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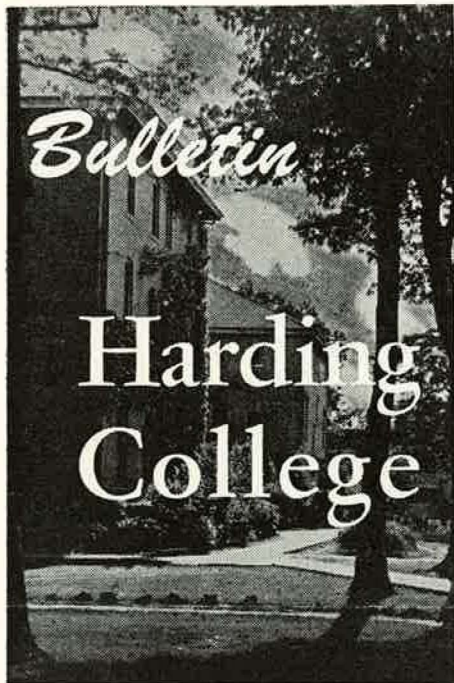
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C. L. Ganus Heads Fund Committee

C. L. Ganus, New Orleans businessman and president of the Board of Trustees of the college, will direct the Southern section of the \$1,500,000 building fund campaign which began January 1, Dr. George S. Benson, president of the school, has announced.

The entire board will act as a committee working under the chairmanship of Mr. Ganus, Dr. Benson said. Plans are now being made whereby friends of the college, alumni, students, faculty, and other groups are to be invited to participate in carrying on the campaign. These plans will be announced about March 1, and the campaign for this section will be completed by May 1. The entire campaign is expected to be successfully concluded on June 30.

"We are working out details for a number of interesting prizes and incentives which will appeal particularly to students and alumni in connection with the fund raising drive," Mr. Ganus said in a recent visit to the campus.

Plans have been made to keep friends of the college, alumni, patrons, and others informed of the progress of the drive through bulletins and other publications. A special folder on the campaign showing campus plans and sketches of proposed buildings, will be distributed by the end of February.

Alumni Remain Active In Christian Education

Harding College alumni and ex-students are remembering and actively supporting their Alma Mater in various ways. Four chapters of the Association have been organized in parts of the country where several alumni and ex-students are living or working in and around the same territory.

In Wichita, Kansas, the J a h a w k Chapter was organized last spring and has had varied meetings since that time, a banquet in the spring and a picnic in the summer.

There is a chapter in Little Rock, the Delta Chapter in southern Missouri, and the Empire State Chapter in New York.

Of particular note at this time is the project that the Empire State Chapter has taken upon itself for the year 1947-48. They decided to make available a \$90 scholarship (one-half of one year's tuition) for some worthy young person from the New York area.

A committee was appointed for the selection of such a person and the boy chosen was a very able, young Christian, Jack Plummer. He has been active in the Kennedy Street church in Syracuse, New York.

This is a very worthy project and it is possible that other groups may take upon themselves similar undertakings, according to alumni officers. The Delta Chapter in Missouri has also made it possible for a student to attend Harding by their interest and financial assistance.

It is hoped that more Chapters will be organized in other representative states and alumni and ex-students everywhere will actively encourage Christian education and help others to attend Harding.



Mrs. Bell (left), home economics department head, shows visitors a row of dolls dressed in their 1920-30 best.

"Costume Design" Course Shows Styles Of History On Hand-made Doll Models

During the fall quarter the home economics department of the College offered a course entitled "The History of Costume Design." Thirteen girls enrolled in the class and with the assistance of Mrs. S. A. Bell, head of the department, and some original ingenuity, they made cloth dolls, dressed them, and arranged four displays for students and friends to see.

One of the displays consisted of mannequins dressed in the fashions, one for each year, from 1918, with their long skirts and long hair, to 1932 when styles were reversed and the trend was for bobbed hair and shorter skirts.

A second display showed the wardrobe of a child of 1913.

Another exhibit presented mannequins in historic costume from ancient Egyptian and Greek through to the Marie Antoinette period and then to the typical French costume of 1895.

A fourth display represented a typical inhabitant of Holland, China, Iceland, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, France, Mexico, Africa, India, Peru and American Indian, each in his native habitat.

Make Your Resolutions This Year For Christ

By Guthrie Dean

Traditionally speaking, the birth of a new year necessitates rededication and resolutions.

Each, with tongue in cheek, makes his plans and promises for the oncoming months.

How discouraging it must be to make and break so many resolutions in such a short time. But we Americans are a determined people. Once we fall below our goal, instead of lowering the standard to our level we are willing to climb out of the hole, get on our feet, brush the dust off and start over again.

Possibly perseverance is the word to fit this occasion. The automobile was invented, electricity was harnessed by careful planning and heart-breaking endurance. Anything great must first be tried and tested.

We Christians are being tried today. When temptation and discouragement assail us from all sides, shall we stand the test?

Sincerely, we should rededicate our lives to Christ at the beginning of this year, and resolve to do greater things for His Kingdom.

That kind of resolution necessitates sacrifice. It means that we should crucify ourselves to the world and take up His cross and follow Him. It means we will stop grasping after material things and seek first His kingdom and His Righteousness.

New doors are opening for Christian service, new fields are anxiously awaiting our assistance, new voices clamoring for the good news of Jesus. We are being tried and tested.

What are we going to do about it? Let us dream greater dreams for Christ's sake and set about to fulfill them.

Let us determine within our souls that we shall live the year for Christ. Not this year only, but this whole life also.

Think of all the great power that could be harnessed for Christianity, even in our nation, if we would only have the perseverance concerning spiritual things as we do those material things.

Patriotism is well and good, and far be it from me to depreciate such; but if we are as determined to stand and fight for our lord as we are to boost our country the world would be won for Christ in less than 12 months.

Think of it, thousands, yea even millions, have never heard of Christ and here we sit playing our fiddles of idleness while Rome burns down to the ground.

This is a new year and a time to rededicate. Awake thou that sleepest, put on the whole armor of Christ and go! As the prophet of old has said, "Where there is no vision the people perish."



Bro. E. W. MacMillan spoke to chapel and other audiences. This is an afternoon discussion group.

Japan and China Great Opportunity, MacMillan Tells Students and Faculty

Possibilities for spreading the message of Christ in the Orient are a challenge to the imagination of informed Christians, E. W. MacMillan, minister of the Union Avenue Church of Christ, Memphis, told students and faculty recently in reporting on his recent survey trip to Japan and China.

According to Bro. MacMillan, besides the Christians who are eager for missionaries, there are many public spirited people who will donate material and labor although they themselves are not yet Christians.

Bro. MacMillan stressed that he tried, during the weeks he spent in Japan and the eight days in China, to keep as an aim the "learning of facts to bring back" and not merely to satisfy his own opinions or feelings.

Meet Guthrie Dean:

Guthrie Dean, senior from Farmersville, La., is author of the accompanying article on New Year's resolutions.

Guthrie is a speech and Bible major. What does he plan to do with his training received at Harding College?



He has long range plans for going to China as a missionary.

When Guthrie finishes school he will preach during summers, and complete some graduate studies. At the same time he will begin raising funds to carry him over, and will leave for China in 1949.

Along with studies, Guthrie has been active in intercollegiate debating. He is a member of the chorus, glee club, and Press Club.

One of the greatest opportunities is offered to those interested in teaching English in the universities, he said. Because of eagerness to learn English they will also permit teachers to set up Bible departments in these universities. One of these many offers was by the head of the University of Canton, one of the largest universities in China.

Bro. MacMillan emphasized the importance of learning to use the language fluently. The nationals will have more respect for and listen more attentively to a fluent speaker, he declared.

The story is told of what a pair of shoes can do. A Japanese Christian gave to his brother-in-law, a well known doctor in Japan, a pair of size 11 shoes, which had been sent with clothing and food to the Japanese. In return he has given a \$3,000 piece of property in Tokyo for future Christian work.

Bro. MacMillan stated that what happens in the next 10 to 20 years in these countries will determine their future for the next 100 or 200 years. Christians must accept the responsibilities before them in the Orient, he said.

\$1,500,000 Building Fund Campaign Launched

A Report On Progress

By DR. GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Harding College

A thorough foundation is being carefully laid for the Harding College Building Fund Campaign for \$1½ million. Mr. C. L. Ganus, president of the Board of Trustees of Harding College, will direct one division of the campaign. Material to thoroughly acquaint you with his plans is being prepared at the present time.

I will direct another division of the campaign. Publicity material is in preparation in order that all plans and details in regard to each field of operation may be thoroughly understood by the people to be reached in that division.

Although we do not expect to begin solicitation of funds until about the first

of March, approximately \$50,000 has already come in from people who have merely understood that we were planning a campaign.

It was not contemplated, during the last school year, that the college would undertake a campaign for funds. I announced last year that the college had on hand money for a modest building program.

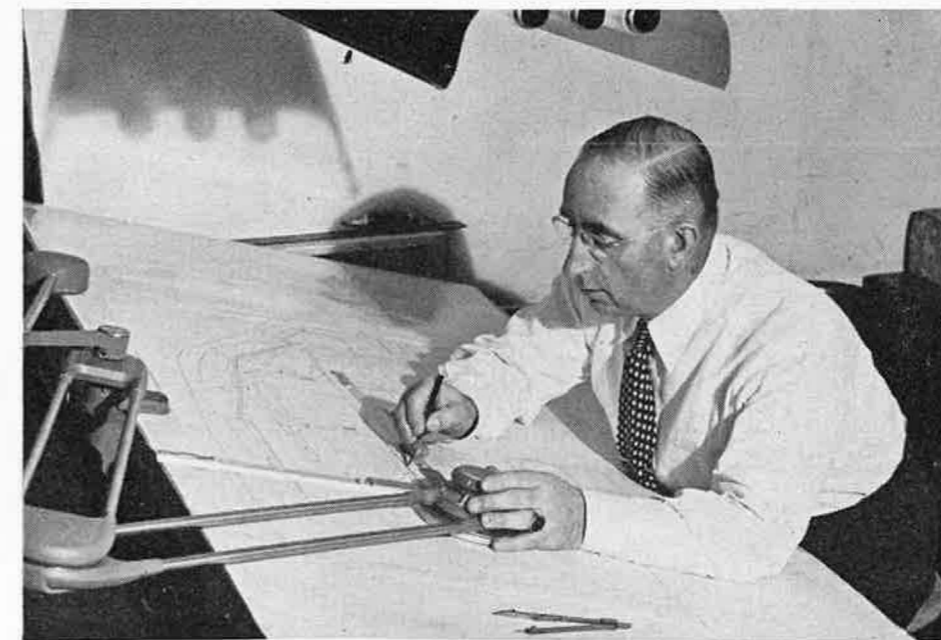
This money is still available. However, after intensive studies and surveys were completed we found that needs were greater. It was necessary to revise plans. We found also that a dollar would not build us the amount of space that it once would build. Consequently, this campaign was approved, to begin January 1.

When this campaign has been successfully completed Harding College will be in a position to construct a sufficient number of buildings and to install a sufficient amount of new equipment to provide the institution with a very complete plant. It will then be prepared to do a very substantial work for many years to come.

Please watch for further details as plans for the campaign unfold.



Dr. Benson



Campus planning and engineering is the chief concern of Jardine McKerlie, head of industrial arts. He is currently drawing up plans for the new structures.

Added Facilities a "Must"

If College to Continue

Its Tradition of Service

The Harding College of the future is in the making. Already emerging from the drawing board stage, a building program calling for \$1,500,000 in new constructing is underway.

This construction program will be put in full swing this summer, upon announcement that the Harding College Building Fund has grown to the amount of \$1,500,000 by June 30.

The Harding College of the future depends in part upon the building of adequate plant and campus facilities.

Since 1943 the enrollment of the college has more than doubled. A faculty of 35 has grown into a staff of 50. In 1924 there was only one graduate. Now, graduating classes of from 60 to 70 men and women are seen in June commencement.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary since the college was chartered. During this period many hundreds of Christian youth have known the influence of Harding College and in turn have come to love this unique institution.

No major buildings have been erected since the college acquired the campus and other property in Searcy. That was in 1934 and the college was only 10 years old. The new plant was adequate then.

It is the idea of the Board that a particular and noteworthy educational program, consistent with the ideals of the founders and with the objectives of the administration, may be conducted effectively at the current enrollment level of 700. This planning requires \$1,500,000 for the construction of new facilities.

Temporary and semi-permanent buildings have been completed within the past two years. These facilities have enabled the college to achieve its maximum enrollment.

However, it is these permanent facilities that are direly needed:

1. A new library building that will have a capacity of 100,000 volumes.
2. An auditorium-administration building with seating capacity for 1,200 and other space for offices and administration.
3. A student center for recreational facilities and student activity programs and entertainment.
4. A gymnasium, to fill the needs of the physical education program and to offer additional recreational facilities.
5. More dormitory housing for girls, in the form of a new wing on the present girls' dormitory.
6. A new permanent dormitory for boys.

Whether Harding College can have this new future depends very much on your interest in her work and upon the support you can give.

PARENTS, WHY DO YOU want to educate your children? The aim of all Christian parents should be "to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4). If you call in any help from the teaching profession, the responsibility still rests on you to see that these teachers have as their whole educational aim to restore each child to his rightful place as a child of God through the Gospel. All other knowledge is subsidiary, an aid to this program.

The aim of a realistic Christ-centered education is not the imparting of knowledge, but the transforming of lives from the fleshly to the spiritual nature.

The existence of a personal God is of supreme importance for any program of education. For education deals with the whole man: intellect and will, body and soul. In education any program of character-training that is not dependent upon God is not just inadequate, as we are accustomed to think, but it is false.

There can be no real separation of religious and secular education. There are facts or truths that we need to learn that are not in the Bible, but if you leave God out of that it is not only inadequate but false. It is distorted, out of focus.

God has placed two groups of facts in the world. Some He has placed here in nature to be learned through study and work. Other facts, unquestionably the most important, the ones dealing directly with eternal life, He gave in a divine revelation—the Bible. Christian education is concerned with both but in their proper relationship.

Since Christianity is most important, does that mean a Christian doesn't need to study anything except the Bible?

If we are to teach the gospel to all nations then some Christians must learn the languages of other nations. That is studying something outside the Bible. To do our part in bringing peace and good citizenship to the world we need to study other things also.

Christians are exhorted to work, to provide for their own household and provide for those in need, to be diligent in business. In the present age one cannot do this without studying other things in addition to the Bible.

So the question is not whether a Christian may learn other things beside Bible knowledge, but how much, what, and why.

Christian schools therefore are not concerned solely with a knowledge of Christian doctrine. The Christian viewpoint must permeate all education for Christians—everything from arithmetic to zoology.

Naturally there is no such thing as Christian chemistry as distinguished from objective, scientific and true chemistry taught by those not Christians. The difference is that in a chemistry class taught by a Christian there will be an awareness of and a reverence for God and spiritual values. The Christian teacher of science or math will not make the mistake of becoming so absorbed in test tubes or the multiplication table that there is no room for a higher loyalty. And the

The Meaning Of Education



By Edward G. Sewell
Principal, High School

philosophy or purpose behind any educational program is certain to leave its mark.

A school does not provide Christian education by merely assembling a collection of men calling themselves Christians. So even this would not be enough without a conscious atmosphere of Christ, an environment of prayer, faith, humility, a complete consciousness of Christ and Him crucified.

Another point worth considering is the question of the importance and nature of the person taught.

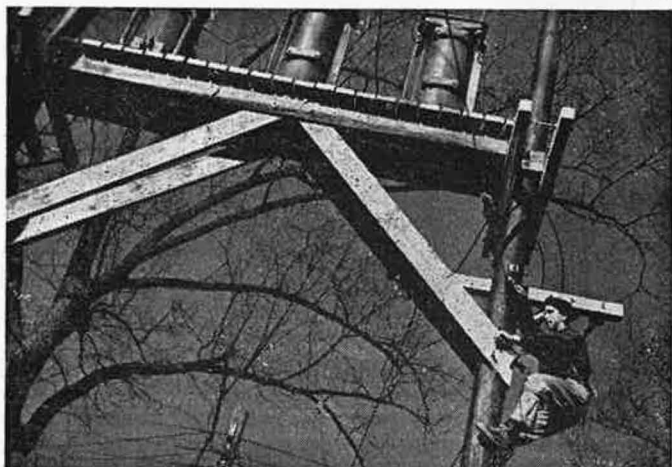
Naturally those who hold that the child is an immortal soul in a material body will differ from those who hold that the child is merely a machine or a physio-chemical combination. Those who believe with Campbell that "the earth was made for the human body; the body for the soul; and the soul for God" will differ from those who look upon a child as a bundle of stimulus-reaction bonds, or a product of the evolutionary process.

Can parents with little time and ability provide enough true education based on divine revelation to overcome the present materialistic education provided by the world? Can they do so even with the help of the usual hour or two provided by the church one day a week?

Some have gone through the public school systems and remained real Christians with the spiritual rather than the material outlook on life. There are real Christians teaching in some public schools. But remember, students in school are in their most formative years. Be sure you know what kind of teacher your child has.

If I wanted to go to Little Rock I'd rather depend on an ox cart going in the right direction, than to ride the fastest airplane in existence if it took me to the North Pole and left me there. So I would rather be going in the direction of heaven than to be wise only in ways of the world.

Christian education should not be characterized by the ox cart. The point is that the goal is of first consideration. Education cannot be neutral, it is either based upon the right philosophy or the wrong.



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