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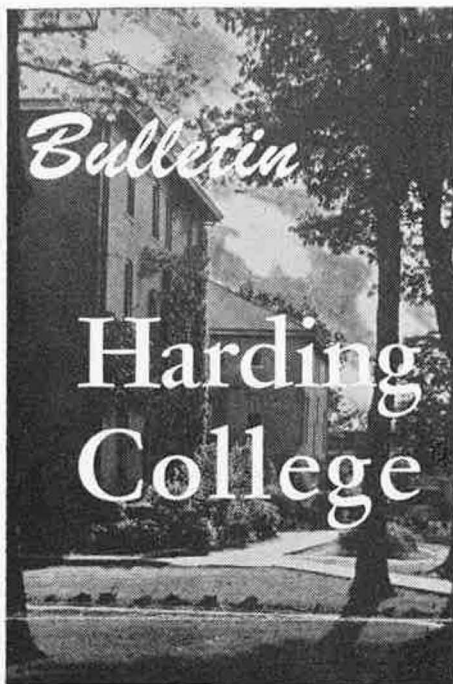
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Fall Quarter to Begin Monday, September 15

Registration activities for the fall quarter of the regular school year of 1947-48 will get under-way on Monday, September 15, when the usual placement tests will be given all incoming freshmen, Dean L. C. Sears has announced.

After completing their placement tests, the freshmen will enroll on September 17. Upper-classmen will enroll on September 16. Each group will enroll separately in the gymnasium, according to the new plan of enrollment procedure developed last spring. There will be no pre-registration for the first time in several years.

First chapel service of the year will be held at 10 o'clock on Thursday, September 18.

The faculty already has been called to the campus for a special conference which was organized through the assistance of Dr. H. M. Gage, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The conference met in the banquet room of the Mayfair Hotel on September 11 and 12. Dr. Gene A. Waller, who is well known for his studies in the field of personnel work, directed faculty discussions on personnel problems.

Gordon W. Butler, business manager and professor of business administration at Coe College, conducted studies in the field of financial and business management of a college.

"It is hoped that through these discussions, and the assistance of Dr. Waller and Professor Butler, we may be able to develop patterns for more effective personnel work and for more active faculty participation in the general business management of the college," Dr. George S. Benson, president, said.

Dr. Bales To Debate Atheist

Dr. James D. Bales, professor of Bible and head of the department of Bible, will meet in public discussion in Searcy on October 6-9 a man who is considered one of the chief exponents of atheism in the United States.

He is Woolsey Teller, of New York City, general secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism. One of the public lecturers and veteran debaters of that group, Mr. Teller also edits "The Truthseeker," which is the oldest publication in the nation dedicated to the spread of atheism. He has written several books, among them "Essays of an Atheist" and "The Atheism of Astronomy."

Dr. Bales, well-known in the brotherhood as a teacher and scholar of the Bible, preacher, and writer, is currently at work on a series of volumes on evolution, the existence of God, and Christian evidences. His "Soils and Seeds of Sectarianism" was recently published.

The debate will run Monday through Thursday for two hours each evening, each speaker using in turn 30 minutes, 20 minutes, and 10 minutes.

On two nights Mr. Teller will affirm: "Resolved, That the Universe Is Not Governed by Intelligence"; the remaining two nights Dr. Bales will affirm: "Resolved, That God Is."

The discussion agreement calls for an additional public debate to be sponsored by the A.A.A.A. in some other city, at a later time. It was Charles Smith, president of the association, who engaged the late W. L. Oliphant in public debate in 1929.

According to present plans, Dr. Bales said, the debate will be recorded and published. Persons away from Searcy who wish to attend the discussion should make arrangements as soon as possible for housing accommodations or hotel reservations.

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Miss Alston, new librarian, stands smiling by shelf of new reference books.

Harding Library Increases Its Facilities And Studies Its Educational Objectives

A growing and expanding library at Harding College, one of the largest college libraries in the state, now contains 25,000 volumes.

Miss Annie May Alston, librarian, foresees a steady increase in library accessions, but also envisions the Harding library as an increasingly important adjunct to the college curriculum.

Miss Alston has assumed her new duties as librarian, following the resignation of Miss Catherine Score in June. Miss Score had served the college as librarian since 1934.

Assistant professor of English since 1944, until her appointment as librarian, Miss Alston took her B.A. degree at Harding in 1939. She taught English in the Tennessee public schools, and later was instructor of English and librarian at West Memphis, Ark., High School. She took the degree of bachelor of science in library science at George Peabody College in 1943.

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What Personal Gospel Did You Follow Today?

By Ed Ransom

We believe in the one true God and place our trust in one gospel of the Christ, but there is really a plurality of gospels in the world. Do you have a gospel, and, if you have, what kind is it? I'm sure it is scriptural for us to have a personal gospel for Paul had one. He even said that Christ was raised from the dead "according to my gospel" (II Timothy 2:8), and that God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ "according to my gospel" (Romans 2:16).

It would be profitable, but perhaps not comforting, for us to ask ourselves this question, "What is happening according to my gospel?" Was Christ the supreme one today according to the gospel I lived? Was the welfare of the brethren of utmost importance today according to the gospel I taught in my waking hours? Would our Father have to say that my gospel today was "another" or a "perversion of the gospel of Christ?"

Too many of us who know the doctrine do very little teaching because we have no personal gospel to teach. When Jonah received his commission and started in the wrong direction (away from the Lord's work) he had no personal message. After punishment for his folly had literally swallowed him up he was in a different frame of mind, and when he next saw the light of day he had a message of his own. I don't doubt that old Jonah preached better than if he had gone ahead in the first place.

I have always been impressed by the attitude of missionaries who have returned from foreign lands. Their sermons are remarkable because of what they obviously have behind them. For years they have been living in the middle of the gospel and whatever its teaching has brought. It doesn't take long to see that their gospel is a personal one—it just has to be.

Paul's gospel brought him trouble as well as joy. It put him in prison and placed many stripes upon his back. There wasn't anything impersonal about his message. He didn't get it from a book of sermons.

In I Thessalonians 2:8, the apostle says, "We were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls . . ." May God help us use every opportunity to benefit from his promises, for in order to give to others we must first possess something ourselves. Let's have a personal gospel, and then with all of God's power working through us, with thankful hearts and deep concern for others, let's preach it!

Students Publish Magazine; Provides Outlet for Talents

A new student publication, a magazine, was launched during summer school and is expected to appear regularly during the school year, perhaps on a monthly basis.

Name of the magazine is "Temporo," and the August, 1947, issue is Volume One, Number One. It is semi-literary in nature, and contains two short stories, two descriptive sketches, two poems, and two fact articles, and one cartoon. The stories and articles are illustrated with drawings and photographs.

The magazine was printed on the campus by offset lithography. In size it is 16 pages, approximately 5½ by 8 inches. A full-page photograph of two Harding students at Cedar Falls on Petit Jean Mountain is used on the cover.

Editor of the publication is Nathan Lamb. Bill Fogg served as business manager, and John Wangor as art editor. Among student contributors are: Dick Foltz, Tommy Thompson, Vaughnece Bragg, Miriam Larsen, and John Wangor.

The project is under the sponsorship of Neil B. Cope, professor of journalism.

Meet Ed Ransom:

Edward C. Ransom, sophomore from Barnesville, Ohio, contributes the accompanying student article.

Ed majors in chemistry and Bible. He plans definitely to go abroad as a missionary, but is not sure just which "theater." At present he goes regularly to preaching appointments in north Arkansas.

Ed is a veteran, and married. His wife is the former Betty Clampitt, who as a Harding student a few years back was selected as honor student. They have a six

months old son, Richard Allen. Ed met Betty at a church picnic in Denver, where he was stationed as an instructor in an Army medical and surgical technician school. He took her boating, and apparently romance was the result.

Ed was then sent overseas for about one and a half years, most of this time being spent in France and Germany. But when he was discharged at Ft. Mead, there was Betty in nearby Washington, where she had moved meantime.

In school Ed is a member of the "large chorus," the dramatics club, and other school activities. But his main objective is to learn to teach and preach as effectively as possible.



Five of New Teachers Are Harding Graduates

Fourteen new instructors and staff members will be on hand to greet students this week. Some of the new personnel are on the campus for the first time, but five of the 14 are themselves graduates of Harding College.

Miss Zelma Bell (B.A., Harding College, '40; M.A., Columbia University, '47), will return to her Alma Mater as Dean of Women and assistant professor of counselling. She will take up the duties relinquished by Mrs. Florence M. Cathcart, who retired this summer to become Dean Emeritus of Women.

Edward G. Sewell (B.S., Tennessee Polytechnic Institute; M.A., George Peabody College), will be principal of the high school. He comes to Harding for the first time but brings his wife, Anne Richmond Sewell (Harding College graduate of '43), and young daughter. He takes the position held last year by Perry Mason, now on leave for study at Peabody College.

Dr. James Kern Sears, son of Dean and Mrs. L. C. Sears, returns to become associate professor of physical sciences. A graduate of the college in 1942, Dr. Sears took his M.S. from the University of Missouri in 1944 and his Ph.D. there this year.

Jardine McKerlie, Canadian engineer, will head industrial education and also supervise new construction at the college. His daughter, Miss Florence McKerlie, has accepted a position as cashier in the business office.

G. C. Brewer, minister of the Jackson Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis, Tenn., will become a full-time professor of Bible for the winter quarter.

Two new instructors will join the English department as assistant professors. They are Miss Pearl Latham (B.A. Harding College, '30; M.A., University of Oklahoma, '40), and Miss Irene Johnson (M.A., University of Missouri, '47).

Miss Esther M. Mitchell, R.N., will supervise the new infirmary. She took nurse's training at Wesley Training School, Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Constance Ford (B.A., Harding College, '41), will become assistant librarian.

G. M. Ward will be instructor in mathematics and science in high school. He holds B.A. degrees from both Arkansas College and Washington and Lee University, and M.A. from the University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Iris Martin, experienced instructor in public schools of Oklahoma, will teach in the training school.

Aside from instructional personnel, there are few changes. Fon Durham, (B.A., Harding College, '47), will become a full-time employee of the college as superintendent of buildings and grounds. Gregg Rhodes, who has assisted in maintenance work, will manage the laundry.

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Library —

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A new library building has been in the drawingboard stage for some time, and promises to take the definite form of brick and mortar during the school year. It will be the first of a series of new structures that will fill important need in the college's liberal arts program.

Meanwhile, temporary expansion is underway in the library. Stack room has been expanded by building a second tier of shelves. The large room adjoining



Connie Ford, assistant librarian, supervises group of student workers in cataloging.

the reading room on the north side of Godden Hall, which was formerly used as the art department studio, will be annexed to present library quarters as a periodical reference room. An additional small room will be converted into a workroom for library activities such as cataloging, mending, and poster work.

The reading room has been redecorated during the summer, and additional work will be done to make the present library quarters a more pleasant and efficient place to work.



Students find library a real storehouse of the world's knowledge.

More than 200 magazines, including about 40 religious publications, now come to the library. The new periodical reading room will provide a special place where recent copies of magazines may be shelved and used.

More facilities for browsing and for displaying new and significant books will be set up, according to Miss Alston's plans. It is the hope of the new librarian that more and more students and faculty members will find the library a source of valuable studies and of leisure reading.



Burrel Dykes, pilot of the aircraft, awaits President Benson for flight.

Dr. Benson Accepts Cessna Airplane; Will Be Used to Fly College Personnel

A twin-engine, transport type airplane has been donated to the college by friends of the school, Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college, has announced.

The airplane will be used for the transportation of college personnel. It is of a type formerly used by the Army Air Forces during the war as a utility cargo plane. Fully equipped for night and instrument flying, it has a range of almost 1,000 miles. Its color is two-toned blue, with contrasting stripes.

Equipped with two 225 horsepower Jacobs engines, the airplane can carry five passengers. Burrel Dykes, co-owner of the Searcy Flying Service, recently flew the airplane from its previous base and was assigned as pilot.

The airplane will be kept at the Searcy Municipal Airport, where a hangar is being constructed for it.

Dr. Benson reported that additional safety equipment, including radio compass equipment for all-weather flying, will be installed in the airplane in the near future.

Teachers —

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Two instructors are returning from leaves. F. W. Mattox, professor of Bible, returns from graduate study at Peabody College to his teaching duties and to his position as dean of men. He returns with his Ph.D., and will become head of the student counselling program.

Miss Ruth Langford will return to the art department following a year's leave for special study in Colorado.

There have been three resignations from the staff. C. D. Brown, business manager of the college for the last 10 years, resigned effective September 1. Carl Spain, assistant professor of Bible, resigned at the close of summer school to accept the Bible chair at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, and to assist the Broadway church there.

Miss Catherine Score, librarian since the college moved to Searcy, resigned in June. She has accepted a position with Weatherford College, Weatherford, Texas.

Discussion —

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College facilities are crowded and will not be available for rooms.

"Evolution is one of the subjects that will be brought into the discussion," Dr. Bales said. "In denying God, the atheist must fall back on evolution as the explanation of the existence of earth, life, and mankind."

Dr. Bales explained that one finds many references to the idea of evolution, as if it were an established fact of science, in public schools, universities, magazines, and newspapers.

"Our young people, especially, come into contact with various forms of unbelief," Dr. Bales said. "There is no doubt that they will be thus confronted, and the question for brethren to face is: Will Christians have the necessary courage and information to meet unbelief successfully?"

The coming debate is one of a number that Dr. Bales expects to arrange in the near future.

WE ARE NEARING the end of another year. In a short time it will have been gathered to the treasures of dead centuries past. In a decade it will be swallowed up in the oblivion of all things belonging to time. Even the things we valued most will fade from memory. Sir Thomas Browne once wrote, "There is no antedote against the opium of time."

Yet, in spite of time which turns all things to dust, that which endures moves on. Such is the human soul and all the realm of the invisible, which alone is eternal. Time like a stream moves backward into the abyss of forgotten things, where all dreams of wealth or power pass into nothingness, but the soul is a part of the eternity which resists decay and remains forever. "Wherefore," the Apostle Paul says, "we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day." In this time of revaluations, may we not take stock of our spiritual gain and loss?

Paul in writing to the Ephesians, says, "Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time because the days are evil. Be not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

The statement is apt at this season when we are closing the door on times past and ready to cross the threshold of times to come. Three statements in the Apostle's admonition are especially significant. "Look carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise." Or in plainer terms, not as "fools" but as "rational, intelligent beings."

Looking back over the past, how many of us must acknowledge that in some things we have played the fool. It is a natural human weakness. In his story of Christian's pilgrimage to the celestial city, Bunyan represents the world as a Vanity Fair, a huge market of trifles. As men passed through the city of Vanity many sold their souls for pitiful handfuls of metal, or shining stones, for a monetary lust whose sweetness turned bitter even in the tasting, or for a kingdom whose hollowness mocked them as it crumbled in their hands. The Pilgrim, however, with a vision that reached beyond the glitter and tinsel of the empty show to the City which hath the Foundations, refused to sell his immortality for a momentary toy.

This was the difference between the fool and the wise man. The fool sees only the surface of things, the wise man looks within to their hollowness or truth; the fool sees only what is before his eyes, the wise man combines these with things afar off; the fool sees only the moment, the wise man sees eternity.

But the second statement of the Apostle is to "walk as wise; redeeming the time because the days are evil." The term redeem means to "buy up," and a different translation renders the statement, "buying up the opportunity." The state-



Redeeming The Time

By Dr. L. C. Sears,
Dean

ment suggests three things. First, the supreme value of time. It is a gift which only God can give. Using it wisely men can attain any end they desire. Wasted, it can never be recalled. Each day comes only once in an eternity, and the next is never quite the same. We ourselves change as the seconds pass and what we would or could do today we will not or cannot do tomorrow. The hours move by like an endless stream of diamonds, and we sleep as they pass. Considering the high price of time, it is pathetic that we cannot buy up more of it to preserve for eternity. It has been estimated that in an ordinary lifetime of 70 years the average man sleeps 23 years, eats 7, plays 10, wastes 10, and consciously lives and works only 20 years. No wonder some of us accomplish so little in a lifetime of 70 years.

But "redeeming the time" in the second place implies that I can in a measure pay for the mistakes of the past, by living more wisely and devotedly in the future. Folly and evil are by nature negative and empty. The Good is positive. In the testing of Time the foolish and the evil are quickly forgotten; the good remains. When a man turns from vanity to the good life even God forgets his past, for the good in a changed life instantly "buys up" and atones for the evil.

We are passing through troubled, uncertain, and anxious times. These years are weighted with possibilities of good and evil. The life devoted to God, which understands "what the will of the Lord is," helps to "buy up" and preserve for eternity many of the "opportunities" which would otherwise be wasted and lost. The influence of a single Christian life lifts the mass level of the world's life just a little higher, gives added security, redeems a portion of it for eternity. God gives each soul a few years to use—to play with and waste, or to "buy up" and keep for the ages to come. They are a test of how we would use an eternity. Let us therefore understand the will of the Lord that we may "buy up" the opportunities now and be prepared for the eternity He can give.



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