all of the eleven different events.

Little Jimmie Miller of the Sophomores was the outstanding individual performer of the day, chalking up a total of 15 points for first place in that department. Lawrence was next with 14½, carrying the closeness of the competition to the highest point. Lawrence and Steve Eckstein of the Juniors were the only double first place winners, Herb taking the 100-yard dash by a stride from Miller and the 880, while Steve copped first spot in the low hurdles and shot put. In the college girls' division, the Freshmen beat their only threat, the Sopho-

mores, 39 to 31, taking first in four of the seven events.



A close finish in a relay race.

ND BEHOLD, a woman which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, 'If I may but touch his garment, I shall be made whole.' But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, 'Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.'" (Matt. 9:20-22) To this story Luke adds: "And Jesus said, 'Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that power is gone out of me.'" (Luke 8:46)

By some commentators this act of faith has been reduced to the level of a mere superstitious regard for the hem of Jesus' garment. As a devout Jew it is probable that Jesus wore fringes at the four corners of his outer garment to remind of the commandments. (Num. 15:38) But there were thousands of Jews in Palestine that day wearing such hems in their garments. None of these attracted the diseased woman. Looking to the person of Christ, she said: "If I may but touch the hem of *his garment.*" She was drawn by faith in *him* rather than in the *hem* of his garment.

In this act of faith we have a sublime illustration of the faith of Christians in the person of Christ as demonstrated in their approach to him through his ordinances.

1. Baptism: Modernists accuse the humble disciple of having an undue regard for the power of water in securing relief from the disease of sin. Recently a modern religionist spoke to me in disgust, saying: "Oh, you people believe that if a person is not ducked in water he can't be saved." No informed disciple of Christ entertains such superstitious notions as here expressed. When one comes to the waters of baptism he comes to the person of Christ. He comes to this ordinance in the same spirit with which the woman came to the hem of his garment.

This truth is forcefully presented by Paul in the Roman letter. In treating the doctrine of baptism Paul mentions the person of Christ *fifteen* times within *nine* verses. (Rom. 6:3-11 AV) Read these verses with the person on Christ in mind and you will not fail to see that the penitent sinner in coming to this act of obedience is coming to Christ himself. Baptism holds attraction because it is his ordinance, and through this act the sinner comes into contact with the glorious person of his Savior.

2. The Lord's Supper: The same principle applies in the Christian's faithful regard for the Lord's Supper. The informed disciple does not have a superstitious regard for the bread and the fruit of the vine. He does not respect the Roman Catholic dogma of Transubstantiation. Rather, he comes to this memorial feast in the same spirit and faith with which the diseased woman came to the person of Christ through the hem of his garment.



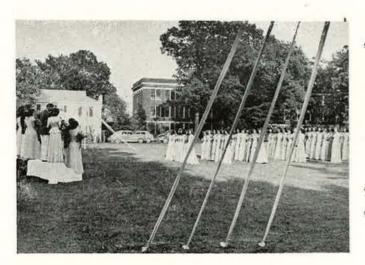
## The Hem Of The Garment

By Carl Spain Asst. Professor of Bible

In treating the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, Paul mentions the person of Christ *fifteen* times within *five* verses. (I Cor. 11:23-27) Read these verses with the person of Christ in mind and you will see that the disciples in gathering around the Lord's table are drawn by the healing, saving personality of Christ rather than the physical elements of bread and wine. This observance holds attraction because it is *his* ordinance, through which the faithful disciple receives a blessing from *him*, having communed with *him*.

3. The Blood of Christ: The same principle applies in the Christian's high regard for the blood of Christ. Some modern denominations have found the doctrine of blood atonement unattractive, even repulsive. They ridicule the idea of having faith in blood. Many of them are urging the revising of familiar hymns with a view to removing the word "blood" wherever it is found. Again, may we emphasize that the diseased woman had regard for the hem of the garment because it was the hem of his garment. And the Christian looks to blood because it is the blood of their Savior and Lord, whom "God hath set forth to be a propiliation through faith in his blood." (Rom. 3:25) Not faith in mere blood, but faith in his

In like manner the true disciple regards other things pertaining to the person of Christ. The assembly of the saints holds attraction because Jesus said: "There am I in the midst of them." They cherish a devotion for the New Testament, not as a mere book, but because it is *his* last will and testament. They wear his name, not because they have confidence in mere names, but because it is *his* name, and thus has a power for good that cannot be found in human names. Finally, brethren, the religion of Christ, with its ordinances and commands, is one of faith in the person of Jesus Christ. In all matters of faith and practice the Christian's one thought is: "I believe with all my heart that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God."



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