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Graduates are asked to answer questionnaire

Missing!

Four copies of the Petit Jean are missing from the once complete Alumni files dating back to the '25 year book. We have no Petit Jean for the years '33, '34, '37 or '39.

If you have an extra annual for these years, PLEASE help complete the office set by sending it to us.

Alumni dinner attended by 323

The Alumni dinner on June 3 was attended by 323 to climax a day and a half of reunions and activities for alumni returning to the campus. In addition to taking part in the usual alumni programs, class reunion luncheon, alumni chapel, alumni-varsity softball game and alumni dinner, visitors to the campus attended Harding's 35th year celebration and dedication ceremonies for seven new buildings. Commencement exercises added 70 graduates to the Alumni files.

Dr. Carroll Cannon, '39, was master of ceremonies for the class reunion luncheon held in the Banquet Hall of the Rendezvous. Fifty-three members of the '29, '34, '39 and '49 classes were back to retell humorous happenings of bygone years. Jack Smart, '29, took the speaker's stand first to relate incidents from the campus when Harding was at Morrilton. Class groups sat together as much as possible. Individual class lists with present addresses were given those attending. Robbie Jean Ruby and Billy Howell, current students, entertained with musical selections.

Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, '37, and president of the Alumni Association, presided over the Alumni chapel which was held at 3 p.m. on Alumni Day. Jack Smart, '29, was principal speaker and all agreed he could have continued relating incidents for two hours without boring his responsive audience.

October date set for complete survey, Dr. J. W. Sears is preparing forms

Alumni will have an opportunity in October to help improve Harding's services by filling in a questionnaire being prepared by Dr. Jack Wood Sears, '40. This questionnaire will be mailed to all graduates of Harding College.

"It is proposed to make an objective evaluation of the influence Harding College has exerted upon her students by making a careful study of her products, the Harding graduates," said Dr. Sears, who will direct the survey. He has studied questionnaire surveys for several years preparing this particular study.

The survey will cover four main objectives: (1) What alumni are like, (2) What problems alumni encountered when they left Harding, (3) How Harding could have helped them more, and (4) How Harding graduates compare with those from other schools.

The survey will be handled on an impersonal basis. The questionnaire will be unsigned. Included will be a personal data sheet to be handled separately from the questionnaire. This data is for the Alumni office files and will be signed. There will be included two return envelopes, one for the questionnaire and one for the personal data sheet.

Further explanations concerning the questionnaire will be sent graduates in October, when the survey will be made. If all the questionnaires are not returned within a month of the first mailing, reminders will be sent. All graduates are urged to complete the questionnaires and return them at the first mailing.

Dr. Sears explained: "This is an opportunity to do a great service to Harding College and those she serves. Although Harding was admitted to the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1954, thereby receiving the stamp of approval of this great accrediting association upon its academic program, its physical plant and its educational facilities, the college looks upon such achievement as only a stepping-stone to greater service. It is expected that from the information of this survey the administration and faculty will be able to gain some indication of the direction the college should take in its future development. A full report of the study will be mailed to each graduate."

After the chapel program, alumni met the varsity on the softball field for a disappointingly lop-sided score. The varsity represented the best of this year and the alumni represented some of the best of many years gone by. "That was the trouble," said Dr. Cliff Ganus, '47, "Too many years—"

At the Alumni dinner immediately following commencement exercises the 1954 graduates and two honorary graduates were welcomed to the alumni ranks. The two becoming honorary alumni were Honorable Wilbur Mills, congressman and commencement speaker, and Dr. C. L. Ganus, Sr., president of the Board of Trustees. President Pryor stepped down from the presiding chair to present the new graduates. He was their class sponsor. Mrs. E. G. Baggett, '50, first vice-president, welcomed the new alumni.

New officers were announced by the committee appointed to count the ballots. Thednal Garner, '43, chairman, read the report. New officers are Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, '37, (Searcy) president, Charles Pitner, '37, (Searcy), Ordvis Copeland, '46, (Little Rock) and Emmett Smith, '46, (Paragould) vice-presidents. A. S. Croom, Harding business manager, will continue as treasurer ex-officio.

Dr. George S. Benson, '25, college president, gave a short talk on the need for alumni to support Harding. Dr. C. L. Ganus, Sr., '54, made brief comments.

Kenneth Davis, '42, sang two selections accompanied by Glenn Fulbright.

The traditional strawberry shortcake closed the 1954 Alumni dinner.



President's Corner

By Dr. Joe Pryor

As I sit down to write this quarterly message for the **Alumni Bulletin**, a heavy cloud is moving in from the southwest which I hope will bring rain to many of you as well as to us here in Searcy. Within the last two weeks we have had three days in which the thermometer rose above 110 degrees Fahrenheit. However, in 1930 and 1936 there were hotter days here in Arkansas.

Since the word thermometer has been mentioned, it reminds me of the use that is made of thermometers or models of thermometers in civic drives. If it were possible for us to construct a thermometer indicating the enthusiasm that the alumni of Harding have for their Alma Mater, would the indicator reach nearly to the boiling point or would it be just barely above the freezing point? Or suppose we should construct a thermometer indicating your interest in Christian education, where would the indicator be? It is really encouraging to see the zeal that many of you have for Christian education and the loyalty and devotion you manifest toward your Alma Mater.

Science Not Enough

Today we are living in what I believe to be the greatest age so far in the history of man. Too often we look only at the dark clouds — the threat of atomic and thermonuclear war, the evidence of moral and spiritual collapse in some segments of society and the possibility of economic collapse — and fail to see the brilliant sun that shines so bright in many places. The possibilities are so great today and the means for achieving these possibilities are also great. Men are turning away from the mechanistic philosophy of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries because they have seen that even though science has unlocked the door to many of the secrets of the universe and is turning the key in still other locks, science cannot tell man how to use the great forces that have been unleashed nor how to live life so that it has meaning and purpose. But Christ can give meaning and purpose to life and His philosophy and example show us how we ought to use whatever we have regardless of how great or how small it may be.

Christian Education Great Influence

This is where Christian education and Harding College enter the story. Since I enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 1933, I have been very closely associated with Harding as a student, a teacher in preparation or a teacher. I have seen hundreds of students whose lives have been enriched by the concept of Christian service which they developed here. Graduates by the score have made outstanding records in leading graduate and professional schools of the nation meanwhile strengthening the cause of Christ where they were. Almost a hundred alumni are teaching in Christian colleges, high schools and elementary schools and a large number are engaged in preaching the gospel at home and abroad. Also of great significance is the grass roots leadership that alumni have given the church and the community where they reside.

Harding's Main Purpose

The central objective that Harding has had since her beginning remains the central objective. It is to provide a college education in a Christian environment where each student will study the Bible along with the regular liberal arts courses. The examples in living that the teachers set before the students are a powerful influence and the many sterling Christian characters in the faculty present a mighty voice for righteousness. I am looking forward to the great days ahead when I believe that we shall do an even better job in achieving our purpose. There will always be problems to solve and difficulties to overcome, but with the dedication of the faculty to the objectives of Harding College and the continued improvement in the quality of work being done, I am optimistic for the future.

In closing let me express my appreciation for the privilege of serving you two more years.

the Alumni write

2005 Roland Street
Winnsboro, Louisiana

I'm working with 18 4-H Clubs in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, with over 500 girls enrolled in various projects. It keeps me on the "go" to supervise and assist with everything from Sewing to Gardening to Cooking, as Associate Home Demonstration Agent. If any of the Home Economics majors of Harding are interested in this type of work I shall be happy to assist them in any way that I can. They must be Home Economics graduates to apply and they will need a car.

Sue Saunders Nugent, '50

10722 Lampson St.
Garden Grove, California

Ruth and I are teaching and I am also preaching for the Huntington Beach congregation. They can't build schools fast enough in this area; many lower grades on double-session schedules. Teacher's pay is high; so is the expense of living. Be good to have some more alumni here. Quite a few openings in schools and other jobs. If out this way, visit us.

Leon Gibson, '49

Senckenberg-anlage 17
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

We just concluded a one-week tent-meeting on the city fairgrounds with Otis Gatewood and Roy Palmer doing the preaching. Attendance averaged about one hundred for the eight evenings, and we made a number of contacts which we will follow up with here.

Enclosed is a picture of Beth, our Thanksgiving Day baby. It would have been wonderful to have been at the dedication and graduation exercises. Possibly next year we can be.

Hugh and Joy Smith Mingle, '51 and '53

Galesburg, Kansas

We're both happy and busy here in S. E. Kansas in a small town. Paul is preaching. It's a bog job, this being a preacher's wife and mother of two peppy younguns — ages 1 and 2, but I love it.

My days at Harding seem so long ago, but they're not quite three years away and I still cherish my memories there.

Esther Mitchell Hesser (Assoc.)

Butler, Missouri

I have signed my contract to teach in the Ballard schools for a fourth year. I teach English and music and act as principal. I started the music department in this little country school two years ago. We have done very well in the district contests and the last two years. The girl's sextet, trio and glee club have received superior and good ratings. They have never before had any instruction in the rudiments of music.

We enjoy getting the alumni news. I keep pretty busy trying to teach and preach both. We are attempting to establish a church in Clinton, Mo. If all goes as planned, we will move west next summer, preferably Montana. If we do, Nina and I will try to get down to Harding once before we move.

James Willett '47

ALUMNI NEWS

Chapter news

DALLAS

The Ft. Worth-Dallas Alumni Chapter invited prospective students and their parents to attend their meeting at the Sunset church, Dallas, on May 11. The Harding movie was shown and coffee and cookies served. President Sammie Swim, '47, appointed a committee of six to plan the next meeting to be held in the fall.

OKLAHOMA CITY

E. Harlan Moss, '32, and his wife were hosts to the Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter at their home on N. W. 17th Street May 15. A short business meeting followed the showing of the Harding movie. Mrs. Moss served punch, cake, nuts and candy. Martin Lemmons, '50, is president.

WICHITA

An election meeting was held by the Wichita Alumni Chapter at the Hypatia Club on May 20. New officers are President Lester Balcolm, '52, Vice-President W. D. Rhodes, Harper, and Secretary-Treasurer LaVera Novak, '49.

The Harding movie was shown. Punch and cake were served to alumni, prospective students and parents attending.

MEMPHIS

Twenty-two alumni living in the Memphis area attended a pot-luck supper meeting held May 13, at the Germantown church. Jack Plummer, '52, serves as president.

New chapters

OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON

On May 1 six alumni held a breakfast meeting in the basement of the Okanogan Street church in Wenatchee to make plans for a Washington State Alumni Chapter. Hal Hougey, '51, was elected president, and Grace Riggs Hougey, '48, secretary. A committee of Murray and Ruby Warren, '53 and '55, Dale and Gwen Snyder, '51 and '53, and Maudie Jackson, '44, was appointed to draw up by-laws to be presented for approval at the next meeting. The main purpose of the Washington State Chapter will be to stress to the people of that area the importance and value of Christian education.

SAN ANTONIO

Alumni in the San Antonio area assembled May 8 in the party room of the Highlander Cafeteria to organize a local chapter. Officers elected were Ralph Bell, '39, president, Don Wilkerson, '52, vice-president, and Jane Gateley Bell, '44, secretary-treasurer.

The Harding movie was shown and punch, coffee and cup cakes were served.



Miss Annie May Alston

Alston leaving

After ten years of service on the Harding Campus, Annie May Alston, '39, will return to Henning, Tenn., in August to make her home with her mother, Mrs. Willis Alston. She will teach English in the Covington High School, about nine miles from Henning.

Annie May received her B.S. in Library Science from Peabody in '43 and her M.A. from the University of Chicago in '52. She has served Harding students first as teacher and then librarian. The new library was planned and constructed and its collection and services greatly expanded since she became librarian in 1947. North Central Accrediting Association examiners have given the library unusually high rating in their reports. Annie May was secretary of the Alumni Association for several years and a member of the executive committee this year.

Anyone passing through Henning has an invitation from Annie May to stop and visit with the Alstons!

Group meetings

TEXARKANA

The Harding movie was shown to a group of alumni, prospective students and their parents in the fellowship room of the church building in Texarkana May 3. An appropriately decorated cake and punch were served the 34 who attended.

CORPUS CHRISTI

A meeting of alumni in the Corpus Christi area was called for May 6 in the Ayres Street church educational building. Prospective students and their parents were invited to see the Harding movie and browse through the recent Petit Jean and other literature about the school.

SUMMER ISSUE

Degrees won

Three alumni received masters degrees in June.

From Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Margie Ann Groover, '51, received the master of arts degree in education and Philip E. Perkins, '52, received the master of science degree in chemistry.

Rue Porter Rogers, '51, was awarded the master of arts degree in educational administration from Peabody in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bob Morris sings

Bob Morris, '52, appeared with Lois Albright and her vocal ensemble in Town Hall, New York, May 18. The program included "The Peasant Cantata" by Bach and a concert version of "Faust" by Gounod. Bob was baritone soloist with the professional singing and acting group, known as the Arizona Music and Drama Guild of Phoenix, Ariz.

Miss Albright was a member of the Harding faculty '36-'38. Bob studied with Miss Albright in Chicago, his home town.

Help needed

Can you help us locate these lost alumni?

- Bob Adams, '50
- Mabel Rubye Adcock, '41
- Claude Richard Anderson, '52
- Mona Leah Bauer, '36
- Lucille Ondrey Boyd, '51
- Faye Seeton Bragg, '38
- Marvin A. Brooker, Jr., '49
- Rufus Daniel, '37
- LaVonne Mae Darden, '48
- Henry Cullen Dixon, '29
- Charline Dodd, '49
- David Garner, '32
- Albert Hawkins, '35
- Anna Mae Hawthorne, '34
- Thurman D. Hester, '50
- Frankie H. Houston, '52
- M. A. Kellett, '29
- Nathan Lamb, '48
- Opaline Turner Martin, '41
- Dean Edmond Mayfield, '54
- Laura Lee Arms Mayo, '46
- Richard Burt Morrow, '53
- Mrs. Roy Nelson, '34
- Bessie May Quarles Smelser, '45
- J. Woody Stovall, '46

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

L. O. and Rene Woodring Sanderson, '28, and '28, were hosts to alumni and prospective students of the Springfield, area at a dinner held in the Y.W.C.A. cafeteria May 24. The Harding movie was shown.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

June 25 prospective students and alumni met in the basement of the church at Fayetteville. The Harding movie was shown. Soft drinks and cookies were served.

From here and there

1940

Alstone L. Tabor, '40, is living in Springfield, Mo. He has two children, Bob, 11, and Jim, 4.

1942

Edoline King Chester, '42, lives in Springfield, Mo., where her husband has a cleaning and pressing shop. They have four children, Jane, 6, David, 5, Kenneth, 4, and Mark, 1.

Eva Jo Brown Brammer, '42, also lives in Springfield, Mo., where her husband is a watchmaker. Besides taking care of her family, Judy, 7, and Carol, 4, **Eva Jo** teaches in the Draughns Business College there.

1946

Curtis and Olive Fogg Scott, '46 and '43, live in Oklahoma City. He is employed by the Frigidaire Sales Corporation as a Commercial Division Manager. They have adopted two very cute little girls, Cheryl, 4, and Jan, 5.

1947

Ann Scarborough Johnson, '47, has two children, Kathy, 4, and Robert, 3, and lives in Corsicana, Texas. Much of **Ann's** time is spent serving as president of the Navarro Democratic Women's Organization. Her husband, Clyde, is a reporter for the Corsicana Daily Sun.

1949

LaVera Novak, '49, lives in Wichita, Kansas, and teaches kindergarten. She says she "loves her work!"

Gloria Fulghum Estes, '49, and her husband have recently moved to Knoxville, Tenn., where Paul will intern at the General Hospital. Paul graduated with highest honors from medical school in Memphis in March. **Gloria** wishes to make contact with other alumni living in the Knoxville area.

Bill and Betty Kell Cook, '49 and '51, moved to Port Arthur, Tex., in June, where **Bill** is now assistant minister for the Proctor St. church.

1950

Howard and Maxine O'Banion Cox, '50 and '46, are living in Pine Bluff, Ark., where he is employed by the Cottonbelt Railroads Company. **Maxine** is a secretary for the County Schools Supervisor.

Martin Lemmons, '50, has been promoted to Unit Manager by his company, Commercial Credit Corporation, in Oklahoma City.

Eugene Prince, '50, has a wife, Emma and a daughter, Janet Helen, 4, and lives in Columbus Ohio, where he is groundskeeper for the Lennox Furnace Company.

Joe Wells, '50, lives in Birmingham, Ala., where he is employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He has a son, Mark, 21 months.

Married

Frances Nadine Smith, '55 to Fredrick D. Wesson on Nov. 1 in Memphis, Tenn.

Virginia Louis Walton, '54 to Lt. **Jimmy Lee Ballenger**, '52 on May 5 in Brownsville, Texas.

Margaret Willis, '54 to Gerald Comer on June 18 in Florence, Alabama.

Patsy Burch, '49 to Troy Cannon on June 25 in Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Joyce Burt, '52 to **Philip Perkins**, '52 on June 25 in Crossett, Ark.

Winnifred Margaret Richardson, '52 to **Flying Officer Leonard Joseph Redman** '53 on July 3 in Soellingen, Germany.

Sue Buntley, '54 to Lt. Thomas Walton Wheat on July 11 in Clinton, Oklahoma.

Joyce Ann Haney to **Bobby D. Connell**, '50 on July 18 in Little Rock, Ark.

Born

Son, James Dewitt, to **Lewis and Dorothy Munger Yingling** on Jan. 3 in Little Rock, Ark.

Daughter, Betty Louise, to **Doyle and Fannie Haddock Williams** on Jan. 12, in Niles Mich.

Daughter, Christine Karen, to **Jack and Johnnie Reese Croom** on Jan. 23 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Daughter, to **Sam and Ruth Roach** on April 5 in Detroit, Mich.

Son, Allan Walter, to **H. M. and Kathleen Carlisle Gardner** on May 1 in Orangeville, Ontario, Canada.

Son, Ben Arthur, to **Bue Porter and Ruby McReynolds Rogers** on May 5 in Piggott, Ark.

Son, Gerald Glenn, to **Willard and Yvonne Simon Co**, on May 9 in Moulton, Ala.

Daughter, Martha Ellen, to **Dr. Henry and Grace Johnson Farrar** on May 21 in Smithville, Tenn.

Son, Jeffrey Ian, to **Forest and Beth Merritt Moyer** on June 7 in Alturas, Calif.

Daughter, Marilyn Ruth, to **Homer and Blanche Rickman Horsman** on June 25 in Sheffield, Alabama.

Son, Charles Austin, to **Dr. Clifton and Louise Nicholas Ganus** on June 26 in Searcy, Ark.

Daughter, Kerry Ann, to **Richard and Lois Benson McEuen** on June 29 in Little Rock, Ark.

Daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to **Thomas and Mary Classpill Atkinson** on June 30 in Maud, Oklahoma.

Son, Blair Kevin, to **Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gordon** on July 3 in Houston, Texas.

Son, Kenneth Alan, to **Hal and Grace Riggs Hougey** on July 5 in Omak, Washington.

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