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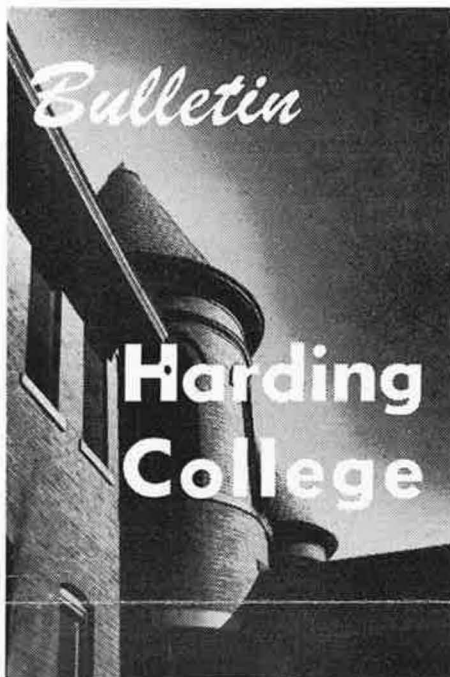
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Rivas Urges Interest In Mexico

"For hundreds of years the Mexican people have suffered spiritual slavery," Pedro Rivas, preacher, teacher and newspaper editor of Torreon, Old Mexico, told audiences at the college recently in a plea for active interest in Mexican mission work.

Speaking four times during a one-day visit to Harding, including an evening address to the Personal Evangelism class, Senor Rivas emphasized that he came in order to present a true picture of conditions in his native country. He expressed a strong desire for understanding and interest in the spread of the Gospel there, and asked for workers in that field.

"We need preachers," he said. "We are but a handful and it is impossible to reach the millions of Mexico without your support."

Senor Rivas also discussed hopes for building a high school in Torreon which would be a sphere of spiritual influence in that city of approximately 100,000 and provide a training place for preachers among the Mexican people, "not only for Mexico, but for all Central and South America." His plans were to go directly to Mexico City to request the necessary permission from the president of Mexico to build a high school in which Christians are free to teach the Bible.

Senor Rivas also hoped permission to bring teachers for the school from the states might be granted.

The condition of spiritual slavery long found in Mexico, he said, has been forced upon the people by practices of the Catholic Church. "The Indians, of course, were idolators themselves, but the Catholic belief in the doctrine of Mary's being the mother of God was forced upon them before they had a chance to know what Christianity was," Senor Rivas continued, saying that the country is at present full of that sect's "propaganda" and that members of the New Testament church are sometimes accused

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Junior Class Chooses 1947 Yearbook Heads

Lois Hemingway and Bill Harris will head the 1947 Petit Jean, according to an announcement by the junior class, which recently elected these classmates to edit and manage the annual yearbook of the college, a project of the senior class.

Election of staff heads for next year's book was held early so that the officials could have the assistance of the present staff in making preliminary plans for the 1947 publication. The junior class asked members to apply for these positions and then made final choices by ballot.

Miss Hemingway, who will edit the 1947 yearbook, is from Detroit, Mich. A former student of George Pepperdine College, she is a Home Economics and Bible major and hopes to be a laboratory technician after graduation. Last summer Lois assisted in the Rochester, N. Y., mission program.

Harris, a ministerial student from Jonesboro, Ark., will be business manager. Bill graduated from the Harding Academy in 1943, took his freshman year at Harding and his sophomore year at Freed-Hardeman Junior College, where he graduated last term. Like Lois, Bill is active in chorus, Dramatic Club, and social club activities.

This year's Petit Jean is edited by Bessie Mae Ledbetter and managed by Bill Smith.

The 1946 year book, which has already been sent to the printer, is expected to be one of the best in the history of Harding. Roy Harris, a former student, will have charge of the printing at an Oklahoma City, Okla., firm.



Dean Sears Helps Veterans Enter New Phase, Many Choose Ministry

Approximately one-third of veterans enrolled in Harding College in the Winter quarter were preparing for the ministry, according to Dean L. C. Sears (at desk above).

The number of veterans entering the new quarter March 11 has increased the total enrollment of ex-servicemen to 66, Dean Sears said following a tabulation of new students for the Spring term. Major fields of veterans enrolling in the new quarter have not been tabulated.

In addition to the large number of ministerial students in the earlier term, one-fifth were registered as pre-engineering students and one-sixth were planning majors in business in order to go into the commercial world. Other interests recorded were: teaching, law, general arts and science, journalism, pharmacy, and laboratory research.

The critical housing shortage in Searcy, especially for married veterans, will be alleviated by construction of 20 government housing units scheduled which began March 11. The block northeast of the campus is being cleared and graded, and buildings are expected to be ready for occupants in about six weeks. These buildings are being constructed under the Lanham Act, which seeks to provide housing for veterans where it is needed.

The housing project will contain 16 utility apartments, and four other larger apartments. It is thought that other housing will be available for the Summer term.

Can One Be Educated And Remain Ignorant?

Paul once explained that his reason for not accepting Christ's teaching earlier was ignorance.

The Scribes and Pharisees had their difficulties because of ignorance. The Israelites were ignorant of God's righteousness and went about trying to establish their own righteousness. The Jewish nation failed to receive Christ because of ignorance. How many today are doing this very same thing?

Why are people ignorant? As you know, the Bible is the most widely sold of all books. That people are ignorant is a serious charge. Let us consider these two words: educated and ignorant. It is seldom that we think of people being both of these at the same time, yet many people are.

The apostle Paul was an intelligent man. When he was pleading his case before Festus, who had him in charge, Festus said, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." (Acts 26:24). Paul tells us he was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, a great teacher.

Taking Paul's own statements, we see that a man can be educated and still be ignorant. This is no reflection on his general education. Now we can see why so many people are ignorant of God's word.

The major cause of ignorance among our people is lack of study. Most thinking Americans would not pass up a business proposition without due consideration. The Bible, however, merits consideration far above any business deal.

Moreover, we must lay aside the colored glasses of prejudice and be as willing as Paul was on the road to Damascus, when he knew he was wrong, to change immediately. He did not consult his former teacher, Jewish parents or friends.

God has given us a Bible that we can understand, and every earnest person has the privilege of looking therein to see if a plan or pattern is outlined for him. While we must be sincere, we should understand that sincerity is not enough, for as Paul tells us, he lived in good conscience himself while persecuting Christians. Sincerity, however, did not make it right for him to persecute Christians. Our feelings cannot be trusted in a search for the truth. The importance lies in what we believe, not in how we feel about our beliefs.

In order for a man to obtain salvation it is necessary for him to believe in God and Jesus Christ and obey certain commandments. When we learn this from the Bible, our ignorance begins to fade and we see that there is an exact plan worked out for us to follow. We find that the Gospel of Christ is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." (Rom. 1:16.)

With faith taking hold of a person's life, he will find in study that many pas-



Mrs. Jewell, Chorus Director, Bids Students Good-bye as Bus Loads for Trip

College Resumes Chorus Excursions To Give Programs in Nearby States

Good music is traditional at Harding College.

Excellent singing is a part of the campus life, in choral groups, in general convocations, in chapel, and in fact wherever students gather.

The largest formal singing organization on the campus is the Harding College Chorus of more than a hundred voices. Last week a bus-load of 28 select voices from this chorus, led by Mrs. Florence Jewell, their director, took a week-end trip to give other audiences the privilege of hearing trained vocal musicians. Such trips had been curtailed during the war.

First stop was to broadcast over WMC, Memphis. A secular and sacred program was then given at Sardis, Miss., and on Sunday the group sang at Charleston and Granada, Miss. They had time to present a program at Granada High School before returning to school.

A trip to southern Arkansas is planned for March 30-31.

sages show it necessary to repent: to change both heart and mind and even manner of life. "God . . . commands that all men everywhere should repent." (Acts 17:30.) That will lead one to a genuine confession, "with the mouth" (Rom. 10:9), and to obedience of the strong and direct command to be baptized. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:27.)

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." When the four commands (to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized) are obeyed from the heart, the individual is added to the church by the Lord. He has indicated by his actions that he is overcoming the barriers of ignorance, prejudice, and lack of interest that kept him from being one who can glorify God while walking in a "newness of life" that can bless all those around him.

Student Groups Help Support Blind Couple

Harding College social clubs, cooperating with the downtown church in Searcy, have contributed toward the support of a blind Negro couple.

A house built behind the Negro church building as a permanent home for the dependent couple is being furnished by the Harding clubs and other donors. The house is being painted and completed with room partitions.

The student group which sings on Sundays for the inmates of the County Home recently sang for the couple at the Negro church, and in turn listened to the couple read from a braille Bible.

Volunteer painters from among the students also have assisted in painting and redecorating the exterior of the Negro church.

Joe And His Napoleon Are Creating History— But It's All Good Fun!

About a college campus there exists plenty of opportunity for fun and good natured joking. Joe Cannon, a sophomore from Toronto, Canada, has come in for his share of this because of Napoleon, his co-worker in duties about the campus as Joe earns expenses as student worker. Constant readers will remember the picture in our October number showing Napoleon engaged in carting the baggage of incoming students to the dormitories.

The following story appeared in the student weekly, "The Bison," and represents the imaginative, or otherwise creative, work of two reporters.



By LOU DUGGER and VIRGIL LAWYER

Yes, that sky blue pink, mostly pink, animal you see each day on the campus is a mule.

It is rumored that the institution purchased the said mule for \$17.50 cash, but don't you believe it. They had to pay every cent of \$18.00 for the hybrid.

Of course, the first thing to be done was to find someone who could be dumb to kind animals—or maybe kind to dumb animals. Other qualifications the caretaker must possess were, first of all, patience. Then, too, he must be able to receive a blow without returning a blow. Above all, he must understand and know how to sympathize with the mule.

After many lengthy discussions, it was decided that Joe Cannon was superior in all these qualifications. So to him was given this delightful chore of being comforter to the new possession.

Right away, Joe decided to call his new pride Jim, but on second thought that wasn't too good. You see, most mule teams are named Jim and Joe, and Joe didn't want Jim to have an inferiority complex. Finally he decided Napoleon Bonaparte would be a worthy name.

Why? Napoleon, because the mule is short, has fallen chest, and two long ears; Bonaparte because one can see his "bony parts" without looking too closely.

A stunning green cart was built, especially to go with the driv—mule, and thus Harding became the proud possessor of another modern piece of equipment. Someone aptly put it, "The Mulemobile."

Rivas Pleads For Interest In Mexican Churches, Recommends Missions And Educational Efforts

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of being traitors not only to Catholicism but to the Mexican government, as "puppets of American imperialism."

Senor Rivas graduated from Freed-Hardeman College in 1932 and returned to Mexico to launch an active mission program. The only Christian following the New Testament order in the country, in so far as he knew, he worked along for several years. Forced to teach school in order to support his family, he could not devote his full time to the work he hoped to accomplish, but spent what free time he had in passing out tracts from house to house, and in talking to his people. Today, through his efforts, there are eight congregations of the New Testament church in four of Mexico's 28 states, and Christians number 105. Senor Rivas has also obtained the interest and aid of several Texas and Tennessee churches, as well as one in Valdosta, Ga. His efforts are directed at present toward the immediate building program for the school.

The Mulemobile was to be used for picking up odds and ends on the campus, but at last report from the driver there were too many odds and never any ends to his work.

The poor mule was lonesome the first few nights here, so Joe was forced to sit up with him and sing "Sweetly Sings the Donkey at the Break of Day." Except that by morning Joe had lost the musical sweetness of his voice.

Seeing the success of "Hopalong" Miller's stagecoach, Joe got the idea of giving rides for the paltry sum of \$18.00 a year. A certain Miss who is well acquainted with Joe and willingly shares Joe's time with Bonaparte has donated a curry comb as an added attraction for prospective ticket buyers. If the new possession pays off (and we're sure it will), then plans will be made to obtain a patent on Mulemobile rides. If we can gain fame as a great "Strawberry Shortcake College," then we might gain even more by introducing to the nation Napoleon Bonaparte and Mulemobile. And Joe.

Art Instructor Receives High Praise For Paintings

Miss Ruth Langford, head of the art department, received two awards in oil painting and graphic arts at the 1946 exhibition of Arkansas art, sponsored by Hendrix College in collaboration with the University of Arkansas and the Little Rock Museum of Fine Arts.

First award in oil painting went to Miss Langford for her work "The Green Earring." She also won the Hendrix College purchase prize of \$15 in the graphic arts division. An editorial in the *Arkansas Gazette* praised Miss Langford's painting as showing "penetrating analysis of personality."

This month the exhibition is being shown at the Little Rock Museum where a special prize will be given the picture judged most popular by visitors to the museum. In April the exhibition goes to the University of Arkansas, and the most popular entry by a woman will be given a prize by the American Association of University Women.

Miss Langford, a Harding graduate of 1940, holds the Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from Iowa State University. She joined the faculty in 1940.



Miss Langford and Watercolor

IF YOU EXPECT to remain a zealous Christian and to develop into a power for positive righteousness within the kingdom of God, you must study the Bible. You must determine to study it, make a budget of your time which includes it, and then with diligence, daily enforce your determination.

Jesus said that those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled (Matt. 5:6). If our desire to know and do God's will is as strong as hunger and thirst, we shall be able to find the truth and walk in it. Such an individual has a good and honest heart, which will receive and profit by the Word (Luke 8:11).

Herewith is suggested a plan and methods of Bible study.

1. *Arrange a definite and regular time for study and stick to it.* You can find time and place for it, if you want to do it. If you carry a New Testament with you, you will often find extra moments for study and meditation.

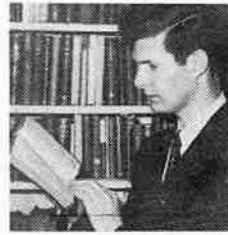
2. *"Carefully distinguish between what the Scripture itself says, and what is only said in the Scriptures; and also, the time, place and persons, when, where, and by whom anything is recorded as having been said or done."* In other words, who is speaking? To whom? Under what dispensation? Does it apply directly to us? Is there a principle contained in it, which we ought to heed even if the passage does not apply directly to us (cf. 1 Cor. 10:11).

3. *Do not limit your consideration of a subject to what is contained in just one verse.* One verse contains light but not all the light in the Bible. A partial view is a distorted view. When we endeavor to find the whole truth on a particular subject from the one aspect of the subject, which is contained in one verse, we get a false view. Gather all the scriptures which bear on that subject or doctrine; in this manner only is one able to discover the teachings of the Bible on that particular subject.

4. *The message of the Bible is contained in the words of the Bible.* We must know the meaning of the words, what they meant in the time in which they were used, in order to get the message. We must not give the words a meaning today "which is foreign to the mind and time of the user of that certain word."

5. *Do not try to set one scripture against another scripture.* Instead of trying to find a contradiction between Acts 2:38 and Eph. 2:8, or Rom. 5:1-2, study in order to find the harmony between them which is set forth in the Bible itself.

6. *Do not be discouraged because you cannot understand all of the Bible at one reading.* Increased study, greater spiritual growth, and experience itself will help you to understand much of that which may puzzle you at present. There are some things in the Bible which we may not understand because of lack of information or because little has been revealed on it. But we may be assured that that which we must know and do in order to become and to remain Christians is discoverable, if we apply ourselves to Bible study.



The Christian And Bible Study

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7. *Doubtful passage, that is, passages which are not clear to us, must not be construed so as to make them contradict plain passages.*

8. *"When the Scriptures give us the manner of doing a thing, the manner is a part of the command and every other manner is thereby excluded."* We do not have the authority to add to, take from, or otherwise change God's will.

9. *When the Scriptures do not indicate the manner in which we are to do certain things, we should not attempt to bind our manner of doing them upon others or to do them in such a way that we violate the letter and spirit of other scriptures.*

10. *Meditate upon what you read.* Do not expect to get the meat of the message through just scanning the words.

11. *Do not be discouraged by failure to perfectly apply every principle, in every instance, which applies to you.* The Christian life is a thing of growth; it is not fully realized or finished in a moment. Thus, though we may often falter and make mistakes, we should persevere in our determination to live the Christian life. Success will crown the efforts of the faithful.

12. *Memorize passages.* "Thy word," said David, "have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." "I will meditate on thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways, I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." (Psa. 119:11, 15-16). Select an appropriate passage in the morning, when you first arise, write it on a small card to carry with you, and glance at it occasionally in order to try to impress it on your mind. Memorize passages which pertain to: (a) Christian living, (b) Christian hope, and (c) Christian defense of New Testament doctrine.

13. *Try to discover the principle, and its implications, which is set forth in any particular passage or which is followed in the events recorded in the Bible.*

It is our prayer that you may recognize that the Christian and the Bible go hand in hand; that with the passing of time you may grow in grace and knowledge of Christ; that your effectiveness as a Christian laborer may increase.



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