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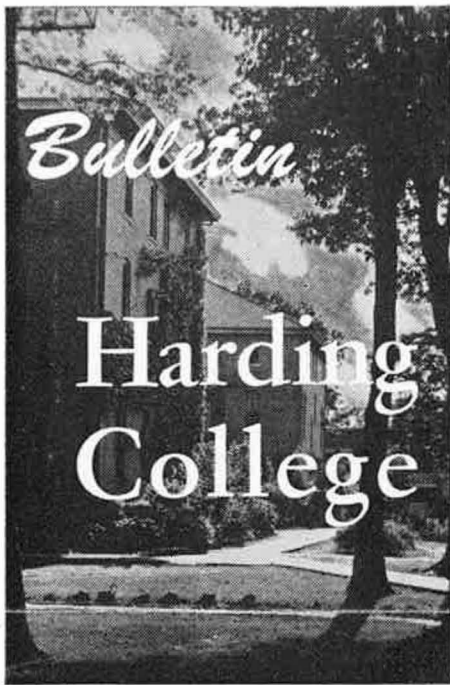
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## Funeral Of B. F. Rhodes Held On Campus May 28

Funeral services for B. F. Rhodes, emeritus professor of history and Bible who gave more than 40 years of service to Christian education, were held in the college auditorium at 3:30 p. m. on May 28.

Brother Rhodes had passed away in the late afternoon of May 27, following a stroke which came the preceding Friday. He remained unconscious until death, and it was the belief of the doctors that he suffered no pain.

He was 78 years old, having been born in Appanoose County, Iowa, on March 14, 1869. He was connected with many Christian schools since 1900, when he entered the Nashville Bible School, now David Lipscomb College. He had been active in preaching since 1894.

He served Harding College since the institution was first chartered in 1924 and was head of the history department until he relinquished most of his teaching duties to his son B. Frank, Jr., in 1943.

The beautifully conducted funeral services were impressive. After a short prayer by Dean L. C. Sears, Prof. S. A. Bell made remarks concerning the life and character of Bro. Rhodes. Dr. George S. Benson paid tribute to him as "the senior member of the Harding faculty, and a great man, friend, and teacher."

A group of students and alumni, including John Mason, tenor, and the college men's quartet, sang: "Come Ye Disconsolate," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "Abide With Me," "At Eventide," and "Here, O My Lord."

Pallbearers were Dr. E. R. Stapleton, Dr. Joseph Pryor, Dr. Jack Wood Sears,  
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## Sixty-Nine Awarded Degrees

The world will continue to be dangerous for all of us unless men, using the principles of Christ, make it into a brotherhood, Dr. J. P. Sanders, dean of David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn., told graduates of Harding College at their commencement exercises held in the Searcy high school auditorium.

Sixty-nine college seniors were awarded degrees May 29 in the twenty-third annual commencement of the college, the largest class in the history of the school. There were 22 graduates of the academy department.

C. E. McGaughey, minister of the 14th Street church in Washington, D. C., delivered the baccalaureate on the preceding Sunday evening. He advised the graduates to keep the strong religious foundations of their lives and to build upon faith. This would bring lives of real satisfaction and accomplishment, he told the seniors and the capacity audience.

"Education, if any good, must relate you to your world," Dean Sanders said. "We must remember that there are two billion other people in the world, and that our rights stop where theirs begin. We must realize our obligations to make the world a real neighborhood."

Dean Sanders emphasized that man cannot be thrown into the category of "matter" as some scientists have tried to do. Man can understand himself properly, he said, when man comes into relationship with God.

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Players Kathryn Ruth Cone, Mildred Lanier, Charles Huddleston, and Oral Wood Cone in authentic costumes.

## Harding College Players Produce "The Spy" In Professional Style, Get Great Acclaim

Harding College's Eta Omega cast of the national Alpha Psi Omega dramatic fraternity climaxed the year's theatre activities during commencement week by presenting "The Spy," a drama written by Mrs. J. N. Armstrong.

A capacity audience in Searcy High School Auditorium saw the production and received it with great acclaim. Students and townspeople were unanimous in nominating the play as one of the best ever presented locally. The cast had been in rehearsal for several months and it staged the play with a high degree of professional quality.

A perennial Harding favorite, "The Spy" was directed by Oral Wood Cone and Dr. Jack Wood Sears. The co-directors both appeared in the first Searcy presentation of the play in 1937, and they were again cast in roles they played then. Mrs. Armstrong adapted the play from a short drama by Elizabeth Wilson.

Dealing with life in the colonies during the American Revolution, the play told the story of a British search for an American revolutionary spy in South Carolina.

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# Prayer Is A Privilege Belonging To Christians

By James W. Ganus

A Scotchman who was taking a trip across the ocean decided to save money by carrying a box filled with cheese and crackers, instead of eating in the luxurious dining room. On the last day of his journey he was informed that in paying for his passage he also had paid for the right to eat in the dining room. He then realized that he had been starving himself on meager food when he might have been feasting at banquets.

This story has an application to many of us Christians today. Too many fail to realize that prayer is a blessed privilege which is received in becoming a Christian. It is a method of talking to God. It is a spiritual contact with the Father. It is a way in which a person, who has been prevented from approaching God because of sin, may now approach Him through Jesus Christ, God's Son, who is our Savior and Mediator.

Too often prayer becomes commonplace to the Christian. To some, using Christ's name at the end of the prayer may mean little more than a sign that the prayer is closing. It should remind us that we who sin are unworthy to approach a perfect God, without the intercession of one who is perfect even as God. Christ has borne our sins and therefore has the right to stand before God in our behalf. Who could want a better pleading for his cause?

Christ, one of the three composing the God-head, humbled Himself by living among men in the body of man. His life was filled with hardships and temptations even as our lives are today. He finally submitted Himself to a shameful death on the cross. He not only forgives past sins of those who accept him, but he stands before God constantly interceding for them. Where could we find a being more suited for this position of divine friendship?

Christ not only knows all concerning man because of his divine position, but he has actually felt and tasted all the temptations of man. He knows the weaknesses and needs of man not only by "knowledge," but by direct experience in such a body as has man.

Knowing these facts we should be able to pour out our hearts before God. Not only do we have a Father who loves us. Christ is constantly pleading for us. Christ, who gave up the joys of heaven for more than thirty years to live among men and finally to die a painful death that we might live, is not idle today. He is constantly serving as our mediator before God.

Christ expects prayer in His name: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

As one song writer has expressed it: "Father, hear the prayer we offer: Nor for ease that prayer shall be, but for strength, that we may ever live our lives courageously."



Clark Stevens (standing) opens annual dinner. At speaker's table (left to right) are: Mrs. W. K. Summitt, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Porter Rodgers, Dr. Summitt, Dr. Rodgers, Jardine McKerlie, Mrs. George S. Benson, Mr. Fordham, and Dr. Benson (head omitted from picture).

## Fordham Asks Anglo-American Cooperation In Addressing Annual Alpha Honor Banquet

It is up to the United States and the British commonwealth to show that a way of life which emphasizes the utmost freedom of the individual can provide the greatest prosperity and best living, A. Stanley Fordham, British consul at St. Louis, told guests of the Alpha Honor Society at their annual banquet during commencement week.

### Meet Jimmy Ganus:

James Windell Ganus, of New Orleans, La., graduate of 1947, is author of the accompanying article. James is now preaching in Charleston, Miss.



is president of the Board of Trustees.

A major in history and Bible with a speech minor, Jimmy was a member of the chorus, glee club, and Flagala Club. He was listed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges" for 1947.

Jimmy was known for his quiet yet forceful bearing, and will be remembered by classmates for his ready wit.

Jimmy's devoted Christian life is behind the sentiments of his article.

President of this year's senior class, James was active in extra-curricular activities and in the intramural sports program throughout his college career, in addition to being a thorough student.

Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ganus, Sr., of New Orleans. Mr. Ganus Harding College

Speaking on "The British Empire in the Postwar Era," Mr. Fordham, who has been in the foreign service of his country for 18 years, stressed the importance of the two countries working closely together in helping rebuild the world.

"We have a joint moral responsibility to see that our relations remain good," he said. "If we together cannot give an example of cooperation for peace, what can you expect of the rest of the world?"

Although he said Britain is "busy making new lords out of labor leaders," the speaker stated that Americans need not be apprehensive that the country shall move too far to the left.

Mr. Fordham described British withdrawal from India and Burma as the result of long-standing policy of the empire to train leadership and let the people govern themselves. Rhodesia may soon have dominion, rather than colonial status, he said.

Withdrawal of British troops from Greece was entirely for financial reasons, according to Mr. Fordham. There would be no similar withdrawal from Germany, he added.

This was the third public lecture sponsored at their annual banquet by the Harding honors group. Approximately 200 attended, including many Searcy residents.

Last year's speaker was Ben H. Henthorne, president of the Kansas City College of Commerce. In 1945 Gung Hsing Wang, Chinese consul at New Orleans, spoke.

## Production —

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Members of the cast were dressed in period costumes, and the faithful reproduction of the fashions of the colonial period was one of the high spots in the staging of the play.

Members of the Eta Omega cast who appeared in "The Spy" were: Betty Spruell, Edna Hodge, Ruth Benson, Eva Thompson, Mildred Lanier, Oral Wood



Two dark characters, Al Goldman and Jo Connell, interest audience.

Cone, Josephine Connell, Fayette Coleman, Dr. Jack Wood Sears, Charles Huddleston, Forest Moyer, Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, Therman Healy, and Sammie Swim. In addition, Kathryn Ruth Cone and Al Goldman were included in the cast.

The Eta Omega cast at Harding is composed of those students and alumni who have displayed outstanding work in dramatics, and is affiliated with the national dramatic fraternity, Alpha Psi



Entire cast is on stage for the tense climax.

Omega, which gives national recognition to students selected. At the present, the Harding cast is composed of 26 members. Officers include Dr. Pryor, cast director, Charles Huddleston, stage manager, and Ruth Benson, business manager.

The college male quartet, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Jewell, director, appeared on the program and sang four numbers: "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel," "Po' Ol' Laz-rus," "Kentucky Babe," and "Short'nin' Bread." The quartet includes Bill Nations, Robert Riggs, James Willett and Paul Clark.

## In Memory Of A Great Teacher

"A Godly, and a righteous man, whose first aim was to please God."

"An untiring, natural born teacher."

"His wit was prodigious, but carried no sting."

"No man in Christian education was so highly prized as counsellor."

"Best historian in the brotherhood, who read volu-



Benjamin Franklin Rhodes 1869 — 1947

(The picture of Bro. Rhodes above was one of the last made. The accompanying comments were selected from talks made at the funeral.)

minously and remembered what he read."

"When there was almost no salary, he was devoted regardless of pay."

"A student commented: 'Well, if I could do as well as he, I'd be happy.'"

"Nothing but death could stop the flow of that service."

"He gave service from youth until death."

### They're Versatile!

## Art Students Show Work In Variety of Mediums

Student art talent at Harding College attracted much attention and inspired general commendation recently as a result of the Annual Student Art Exhibit.

Attendance was good each day of the exhibit, with visitors from the town of Searcy coming in considerable number on Sunday afternoons. The north and south reception rooms of Godden Hall were hung with many types and mediums of art work.

There were portraits, character studies, still lifes, campus scenes, cartoons, commercial art, and public school art hanging in the exhibition.

Attracting special attention was a group of portraits of students. Most of them were in pastels, but one was in watercolors. Outstanding portrait work was shown by Nedra Jo Olbricht, Freeman Thomas, John Wangor, Ruth Bornschlegel, and Annie Mae Johnson.

Scenes of Colombia and Nicaragua were drawn and displayed by the commercial art class.

Outstanding in the character study group was a series of watercolors by



Mrs. Mason observes work in progress in art studio.

Ruth Bornschlegel.

A special feature of the show was a vase and cloth depicted in seven different mediums: pencil, pastel, watercolor, tempera, charcoal, oil, and pen and ink.

Among the individual pieces which have received special comment were a pen and ink drawing of the library door by Jimmy Pitts, a vase of dogwood blossoms in pastels by Freeman Thomas, a profile of a plaster cast in charcoal by Marilyn Hawley, a still life of jonquils against purple background in tempera by Roberta Cohea, a campus scene in oils by Marilyn Hawley, and a copper jar and pitcher in pastels by Georgia Smith.

## Rhodes —

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Dr. J. D. Bales, Robert Hawkins, and Neil B. Cope. Serving as ushers were Leslie Burke, John Lee Dykes, and Clifton Ganus, Jr.

Brother Rhodes is survived by his wife, Mrs. Otie Sparkman Rhodes, whom he married in 1906; two sons, Willis, of Borger, Texas, and B. Frank, Jr., of Searcy; three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Kingsley, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Juanita, of Searcy, Mrs. O. P. Baird, of Atlanta, Ga.; and six grandchildren. Bro. Rhodes' body was interred in Oaklawn Cemetery, Searcy.

## Commencement —

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Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding, introduced Dr. Sanders. Awards were presented by Dr. L. C. Sears, dean of Harding, and remarks were made on behalf of the board of trustees by C. L. Ganus, president of the board.

Mr. Ganus, as president of the board of trustees, also responded briefly to a message brought from the Searcy Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Ewing Pyeatt, in presenting a group of 47 pledges of \$100 each.

These pledges, Mr. Pyeatt stated, were evidence of appreciation for Harding College, and represented a desire of the citizens of Searcy to cooperate with the school and see it grow. The pledges, over a ten-year period, will amount to \$47,000 in endowments for Harding College.



**P**HURSE-MAKERS who refer to Dixie as the Bible Belt have missed an important point. Without ignoring anything, I should like to appraise the whole of America as a Bible Land. This is done humbly, for Americans have sometimes failed to follow the light of truth when that light burned brightly before them.

Despite efforts of some modern historians to interpret the facts differently, our forebears developed this nation with religious principles in mind. They read their Bibles. Regardless of how many Americans have forsaken these fundamentals, it remains a nation that has been blessed bountifully by God. Heathenism has been synonymous throughout history for superstition, ignorance, and poverty. The nations today whose citizens recognize God are the very nations which are most sincerely seeking peace.

#### Our Best Seller

Where in the realm of recorded human experience can you find a land so blessed with liberty and opportunity, as is America? And where in history has there been a land so prosperous, where material blessings fit only for kings of the past may be enjoyed by each man and his neighbor? In 1939 our national income was not merely the highest in the world; it equaled the total incomes of the next six highest nations on earth. Let it be remembered that America's best-seller is still the Bible, a phenomenon which is cause and not effect.

In calling the whole of America a land of Bibles, I affirm that the religious people of this nation constitute its greatest asset. There now would be no hope for world peace, there would be no prospect of good citizenship, at home, were this not so.

#### Practical Application

For example, the Bible offers us the perfect formula to put an end to industrial strife. In fact, I could never expect fair play in industrial relations to come about in a land where the Golden Rule is unknown. We must not forget it, here in America. Shall labor forget this rule of action and become a pressure group so determined to apply pressure upon industry that investment capital will be driven out and become unavailable to buy and replace tools? That is exactly the way to cut production and achieve lower and lower wages.

Industry aims at profits: it wants dividends for stockholders and capital for expansion. Should industry withhold fair wages and seek specialized legislation? No, that is the road to bankruptcy. Industry's first objective should not be its own welfare, but the welfare of labor and of agriculture.

#### Back to Fundamentals

Agriculture wants high prices for all it can produce. How shall it obtain these high prices? Through selfish, class legislation? No, that's the road to failure. Agriculture wants a



## America Must Seek The Ways Of God

By Dr. George S. Benson  
President

prosperous market, with many people eating and living well. This it cannot attain by selfishly looking to itself. It must be more interested in the welfare of other groups.

Wherever we have strayed from God, and from His laws and His formulas, that is exactly the point where we must return. Harmony, prosperity, and peace will surely follow. Neither science, nor so-called "civilization," nor any of the human "isms," offers a sure cure for the world's ills. A return to God and the principles found in the Bible is our only hope that we shall not literally destroy ourselves.

#### Complications of Science

Modern science has greatly increased world problems. We have an atomic bomb and don't know what to do with it. We are afraid of any use that may be made of it. God teaches us to love one another, and that "perfect love casteth out fear." Men can really love one another only after they are reborn with power from above.

If we loved one another as we love ourselves, we would have no fear about what use might be made of the atomic bomb. We would not be quarreling over control of the secrets of its construction. The more science we have the more religion we need. When science and religion appear in conflict it is because either the religionist or the scientist is wrong, or because both of them are wrong. When both are right, they are in agreement.

#### Walk in Ways of God

We need to recognize the great eternal truth stated by the Hebrew prophet: "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" \* \* \* "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death."

May we return to God, walk in His ways, and enjoy peace, happiness and prosperity. May we thus point the way to a better world for all men.



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