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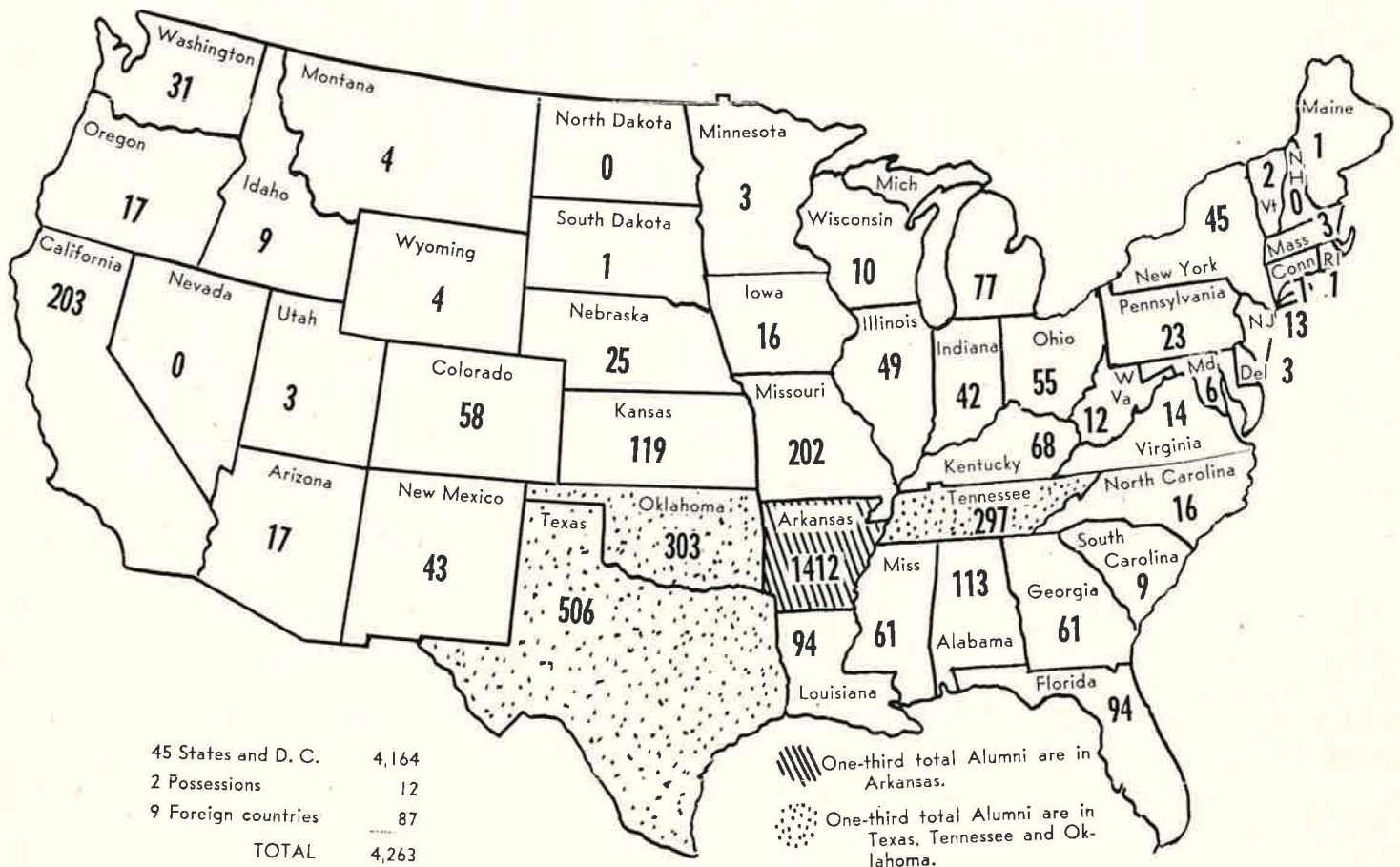
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The Harding Alumni picture . . .



A United States map pinpointing Alumni has been framed and hung in the office to give a visual picture of Alumni locations. Different colored pins have been used to designate the number of Alumni living in different locales. Red represents 1, yellow 2 to 5, blue 6 to 10, green 11 to 25, black 26 to 50, silver 51 to 75 and gold 76 to 100.

The above map shows the geographic distribution of Harding Alumni.

Harding Alumni dot the nation having settled in every state in the Union except Nevada, North Dakota and New Hamp-

shire. Arkansas leads with about one-third the total 4,263 known Alumni residing there. Texas is second, then Tennessee and Oklahoma with half the remaining Alumni living in these three states. Alumni are now in Japan, Hawaii, Netherlands, Philippines, South America, Africa, Alaska, Australia, Canada and Germany.

The Alumni office receives an average of 107 address changes per month. This may be explained by a study of a few years ago which showed that 53% of our Alumni are teachers and preachers.

Perhaps significant is the fact that the

number of Alumni increase markedly in towns where our Christian high schools or colleges are located.

A map pinpointing the home towns of our present students has been prepared by the Student Personnel Office. Another significant fact is that this map looks very much like the Alumni map with pins concentrated in the same areas.

While the Alumni office has the addresses of 4,263 graduates, ex-students, associate and honorary Alumni, **there are over 900 people in the lost file.** A list of lost graduates is on page three of this Alumni News.



President's Corner

By Dr. Joe Pryor

Very noticeable is the serious purpose and excellent conduct manifested among the nearly eight hundred students enrolled in the college program this year. An unusually large number of students with outstanding ability are members of the freshman class numbering more than three hundred. I wish that each of you could visit the campus and meet this excellent student body, enjoy an inspirational chapel program and see the outstanding teaching being done.

Almost anywhere I go today I meet one or more Harding alumni and I always find them eager to hear news about Harding and to ask questions regarding some of their classmates.

In order to facilitate the fellowship of alumni living in a given community or area, alumni chapters have been organized. In several places where no formal organization yet exists, the alumni get together now and then for a period of association. More than twenty chapters have been organized during the last ten years but we regret to say that some of these apparently have ceased to be active. We are very anxious to see these chapters organized. The Executive Secretary, Jo Connell, has prepared a manual which is very helpful to chapter officers and any chapter which does not have a copy of this manual should write the Alumni Office and request a copy.

Several of the chapters have regular meetings throughout the year. These take many forms such as pot-luck suppers, weiner roasts, dinners or parties. The responsibility for planning these meetings rests with the officers of the local chapter. I would like to appeal to all chapter presidents to discharge in an enthusiastic way the duties of their office. I have had the pleasure of meeting with four different chapters and it was thrilling to see how much those present enjoyed visiting with each other. The fellowship was wonderful.

In one respect the alumni of Harding constitute a rather heterogeneous group since students who attended certain of the earlier Christian schools are included as members of the Alumni Association, other alumni attended Harding at Morrilton and still others attended at Searcy before the improvements in physical plant were made. There may be a tendency for some, because of sentimental attachment to Scroggin Hall or Godden Hall or some other landmark no longer existing on the Harding campus, to feel that they have but little tie left with their Alma Mater. Others may feel that their tie has been about broken because most of the great teachers with whom they were associated have passed on to their reward. Yet the one great reason for the existence of Harding College and the one great principle to which the great teachers at Harding have been dedicated from the beginning to the present has been and still is the ideal of providing young people an education in a Christian environment where God's word is taught to every student and the way of Christ is stressed as the way of life. This ideal of Christian education should be the tie that binds us close to our Alma Mater and give all alumni a feeling of brotherhood in the Harding family regardless of the era of attendance.

In some ways I have a unique linkage with various eras since I entered the first grade in Arkansas Christian College the year before the consolidation that resulted in Harding College. Then after an absence of several years I enrolled as a freshman in college the last year the college was at Morrilton and my senior year at Searcy was the first year that Dr. Benson was president. I am deeply thankful for the great impact made upon me by the great teachers I had. This year is the eleventh year that I have been back teaching at Harding. The ideal of Christian education remains unchanged. Harding is now in a position to render a greater service and to more effectively achieve the aims of long standing. I have great confidence that our Alma Mater will meet the challenges presented, God being her helper.

the Alumni write

51st Eng. C. Parts
APO 973 c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

I am happy to tell you that I am now meeting each Sunday with a small group of service men in one of the Air Force chapels here in Pusan. We have obtained a list of thirty-one names and addresses of service men in this area who listed the church of Christ as their preference.

If the Alumni office has the addresses of any exHardingites in Korea, I would appreciate a list of them.

Harry D. Olree, '53

From here and there . . .

1927

Clara Biggs Tatge, '27, says she "was a charter member of Harding, along with Mr. Benson and Ruby Stapleton, but graduated that next summer at Stillwater, Okla. I now have an M.S. in Social Work from Okla. U. and am with the O. U. Medical School faculty as a medical-social worker at U. Hospital there on a grant from the Nat. Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. My old friends may like to hear that I'm a selling writer, too — short stories. Two sons are at home with my husband and me, and daughter Vivian is the wife of Leland Tenney, whose father is Arthur Tenney known to many of you. I would like to know the whereabouts of those 'charter members' — would they write me?"

1935

Joe L. and Edythe Young, '35, Cowan have adopted a baby boy, John Timothy, born Jan. 17, 1955.

1941

Marie Yingling reports about the former Opaline Turner, '41 with the news that she is now Mrs. Bob Martin. They live at St. Clairsville, Ohio, where Bob directs band for the public school and Opaline teaches. They have a teen-age son, Peter, and are remodeling a barn for a new home there.

1946

Bob Collins, '46, and his wife, Eudora, and small daughter, Sheila, live at Thibodaux, La., where Bob teaches at Nicholls Junior College.

Data collected about George D. Knepper, Jr., '46: AB, Heidelberg, '48, MA (English), Ohio State University, '49; advertising manager and director of public relations, Brown Trailers, Inc., currently assigned to Toledo, Ohio; two volumes of poetry published, *First Fruits*, '52, and *What's Hecuba to Him* (at the printers — "Copies available free of charge to my Harding friends.")

1947

Mrs. Virginia B. Ryan writes, "My son Barnard, '47, is Assistant to Dean of the University of Denver, College of Arts and Science, Denver, Colorado. He is finishing up his doctor's degree and has been at the top of his class so far." Our best wishes, Barnard!

1949

Bob Batson, '49, finished his second year of graduate study last year at Peabody in Nashville and is now principal of Baileytown Junior High School. His wife, the former Gwen Davis, '49, is teaching in the elementary school there.

1947

Pat Halbert Thomas, (Mrs. C. E.), '47 is now living in Lubbock, Tex. She and Charles have two children, John Michael, four, and Barbara, one.

1950

Pat '50 and Doris Richey '47 Reaser have moved from Houston to Dallas, where Pat is employed by Chance Vought Aircraft as an industrial engineer. They have two children, Trina Lee, 3½ and David Mark, 2½.

1953

From James '53 and Nedie Switzer, '55, Seal comes the news that he is teaching at a country school east of Pondcreek, Okla., where he has nine students in five grades.

ALUMNI NEWS

SPRING ISSUE

Chapter news

LITTLE ROCK

The Little Rock Chapter underwent a rejuvenation recently holding two meetings for re-organizational purposes. The first was on January 27 in the Hostess Room of the Wonder Bakery. Ordie Copeland, Carroll Trent, and Dot Munger Yingling called the meeting. About thirty-five were present including Joe Pryor, Kay England, Jo Connell, the Charles Pitners and W. B. Wests from Searcy.

Dr. West told the group about Harding's plans for expansion. The '41 Harding movie was shown and refreshments served by the bakery.

Officers were elected at the second meeting held February 11 at the Central church building. Carroll Trent, '35, was chosen president; E. C. Price, '33, vice-president; and Dot Yingling, '48, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made for future activities of the chapter.

The movie of the 35th Anniversary Celebration staged on the campus last spring was shown. Coffee and cookies were served.

MEMPHIS

A Valentine theme was carried out in decorations (planned by M. K. King) and refreshments at the quarterly meeting of the Memphis Alumni Chapter February 14. About thirty people were present including the Charles Pitners, Cliff Ganus, and Jo Connell from the campus.

Charles Pitner, vice-president of the Association, gave a brief talk on "Expansion Plans for Harding," and Cliff Ganus, immediate past president, spoke on "Why Have an Alumni Association." Two Harding movies were shown, the 1941 film and the 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Jack and Helen Plummer and Mary Katherine King gave an entertaining skit about "Twirling the Radio Dial."

Next meeting will be a prospective student party tentatively scheduled for March 18.

WICHITA

New officers were elected at the December 16 meeting of the Wichita Alumni Chapter. Douglas Lawyer, '49, was elected president, and Pete McCluggage, '48, vice-president. La Vera Novak, '49, retains her position as secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was a pot-luck dinner at the home of the new president. Twenty-three were present.

Tentative date for the next meeting is March 19. This meeting will be held at the new dining room of the Maude Carpenter Children's Home and will be a prospective student party.

Details to come

Expansion plans are under way for increasing the services offered by Harding College. Fields to be expanded are the graduate Bible department, graduate education and business administration departments.

Watch for your monthly bulletin for details about these plans.

Jobs available

J. D. Fenn, head of the placement service here on the campus, announces several teaching positions available. Any interested alumnus may write Mr. Fenn at Harding.

In Arkansas, teachers are needed for junior high English, junior high arithmetic, high school choral work, science, history, foreign language, and elementary positions.

Two positions available in Kansas are for a home economics teacher and a commercial teacher. Salaries in Kansas begin at \$3,000.

A high school English teacher is needed in Mississippi. They will pay \$250 per month.

Reunions ahead

Classes of '35, '40, '45 and '50 will hold their reunion luncheon on Alumni Day, June 1. Members of these classes will be contacted by their officers later but it's time to make plans to attend!

The class of '30 has charge of the assembly program. Permanent class officers are: President Lloyd Smith, 1512 South Penn, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Vice-president J. D. Fenn, Harding College; and Secretary Ethel Brabzson, Box 402, Trumann, Arkansas.

Pictures wanted

If you have not yet sent in a picture of your children to the Alumni office, you are invited to do so. One of the most popular items in the office is the Alumni Baby Scrapbook. It is one of the books first sought in the office by visitors.

The 2½ x 3½ photograph is the most convenient size. Please include full names of children and their nicknames and birth dates.

The book has recently been revamped to improve the display. A half page has been left for each family so that pictures of the children in the family can be put together.

Grads still lost, more added

Still tracking down lost grads. The list dwindled to nine:

Mabel Rubye Bradley Adcock, '41
Emmett C. Blackshear, '29
Lucille Ondrey Boyd, '51
Faye Seeton Bragg, '38
Rufus Daniel, '37
Albert Hawkins, '35
Robert Taylor, '36
Kenneth C. Tucker, '36
Elliot Wallace Williams, '47
Now seventeen more have left no forwarding address:

Robert H. (Pete) Barnes, '50
Eldon Gene Billingsley, '52
Mary Crockett, '52
Mrs. Cleon Forbes, '31
Arthur F. Graham, '35
Maurice Edward Hammond, '49
Sam P. Hill, Jr., '54
Wanda Dell Greene Kirby, '52
Dean Edmond Mayfield, '54
Royce Nathine Murray, '46
Gladys Jewell Nation, '32
Mrs. Roy Nelson, '34
Richard E. Smith, '50
Wynelle Watson Smith, '49
Lloyd Cleveland Watson, '41
Harry Leslie Webb, Jr. '37
General Jackson Wheeler, '52
Any help appreciated.

One Alumni secretary once said to a fellow worker, "What we ought to do is put the Alumni office in a trailer, move it from one state to another each week and never tell the Alumni its new address!"

Whitten planning summer tours

Woodrow C. Whitten, '37, is again helping plan a European tour for this summer. In his words there will be "fifty-four wonderful days in Europe on a vacation study tour especially planned for Christian young people, visiting Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and England."

The cost is \$765 and is limited to "carefully selected Christian young people with a declared interest in the European evangelistic and educational work of the church.

Dr. Whitten will personally conduct a second tour of the Mediterranean and The Holy Land. This tour lasts 85 days and will cost each participant \$2,695. This amount includes all tour expenses except personal services or luxuries.

Dr. Whitten, a student and teacher of Biblical history, is professor of history and head of the Department of Social Sciences at Pepperdine College. For additional tour information, write him at the college at Los Angeles.

More newsbits from here and there

A picture came to the office recently of **Herman B. Spurlock**, '53, being congratulated by Colonel Walter E. Sewell, commander of 31st Infantry Regiment with the 7th Infantry Division. **Private First Class Spurlock**, a communications chief in Battery B of the division's 48th Field Artillery Battalion completed the four-week preparatory course with an average of 94.21. He entered the Army in October 1953 and has been overseas since last August.

1951

Mrs. Melbourn Horsman writes, "I am sending you a little information of **Mary Belle**, '51 and her work.. She has been in Washington, D. C., two and a half years and is working in the White House as an assistant to the Chief of Correspondence. Her duties cover a large range of responsibilities such as answering letters for the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, writing of speeches and the State of the Union Message. She is also privileged to attend the formal and informal activities of the White House staff. We feel we owe a great deal of her success in the position she now hold to Harding College and we are very proud of her and that she is a former student of Harding."

Married

Mildred Litle, '56 to **Paul E. Cantrell**, MA '53, on Sept. 10 at Amarillo, Tex.
Joyce Brewer to **Jim Massey**, '52, MA '53, on Nov. 21 at East Tallassee, Ala.
Martha King, '57, to **David Rhodes**, '57, on Nov. 26 at Searcy.
Frances Nan Johns, '55, to **Francis Harold Gay** on Nov. 29 at Searcy.
Shirla Mae Trammell, Acad., to **Cecil L. Babb** on Dec. 18 at Searcy.
Joan Davis, '53, to **Gene Partain** on Dec. 18 at Houston, Tex.
Jessie Lou Smith, '52, to **Clifton Fondren** on Dec 18 at Eudora.
Nancy Vanwinkle, '54, to **Richard Walker**, '50, on Dec. 19 at Bay.
Mary Burton, '55, to **Johnny Dunlap** on Dec. 19 at Nashville, Tenn.
Mary Ann Tonkery, '54, to **Lloyd Smith, Jr.** on Dec. 23 at Fairmont, W. Va.
Sue Carolyn Lawrence, Acad., to **Stephen Mancefield Woodard** on Dec. 24 at Warren.

Ila F. Sanders, '57, to **Pfc. Bill M. Lashley** on Dec. 25 at Paragould.

Sherry Eileen Hunter to **Russell Albert McNalty**, '54, on Feb. 10 at Morrilton.

Yvonne Hart, '56, to **William J. Turner, Jr.**, on Feb. 12 at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Doris Ruth Straughn, '51, to **Lt. Raymond Toldan, Jr.**, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Born

Son, **Paul Langford**, to **Joseph E. and Kathleen Langford Jackson** on Oct. 23 at Henderson, Tex.

Daughter, **Terry Lee**, to **Leroy and Sue Hogg O'Neal** on Oct. 29 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Daughter, **Sylvia Gail**, to **Bob and Carmen Riggs** on Nov. 7 at Memphis, Tenn.

Son, **Kerry Francis**, to **Francis and Mary Alice Pritchard Hodge** on Nov. 19 at Steele, Mo.

Son, **Philip Dan**, to **Kent and Billie Hill Burgess** on Nov. 23 at Hot Springs.

Son, **Charles Britt**, to **Charles W. and Leola Denham Risinger** on Nov. 26 at Bossier City, La.

Son, **Douglas Alan**, to the **Earl Danleys** on Nov. 27 at Lubbock, Tex.

Daughter, **Nancy Elizabeth**, to **Joe and Mary Hargrave Wooton** on Dec. 1 at Wichita, Kan.

Daughter, **Terri Lynn**, to **Bill and Mary Helen Clayton (Scotty) Sherrill** on Dec. 3 at Morrilton.

Daughter, **Lynna Susan**, to **Larry and Billie Davis Whitehead** on Dec. 4 at Panama City, Fla.

Daughter, **Connie Jo**, to **Joe and Dorothy Brown Clark** on Dec. 7 at Lackland, Fla.

Daughter, **Beverly Kay**, to **Bryan and Virginia Hulett Layne** on Dec. 17 at Humble, Tex.

Daughter, **Frances Marie**, to **T. F. and Marguerite Barker Vaughn, Jr. (Butch and Buddy)** on Dec. 29 at Pensacola, Fla.

Son, **Charles Brentley**, to **Charles and Bettye Oldham Brooks** on Jan. 2 at Longview, Tex.

Son, **Gregory Alan**, to **Art and Doris Epperson Crowe** on Jan. 16 at Trinidad, Colo.

Daughter, **Colleen**, to **Alvin O. and Corene Brown Stevens** on Jan. 23 at Brownfield, Tex.

Daughter, **Marcia Ruth**, to **Numa and Ruth Benson Crowder** on Jan. 24 at Muscatine, Iowa.

Son, **William Robert**, to **Glynn Doyle and Mary Grace Huff Adams** on Jan. 24 at Shreveport, La.

Son, **Jonathan Kent**, to **James D. and Mary Bales** on Jan. 25 at Searcy.

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