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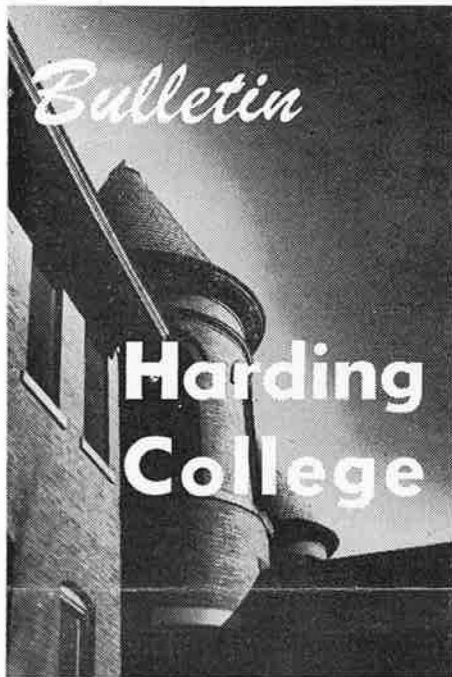
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## Donor Sends Personal Check for \$50,000 To Apply On Industrial Arts Building

The largest single contribution ever made by one individual to Harding College was announced recently by Dr. George S. Benson. The check he received was for \$50,000.

The money was given for construction of a building to house a new manual arts school. This particular gift had been promised for some time and was included in the goal of \$100,000 for this building, announced last autumn as having been reached.

Dr. Benson said that on two other occasions gifts of \$25,000 were recorded, but never more than that at one time until the \$50,000 was received.

While Dr. Benson did not reveal the name of the donor, he did relate some of the incidents leading up to the gift. Two years ago he heard of the man, an 84-year-old businessman with a deep interest in the future of business in this country. After several months an opportunity came to meet the man, when a mutual friend brought the retired businessman to hear Dr. Benson speak. Following this introduction, Dr. Benson kept in touch with him, made three personal calls, a number of long distance calls, and carried on an active correspondence with him regularly. The personal check for \$50,000 came several weeks ago.

The college is now qualified to receive gifts from the government of surplus tools and equipment for the manual arts school. The college has placed requests for equipment valued at more than \$300,000.

With this equipment and a qualified faculty, the college will be able to offer such industrial courses as airplane and automotive mechanics, metal and wood working, refrigeration, air-conditioning, radio, printing, photography, and agriculture.

The industrial arts department will be an entirely new field of work at Harding College. This means that students seeking training leading to their chosen trades or to careers in the industrial world will be able to attend a Christian college.

This gift of \$50,000 makes such a department a definite reality in the current expansion period of the college.

### *Dr. Benson Addresses Audience of 20,000*

Standing before an audience of 20,000 people at Madison Square Garden in New York City recently, Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college, advocated a return to God as the only answer to the "isms" and ideologies of modern times.

"A return to God offers the only hope," Dr. Benson told the huge audience. "The hearts, ideals, and purposes of men must be changed. When a man recognizes God as his Father, he recognizes other men, likewise children of God, as his brothers. It is only then that he can love them as he loves himself, and treat them as he would be treated."

Dr. Benson said he was made to understand that he was free to say just what he might choose to the huge crowd, and that the audience was especially attentive and receptive. In the few weeks since the address was made, thousands of requests have come for copies and it has been reprinted three times. Approximately 17,000 copies have been printed.

## Frank Curtis Worked His Way to An Education—And Enjoyed It

Born and "raised" right in the middle of the Ozarks, Frank Curtis came down from the hills to Harding College in the fall of 1942 with the words of his father ringing in his ears: "You'll be back in a week."

But Frank wasn't back in a week, and this year he graduates with the senior class at Harding. In fact, Frank has been home only 48 hours in two years. Looking backwards, Frank says he might have gone home, except that he lacked nine cents having enough money to ride the Missouri & Arkansas Railroad's "Blue Goose" back to Lead Hill. A ticket cost \$3.59.

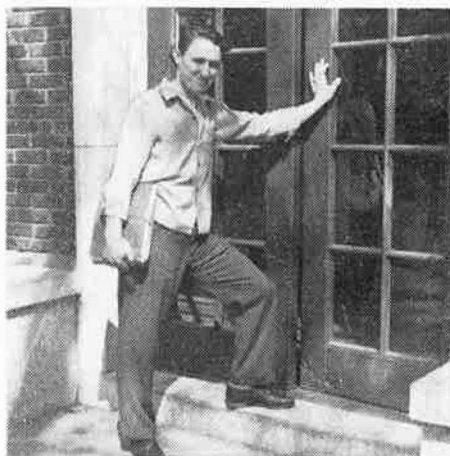
There was another factor which Frank didn't mention. Determination. Frank had it, and he wanted an education. He also wanted to preach.

One of five boys who helped his father operate a 281-acre creek-bottom farm high in the Ozarks, raising beef cattle and sheep and 75 bushels of corn on the tillable land, Frank already knew how to work.

He has demonstrated this during four years at Harding. Frank believes he has

averaged about 35 hours of work per week straight through college, but he has clothed himself, fed himself, earned all personal expenses needed, and put himself through school. That explains why he doesn't go home on week-ends.

Frank knew farming from personal experience, and he had studied agriculture at the consolidated high school at



Lead Hill. He got a job on one of the college farms and right away was put in charge of milking the college dairy herd. "In charge" hardly represents the situation, Frank says, flexing fingers that can milk a herd of 22 cows twice a day. (Frank now has an assistant and also a mechanical milker. Together they make short work of the dairy chores, and Frank can go preach on Sundays.)

Few working students ever put in the large number of hours each week that Frank does. Most of them work out only portions of their expenses. But sometimes these students have to sacrifice participation in sports and certain other extra-curricular activities. "I managed to play a little football in high school and love the sport," said Frank. "Here at college I could hardly stand to go to the farm and milk, passing right by the athletic field while games were in progress."

As a working student, however, Frank says he has had other compensations: "A student who earns his way must utilize his time. He must determine and plan

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# Faith Requires Following The Master—Regardless

By Bob Grayson

When we become too inquisitive about things that do not concern us, we sometimes receive the reply, "It's none of your business." Jesus on one occasion made a similar statement to Peter, one of the three men nearest to him during his personal ministry.

After his resurrection Jesus appeared to some of his disciples by the sea of Tiberias where they were fishing. When they had breakfasted, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. In his third inquiry he condescended to the term denoting friendship which Peter had used each time in his reply. During the questioning Christ instructed him to "Feed my sheep." He indicated what manner of death Peter should die—evidently in fulfilling this mission.

Peter was already grieved by what Jesus had said, and now he turned and saw John. He asked, "And what shall this man do?" The Saviour replied, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." (John 21:20-21.) It was his duty to follow the Master no matter what the future of John or any other disciple was to be.

In the church some men have a talent for one type of work, others for another. No man can dictate to another what place another shall fill in the work of the Lord, or on what continent he shall perform that work. It is the responsibility of each individual to do what he is able where the need is greatest, or where he is most suited to labor.

Above all things, when one does enter the field for the Lord, he should do so wholeheartedly without turning back. The Lord despises a lukewarm person and that service which is performed halfheartedly. (Rom. 12:6-7.)

No man can justify his ways by what another does, or does not do.

Often when we feel that another has wronged us, we say that we are willing to meet them halfway. We feel that it would be too humiliating for the one in the right to go to his malefactor. Why do we not humble ourselves and submit to Jesus? He commanded us to go all the way whether we were right or wrong. It should not be our concern as to whether we'll be met halfway—we must follow Christ.

Many who are not Christians would justify themselves by pointing out that there are hypocrites in the church. Even this is a backhanded compliment, for no one would think of calling an infidel a hypocrite for his misconduct. The fact that there are hypocrites does not in any way alter the sinner's position before God.

Preachers seem to manifest little interest in preaching the gospel in foreign fields because the brotherhood is not aroused enough to support it. But still the command is "Go into all the world."



Accounting students work out actual business problems under direction of Prof. Rhodes, standing.

## Accounting Class Wrestles With Real Problems And Finds It Puts Them Ahead In Business Life

Business students find that a thorough knowledge of accounting puts them quickly ahead in the business world, according to Jess L. Rhodes, professor of business administration.

Enough accounting, nearly forty term hours of it, is offered Harding business students for a thorough background. This enables students who choose courses leading to the B.A. or B.S. in business administration to place emphasis on accounting and auditing, with a view to becoming public accountants or auditors. This course will also prepare those who want to teach high school accounting.

### Meet Bob Grayson:

Robert Grayson, student author of the accompanying article, plans to make a career of preaching and writing. He is a junior from Nashville, Tenn., and is majoring in history and Bible.



Bob checks out reference book from Miss Score, librarian.

As a member of the Press Club, Bob edits religious news for the college weekly, the *Bison*, writing the weekly religious column himself frequently. While Bob has never submitted any of his work to publications in the brotherhood, it is easy to see that he has the sort of talent that will bear watching in the future.

Bob writes herewith the first in a series of articles on religious subjects by college students.

Our faith is weak or we would not let the general religious lethargy seize us.

Let us, then, follow our Lord and Master regardless of what others do, yet continually admonishing and exhorting one another to greater faith and work for God.

Trained thus, Harding students, says Professor Rhodes, are well fitted to step out into positions with accounting firms as junior accountants. The one-year secretarial and accounting course is retained, however. This course qualifies students for immediate positions in general bookkeeping, along with secretarial duties.

Specialization in accounting, according to Professor Rhodes, will lead to administrative or executive positions more quickly than any thing else. Those who know well the finance and record-keeping side of business are in strategic positions, a fact which permits them to assume responsibility and to accept better jobs in industry, Professor Rhodes explains.

In addition to accounting, Harding business students study investments, statistics, money and banking, corporate finance, business law, salesmanship, office management, economics, and other courses. There is also a course in federal income taxes.

## Students Contribute Blood To Arkansas Plasma Unit

Two-thirds of the blood donors contributing to a mobile "blood bank" unit operating in Searcy were Harding College students and faculty, according to the office of the local health nurse.

The needed blood is still being used for servicemen, but some is available to civilians through centrally located distribution units. For every two pints of blood given, the bank offers one unit of plasma for use in the county without charge for those unable to pay.

## Special Lecturers Heard On Various Religious Themes

Ministers, church workers, and Christian educators occupied the lecture platform at the college in a series of programs running through the months of January, February, and part of March.

This annual lecture program, inaugurated as a special service to all the students, was especially helpful and significant to junior and senior ministerial students, those planning to do missionary work, and students studying for other church and educational work.

In most cases, each lecturer stayed on the campus one full week, speaking daily to the entire student body at chapel services. A special class was held in the afternoons, at which time the visiting lecturers treated special subjects of interest to the students.

L. A. Sanderson, minister of the church at Tenth and Rockford, Tulsa, Okla., was the final speaker in the series. Bro. Sanderson, himself a graduate of Harding, is known by students as composer of the music for the "Alma Mater" of the college as well as for a number of well-known spiritual hymns. A staff member of the *Gospel Advocate*, his work has been centered for several years in Oklahoma and Texas. In addition to speaking twice daily on the campus, Bro. Sanderson conducted a special daily session of instruction in directing congregational singing.

## Curtis Worked His Way Through—Milking

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everything ahead for himself. He learns to be his own boss and to use common horse sense."

Frank's abilities and his enormous capacity for hard work have been recognized at Harding College. The local high school knows him, too, for he taught general agriculture and shopwork classes for them for four and a half months last year, while carrying on his regular work at the college. This year Searcy High School asked him to be substitute mathematics teacher for two months.

Frank Curtis, while an outstanding student at Harding College, is not an unusual phenomenon on the campus. Many other students work their way, and hundreds of successful men and women can be counted among former working students of this college. Frank Curtis does represent, however, a splendid example in action of the philosophy of hard work and initiative which is encouraged at Harding. *Redbook* and *Saturday Evening Post* both carried pictures of Frank Curtis, giving national recognition to this fact. A caption under one picture: "Harding College emphasizes that work is honorable and that education is not a short cut to obtain more by doing less."

Frank's future? There's not a question but that he'll be a success—a blessing to his fellowmen and a servant to his Creator.

For Frank has now announced that he's going to China as a missionary this

# Davis Awaits Opportunity to Re-visit China And Re-establish Canton Bible School Work

Lowell Davis, former missionary to China who is now awaiting permission of the government to return and re-establish the Canton Bible School, visited Harding College recently, speaking twice to students and faculty.

The Davises, including Mrs. Davis, who was also a mission worker before the two met in China in 1933, hope to return sometime this fall. So far, the government has permitted only single workers to go back. But the Davises want to go as a family, taking their two children along too.

Their first objective when they board ship will be Hong Kong. From there they will go to Canton, where they will direct a program to rehabilitate the Canton Bible School established in 1932 by Dr. George S. Benson, now president of Harding.

## College Inn Enlarged

Construction is underway to enlarge the College Inn by extending it into the south end of the dining hall. A temporary partition is being put up to enclose a section of the dining hall, where chairs and tables will be placed to accommodate more students.

Student workers, under the direction of Mrs. T. J. Traylor, manager of the Inn, will serve customers through what was formerly the south door of the dining hall. Enough chairs and tables are on order to accommodate forty or fifty people at one time.

They will rebuild the school, contact native Chinese Christians, and eventually plan new buildings. They believe that a new girls' dormitory will be an immediate need.

After that the Davises believe the Canton school should be able to go into an era of expansion, as more students come to them. They envision an industrial school, which will not only permit some students to support themselves, but will teach useful trades. At the same time the Davises will have opportunity to teach Christ to the young Chinese.

According to reports received by Dr. Benson from the few faithful Christians who remain in China, the large school building was partly destroyed in the war. The windows, doors, and fixtures that could be detached were taken by the Japanese army or by thieves. At present, the building serves as quarters for Chinese troops, which means that the shell which is left is under protection.

With so many buildings in Canton destroyed, the Davises anticipate difficulty in finding housing and a place to work, but they hope to make the school building usable as soon as possible after they arrive.

A particular ambition of Mrs. Davis is to start a kindergarten. The Chinese like to have their small tots study English, music, and the fine arts and will send them to such a school readily, according to Mrs. Davis. Such a school would be instrumental in helping the Davises get into the homes of Chinese and influence adult families.

Brother Davis, a Harding graduate, first went to China in 1932. Mrs. Davis went in 1933. They met, and were married in 1934; then returned in 1937 to the United States for a two-year leave.

Returning to China in the autumn of 1939, the two worked in Hong Kong and Macao, but went farther into the interior after America entered the war. However, the war always got nearer and they were flown out of Kweilin, China, by the United States Army in October, 1944, after enduring considerable hardship.

More recently, the Davis family has engaged in mission work in Omaha, Neb., where the church now owns its own building in a good location and has increased its membership substantially.

Chinese Christians are in great distress, and they will welcome the returning missionaries. Many people in China are still starving, and contributions are being sought for their relief.



Frank operates milk cooler.

ested in the scenery and the people alone. Since then I've studied other countries and have decided that there would be just one and only one reason why I should go to China." To carry the message of Christ, Frank means.

**W**E HAVE HEARD the statement oft repeated that the atheists have no songs. The reason for such a condition can readily be understood. The atheist is an unhappy person. He has no hope for the future and the mistakes of his fellowmen are interpreted in the light of his own dismal philosophy. It is now clear that the atheists are the world's saddest pessimists. With Voltaire saying that he wished he had never been born; Bertrand Russell saying that man's genius is destined to extinction in a universe in ruins, and that no individual life can be preserved beyond the grave; with H. G. Wells saying he had tried to be optimistic but could not, for all he saw for the human race was degradation, suffering and death; and with Will Durant lamenting the disappearance of faith and hope and saying doubt and despair are the order of the day, we can see with clarity the despondents and pessimism of the unbeliever in Christ.

#### *What a Contrast*

To the Christian there is no despair. The apostle Paul typifies Christian optimism. His persecutors could defame his character, belittle his mission, scourge him, stone him and leave him for dead, but his faith is undaunted and his zeal unabated. He cries out from the midst of apparent discouragement, "Thanks be to God who always leadeth us in victory."

As Christians we strive for improvement of present conditions. We believe right will prevail. We have confidence in humanity. By personal experience we know that the weakest of men can be touched by divine love and transformed into something of dignity and value. We know that out of all the inhumanities of earth God's great purpose is sure and will prevail. The Christian has all the advantage. The unbeliever sees only the externals. The Christian knows that the things that are not seen are eternal and, by faith, he sees "Him who is invisible." Thus, the Christian knows that the better things are all ahead. He is satisfied in the present with "peace that passeth understanding" and strength for the day. Thus, with the assurance of his hope, the Christian has a fullness of joy. No wonder he writes his songs and thrills as he sings them. He sees in the beauties and bounties of nature the loving care of his Father. He takes wrong and returns it not, feeling a sorrow for the offender and knowing that in the great re-coming all things will be righted. Having no fear of the past or present and confident that God's will will be done in the future, the Christian is the world's only true optimist.



## Christian Optimism

By F. W. MATTOX  
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#### *Is Christian Optimism Justifiable*

We are living in the atomic age when the world could be blown to bits. Scientists have examined the moon by radar, and they feel that there is no secret not within their grasp. This has led many to pessimism and despair. The non-Christian has looked to science and education as the means for solving the problems of the world, but has learned by sad experience that he is being deceived in expecting so much.

The Christian knows that science and education can be no more than a means to an end and can be used toward any end: good or bad. Taking the opportunity afforded him, the Christian uses education and scientific procedure to examine the basis of faith. He spares nothing. He digs deep and finds double assurance. He learns that the geography of the Bible is accurate in every minute detail. He learns that Christianity came into existence as the scripture claims, and that it could not be the result of a myth. The Christian examines the Greek manuscripts of the Bible and compares them with the early translations and is assured of their correct transmission. He diligently examines the internal evidence and is overawed with the power of inspiration. His conviction is on solid rock. Do you wonder why he is happy? He does not believe just what he wants to, or because he wants to—he is assured in his faith.

The Christian would like for every skeptic to make a thorough examination into the basis of Christian faith. He knows the result would be another person drying his eyes, losing his despair, and rejoicing in the great providence of a loving God—reborn to a life of hope and song.



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