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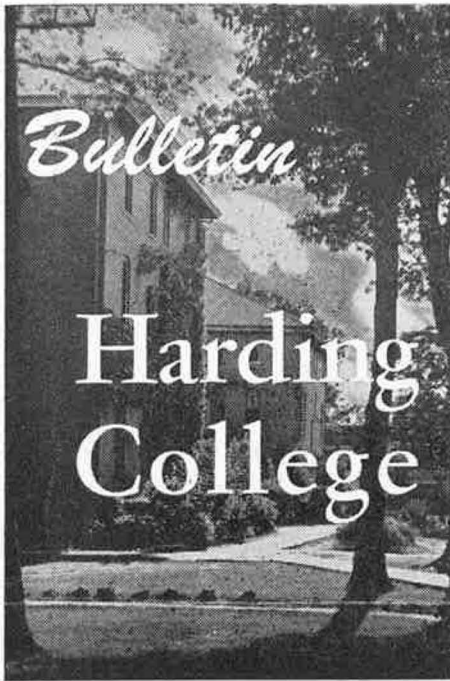
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## Building Campaign Will Continue

The closing date of the Harding College financial campaign for buildings has been extended. Dr. George S. Benson, president, said he thought it would be possible to conclude the drive in the late fall. The campaign was originally scheduled to close on June 30.

Dr. Benson said that the wide territory being covered in the funds campaign was a factor which had limited the speed with which the drive could be conducted. Some five or six large centers have not been solicited yet, Dr. Benson said. These include cities like Milwaukee, Detroit and Philadelphia.

Meanwhile, current activities are being focused on Arkansas, and especially Little Rock. It is hoped that Arkansas can furnish \$150,000 of the amount keeping the drive short of its goal. While the campaign has had excellent response and more than one million dollars has been raised, more money must come in if the building program is to achieve its goal.

Students, alumni and faculty at the college raised \$26,100 in an intensified drive which ran from March 1 to May 23. Citizens in Searcy will undertake to raise \$25,000 from local sources.

In the later stages, the campaign has become more difficult to carry on, with more money yet to be raised. College officials believe that readers of the Bulletin will be interested in helping the campaign along, with gifts as substantial as possible.

Donations may be sent in any amount to "Building Campaign," Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas.

Your contributions, large or small, may be mailed to the above address. Your gift will play an important role in making Harding College the kind of educational institution you want it to be.

## Summer Session of '48 Is Successful Quarter

Dean L. C. Sears, director of the summer school session for 1948 announces that the summer session has been a very successful and active one thus far. For the first five-week period 296 students from twenty-five states, Africa and Australia make up the largest first term summer enrollment in the history of the school.

Twenty-one members of the regular faculty are on hand for the session. Wayland James, professor of Bible and Religion, and Miss Grace Swisher, assistant professor of English and Speech, are two visiting professors here for the summer term.

Some of the activities of the regular school year have been continued into the summer. Baseball and swimming continue to be popular. A summer chorus is directed by Mrs. Florence Jewell, instructor in voice. The chorus, with student soloists, will put on a program of song one evening during the session.

Saturday night has been set aside for the entertainment of students, faculty members and anyone interested in having an enjoyable time. The activities have included picnics and hikes, a steak fry, an amateur show, a game night climaxed with a watermelon feast, and a formal banquet.

The daily chapel program continues to give an inspirational interlude to the day's routine activities. Several visitors have been guest speakers including Bro. Paul Sherrod, elder of the Broadway Church of Christ, Lubbock, Texas, who spoke about the missionary work in Germany and showed films of the Gatewood family and other missionaries, their trip to England, and the work they are doing in Germany.



*Wyatt Sawyer, camp supervisor, and Lorene Nichols, counsellor, talk over the day while camper writes in log book.*

## Young People Now Have Vacation Camp That Offers Recreation Plus Bible Study

Camp Wyldewood, a vacation Bible school camp which can take care of more than 100 boys and girls in three sessions this summer, is now in operation. It is adjacent to scenic Bee Rock near Searcy, and was built by the volunteer labor of Christians in the community.

Its Board of Directors are: Dr. W. K. Summitt, Prof. J. L. Dykes, and Prof. M. E. Berryhill, all of the college faculty.

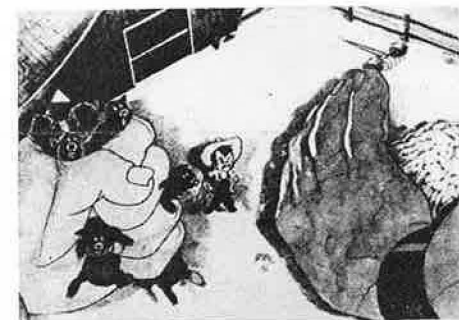
The camp was opened on June 27, and three consecutive two-week sessions are scheduled. General supervisor of the first session was Wyatt Sawyer, of the Oakcliff church, Dallas, Texas. Eight other adults volunteered their full-time assistance the first term. Counsellors are Charles Morris, Bess Harper, Maxine Grady, Ruth

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# Look Magazine Reviews Harding College Picture

Look Magazine carried in its May 4 issue at two-page full color review of the motion picture "Make Mine Freedom," a short subject which was produced under the direction of Harding College's Department of National Education.

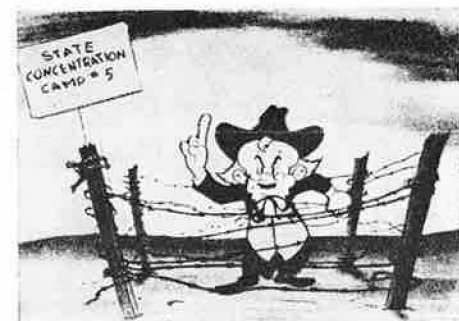
In part, the review said, "The animated cartoon is usually identified with light comedy subjects such as Donald Duck or Mickey Mouse. But Harding College of Arkansas, with John Suther-



In movie, the State tells farmer it will do his planning "from now on."

land Productions and MGM is producing animated cartoons defending the democratic way of life—though not without a light touch. . . . It's a witty and convincing attack on political 'isms!'"

The review, containing two pages of full color pictures taken from the film, gives a brief synopsis of the picture itself. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer signed a contract with Harding College several months ago for sole distribution rights

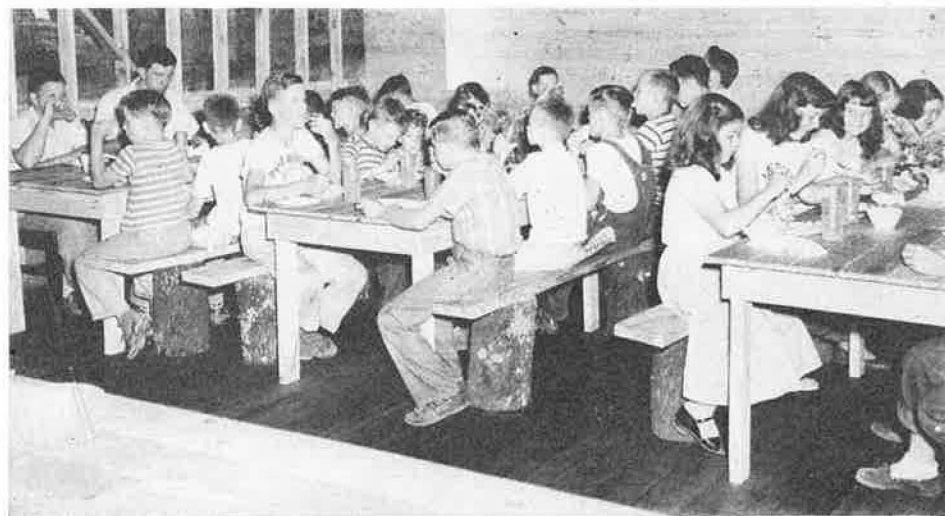


The politician, still orating, lands in concentration camp.

to the film. Harding College is not identified as producer, in the commercial version.

The movie will be shown in 10,000 motion picture theatres and will be seen by an estimated 35,000,000 persons. Various ideologies are compared with the American way of life.

Executives of MGM ordered contracts drawn up immediately after viewing the picture. MGM was the first motion picture company to see the film.



Boys and girls are hungry after a full afternoon. Supervisor Sawyer eats with the campers.

## Young People Now Have Vacation Camp

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Benson, Mary Jo Summitt, and Loren Nichols, all Harding students. Mrs. Harvey Dykes and Lorene Nichols have supervised the kitchen and dining hall service.

Facilities at the camp include a large mess hall (27 x 64 feet, plus a 10-foot porch the length of the hall), a supervisor's cabin, three large cabins for campers, and a shower-house. There is also a 157-foot well, with electric pump. Other cabins will be erected as soon as possible.

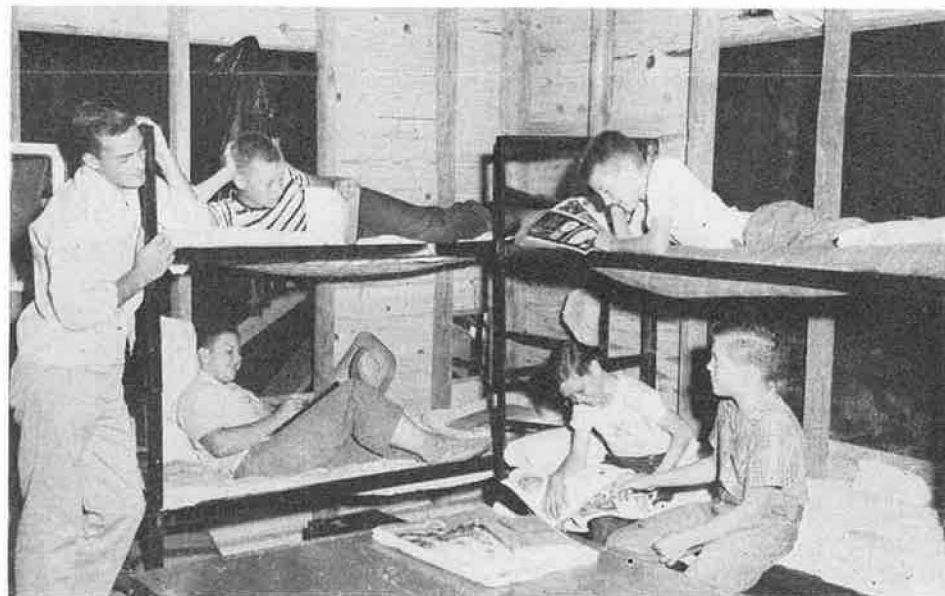
Thirty young people, ages 10 and up, attended the opening session. They came from nearby, and also from points as far away as Dallas, Texas, and New York City. Costs at Camp Wyldewood are \$14 for the two weeks, which is estimated to be the actual cost of boarding each camper.

"The camp is operated solely for the good that may be done the boys and girls who participate," said Dr. Summitt, chairman of the Board which operates the camp.

Campers go through an active daily schedule, but it offers some free time and plenty of recreation, including swimming. Campers also are scheduled for some kitchen duty and other chores.

The routine includes three Bible Classes and a singing period each day. On three nights a week, the evening Bible class is followed by evangelistic services. Each evening, a "Friendship Circle" ends the camp day.

Camp Wyldewood has been made possible by the financial support and voluntary work of Christians in Searcy, as well as those in other places who have become interested in the tremendous possibilities offered by work of this nature with young people.



Counselor Loren Nichols (standing) chats with boys during free time. Some write letters, others read.

## Mason and Foltz Travel In Extension Program

The Harding College Department of National Education added another feature to its nation-wide educational program on Americanism last fall in sending two students on a lecture tour of high schools in the east and southwest.

John Mason, graduate from Nashville, Ark., and Dick Foltz, junior student from Frackville, Pa., traveled under the sponsorship of the college in presenting programs before high school assemblies and civic clubs in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.

Mason, a tenor soloist, provided a musical program, while Foltz spoke on subjects relating to the American Way of Life. This is believed to be the first



John Mason

Dick Foltz

such type of program operated by any college.

During their 8 months tour the pair traveled approximately 20,000 miles and appeared before some 125,000 persons. Appearing chiefly in the larger cities, they were sponsored locally by chamber of commerce groups and other civic organizations. They spent two weeks in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the guests of the city Board of Education and another two weeks in St. Louis, Mo., under sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

General theme of the program was "Youth and the American Way." Mason and Foltz reported that there is a strong interest by high school students in the problems of the nation. "These young people are badly underrated by adults on their conception of Democracy," said Mason. "They have a better grasp of the possibilities of the future than many more mature people," he added.

Foltz said that the most lasting impression he received in talking to high school youth was "that they want to know more about what real Americanism really is." He said they "showed an eagerness to learn, and a desire to investigate more about our nation."

In addition to high school groups, the pair spoke to a large number of civic clubs and appeared on several radio programs.



Mr. Daggett, left, of the sponsoring group, went with the essayists. Harding's Dorothy Welch and Tommy Thompson are in center, front and back, respectively.

## Washington Trip Brings New Experiences To Harding's Student Essay Winners

The Harding College winners in the essay contest sponsored by the Arkansas Free Enterprise Association, Miss Dorothy Welch and Tommy Thompson, report that their trip to Washington was full of new and valuable experiences.

Miss Welch won \$500 first place award, and Thompson tied for second place, winning \$125. All the winners were given a trip to the nation's capitol by air.

The trip began in Little Rock, where they visited Governor Laney. At their Memphis stop, they were interviewed and photographed by the *Commercial Appeal*.

They spent three days in Washington, seeing not only the monuments and memorials, but visiting Congressmen and other officials. They had conferences with most of the Arkansas delegation and Senator Fulbright, and others. They had a White House chat with Dr. John R. Steelman, assistant to President Truman. They also participated in a radio program with Representative Gathings.

Both Harding's winners agreed that the excursion was educational and worthwhile.



The group met Dr. Steelman (center) in the White House. Miss Welch is second, and Thompson fourth, from right. Miss Virgene Robinson, of the FEA, is third from right.

**H**OW DISHEARTENING it must have been to Christ to see men turn from the real values to things that were temporal and transient, even to turn from His teaching and eternal life to barley loaves and fishes. Men have not changed much . . . still we make the terrible mistake of choosing the trivial.

Notice the pathetic question Christ placed before His apostles, the twelve he had chosen and was training for the great job of carrying the message of salvation to a dying world.

"Would ye also go away?" In other words, are you going to stumble at these difficult teachings and turn your backs on life? But Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life." Oh, the pathos of that answer. What a pitiful situation the apostles found themselves in. Jesus was not easy to follow. He was often hard to understand as he tried to reveal to them spiritual truths. But there was no one else. And here is the glorious, the joyful part of the answer. "Thou has the words of eternal life." Yes, Christ is not always easy to understand. It is often difficult to follow him. A life with Christ means sacrifice of self. "If any man would be my disciple let him deny himself. . . ." It means service and perhaps suffering: "let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." But it is still true that Christ alone has the words of eternal life.

Humanity is seeking for life, real life, the fullest, most complete life; the life that is freed from all the pain, the heartache, the suffering disappointment and anxieties that make life not really life. From the very dawn of time men have been seeking for the answers to the great problems of human existence.

Men turned to Science and education for the answers of life's great problems. And science has given us wonderful gadgets and tools that make life more comfortable here. It has given us great power over the elements and forces of nature and made it possible for us to draw on the potentials of the universe. But science has not answered the basic questions.

Education has made men able to cope with many of the circumstances of everyday existence, but here again we have made the mistake of limiting our knowledge to this present world and have ruled out of our schools the one source of divine instruction. As a result we are still groping as in the dark for the answers to life's problems. What is life? From whence did it come? Where is it going? What is the destiny of this human existence? Science is as still as the tomb. No answer comes from education.

And so we continue to struggle and flounce about in our own little minds and in our limited universe and find life still filled with mystery and doubts. I am not decrying science. I am not deriding education. They are the basis of most of our mechanical and physical progress, but they do not reach the spiritual depths toward which man's soul is striving. Nor can



## "Thou Hast the Words . . ."

By **DR. JACK WOOD SEARS**  
Head of Biology Department

they satisfy the spiritual longings within the human breast. Here Christ alone is our hope and satisfaction. It is in Christ that we find that water that is drink indeed, and that food that is meat indeed.

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life."

Ask of Christ the answers to the questions that have troubled humanity through the ages. Listen as He answers through His word. What is the purpose of life? "And He made of one all nations . . . that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him." "What shall a man profit if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" The purpose of life, then, is not fulfilled merely in physical existence but actually and only through spiritual development and growth until we become like Him: "for we shall be like Him for we shall see Him even as He is."

This understanding helps to place the proper value on things. It helps to overcome and understand pain and hardship. It helps to realize the refining value of hardship in developing human character, and so gives strength to overcome. We find in Christ that exalted life that was never overcome by things and circumstances but through all came forth victorious, gloriously overcoming all obstacles.

How much we ought to thank God for that great life but especially for the opportunity to become victorious ourselves, to overcome the difficulties that stand in our way through the grace and power of Jesus. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." No wonder, the apostle Paul could write, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice." For through the Christ our life is made full, complete, joyful.

We are lifted by His power above the imperfections of this life . . . not that we are subject to them as much as ever, but rather that he helps us to overcome them, to use them for good, as stepping stones toward Heaven rather than a pavement toward destruction.

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