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Loyd Smith

Albert von Allman

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Minutes of the Spring Meeting

by Annie May Alston

We alumni who are here on the campus during the school year look forward to Commencement Week for one particular reason—it brings you back to see us. It was good to see all of you who did come, and we missed those of you who were unable to be here. In order that you may know, however, what happened at the Alumni meeting the minutes follow:

Members of the Harding College Alumni and Ex-Student Association met in regular session June 3, 1948, immediately following graduation exercises, for banquet dinner and business meeting in the college dining hall with Clifton Ganus, Jr., president of the Alumni Association, serving as master of ceremonies.

After the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read, Joe Pryor, executive-secretary, made two requests of members—that they be prompt in payment of annual dues, and in sending to the office changes of address. His recommendation for the removal of the executive council was adopted.

Professor F. W. Mattox, sponsor of

the senior class, presented the class for membership in the Association and announced that Charles Brooks and Edna Hodge had been elected as permanent class president and secretary-treasurer respectively. Clifton Ganus extended a cordial welcome to the seniors.

Dr. Benson urged regular payment of alumni dues in order to print and distribute the **Alumni Reflector** and to meet the premiums on our insurance policies. He also stated that we want at Harding the following traditions established: that every alumnus will return yearly if it is possible; that all members of graduating classes will make a concentrated effort to return every five years, and that the 25th reunion of classes be marked by some presentation of the class to the college.

The following officers were elected:

President—Clifton Ganus, Jr.
Vice-president—C. W. Bradley
Secretary-Treasurer—Annie May Alston
Executive-Secretary—Kern Sears

Meeting adjourned.

Retires from Active Teaching

by Dr. and Mrs. Ray Stapleton

With the closing of the school year 1948 Mrs. J. N. Armstrong, dean emeritus of women, counselor, playwright, and teacher, retired from active classroom teaching at Harding College. Since her early years as daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Harding, and later as wife of the late President Emeritus J. N. Armstrong, she has participated in Christian education work from almost every angle. She has served so long and in so many capacities that some remember her for quite different reasons than others.

Students of recent years think of Mrs. Armstrong primarily as a teacher of speech and on Sunday as Bible school teacher, while those who have known her longer see her as a counselor, an organizer, and teacher who would tackle problems of any magnitude.

In the early years of Harding College when a few leaders bore the great burdens now divided among many, Mrs. Armstrong supervised each year the preparation of buildings for the new session while men were soliciting students and funds with which to carry on. As manager of the College Club she planned the menu, and often went to the kitchen herself to try out a new recipe.

It was Mrs. Armstrong who sponsored the projects for raising money with which to buy furniture and rugs for the reception halls of a girls' dormitory, seats for a new auditorium, and many other pieces of equipment. The winding walks, trailing shrubs, and inviting shade which characterized Harding's earlier campuses were first envisioned by Mrs. Armstrong.

Although deeply interested in these physical aspect of life, Mrs. Armstrong was interested as well in that which is religious and cultural. As



Mrs. J. N. Armstrong

counselor and dean of women she has left many a lesson with students who are now parents of young people in the present student body. She has always instructed and inspired debaters and preachers in public speaking. As a dramatic enthusiast she directed plays and operettas and encouraged the taste for entertainment of the very highest cultural type. Her sense of dramatic appropriateness is most unusual.

It is, perhaps, as teacher of speech that Mrs. Armstrong has been known to more students through the years. The Campus Players group was organized during the years she was most active in dramatic work, and the Speech Festival was the crowning event of her speech-teaching days.

Indeed, Mrs. Armstrong is a woman of great versatility, one who has excelled always in a number of different fields. She has few rivals in each of her interests, and when they are all taken together, who can name her equal?

Let's Turn the Clock Back

by Kern Sears

When old students come "home" for a visit it is like turning the clock back for a little while. For a few hours you re-live old days, and think of things you had almost forgotten, those things you really would not forget for the world.

Those of you that were in school during the time from 1928-32 see if you can identify the pictures of the two camera fans on the cover. Sure, its Loyd Smith, '30, and Albert von Allman, '32. Both were back for a visit about the middle of July.

Loyd was holding a meeting at Martinville, Ark., where he held his very first meeting and helped establish the congregation while he was in school at Harding. While at Martinville, he ran over to Searcy for a visit. It was good he and "Von" got together. (You never can tell whom you will find here when you come back for a visit.)

You should have heard them talking about the "good ole days" when they "Stole Louis Foster's marriage license," or the time they put the wasp nest in Lindsey's bed, or was it Crawford's, and all the thousand and one things that happened, the launching of the Sub T-16, of which they were charter members, and so on and so on.

You will have to get out your Petit Jeans to see all that they were into, and they were into a lot. Loyd was a Sub T, a Pioneer (this club died out a few years later) and a debater. He also helped on the business end of the Petit Jean for '30, and was president of the senior class.

Back in the calendar of the '30 annual there are these cryptic words, "Miss Peebles and Loyd Smith spring their surprise." Beuna Peebles, R. N., was the nurse that year. What the surprise was, now, many of us may

only guess, but since they were married a short while afterward who knows but what there might be some connection between the two?

Since graduation in the Spring of '30, Loyd and Beuna have spent several years in Fresno, California with the church work there, and are now at Lawton back in his home state, Oklahoma. He has a daily radio program at Lawton in addition to his regular Sunday work.

"Von" is teaching science in the Louisville, Kentucky, public schools, back in his home town. Those of you that knew him might not have been suprised if you had heard he was a coach, but instead he teaches science. He probably would have made a good coach considering his athletic record at Harding.

"Von" got into athletics, about everything in the way of athletics, as soon as he came to Harding. His second year in school the football team lost only one game, and the basketball team piled up 361 points to 273 for the opposing teams combined. In baseball he was developing into one of the best "southpaws" we ever had to sling them over the plate. Some of you may remember that slowball specialty of his. All but the football held up like that all the time he was in school, but it became increasingly obvious that a small school to play winning football would have to "buy" its players, so the year he graduated Harding did away with football.

Now here's a puzzle. Both of these men are photography enthusiasts; both own still cameras and both own movie cameras; one doesn't care a snap about taking still shots, and one doesn't care a snap about taking movies. Here's the puzzle: which is which?

Future Students of Harding

Do you know the names of the children of your old school mates? I doubt if you even know some of them exist, unless you are better writers than I am. "Such things ought not so to be." Beginning in the next issue we want to run short articles about various alumni and ex-students who have future Harding students in the family now. With each article we want to be able to run a family picture showing you who have children and the children from whom we should be reserving rooms for some time in the future. To do this we would like for each one of you to

send us a family picture that we may keep on file in the alumni office. Be sure to tell us who each person in the picture is and how old each of the children is. Tell us what your are doing now or anything else that would be of interest to those friends of yours of college days.

Remember we cannot print your picture unless you send it to us, and if you would like to see the pictures of Jane's or Jim's or Bill's children, they want to see yours, and so do we. Let's have the pictures, what do you say?

While We Take Your Picture, You Take Ours

Several of the alumni and ex-students who returned to the campus for a visit this summer have brought their cameras with them. Some were still cameras for snap-shots and some were movie cameras for action shots. It is not that we want to get into the movies or anything, but we do want you to have something to continually remind you of what the place looks

like. Pictures, still or action, will help to keep Harding close to you. That is why we want you to bring your cameras. Then we want to get your pictures when you come to visit the school again. Several this summer came and went before we could get pictures, but we will try not to let that happen very much.

Richard Chandler, '44

Richard Chandler, '44, who was interested in Boy Scout work while in school has turned a hobby into a profession. He obtained the Graduate Certificate from the National Training School for Professional Leaders

in Scouting in 1945. In 1947 he received the First Degree in Scout Executives Growth Program. Richard is living now in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Opal Matthews Nunneley, '33

Opal Matthews Nunneley, '33, who come from a family of doctors at Morrilton and who finished nurse's Fayetteville. Arkansas.

training herself in '36 at the West Suburbon Hospital School of Nursing in Oak Park, Illinois is now living in

And Back Some More

There have been a great many changes in Harding since Glide Poplin and Stella Marshall were in school; most of them, we hope, for the better. For one thing, Glide and Stella will agree with many of us that college students are getting younger all the time. At least that is the way they looked to them when they were through here for a visit in July.

For some time now they have been in Santa Rosa, California, where he keeps a Sunday radio program going, and then goes to Graton to preach for the church there regularly. That is his business now, but to pay expenses of the business he is the manager of a chicken ranch out from Santa Rose. At the ranch they raise about 240,000 broilers a year. Glide is one preacher who likes chicken.

The Poplins have three children. Helen, the oldest, will be here in school this fall. She graduated from

Junior College at Santa Rosa where she was an assistant librarian. We will be glad to have her here with our other second generation Harding students; we think that is where they belong.

Arlene, 18, has not quite made up her mind to come all this way to go to school yet, but we hope she will soon decide to join her sister. Neither of the girls came with their parents on their visit back to Harding, but Billy, 13, came along with his movie camera to take back a record of his trip. He is ready for Pacific Christian Academy this year. That will make him a potential Harding student about four years from now.

With Glide and Stella where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. J. Poplin, all of them on their way to Tennessee where Glide is to be engaged in meeting work for a few weeks.

Glide Billy Stella



Arlene



Helen

Dean Sears and Dr. Summitt Attend Workshop

Dean Sears and Dr. Summitt have attended the Workshop programs sponsored by the North Central Association at the Universities of Minnesota and Chicago this summer. The program, started by the North Central Association several years ago, has as its aim improvement of instruction in colleges and universities. The particular problems being worked out for Harding College are the development of a Humanities course in the field of general education, and steps to improve instruction on the campus. It may be quite gratifying to alumni that these two who have

"poured it on" so many students in the past are taking some of their own medicine this summer. But it is also hoped that they will bring the inspiration of the workshop back to the college, and that groups of the faculty will be engaged during the winter session in study and research for the improvement of the curriculum and instruction here. Both report that the opportunities for research, for contact with specialists, and for exchange of ideas with representatives from many different colleges and universities make the workshop program of great value to all who attend them.

Malcom Hinckley, Ex. '36, obtained his B. S. in L. S. after leaving Harding and for a while was Assis-

tant Librarian at George Pepperrine College. He is now preaching for the church in Wichita, Kansas.

President Benson Honored

President Benson was signally honored by Knox College of Galesburg, Illinois, when they conferred upon him the LL.D. degree at their annual commencement service, June 14, 1948. Knox College, established as a nondenominational institution in 1836, has had a long and distinguished

history among American colleges and universities. The honor conferred upon President Benson was in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the field of national education and his contribution to a better understanding of our American way of life and its democratic freedoms.

Lt. Sam W. Peebles

by Dean L. C. Sears

The body of Lt. Sam W. Peebles, alumnus of 1938, was returned to this country for burial at his home, Smyrna, Tennessee, on July 24, 1948. Dean L. C. Sears conducted the funeral services.

Lt. Peebles was killed on his twenty-eighth birthday at 11 P.M., Nov. 22, 1944. He had been sent to England with a group of officers for special training as an instructor in night flying. More than half the small group of officers in training had been killed, but Sam had completed the course and was to return to this country. On the night of the 22nd, however, a call for volunteers to combat an attack of V-Bombs coming

over the Channel. Sam was one of the first to volunteer, and he waved encouragement to his comrades as he ran to his plane and started his flight. Only a few minutes after he left the field, however, both engines failed and the plane crashed.

Sam had made an excellent record in his work. He took an active interest in debating and dramatics and especially in journalism. He was an active member of the Poetry Club and editor of the *Bison*. After leaving Harding he served as a reporter on the *Nashville Tennessean* and was later employed in the Farm Security Administration at Washington.

The Peebles Memorial Scholarship

Friends of Lt. Peebles, knowing his love for his Alma Mater and his interest in establishing a scholarship which would assist boys who had to come up through financial difficulties as he had, voluntarily decided to carry out his plan as a tribute to his courage and unselfishness. Various friends and members of his family

have contributed, and the fund now totals \$1,500. The interest from the fund is available each year as a scholarship for some student who needs the aid. It is hoped that other friends of Sam will help to increase the fund until it can accomplish something of the service which he had dreamed of for it.

Alumni Return to Teach

This fall several of Harding's alumni are to return to school, this time to be on the giving end of the teaching business.

While so many large colleges and universities are grinding out graduates with a dull outlook on college life, who consider school work a bad job to be finished as quickly as possible, Harding somehow still fills young people with a love for the

college atmosphere which makes them want to stay as long as possible and to return at every opportunity. We take this as a matter of course, but it is not a common thing. It must be because teachers here have always had vision and hope which when coupled with love for young people, give them a reason for teaching. Many "wise" professors today have no reason for teaching at all.

Don Healy, '42

Many of you know Don Healy. Don majored in History, receiving his degree in 1942. A year later he married Francis Ray who transferred here from Lipscomb in the fall of '42. Don obtained his M.A. Degree from George Peabody College in 1945, teaching in Peabody while taking his work there. For the past few years he has been with the North Alabama Bible School (Athens Bible School), so although he will be a new teacher here, he has had several years experience and is not new to the job as it is done in the Christian school work.

Last September, as many of you

have heard, Francis died. After her death Don has felt a change would be advisable, so he and his daughter, Suzanne, 4, will be here with us.

We are expecting him to be a valuable asset to our work, not only because the courses in the social sciences are crowded with students and the need for teachers for them has therefore increased, but primarily because the need is always great for men with the highest of ideals and who can inspire college men and women with those ideals. We believe Don can.

Gladys Walden Walkup, '46

Gladys Walden obtained her B.S. in home economics from Harding in 1946 with the intension of teaching. This goal required additional work if she was to do the kind of job she wanted to do. It was with this in mind that she went to Louisiana State University to obtain the Masters degree.

While at Louisiana State, Gladys has a research fellowship in biochemistry under which she worked on foods and nutrition, a subject that was eventually to become her major. With a major in foods and nutrition

and a minor in biochemistry she should be a valuable addition to the faculty here at Harding.

Gladys was graduated from Louisiana State University this past spring, and a few days later married Thomas Walkup, whom she had known back here at Harding. Thomas was in the army for several years, but is now completing his work here. The two will be here next fall when Gladys will start her work with Mrs. S. A. Bell in the Home-Economics Department.

Bagnetto Added to Chemistry Staff

by Dr. Joseph Pryor

During the school year 1945-46 almost everyone who came to the campus would see a tall, slender young fellow dashing about over the campus with a camera, tripod and light meter. He was the student photographer for the PETIT JEAN and his name was Lucien Bagnetto from New Orleans, Louisiana, a senior majoring in chemistry.

Lucien received a fellowship in the chemistry department of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge following graduation at Harding and has just completed the requirements for the M.S. degree in chemistry, receiving his degree this August. He is a member of the American Chemical Society. September, Lucien will return to his alma mater, Harding, to serve as instructor in the department of chemistry and physics. Other members of this department are Drs. Kern Sears and Joe Pryor.

"Preparation of Fluorine Substituted Derivatives of Phenol" is the title of the thesis Lucien submitted. He succeeded in preparing the difluoro derivative. During his entire stay at L. S. U. he held a fellowship and assisted at different times, in the general chemistry, qualitative anal-

ysis and quantitative analysis laboratories.

While pursuing his graduate study, Lucien remained active in church work, preaching every Sunday. During the fall of 1946, he preached in Houma, La. Early in 1947 he began work with a small group in Bogalusa, La., and in December of this year assisted in starting a congregation in Hammond, La., preaching there in the afternoon as he returned from Bogalusa.

An important event in Lucien's life took place on March 26, 1948, in the home of George O'Neal, a member of the board of trustees of Harding, in Hugo, Okla., when he was united in marriage to Miss Jo O'Neal of Oklakoma City, Okla. Jo was a member of the 1948 graduating class of Harding.

Lucien was outstanding in extra-curricula activities at Harding. He was prominent in choral work and was very active in the intra-mural athletic program. He served two years as laboratory assistant in chemistry and was student photographer for the PETIT JEAN his senior year. He was a member of the Sub-T club.

Grayson and Ellis Returning

Robert C. Grayson of Nashville, Tennessee, and Frank N. Ellis of Meaford, Ontario, Canada, both alumni of 1947, are returning as Assistant Professors in the English department

Harvey Riggs, '25, whom most of the students of Harding of any year know because of his faithful visits to his alma mater (I wish all alumni

at Harding this fall. Since receiving their degrees here both have attended George Peabody College and have received their Masters with majors in English.

could return as frequently) is living in Owensboro, Ky., and preaching for the East Owensboro church of Christ.

Trip to Cuba and Gutemala for Contest Winners

The winners of the contest sponsored by Brother C. L. Ganus, President of the Board, have already been announced to all of you by letter, I believe. Now, however, the trips promised them for their raising the most money for the building fund are over, and they have settled back to normal living like the rest of us. I am sure the trip to Cuba and to Guatemala and back to New Orleans must have been some fun. That sort of thing can never be described; it has to be experienced to be appreciated. Yet, that all of us may know a little of what happened to the lucky - and hard working - winners, we have a part of a letter here that was written by Mrs. Jimmy Ganus (Doris Johnson, '47).

"June 19 four of us, Margurite O'Banion, Lois Benson, James and Doris Ganus, left on our eleven day cruise which had been awarded us for raising funds for the building campaign. Several came to see us off. This was the First trip of this kind for most of us so we were all very excited.

"It took eight hours to get to the Gulf of Mexico and we found it rather peaceful. The moon came out full to celebrate our first night at sea. "Our first stop was Havana. The

Nelson Gardner, '28, who is in the farm implement business, now owns a new, modern building with good equipment for implement repair in Las Animas, Colorado. For a number of years after his graduation Nelson taught school, working his way up

We will have to wait to report the contributions received since the Spring bulletin until our Secretary-Treasurer, Annie May, returns from

ducted tour over the city. We visited the main places of interest and found the homes to be especially beautiful. Their capitol building was very first day we were taken on a con-elaborate. The next day we visited a plantation where we saw the main crops of Cuba growing. An exhibition cock fight was given for our benefit. The third day we took a motor boat across the bay to the old Morro Castle. The torture chamber and prison cells were very impressive looking.

"Thursday morning we left for Guatemala. The sea was no longer so calm and peaceful. We spent Friday in bed. Maybe there is something to this talk about sea-sickness. Our time was very limited in Guatemala, but we spent one day inland. We visited large banana plantations and watched them cut the bananas. We also saw the Maya ruins. This was a very hot but interesting day.

"Sunday night we left for home. The trip home was spent in taking advantage of the games offered on the ship and talking about what we had seen, which we'll be doing for some time, I'm sure.

"It was a wonderful eleven days. I can think of no better way to spend a vacation."

to the position of superintendent. But for some reason farming and farm implements has won him away from the teaching profession. From all appearances he is a man that can do an excellent job in either place.

her Summer's work at Northwestern University. It seems she ran off with the information, but we will hope not with the money.

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IMPORTANT

If the address below is not correct or will soon be changed ; please drop a card to Alumni Association, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, giving the correct information. Or, if you know an alumnus or an ex-student with whom we have lost contact, please send us the correct address of such a one. We want to keep in touch with all, but we need your help.

Dean & Mrs. L. C. Sears
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