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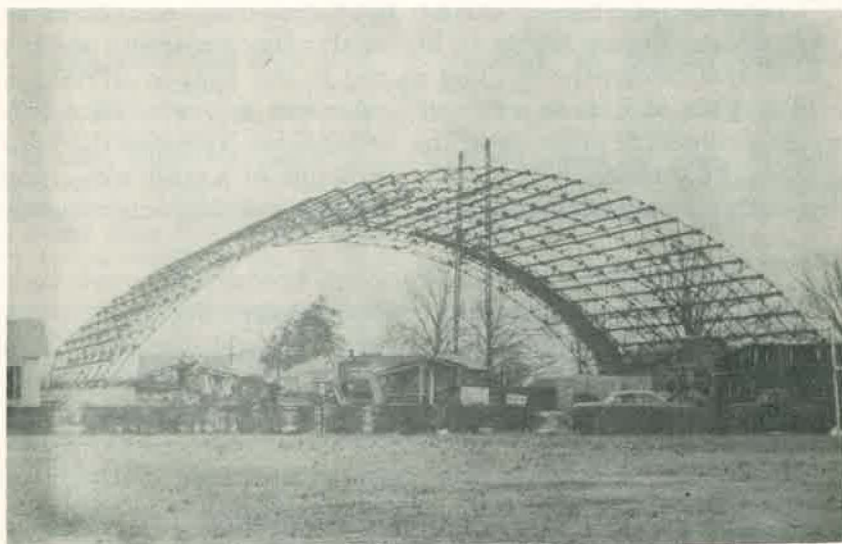
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# *Bulletin* HARDING COLLEGE

Searcy, Arkansas

# Harding Reflector & Alumni News



**This Steel Rainbow Has a Gymnasium At The End**

**WINTER 1949**

## OFFICERS

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## President Benson Honored at Chamber of Commerce Meeting

### College Receives \$30,520 Gift From Searcy

The Searcy Chamber of Commerce at a dinner January, 21 honoring President Benson and the college faculty presented to the institution a gift of \$30,520 for the building program, with the suggestion that several hundred more would be added later. In making the presentation Mr. Oren Vaughn, Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, complimented President Benson highly on his outstanding leadership and the national recognition he had gained in the field of education. He spoke of him as a "great leader and a great American". He praised the progress of the college and expressed the hope that the meeting might be the beginning of a much closer and warmer relationship between the college and the community.

In receiving the gift President Benson expressed deep appreciation for the generous support Searcy had given to the endowment campaign and the equally liberal contribution to the building fund. He mentioned the buildings which are being planned, and expressed the belief that with some additional gifts he expected from other places the objective of \$1,500,000 would soon be attained. He spoke with sincere gratitude of the friendship of the city, and expressed the hope that the relations between the school and the community would continue to grow closer through the years.

The entire college faculty were honored as guests of the Chamber, in which many of the teachers also hold membership. Music was furnished by Harding students under the direction of Mrs. Florence Fletcher Jewell.

## PICTURE OF B. F. RHODES Placed in Auditorium by Clifton Ganus, Jr.

Something new has been added to the Auditorium. Perhaps you remember that a year ago last spring Bob Hawkins purposed that a picture of Bro. Rhodes be hung in the auditorium. Members of the Alumni Association contributed the necessary money and made arrangements with a concern to make an enlargement that would match the picture of Bro. Armstrong.

Shortly before Christmas the pic-

ture was received. In a chapel service of dedication, James D. Bales told the assembly of Bro. Rhodes as he knew him and called upon us all to imitate his unselfish service and undying faith.

The pictures of Bro. Rhodes, Armstrong, Harding, and Lipscomb remind us daily of our debt to the past and our responsibility to the future. These men gave themselves to the Lord—let us do the same.

## Mattox Publishes Book on Religious Education

At a time when there is so much interest in the subject of religion in the public school as there is during this period of world change, and in some places, explosive disintegration, it is well to have a detailed study of the problem in book form. Such a book has been given to the world by one of our teachers here at Harding. The following account of the book is taken from the *Bison*.

George Peabody College for Teachers has announced the publication of a book by Dr. F. W. Mattox: *The*

### Teaching of Religion in Public Schools.

"This book was originally my doctors dissertation," stated Dr. Mattox, dean of men, "It deals with arguments for and against teaching religion in the public schools."

Dr. Mattox said that he gathered all the information that has been presented since the World War I, presented the affirmative side, then following it with the negative. After this he drew his own conclusions as to the solution.

## Clovis Crawford '40 by Margaret Smart Denham,, '47

Clovis Crawford, a native of Nashville, Arkansas, came to Harding in 1942 and graduated in 1945 with a major in Bible and Social Science. He taught for a year at Dasher Bible School in Valdosta, Georgia, and spent the next two years in Nashville, Tennessee, working on his Master's at George Peabody College.

In September of last year, Clovis went to Hoskinston, Kentucky, to become principal of the grade school and high school there, which is

supervised by members of the church of Christ. The school is state-supported in that it must maintain the educational standards put forth by the State, but they are allowed to teach Bible daily. They have about 80 students in the High school.

Clovis visited Harding a few weeks ago, and was very anxious to have teachers come to Hoskinston to assist in the urgent work there. This may be the opportunity for which many of you are looking.

## Woodrow C. Whitten Visits Campus

by James D. Bales, '36

Just before Christmas holidays we were pleasantly surprised by the appearance of Woodrow C. Whitten on the campus. Woodrow had come to Memphis to spend the holidays with his family. He was drawn to Harding not only by pleasant memories of four years of undergraduate work in this institution, but also by the presence here of his sister and brother-in-law, Leslie and Corine Burke, and the fact that most of the present faculty members are either his former

teachers or former schoolmates.

Woodrow is at present the head of the History Department in George Pepperdine College in Los Angeles. He was appointed this position after securing his M. A. from Peabody College, and his Ph.D. from the University of California.

It was good to have you in our midst again, Woodrow, come again—and sooner, for hithertofore your visits have been too far apart.

## I Was a Little Late

I was a little late in paying my dues to the alumni association while I was right here at Harding. But when I read the following letter Annie May received from Frank Curtis I resolved not to be late again. If he can be prompt over in

China with all the troubles the missionaries have there in these days, I certainly can pay mine on time, when all I have to do is stop Annie May on the walk some time or drop in at the library.

December 20, 1948

Alumni and Ex-Student Association  
Harding College  
Searcy, Arkansas  
Miss Annie May Alston  
Secretary and Treasurer

Dear Miss Alston,

From the heading of this letter, you would think there were important business involved. However it is quite the contrary. This is to let you know your letter of October the 20th has arrived in China safely.

I am sorry that you have a dislike for November and June. I hope Santa Claus was good enough to you in December which will enable you to stand the shock in June. If you have a good 4th of July celebration then you should be able to stand another November. Lest you weaken enclosed you will find \$5.00 for the Alumni Association. I feel real cheap sending such a small sum so I am enclosing for your personal use a \$5,000.00 bill.

Wishing each one at Harding a Merry Holliday Season and much happiness through the coming years.

Sincerely yours,  
Frank B. Curtis

## ZELMA BELL'S ANTE-OVER

by Inez Pickens, '46

Miss Bell could have chosen no better time than the Christmas season for the presentation of her book, *Ante-Over*. The delights of childhood are remembered and retold with such charm that the problems of adult life seem to grow less difficult. There is a feeling that the author has expressed our own emotions even as her spirit is revealed.

Often the "sales talk" on the book jacket is greatly exaggerated, but I can wholeheartedly agree with the following:

"These are personal and intimate poems. We always like to read such a collection because its revelation of personality—often more candid and true than can be gained by direct contact—and because of the opportunity it affords to know a fellow human being. None but the most far-gone introvert would reckon this an unimportant privilege, particularly if our new acquaintance evidences that are conducive to kindredness of mind and spirit. To one who reads with receptiveness and understanding, there is almost always much enrichment to be had from this poetry which is private in nature and seeks expression in answer to a compelling inner necessity.

The poet writes of many things which have moved her—a sunset, the spectacle of war, a child, hospital walls, the beauty of snow. Unaffected and sincere she reveals a sensitiveness to the world about her, a social consciousness and the possession of a mature faith:

"Oh God,  
The beauty of this spring  
Renews my winter-weakened faith.  
Again I know the world is yours  
And I a vital part  
Of this, your handicraft."



Zelma Bell

Miss Bell, now Dean of Women, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, attended Vanderbilt and Columbia Universities. She studied poetry under Donald Davidson at Vanderbilt and Leonora Speyer at Columbia.

During the war, Miss Bell was a WAVE, serving in the field of Public Relations which sent her traveling throughout the South.

She has had poetry in newspapers and magazines since she was in High School. Three anthologies of verse have included her poetry. She has been a member of the Roundtable Poets and the Harding Poetry Forum."

—The Exposition Press - New York (Editor's note—And just a little plug for the book; it sells for \$2.00, and if your favorite bookshop doesn't have it, you may write to Zelma about it here at Harding.)

## HARDING'S NEW GYMNASIUM

by M. E. Berryhill, '34

An unusual amount of interest is being shown by students and townspeople in construction to the east of the main campus. This interest is centered on the erection of the new gymnasium, a large oval building, one hundred sixty-two feet in length by one hundred forty-eight feet in width.

I am sure you alumni will be interested in the activities which will be housed in this structure. The gym will be complete with dressing rooms for girls, college and high school boys and faculty. One large and two small equipment rooms will house playground and gym apparatus. Two classrooms will adequately care for regular class work and in addition one room will be equipped with modern apparatus to be used in a special course in Corrective Physical Education under the direction of Hugh Rhodes.

A skating rink one hundred twenty feet by thirty feet will be located on the south side. The area above the skating rink will be used for seating approximately eight hundred persons. Additional seating capacity for approximately twelve hundred can be arranged on the north side if needed. The main floor of the gymnasium will be laid with maple and will accommodate three large basketball courts, six volleyball courts, nine badminton courts, six shuffleboard alleys and one full size indoor softball diamond.

Offices for the director of boys' Physical Education, director of high school Physical Education and Prac-



tice Teaching and director of girls' Physical Education will be located near the main entrance.

The building was purchased from a Chicago construction company upon the recommendation of Dr. Jardine McKerlie after conferring with Dr. Benson and the Physical Education staff. The size of the building and the arrangement of facilities will enable the school to offer its students a program of activities unexcelled anywhere. In addition to the regular activity classes in Physical Education at least one to two hours will be devoted to open play daily. At these hours anyone may come and engage in the activity which best fits his or her need. Regular hours for skating will be scheduled. It will be possible to double participation in intra-mural play by using only sixty-seven per cent of the time now devoted to that activity.

## BALES AND BOOKS

by Annie May Alston

Harding is fortunate to have as the head of its Bible department a man whose knowledge of books in the field of religion and related subjects is as extensive as that of J. D. Bales.

Yet with a full schedule of classes, which this quarter include Preparation of Sermons, the Shorter Epistles, Christian Evidences, Comparative Religions, Churches and Creeds, and Religious Debating, he still finds time to win himself the reputation of being the only preacher extant who has written more than he has read.

To his growing list of publications he now adds two titles—*Roots of Unbelief* and *Christian, Contend for*

*Thy Cause*. The first, a recent offering of The Old Paths Book Club, is the beginning of a proposed series on Christian Evidences. It is written "to assist the sincere unbeliever in his search for truth and to help him see the attitudes and ideas which now blind him to the light of the gospel."

The second title, to which the author brings much practical experience, is designed to encourage better debating among those who engage in public religious discussion and to enable all Christians to more readily give answer to every man that asketh them for a reason concerning the hope which is within them. (I Pet. 3:15).

## Robert Rowland (Ex. '46)

by Lucien Bagnetto, '46

Robert Rowland recently visited the Harding campus. His home was in Madera, California, when he came to Harding for the school year 1943-44. He returned to California to attend George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles. When a group of Pepperdine students and others from the West Coast Region decided to hold a Summer campaign in Alaska, Bob went too. Upon his return to school he decided he would go back to Alaska to do mission work, and in June of 1947 he did so.

His purpose for being on the campus the seventh of January was to speak in chapel and to show color films of the Alaskan mission work. Since the work began, a new church building has been completed in Juneau with the members doing almost all of the labor themselves. This was done in the late evening after the members returned from their regular work. It was interesting to learn that during the Summer months, the workers could work as

late as ten-thirty in the evening by the light of the sun. Other plans, accomplishments, and opportunities were emphasized.

Bob is touring various parts of the nation hoping to create more interest by encouraging Christians to move there, make their homes and help in the work of saving souls with a congregation that has almost become self-supporting. He pointed out that there were nearby towns which had no churches of any kind. These places were looking for ministers who could also teach in the schools as a means of support. There are great opportunities in Alaska.

Bob and his wife are happily engaged in the Alaskan work. He helps support himself by working part time in the lumber-mill, which is Juneau's largest industry. While at Harding, Bob was a member of the press club; he took part in intramurals, and preached regularly on Sundays.

## Kenneth Davis Sings for Us Again

by Kern Sears

January 6, Kenneth Davis, Jr., ex. '40, and Miss Wanda Lee Saxon of Little Rock were presented in joint recital by the Department of Music of Harding College. It seemed like old times having Kenneth back to sing for us. He first came to Harding when his parents moved from Dallas, Texas, to Morrilton. He was in the sixth grade at the time. He stayed with us through the rest of his grade school and high school work and throughout two years of College, during which time he became increasingly interested in music. For his last two years of college work he transferred to the Virgin Islands for more training in voice.

After his graduation, he worked about a year for Interstate Circuit Corporation as a mail clerk, a job that did not let him use much of his musical training. Then came a three and a half year stretch in the Marine Corps. Two years of this time he was overseas in the Pacific area. Three times the report went out that he was killed. Once another marine, First Lieutenant Kenneth Davis, Jr. was killed on the same island where he was stationed. The coincidence is uncanny, the same name, both of them juniors, and the same rank. A second time he fell overboard twenty feet to a concrete dock. It seems that some of his gear, maybe it was landing gear since they were leaving the ship,

became tangled, overbalanced him, and sent him over onto the dock. A third time the report got out that he was dead when he was wounded.

After leaving the Marine Corps, he and a friend in Dallas, started a recording studio and kept it going for about a year, then went into the wedding business. These two with two or three others formed a wedding service organization, the first of its kind in Dallas, that took care of all the details of weddings except the choosing of the bride (or groom). They furnished the music, did the catering, provided the flowers, etc., etc. This was all made possible by the fact that each one in the company was a specialist at one phase of the business, was a baker, musician, florist, or something that satisfied directly the needs of a business like that.

After spending two and a half years with the company of which he is still vice-president, Kenneth went to Westminster Choir College at Princeton, N. J. Since last September he has been studying voice there and singing in the Westminster Choir. It was in the choir that Kenneth met Miss Saxon, and it was through mutual friends that the program was arranged here. The two singers were accompanied by Miss Saxon's sister, Rece Saxon Price, who recently founded the Civic Light Opera in Little Rock.

## Lloyd Sweat '25

Lloyd Sweat attended Harding in 1924-25, the first year the college was at Morrilton, after spending three years at Freed-Hardeman College where he roomed in the home of Dr. Summitt's parents when Dr.

Summitt, our Registrar, was just a boy himself. Lloyd is a veterinarian and a stock dealer now living at Weldon, Arkansas, where he also does some farming when he has time.

## LETTERS HOLD THIS CLASS TOGETHER

Several of the graduating classes for the past few years have chosen a permanent secretary and, in some cases, a president. These two officers have responsibility of more or less keeping the class united. The class of '42 was the first of these so far as I know, and every year a class letter is written to every member. The letter is composed of short letters written by each one in the class to the secretary; then they are compiled and mailed to the whole class. It is really a fine way of keeping in touch with people with whom you would otherwise lose track. I am here taking the liberty of passing on to the rest of the alumni association quotations from two of the letters.

**Iris Merritt Elder**,—"I hope you will have to send my (reminder) card in June next year - so that I can reply and have it back in the states by Christmas. I can hardly believe we are actually starting (to Africa). We have nearly half of our travel fund, our Jeep, but as yet no sponsor. We are working hard at it though and pray that the Lord will open the hearts of the right people.

"Last May I took the State Board Examination for Registered Licens-ed Practical Nurse. It was taken after 100 hours of instruction and resembled the freshman tests we once took. Remember? Dr. Hawkins has been very kind and given me special work in obstetrics and minor surgery....

"My sister, Ruth, is living with us this year, and then she will be

on her own. We have a little house on the lot east of Lawyer's, a cat, a mother cocker-spaniel, and six puppies, and seven hens. We have quite a family."

**Arthur Moody**,—"Blanche and I brought Arthur Francis and Mary Kay back from Anchorage, Alaska, in April, and we've settled for a while in Goldendale, Washington... We stayed in Anchorage until the church had finished paying for the property it purchased and now I'm preaching full time for the congregation here in Goldendale.

"Blanche is the receptionist at the local hospital enabling us to keep tab on sick folks. There aren't too many sick folk around, it seems, even though they have six or eight men who've died of heart attacks in the past few weeks. Maybe they have been fishing too strenuously in the Columbia river and the Klickitat streams or tramping over the mountains too much hunting deer or working too hard on the sawmills and on their ranches. Right now I'm being careful about getting any blisters on my hands shoveling snow. We've had snow for over a week and it looks like it'll just keep coming....

"Our kids are a problem when it comes to reading stories. We have it solved though by using our magnetic tape recorder, with records the ones they want to hear and then tells them as often as they want to listen. We don't mind the phonograph records being broken either since we have it all recorded on tape and don't have to buy duplicates."

## JUST A NOTE

I have long intended to write all the alumni and ex-students, but being a procrastinator of the first water, I didn't get around to it. I know the road to—somewhere I don't want to go—is paved with good intentions, so the only thing for me to do is either give up my good intentions or write. Yet I don't even know how to start a letter to so many people at one time. I guess I could start it: Dear folks,

The Thanksgiving program was a very good one, and many of you helped to make it that way. I wish I could have written all of you that came to be with us during that time, thanking you for being here. For it is the return of old students as much as the good lectures that make the annual Thanksgiving meeting the inspiration that it always is.

Christmas is over, too, and I am always thankful when the students and faculty return without accidents. The Lord is continually good to us. One little mishap could have been quite serious, however. Neil Cope and his family were coming back from Kentucky at 60 M.P.H. when Myra thought the back door of the car was not quite shut. Her efforts to remedy the situation got her thrown out onto the pavement. By the time Neil could stop and get out of the car she was running toward him yelling, "Daddy, daddy, I fell out," more afraid of being left than hurt. The doctors fixed up a little cut on her forehead.

Some of you may have heard by now that Brother McKerlie, the college engineer and architect, and director of the building program, died of a heart attack shortly after the last Reflector told of his completing the new Industrial Arts building. What this will mean to the building program we can never know; however, the program is being continued. Men die and the world goes on. No one can take our place, but another can do our job.

At present, the new gym is showing plenty of progress, and is it

big! From what "Pinky" says about it on page 3 it should cover at least 68 thousand square feet to get in it all he is planning to put there, but his dimensions will account for only about 24 thousand so he must be using some of his space two or three times.

By the time we have another spasm and get out another Reflector the new boys dormitory should be taking form (they are pouring concrete for the foundation now) so we can show a picture of it.

One thing that has been keeping us as tense as a violin string lately is the preparation for and anticipation of the inspection of the college by men from North Central Accrediting Agency. I guess all of you know we have been planning for some time to make application for admission to North Central. Well, as I write this, the three men are on the campus. Their decision and the report they take back with them will just about decide whether or not we are admitted. I don't know what would be best for us as a school. I can think of advantages and disadvantages to our being accepted and to our being rejected. If we would come nearer that unattainable goal of perfection more rapidly by becoming a member of North Central at this time, I hope we get in. But if the inspectors can show us wherein we are in need of improvement, and it should be that improvement can better be made outside of the organization, then I hope the Lord will see to it that the results of the inspection favor our growth rather than our desires. Perhaps we will know the outcome of the inspection and can report it to you in the next Reflector.

I hope as many of you as can will be back on the campus at commencement this Spring. It isn't too far off to be making plans for that, so let's all be here.

Sincerely,  
Kern Sears

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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.*

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