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## Alumni officers announced

*Dr. Joe Pryor Installed President;  
Cranford, Baggett, Bradley Veeps*

Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, '37, was installed president of the Harding College Alumni Association at the annual dinner and business meeting June 5 in the college dining hall.

Chosen to serve with him were: Charles Cranford, '51, first vice-president; Jeanette Norris Baggett, '50, second vice-president; and C. W. Bradley, '44, third vice-president. These officers, installed by retiring president Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., will serve for two years.

The class of 1952 was graduated at commencement exercises preceding the dinner, and was presented for membership in the Association by Dr. F. W. Mattox, class sponsor. Permanent class officers, Rees Bryant president, and Patti Mattox Bryant, secretary, were announced and a \$1,200 pledge to the Alumni Association for 1952-53 was made by the class.

President Ganus welcomed the 125 new members into the Association and commended them for their plans to participate in the alumni program.

Two hundred fifty-two attended the dinner. The menu featured the traditional dessert of strawberry shortcake.

Other alumni activities during commencement week included a chapel program on June 4; class reunions; W. H. C. luncheon; Sub-T ice-cream supper; the traditional softball game between students and alumni (won by the students); Alpha Honor Society Dinner; the Campus Players production, "The Silver Whistle;" and breakfasts for Gata and L. C. social clubs and the Campus Players Thursday morning.

Alonzo Welch, minister at Union Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis, gave the baccalaureate address in the College Church on Sunday, June 1.

Dr. Rees H. Hughes, president of Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburgh, made the commencement address in the new auditorium Thursday morning.

Approximately 500 alumni were on the campus during commencement week.



**Cliff Ganus, retiring president, congratulates Dr. Joe Pryor on his new position.**

## About the officers

Dr. Joe Pryor, newly installed president of the Alumni Association, is head of the physical science department at Harding College. "Dr. Joe", as he is called, received his B.A. and B.S. degrees here in 1937, an M.A. in 1939 and Ph.D. in 1943 from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. His wife is the former Bessie Mae Ledbetter, '46.

Charles Cranford, '51, first vice-president, is now employed in the micro-film department of Gulf Oil Company at Shreveport, La. He was the first president of the Student Association at Harding in 1950-51. He and his wife, the former Hazel Ezell, have three daughters.

Jeanette Norris Baggett, '50, second vice-president, is a faculty-wife at Harding. Her husband, George Edward Baggett, '50, is music instructor and band director. She received the Alpha Honor Award when she finished college.

C. W. Bradley, '44, third vice-president, is minister of the Church of Christ at Statesville, N. C. His wife is the former Roberta Brandon, '45, of Nashville, Tenn. Since graduating he has been doing mission work with small congregations in New York and the Carolinas.



**Attending the Alumni dinner and business meeting here June 5 were 252 members. Make plans now to attend next year's homecoming.**



## President's Corner

By Dr. Joe Pryor

IT IS TRULY WITH a feeling of mingled emotions that I sit down to write this message to the alumni of Harding College. I am grateful for your confidence, yet I feel keenly the responsibility of this "office" and my own limitations as "presidential timber." However, I shall do my best to serve for the best interest of our alma mater.

Under the leadership of Cliff Ganus the Alumni Association has made tremendous growth and development. A number of chapters of the Alumni Association have been organized and several of these are very active. Plans are underway to organize more alumni chapters and to offer suggestions as to how all chapters might have an active program throughout the year. Catherine Root, our efficient executive secretary, has been studying the organization and problems of alumni associations for the past two years and has some excellent ideas for making our work more effective. You will be hearing about these from time to time.

How many of you were back on the Harding campus during the past year? A large number of alumni did return during the fall lectures, at commencement, or at some other time. The class of '42 set a record for the number present on alumni day. But did you return? Why not plan to stop by some time during this coming year? Come to the alumni office in the student center and let us help you make your visit the most enjoyable yet. The topography of the campus has undergone quite a change during the past five years, but the principles and ideals of Harding remain the same.

During the past year we had one of the best groups of students we have ever had at Harding. It was an inspiration to see these young people developing into men and women with real conviction and strong Christian character. The transformations that I have seen take place in scores of students at Harding are a living testimony to the need and value of Christian education.

It hardly seems possible that it was nineteen years ago this fall when I enrolled as a freshman in Harding College. Soon sons and daughters of my classmates will be Harding freshmen. Already some of my schoolmates have had their children in the Harding academy. I am thankful there is a Harding College which their children can attend.

The contributions to the alumni fund that so many of you have made are needed and deeply appreciated. Are you among the number? The American Alumni Council has announced that 66.2 per cent of the alumni of Dartmouth contributed to her alumni fund during 1951. Wouldn't it be fine if the Harding alumni would better this record in 1952!

We appreciate the names of prospective students that alumni have sent in. Encourage these young people to attend Harding. Why not begin now to talk Harding to the students in junior high so that they will want to come to Harding when they are ready for college? Who knows but what that boy might become an L. O. Sanderson, a Wade Ruby, a J. D. Bales, a Carroll Cannon, a Jimmy Allen, or a host of others that could be named! If you need some new literature, drop us a card by return mail.

Some thought is being given to enlarging the alumni bulletin so that more news items about alumni can be included. In order to do this, we shall have to rely on you to send in more news. If it has been some time since you reported your activities or if you have recently done something newsworthy, write us this information now. Just a card will do. Think how much you enjoy reading about the happenings of other alumni!

Let us hear from you.

## the Alumni write

Box 305  
New Madrid, Mo.

My husband is a foreman for the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company here. That is a division of Proctor and Gamble. We are very happy in our new home and I would like to assure the girls at Harding that **all** the wonderful men in the world aren't at Harding. I **know**. You know the old saying there, "You either leave without an appendix or with a man." . . . We plan to visit you a few hours in July when we start on our vacation. I can hardly wait to see all the new buildings and my friends. Harding will always be my favorite spot, and I don't believe anyone will ever find a place on earth that will be any closer to heaven!

Betty Spruell Bates, '48

1702 Pine Street  
Muskegon, Mich.

I am employed by the C. W. Marsh Leather Goods Company. My particular activities include "billing and acting receptionist." . . . I thoroughly enjoy the work as I have pleasant surroundings. . . . It's a permanent position, so I don't suppose I'll be teaching school any more very soon. . .

Martha F. Deen, '51

2611½ N. W. 11th St.  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

We surely do enjoy reading the Alumni News—not only to see what progress the college is making but for the news of all our friends who have scattered abroad. . . . Coleman is working for R. C. Moss & Son Cotton Merchants now. We hope to come back to Harding this summer for a visit.

Coleman and June Lemmons, '51

980 Marble Ave.  
Memphis, Tenn.

I am working for the Kee Lox Manufacturing Co. . . . Wish I could be at Harding for graduation this year. Have missed being there so much this year."

Rebecca Parham, '51

Box 42  
Gulf Camp, Texas

I follow Harding College news quite avidly and always look forward to their bulletins in the mail. . . ."

Sanford R. Johnson, '41

1708 Beechwood Ave.  
Nashville, Tenn.

I would love to visit the campus and take a peek at the pictures of old friends' children.

So thankful that Harding was spared during the devastating tornado.

Margaret Ridley Trousdale, '44

Box 74  
Hamlet, Neb.

I am here preaching for two churches, teaching school and serving as janitor. Been so busy I haven't had time to turn in the change of address.

Guy W. Sims, Jr., '49

1109 S. 10th St.  
Gadsden, Ala.

I've so often intended to write and tell you how much I do enjoy the Alumni News. It has been about the only way in which I could keep up with Harding College.

For the past four years I have worked as a stenographer at Allis Chalmers Tractor Mfg. Company . . . my husband, Myron, . . . is now in Fort Monmouth, N. J. . . . I plan to leave Gadsden the 10th of June to join him.

Virginia Craig Pope, '51

## ALUMNI NEWS

## SUMMER ISSUE

### '42 class reunites

The class of 1942 set a record this year in having 22 of its 36 living members return to the campus Homecoming Day for its 10th year reunion. One member, Wilella Knapple Downing, is deceased.

The 22 members and their families attended a luncheon in the Emerald Room of Ganus Student Center on June 4. Forty-eight were present, representing 11 states.

Louis Green, permanent president, presided at the luncheon. Mrs. Green, the former Mary Elizabeth Arnold, is secretary, and Jim Bill McInteer is vice-president. Several business matters were discussed and a special contribution was taken to be sent to Ken and Iris Elder to help them in their work in Africa. Iris was a '42 graduate.

Leonard Kirk, class sponsor, made a brief speech of appreciation for the cooperation of so many class members in attending this reunion.

This class still sends out an annual letter each November in order to keep its members closely in touch with each other.

Those attending the luncheon were: Ann French Bentley; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Blue and children, Ann and Leon; Chester Alvis Brown; Maude Jackson Connolly; Mr. and Mrs. John Dillingham and children, Susan Diane and John Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Gateley; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Green; Mrs. John R. Gross; Mr. and Mrs. Don Healy; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hemingway, and children, Cheryl Beth and Lois Ann; Leonard Kirk; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kohler and children, Anita Paulette, and Harold R., Jr.; Kenneth Mason; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bill McInteer and daughter, Marilyn; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Salners and daughter, Beverly Jean; Esther Marie Clay Yingling and daughter, Cassandra; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bland; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Miller and children, Tommie Lou, Aubrey Lynn, Larry Gale, David Earl, Tomothy Young; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ganus and children, Clifton III and Deborah; Marguerite O'Banion; and Dr. Houston Karnes.

### Perry is tennis star

Nancy Richmond Perry, '49, of Jacksonville, Fla., created quite a stir in the women's singles division of the annual Duval County Tennis Championships at Boone Park, Jacksonville, by defeating the top-seeded net star, Mrs. Faith Parker, 7-5, 6-4.

In the semi-finals Mrs. Perry again eliminated the third-seeded player, Jeff Holcombe, 9-7, 6-3. Although unseeded



Faculty wives at Ibaraki Christian College enjoy teas like this.

## Mrs. Lawyer Hostess at Tea

The faculty wives at Ibaraki Christian College in Japan meet regularly for afternoon teas. In the above picture Mrs. Virgil Lawyer (Lou Dugger, '48) pours at the tea held in her home in March.

Others in the picture are (left to right): Mrs. Harold Holland (Gerry Young, '47); Mrs. S. Oka, wife of the school's business manager; Mrs. Harry Robert Fox, Jr.; Mrs. Lawyer; and Mrs. Sakari (Nick) Nagano, whose husband attended Harding College in 1950-51.

Other faculty wives at Ibaraki who attended Harding College are Mrs. Richard Baggett (Mary Smith, '50), Mrs. Joseph Cannon (Rosabelle Cannon, '50), Mrs. Joseph Bryant's husband, who is on the faculty, graduated here in 1950.

in the tourney, Mrs. Perry went to the finals but was defeated by Mrs. Martha Cochran, second seeded, 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs. Perry was tennis champ at Harding in 1948 and 1949. She majored in home economics. She is now a dietician at St. Luke's hospital, Jacksonville.

### Deadline August 31

August 31 is the deadline for sending in your contributions to the Alumni Fund for 1951-52. So far 150 alumni have sent in contributions totaling \$1,492.50. In 1950-51 the Alumni Fund was \$731.23 from 108 contributors. However, there was also a special fund last year to pay for furniture in the Alumni office to which 292 contributed \$382.10, thus making a total of \$1,113.33 for 1950-51. If you have been planning to send in a contribution be sure to do it immediately so it will count on the 1951-52 year and make the number of donors for this year exceed 1950-51.

### Silveys go to Japan

Four excited little boys left Searcy, July 21, accompanied by their mother, to join their father and husband in Tokyo, Japan.

Mrs. Kathryn Mattox Silvey, '36, said they will leave from San Francisco August 8 by plane for Tokyo. Her husband is Lt. Col. Robert M. Silvey who is stationed at Headquarters of the Far East Command. Mrs. Silvey and her sons have been living in Searcy while awaiting permission to go to Colonel Silvey.

The four boys are Paul Maxey, 3; Perry Howard, 5; Frank Edward, 8; and Robert Mattox, 12.

Their address will be % Lt. Colonel Robert M. Silvey, Headquarters, Far East Command, G-4 Supply, A.P.O. 500, % Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

They will be there at least a year and will live at Yokato Air Base which is near Tokyo.

### Lewis missing in action

The War Department has recently notified Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Lewis of Centralia, Ill., that their son, Cpl. Wayne Edwin Lewis, '54, is missing in action in Korea.

# From here and there . . .

## Born

Daughter, Celia Jean, to Peggy and Cecil Blake, March 27 . . . Daughter, Amy Janice, to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. (Frankie Trawick) Brandenstein, May 6 . . . Son, Paul Turner, to Mr. and Mrs. George DeHoff, May 30 . . . Daughter, Alice Lucille, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Drake, June 1 . . . Son, David Leon, to Leon and Ruth McDearman Gibson, June 1 . . . Daughter, Rebecca Jane, to Francis and Margaret Yates Herring, May 29 . . . Son, Coleman, Jr., to Coleman and June Taylor Lemmons, Nov. 12, 1951 . . . Son, Timothy Hugh, to Hugh and Joy Smith Mingle, May 12 . . . Daughter, Emily Kathryn, to Alfred and Doris Gibson Morris, April 9 . . . Son, James Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn H. Rainey, May 8 . . . Son, Joel Grant, to Wyatt and Christine Neal Sawyer, May 23 . . . Son, Warren Dee, to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ward, May 16 . . . Twin sons, Richard and Randall Morris, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wells, Feb. 15 . . . Daughter, Marilyn Morrow, to Norvel and Helen Mattox Young, June 8 . . . Son, Clinton Goodloe, to Mr. and Mrs. Adam C. Melton, June 22 . . . Daughter, Jill Marie, to Robert and Betty Maple Hawkins, May 3 . . . Son, Charles Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Mason, April 5 . . . Son, John Allan, to Harry and Betty Frost Lowry, June 4 . . . Daughter, Joan Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Murphy, June 18 . . . Daughter, Janet Kaye, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moudy, July 10 . . . Son, Charles Henry, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rhodes, July 20 . . . Daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Clarence and Valle Horton Richmond on July 24 . . . Daughter, Cynthia Sue, to Leroy and Sue Hogg O'Neal on July 24.

## Deceased

Eunice Turner, '39, died in May after a long illness at her home in Strawberry, Ark.

Mrs. K. V. Hodgdon, the former Wanda Lee Fielder, '40, died July 9, at Augusta, Me. She was from Lepanto, Ark.

## Married

Georgia Lester to James Bridgeman, '51, June 1.  
Patti Nell Mattox, '52, to Rees Bryant, '52, June 5, in Searcy.  
Maye White, '52, to Charles Coil, '53, in Florence, Ala., June 10.  
Wanda Lee Wallis, '51, to Ernest E. Cole.  
Beatrice Moffitt, to Jimmy Daley, '54, in Memphis, April 18.  
Elnora Burnette, '53, to Amos Davenport, '52, June 27.  
Ginger Anne Lee, '55, to Guy T. Elliott in Monroe, La.  
Veranne Hall, '51, to Harold Graham, '51, in Nashville, Tenn., June 24.  
Carolyn Stuart, '54, to Jack Lawyer, '51, in Batesville, May 18.  
Bettie Boe Johns, '52, to James Medsker, at Paragould, June 1.  
Lois Anderson, '55, to Ralph Moore. They are living in West Plains, Mo.  
Dixie Lee Dillard, '48, to George Pettigrew, in Grady, N. M., Mar. 29.  
Leola Denham, '52, to Charles Risinger. They are living in El Dorado.  
Clara Jean Haddock, '50, to Joseph Slatton, '52, at Paragould, May 31.  
Nancy Lee Taylor, to William Ralph Sturm, '50, in Searcy, June 9.  
Peggy Ruth Crutcher, '53, to Robert Wood Turnbow, '53, in Shreveport, La.  
Ruby Hanes, '50, to Norman Wilson, in Boise City, Okla., Aug. 9, 1951.  
Maxine O'Banion, '46, to Howard Cox, '50, at Jonesboro, May 21.  
Mary Jean Godwin, '50, to Robert Bell, '47, in Camden, May 18.  
Shirley Sudderth, '54, to Jerry Adams, '54, in Lexington, Okla., June 27.  
Alice Flynn, '55, to James Darol Bell at Atlanta, Ga., on June 22.

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