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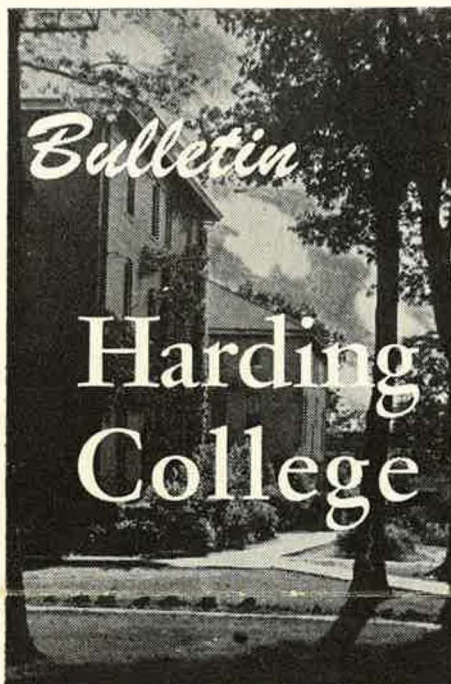
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What About Harding's Seniors?

One-third of Harding College's 1947 graduating class of 69, or more than 60 per cent of the men, will be active in preaching and teaching work at the church, a statistical survey of the class revealed.

However, because all these students attended daily Bible classes and informal student meetings on religious topics several times a week, the average graduate will go out into the world with a full knowledge of his responsibilities as a Christian.

While more than 60 per cent of the men will either preach regularly or combine preaching with another vocation such as teaching, virtually all members of the class will make various kinds of church work their main avocation. A number of the women graduates have given special study to methods of teaching children.

Of the 15 men who chose to major in Bible, most preached regularly while in school for congregations as close as five miles and as far away as several hundred miles. Students in other major fields also did personal work, Christian teaching, and some public preaching.

Of the class of 69, made up of 37 men and 32 women, 19 majored in social science or history. Twenty of the students were able to work off double majors, or strong minors, giving them specialization in more than one field.

The English department was chosen as major by 17, and business administration by 11 of the graduates. Other students chose home economics, biology, chemistry, music, art, and physical education. Seniors majoring in Bible chose additional majors, a popular choice being social science or English.

Besides his course work, the average graduate spent some 14 hours a week in extra-curricular activities. Approximately four out of five of the graduates were
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Pres. Benson Appointed To Advisory Commission

Dr. George S. Benson president of the college, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Commission on Civil Service, according to a letter received by Dr. Benson from United States Senator William Langer.

The committee of 15 members was set up by a resolution passed by the Senate on July 15. It will assist the Senate's Committee on Civil Service, of which Senator Langer is chairman, by "making a study and survey of the federal civil service generally; particularly with reference to the functions being performed in the various federal departments and agencies by personnel on the civil service; and to make such reports and recommendations for more efficient organization and functioning of the civil service as the Advisory Commission may formulate."

Senator Langer wrote that he hoped the results of Commission studies would be of value to the Senate and Congress generally during the session beginning in January, 1948. Commission members serve without compensation. Chairman of the Commission is O. K. Armstrong of Springfield, Mo., former Missouri legislator.

In notifying Dr. Benson of his appointment, Senator Langer wrote: "You have been highly recommended as one who is interested in governmental organization and functioning, and it is my great pleasure to invite you to be a member of this panel of citizens."

In accepting the appointment, Dr. Benson stated that in his opinion the Commission would be able to do much toward increasing efficiency of the nation's civil service, and toward saving the taxpayers money.



Mr. and Mrs. GI and friends visit the Governor in Baton Rouge.
Left to right: C. L. Ganus, C. L. Ganus, Jr., Mrs. Ganus, Jr., Governor Davis, Mrs. Stevens, and Clark Stevens.

Our "Outstanding GI of Year" and Wife Report Their Vacation Was "Best Time"

Clark Stevens, the "Outstanding GI of the Year" from Harding College, and Mrs. Stevens (the former Letitia Longley, herself a Harding graduate of 1943), recently returned from a week-long trip to New Orleans, reporting a vacation of dream proportions.

Following commencement week activities, the Stevens left the campus on the vacation, which was an award accompanying the honor of being chosen "GI of the Year" by the faculty of the college. C. L. Ganus, New Orleans businessman and president of the college Board of Trustees, made the award.

From the time the Batesville, Ark., couple arrived at their Hotel Roosevelt suite in the Crescent City, they were kept busy with a variety of activities and entertainments.

They lunched with the Governor of Louisiana and went boating on famed Lake
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God's Greatness Makes Lesson For The Worrier

By John C. Fryer

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matt. 6:28-29).

When Jesus spoke these words he was rebuking those who heard him for their lack of faith in God's ability to provide for His children. Let us worry not about our raiment, but rather think on God's magnificent creations and the lessons they have to offer.

In Genesis we have an account of God's creation of the heavens and the earth, and all the living things therein, man being the greatest, having a soul, created in His image and likeness. God endowed man with the power to utilize His magnificent works. Immense hydro-electric dams, providing power and flood control, great buildings such as the Empire State Building, or the Greek Parthenon, are the results of man's handiwork.

Can man really create even so small a thing as a lily? He may make a facsimile, but he cannot give it life. Only God gives life to the lily. Can man reproduce himself? Only through the powers that God gave him. He cannot explain what causes life to come into the body of a newly born baby—nor can he understand what life is. He can define it only by its qualities or characteristics, but beyond that he knows nothing. It is not within the power of man to understand all things. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. . . . For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9). Can we comprehend the distance between the heavens and the earth? No!

God emphasized man's ignorance in the 38th and 39th chapters of the book of Job when Job, in his humanity, was unable to answer the questions put to him. If there is any doubt about man's weakness, turn to those chapters and answer God's questions, if you can.

Comparable to God, man's wisdom is infinitesimal. Man has but recently found a way to harness the atom, but God, who created all things in the beginning, made the atom a part of that creation.

The Bible records many things that God has commanded man to do. Most of the time we are not able to reason why God has given them, but that is no excuse for not accepting what He says. When we learn to keep in mind God's omniscience, realizing that He is the Author of all things, when we obey through faith *whatsoever* He has commanded us, then we will truly appreciate the gift of salvation through the blood of His son, Jesus Christ, who is our Savior and Lord.

"Home Ec" Girls Show Talents In Textiles

Home economics students ended the 1946-47 school year with a week-long display of student's clothing and textile projects in the department's dining room. Featuring all phases of home economics textile training, the display was prepared by the home economics club, advance dressmaking and textile classes.

Mrs. S. A. Bell, head of the department, supervised the project, which included dresses and gowns designed and made by students, children's clothing, luncheon sets, scarves, and blouses. Highlighting the display was the demonstration of methods of textile painting, which showed color application in painting, stencil design, and, tie and dye process.

Dressmaking students designed original patterns, and made the dresses which were displayed on dress forms which they constructed. Outstanding in the dressmaking project was a full length fishtail back housecoat made by Lu Evelyn Patten, negligee made from parachute silk by Helen Summitt, and a child's dress by Frances Smithers.

In the textile paint section, painted negro heads on a blouse by Pat Mansur and an Indian head scarf by Charlene Dodd attracted attention. Miss Wong Fun Seen, Chinese student, added an oriental touch to the display with a swan scarf in yellow and salmon pink. In the lace making display, an outstanding project was a waterfall design tablecloth by Georgia Smith.

Meet John Fryer:—

John C. Fryer, sophomore from Falmouth, Ky., contributes the accompanying religious article.



At Harding John majors in education, but also specializes in Bible. Obviously, he plans to preach and to teach. Someday he hopes to teach in a Christian school, and along with this he wants to do as much preaching as possible.

John is a veteran, who travelled some 10,000 miles in the Pacific regions while in the Army: Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines. He was overseas almost three years.

Married, John lives in "Vet Village" with Mrs. Fryer and their four-month-old son, Neal Brian. The campus of Harding College seems like home to John, whose brother, sister-in-law, mother, and brother-in-law are attending classes in the college.

College Plans Building Permanent Structures

Harding College's building and expansion program, first announced in 1940 and delayed soon thereafter by the war, is being started anew.

A new and modern library building sufficient to hold 100,000 volumes will be the first new, permanent type structure to go up.

Recommendations made by the faculty of the college, following extensive study and planning, were accepted unanimously by the Board of Trustees, Dr. George S. Benson announced recently.



One of two men's dormitories nearing completion.

Other buildings to be constructed as conditions permit will follow in this order: gymnasium, student center, industrial arts, auditorium, and additional dormitory space. Money is on hand for these structures.

Studies of the faculty, begun in committees and later acted upon by the whole staff, included planning the size of student body that can be enrolled in the next several years. It was decided, and also approved by the Board, that enrollment for next year should be limited to 700 and a permanent construction program be set up on that basis, Dr. Benson said.



Classroom building on west side of campus is being erected by the government.

Meanwhile, semi-permanent projects are being completed. Two dormitories, housing 75 men each, are virtually complete. Emergency housing projects for veterans have been completed. Additional facilities are being put up by the government, under the veterans' program.

Sweet Visits College Campus To Present Series Of Sermons

R. B. Sweet, minister of the University Avenue Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, was on the campus of Harding College, June 22-29 for a series of lectures and sermons.

Mr. Sweet was associated for several years with the church at College Station, Texas, where he occupied the Bible chair at Texas A & M College. He preached to the college church two Sundays, lectured each morning at 8:50 to the regular summer school chapel, and spoke each evening at 8 o'clock.

The series was sponsored by the college church.

Mr. Sweet is well known to Searcy audiences and is appreciated by them, having appeared on lecture programs during Thanksgiving Week and at other times.

Mrs. Sweet and their daughter came also.

Seniors —

(Continued from Page One) members of the "large" chorus, and this indicates that most of them like to sing. Many of the seniors engaged in three or four extra-curricular activities, with chorus, glee clubs, dramatics, and Press Club the most popular.

The average graduating student of 1947 was somewhat older than the graduate of former years. The average age was 24.2 years. This figure is influenced by the fact that many veterans returned to school after spending several years in the armed forces. Other older students returned to school after long lapses of time.

The youngest graduate was 19 years of age, the oldest 43. Twenty of the 69 were married prior to graduation, and several have children. Eleven of the graduates are engaged to be married at an early date, some of them to classmates.

With 27 of the graduates counting Arkansas their home state, Oklahoma and Tennessee followed with six graduates apiece. Oddly enough, Canada came next with five graduates. The 18 states which graduates call home include Illinois, Florida, Pennsylvania, Colorado.

These geographical data follow pretty well the character of the student body as a whole. While 40 per cent of the graduates come from Arkansas, 43 per cent of the whole student body claims the Wonder State as home.

Of the total winter term enrollment of 749, Arkansas totaled 323. From Texas there were 71, from Oklahoma 50, from Tennessee 44, and from Missouri 34.

States enrolling more than 10 students were Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ohio. The Dominion of Canada had 16 college students enrolled. As a whole, the composition of Harding's student body is shown to be quite "cosmopolitan" by the fact that 33 states were represented in the 1946-47 school year.



Jo Connel, shown here interviewing Senior Jack Pruett, will move up to the editor's chair in September.

Press Club Chooses Senior Jo Connel To Edit Student Weekly Newspaper

Miss Josephine Connel, senior from Smackover, Arkansas, will do more of the type of work shown above during the 1947-48 school year. She has been chosen editor of the *Bison*, student weekly, and will assume her duties in September.

Mrs. Alwyn Hart, then Miss Blanche Tranum, sophomore from Tampa, Florida, was re-named business manager, a position she held during the 1947-48 school year. Miss Connel majors in English. She became interested in activities of the Press Club in the fall of 1947 and soon accepted a general reporting job on the *Bison* staff. Later she contributed a weekly column of miscellany to the publication.

Prominent in a number of campus organizations, Miss Connel has acted in a number of Campus Players productions and has toured with Harding music groups. She is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and the Equestrian Club.

Mrs. Hart made an outstanding record in the job of business manager last year, being largely responsible for the *Bison* winning first place in advertising in Arkansas College Press Association competition.

Miss Connel and Mrs. Hart were chosen by the executive committee of the Press Club from a field of eight applicants. Both jobs carry full tuition scholarships.

Mr. and Mrs. GI Enjoy New Orleans Vacation

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Ponchartrain. Between sightseeing and meeting dignitaries, the Stevens had a busy but profitable week.

While in New Orleans, Stevens visited another ex-GI, DeLesseps Morrison, mayor of New Orleans. After the mayor presented keys of the city to the Stevens, they lunched together at International House, the city's world trade mart.

To round out the week they toured one of the new aluminum passenger-cargo ships scheduled for South American runs, the Alcoa Corsair; spent an evening on a moonlight boat ride on the Mississippi; made a thorough personal survey of New Orleans' world-famed restaurants.

Their pictures were in the New Orleans *Item*, with an interview. The



The Stevens get keys to New Orleans from His Honor, Mayor Morrison.

Stevens summed up the whole thing as the "best time we've ever had."

THE MAJORITY OF THE people in the world today are groping in darkness seeking to grasp something that they feel will be secure and in which they can find faith. Many nations have placed their security in their own strength only to be awakened to the reality that the blind had been leading the blind and both had fallen into the ditch.

There is such a circumstance existing today in many of the countries of Europe and among many people of our own country.

This is also particularly true with Japan. The people of that country have come to realize that they were misled, and are now anxious and pleading for someone to give them assistance in which they can have confidence and that will not leave them empty-hearted and despondent in soul at a later date.

The church today has one of the greatest opportunities that has been offered the church of any age. In foreign lands, people by the hundreds are begging for someone to teach them the Christian way of life.

A number of young people have responded to this call and are ready to go to the different fields this fall. A few of these workers, at the time of this writing, have found no one who will shoulder the responsibility of sponsoring them. Yet this is one of the basic requirements before they will be admitted to the foreign fields. The entire brotherhood needs to be awakened to its responsibilities and opportunities of today.

Let us review the circumstances prevalent in great measure in this day and time. In Matthew 28:19, we find that Jesus gave instructions: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations. . . ."

Most of us apparently believe this injunction does not apply to us. Even our average congregations do well to have a good crowd on Sunday morning, a fair crowd on Sunday evening, and a handful for the mid-week program. If one dares to urge some members to attend services, he will be asked to furnish proof that Christians are supposed to attend more than once a week.

While some, figuratively speaking, are seeking the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the market places, others are vying with them for the same honors.

If someone feels the desire in his heart to answer the call of Christ to go make disciples of all nations, he must risk being branded immediately by some church members as foolish. Many modern-day Christians do not believe in foreign mission work in its real sense, so they spend their time in seeing how

Need Of This Present Hour



By Jess L. Rhodes

Professor of Business Administration

many burdens they can place on the shoulders of those who desire to serve, while they themselves will not lift one finger.

While all this is taking place, many scriptures are being overlooked: such as Matthew 5:23-24, "If therefore thou art offering thy gift before the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

If all the members of the church would take into consideration the above scripture and attempt to live it in their lives, there would not be any place for strife among the brotherhood. Also, if we turn to II Timothy 4:2 we find the following admonition: "Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

If every member would consider the above scripture, our churches would be so busy none of the members would have time to get into trouble and all of them would be interested in every good work.

If the entire membership of the church of the Lord could forget self and put Christ foremost in their lives, and each local church do its best, there would no end to the amount of good that could be accomplished for the Lord. God has opened the doors of opportunity in His own way, and now the responsibility rests on the shoulders of His people to capitalize on these opportunities.

Are we going to sit idly by and let the denominational world come in and take the place in the hearts of people everywhere that Christ should have? If we let these opportunities go by, I feel that God will spew many churches out of his mouth because they are neither hot nor cold.



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