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300 visit during homecoming

*Mrs. Ruby L. Stapleton presents program
on 25th anniversary of her class*

More than 300 alumni from 17 states returned to Harding for Homecoming and Commencement activities, June 6-7.

Mrs. Ruby Lowery Stapleton, '26, presented the alumni chapel program on Wednesday, which celebrated the 25th anniversary of the second graduating class of Harding College.

Mrs. Stapleton, who was introduced by Association president, Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., reviewed for the chapel audience interesting and humorous incidents in her life at Harding as a student and as a teacher. She has been associate professor of English at the college since 1939. Mrs. Stapleton presented the college with a check for \$50.

Other features of the chapel program were introduction of members of the Board of Trustees, in session on that day, and songs by Mrs. J. Lewis Foster.

Afternoon and evening activities included a softball game between alumni and college teams (the college won),

open house in the new buildings (Searcy alumni were hosts), a hymn sing for former chorus members, entertainments for former members of the Alpha Phi Kappa, Gata, Woodson Harding Comrades, Las Companeras, and Cavalier social clubs, and a Campus Players production, "The Heiress."

Reunions were held for the classes of '31, '36, '41, and '46. Clif Huddleston, president of the class of '36, was unable to attend and sent a message by wire which was read to the chapel audience.

Alumni attended commencement exercises on Thursday (Col. T. H. Barton, chairman of Lion Oil Co., was speaker), and then went to the annual luncheon-business meeting at the college dining hall. The 110 members of the 1951 graduating class were welcomed into the Association by President Ganus at the luncheon.

'51ers pledge \$1,000

Members of the Class of '51 voted at President and Mrs. George S. Eenson's annual reception for seniors on June 1 to give \$1,000 to the college by June of 1952. The motion was made by Gerald Kendrick, president of the class, and adopted unanimously.

Ten new chapters

Alumni have organized chapters in ten cities during the summer, as a result of meetings held to help Harding in student recruitment work.

The college and alumni groups cooperated in sponsoring dinner entertainments for college-age young people, and several staff members appeared on the informal programs which featured life at Harding.

Officers of the new chapters are: Oklahoma City—Rex Westerfield, '49, president; Harlan Moss, '32, vice president; Olive Fogg Scott, '43, secretary. Memphis—Billy Lynn, '46, president; Henry Farrar, '48, vice president; Guerlayne Fuller Yarbrough, '46, secretary.

Little Rock—Claudia Rosenbaum, '37, president; Joyce Duvall Kell, '28, vice president; and Odean Floyd, '42, secretary. Fort Smith—Harold Kohler, '43, president; D. L. Grace, Cordell, vice president; Mrs. A. L. Brown, Cordell, secretary. Tulsa—Louis E. Green, Jr., '42, president; Richard Chandler, '44, vice president; Jewell Blackburn Oden, '40, secretary.

Houston—Ira Dykes, '31, president; Robert Gordon, '47, vice president; Elsie Norton, '50, secretary. Wichita—Evelyn Rhodes, '50, president. Dallas - Fort Worth—Homer Reeves, '34, president; Kenneth Davis, '42, vice president; Norma Lou Sanderson Cox, '50, secretary.

Birmingham — Bruce Barton, '36, president; Robert Farish, '36, vice president; and William B. Wells, '51, secretary. Florence—Claude Lewis, '49, president; Charles Draper, '50, vice president; Ann Morris, '51, secretary.



You'll recognize a number of your friends in this view of the crowd at the alumni luncheon, June 7.



President's Corner

By Clifton L. Ganus, Jr.

I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL at Harding, and I guess a lot of others remember, too, Brother J. N. Armstrong saying many times "Freedom is found in doing right." That saying has sort of stuck with Harding and in recent years students have adopted it as a motto—a saying to live by. A banner for the college, designed by a Harding student bears that inscription, and it appears on the masthead of the student newspaper.

I was thinking the other day about world conditions and how our freedom here in America is threatened in so many ways. And I remembered Harding's motto: "Freedom is Found in Doing Right," and wished that it might have meaning of many more people.

One of the strongest desires of man is for freedom. For centuries he has fought those who would deny it. He has praised it in prose and poetry and he has cherished it above life itself. Yet he does not know what it is nor how to use it. He does not discern the end of liberty and the beginning of license. Freedom to him is the right to "do as he pleases, and make everybody else do as he pleases."

In seeking freedom from oppression men have often become oppressors. Like a pendulum they run their course from one extreme to the other. In 1793 the French protested their economic and social position. They fought to better it, but they went to an extreme and all Europe was engulfed in a great conflict. In 1917 the Russian peasants overthrew the hated Czar, but they did not stop there. They soon awoke to find that they had only exchanged oppression for tyranny.

Luther and his followers protested the doctrine of the "Bank of Mercy," the meritoriousness of others' good deeds, and denied it. In so doing they went to an extreme, as men are wont to do, and proposed salvation by "faith alone."

We must be careful not to "ride the pendulum" in seeking freedom. Let us realize that with every freedom comes responsibility; with every liberty comes duty and obligation. The old adage "I can swing my fist, but that right ends where your nose begins" is a good one.

Freedom is not the right to do as one pleases, if in so doing he denies it unto another. It is the right to live one's life, to accumulate this world's goods, to choose, to plan, to work, etc., so long as he does not infringe upon the same right of another.

Is the murderer free? Can the thief escape his thoughts and the consequence of his crime? This past week a man in New Orleans had his wallet stolen. A day later he received a note directing him to where he could find it. The thief was not free from himself. He had broken the law.

"Freedom is Found in Doing Right." Yes, that is Harding's motto and it is a good one. There is no guilt of consequence of crime, no pang of conscience to one who keeps the law of man and the law of God. Jesus said, "If ye abide in my words then are ye truly my disciples. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

In America we can fight those laws we dislike, for we made them. We can change them. This must be done legally; however, as to break them brings just retribution upon us. God's law we cannot fight. To disobey is to die—whether it be the laws of nature or the spiritual laws. I can jump off a fifty story building and defy the laws of nature, but when I hit the ground I pay the penalty. So it is in the realm of the spiritual. To defy is to die.

Let us be free. Learn the laws of the home, of society, of God, and walk therein for "Freedom is Found in Doing Right."

the Alumni write



2230 Price Street
Berkeley 5, Calif.

Someday we want our boy and our girl to be among those attending there. We should have liked very much to have been there for the "Homecoming" but could not make it this time. We hope to be able to sometime.

Everett W. and Beulah Rogers Evans (30, '33)

Frankfurt, Germany

We were so happy to get your newsy letter. Especially was it interesting to know of all the personal visits you had made with old friends whom we have known so long but see so seldom.

Bob, Peggy Lynn, and I are enjoying our work here in Germany very much. Of course, there is so much to be done here that we always feel the need for putting forth more and more effort as time goes on.

Right now Bob is in charge of English worship service on Sunday and helps with the German services on Sunday and nearly every night in the week. I have restricted my activities to household duties with the exception of going to school with Bob two days a week to study German.

We are enclosing two snapshots of our little daughter.

Ruth Bradley Hare, '43

(Editor's Note: The photos are mounted in the "Baby Scrapbook.)

Lawton, Okla.

Harding College did much for me. I shall always be glad I had the opportunity of attending school there. My debt to it is great. I cannot repay it there. Maybe if we continue to build in Oklahoma I can in a small measure repay my obligation by "passing it on" to children now coming on. I certainly wish you well in your work and am interested in the progress of Harding.

Lloyd L. Smith

Oklahoma City, Okla.
1526 N. E. 44th

Please note our new address. . . . We bought a new house and moved in on February 3. So far, we're still "rattling around" in it, due to lack of furniture and funds.

Olive Fogg Scott

Lost alumni lose services

These people are losing the services of the Alumni Association because their address is not known. Can you help us find them?

Leo Finley Ackers, '29; Mabel Ruby Bradley Adcock, '41; Mona Leah Bauer, '36; Emmett C. Blackshear, '29; Lurline Brewer, '47; Sally Annette Burford, '44; Melvin Carlton, '38; Rufus Daniel, '37; S. P. Durrance, Jr., '35; Emmerson Flannery, '40; Mrs. Cleon Forbes, '31; A. D. Gardner, '32; Arthur F. Graham, '35; Alexine Hankins, '37; Bonnie Lee Harris, '42; Albert Hawkins, '35; Theodore E. King, '37.

Mrs. Ross Mangum, '37; Tulon C. McRight, '42; Royce Nathine Murray, '46; Mrs. Roy Nelson, '34; Dona Pursley, '36; Ernest O. Salners, '42; Paul C. Sevedge, '35; Beulah Slough, '41; Marjorie Meeks Smithson, '42; Desdemona Stark, '28; Clint E. Surber, '27; Helen H. Jennings Sutterlin, '36; Robert Taylor, '36; Kenneth C. Tucker, '36; Emogene Douglas Wooldridge, '36; Elliott Wallace Williams, '47; and LaVerne Yingling, '49.

A picture story -- the fall of Godden Hall



TOP LEFT AND RIGHT: The towers of Godden, framed by the steel and concrete of the new auditorium-administration building.

LOWER LEFT: Students did a lot of the dismantling work. Here they are removing nails from Godden Hall timber. Bricks and some of the lumber from Godden are being salvaged for other construction.

MIDDLE RIGHT: No, not the bombed-out ruins of Europe, but a scene right on the Harding campus. Griffin and Gretchen Hill Copeland, and daughter pose before crumbling Godden. The west wing, still standing, is being razed now.

LOWER RIGHT: When Godden's gone will the tale of the Galloway Ghost survive? Some of the student workers had fun holding a mock funeral for the spirit of the fictitious young lady, who according to the story, met her death by falling down Godden's elevator shaft. Pauline Williams, a junior, is planting petunias on the grave. Who started that ghost tale, anyway?

The college plans a permanent memorial for Godden Hall and Galloway College, which once occupied the building. Pres. George S. Eenson has announced that a special "tower" for the Godden Hall bell will be constructed somewhere on the campus. The cornerstone and other Godden Hall materials will be used in the tower.



From here and there . . .

Born

Son, Brad, to Charles and Bette Oldham Brooks, May 5. . . . Son, George Franklin, to Numa and Ruth Benson Crowder, June 26. . . . Daughter, Dorcas Elizabeth, to Lester and Ruth Roberson Starling, May 1. . . . Son, William Keith, to Jack and Enid Coleman Alsobrook, June 7. . . . Daughter, Margaret Rose, to Edward and Betty Clampitt Ransom. . . . Daughter, Doris Beth, to Don and Maryann Hazlett Healey, June 24. . . . Son, Rolland Ray, to Therman and Mereda Jackson Healey, June 21. . . . Daughter, Fretta Louise, to Wesley and Carolyn Bradley Howk, July 18. . . . Daughter, Connie, to Wallace and Julia Houser Rae, June 18. . . . Son, Alan Cole, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Bentley, June 3.

Married

Alice Ann Hawkins, '52, to Wayne Kellar, '51, in Waldo, Ark., on June 30. They are making their home at Camp Kilmer, N. J., where Wayne is stationed.

Harriet Wade, to Jess Vanhooser, '48, in Gadsden, Ala. They are living in Birmingham. Jess is a salesman for the Hallmark Greeting Card Co.

Lurlyne Richardson, '50 to John Wagner, in Parma, Mo., on June 2. They are living in Searcy. John is a senior at Harding.

Ruth Ann Toothman, '52, to Bobby Peyton, '51, on May 31. They are in Nashville, Tenn., for the summer.

Lois Francis Hubbard, '48, to R. L. Higginbottom, June 17, in Strawberry, Ark.

Joy Smith, '54, to Hugh Mingle, '51, in Searcy, June 7. They have gone to Frankfurt, Germany, to help with the mission work there.

Jo Nell Flynt, '51, to Billy Joe Wilson, in Searcy, June 7. Jo is working at Hawkins Clinic while Bill is attending Harding.

Eupha Williams, '48, to Prof. Bill Skillman, in Searcy, on June 8. They are in Iowa City, Iowa, for the summer, on June 8. They are in Iowa City, Iowa, for the summer.

Elaine Hoover, '52, to Harry E. Rice, in Morgantown, W. Va., on June 21. They live in Washington, D. C. Rice preaches for the Wildecraft church of Christ.

Lois Benson, '50, to Richard McEuen, in Searcy, May 18. Dick works for Myers Construction Co., and they are living in Searcy.

Esther Mitchell to Paul Hesser, special student in '51, in Searcy, June 7. They live in Grenoble, Kansas, where Paul ins preaching. Esther was college nurse until her wedding.

Betty Frost, graduate of the Academy, '51, to Harry Lowery, '54, in Wisconsin on June 14.

Lorene Nichols, '52, to Boyd Leath, in Searcy, on June 9. Boyd is a junior at Harding.

Edna Earnest, '51, to L. G. Taylor, June 1, in Del Rio Texas.

Betsy Solman to Cecil Garrett, '50, June 16, in Bernardsville, N. J.

News Bits

Leroy and Frances Stewart Cowan ('46, 43) are now living at Cross Plains, Texas. They have a daughter, Carolyn Ann, age 5, and a son, Joe David, age 3½.

Guy W. Simms, Jr. '49, is preaching for the Highland Park church in Topeka, Kansas, and working on a Master of Arts degree at the University of Kansas.

Ted Diehl, '51, has begun a two-year training course at the Cincinnati Milling Machine Co., in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Anne Morris, '51, has accepted a position with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Virginia Porter Pope, '51, is working for Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co. in Gadsden, Ala.

Eddie Shewmaker, '44, completed work for his Ph.D. degree at the University of Nebraska on June 19. He was a duPont Fellow in chemistry in 1949-50, and a Standard Oil Fellow in physical chemistry 1950-51. Mrs. Shewmaker is the former Reba Faye Nadeau, '47. They visited the campus recently.

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