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# THE *Harding* College

## BULLETIN

### Harding College Expands Graduate Program



Gen. W. Peyton Campbell



Dr. George S. Benson

### Three Leaders Picked To Direct Campaign

President Benson, General W. Peyton Campbell, executive assistant in finance, and Dr. W. B. West, Jr., will be the key staff personnel in the campaign to raise \$1,500,000 needed to finance the expanded graduate program at Harding.

Dr. Benson and General Campbell will direct their efforts largely toward grants from corporations, foundations, and various philanthropists, while Dr. West will concern himself chiefly with the financial drive among the brotherhood for the new Graduate School of Bible and Religion.



Dr. W. B. West, Jr.

### Summer Work Begins On Education Degree

A graduate program leading to the master's degree in education will begin at Harding this summer, and it is quite probable that a master's in business administration will be added a year from this summer, President George S. Benson announced this month.

In addition, an all-out effort is being launched to develop the present department of Bible and religion, he said. The master's degree in this field has been offered here since 1952.

To implement the expanded graduate program at Harding, Dr. Benson said, a million and a half dollar financial campaign has been started. A total of \$300,000 of this goal has already been promised to the college.

Some of the country's greatest industrialists and businessmen will serve on the National Sponsoring Committee for Harding's campaign, President Benson said.

Members of the committee, in addition to other services in behalf of the expansion program, will serve as hosts for luncheon meetings to which other important businessmen and philanthropists of the country will be invited for a study of Harding's needs.

Funds from the campaign will be used for the construction of four new buildings on the campus: a graduate wing to the library, a graduate school of Bible and religion, a graduate dormitory, and a graduate classroom building.

The faculty will also be increased (see Graduate, page two)

Proposed graduate classroom, (top right)  
Graduate school of Bible and religion  
(bottom right)

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## Graduate

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to meet the demands of the graduate work.

Harding is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and is working closely with this agency and with the State Department of Education in the planning and development of the graduate work.

"Only a minority of the public school teachers of Arkansas have master's degrees, so the state has the greatest need of any in the nation for more graduate opportunities. Harding College is in a position to meet this need and is accepting its responsibility," President Benson said.

## Two Harding Officials Win Freedoms Awards

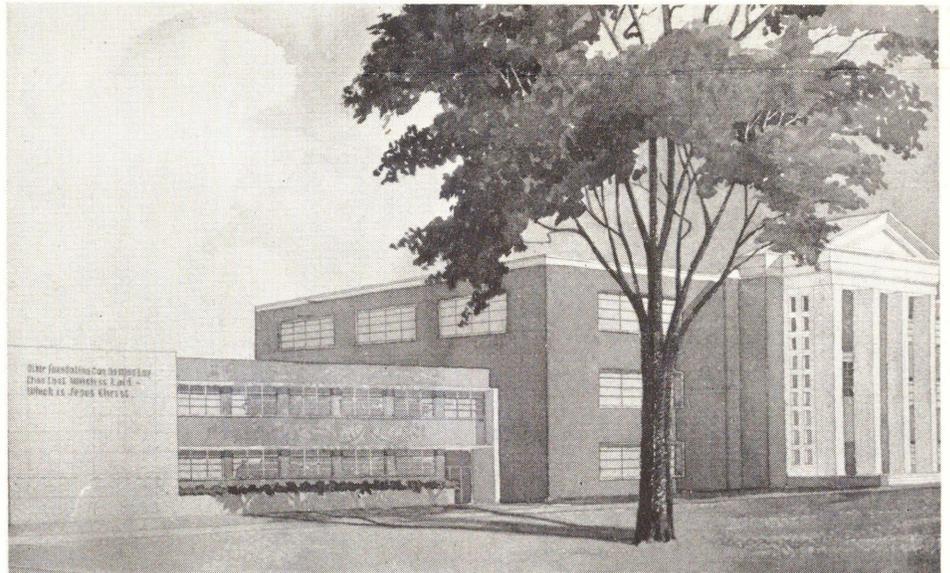
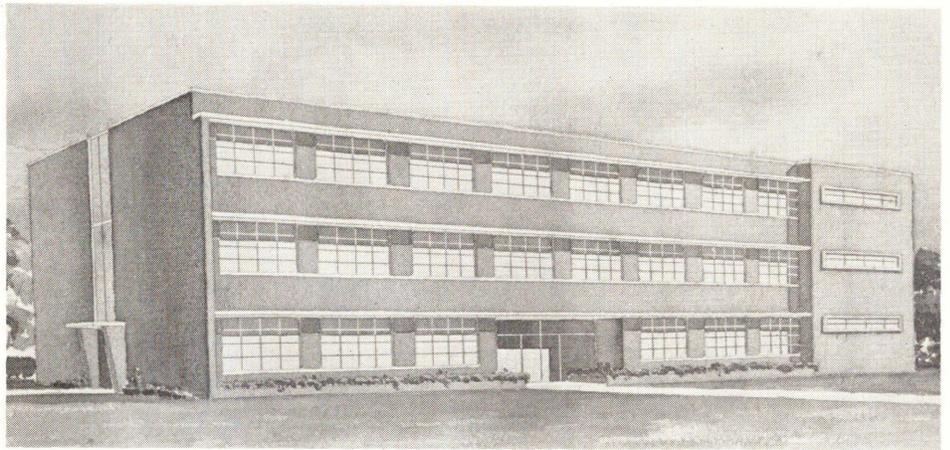
Harding College, Dr. George S. Benson, Harding's president, and General W. P. Campbell, executive received awards from Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.

Both Dr. Benson and General Campbell were honored for outstanding speeches during 1954.

The college also got an award for its campus program.

Dr. Benson has received an award annually from the Foundation since its inception in 1950. Other Harding people who have been honored by the Foundation are Glenn A. (Bud) Green, director of the National Education Program, and Miss Dorothy Welsh, an alumna now teaching in Wenatchee, Wash. Both received their awards in 1950. Miss Welsh was a student at the time she was chosen.

Freedoms Foundation, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian awards organization, annually makes awards of cash and honor medals to individuals and groups for "contributions to better understanding of the American Way of Life."



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## National Education Program Leaders Set April Date For Forum At Harding

Freedom Forum XVI will convene on the Harding campus, April 11-15. The forum will be attended by top ranking business, industrial, labor, and government leaders from all over the nation.

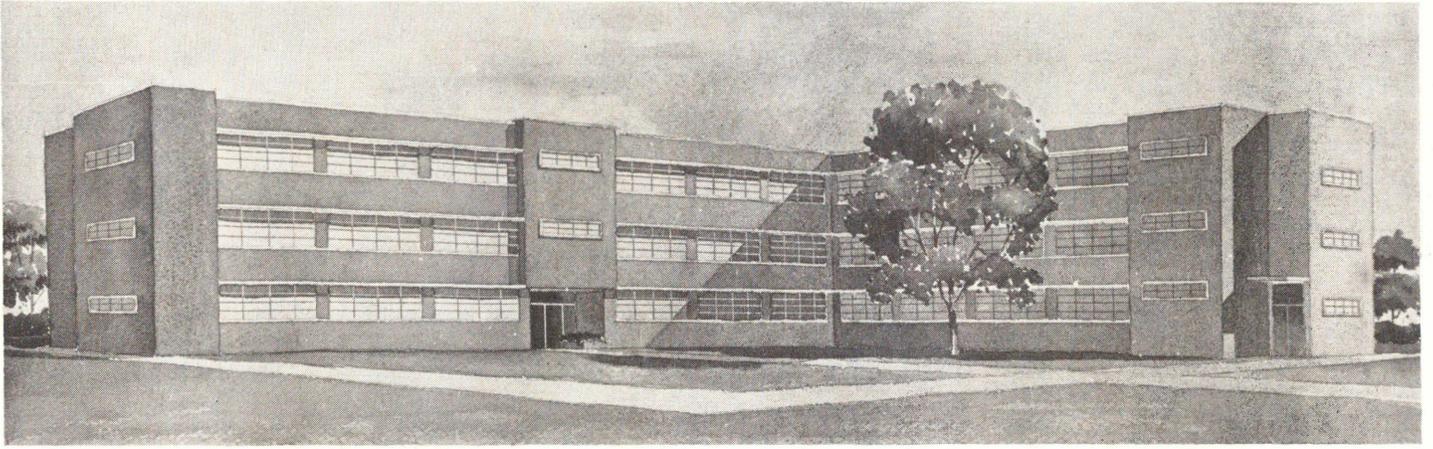
The general theme for this year's conference will center around American citizenship education. The five-day seminar is planned and directed by the National Education Program, under the direction of Glenn A. (Bud) Green.

In the past 15 forum programs more than 600 companies have been represented. In addition, faculty and administrative officials from 48 schools and colleges have attended.

The conferees came from 39 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and Hawaii.

Dr. George S. Benson, Harding president, will open the seminar with an address on "The Two-Pronged Job in America."

Included on the schedule of speakers will be William Verity, industrial relations executive, Armco Steel Corp.; Perrin D. McElroy, president, Western States District Council of Iron Workers; C. Hamilton Moses, chairman of the board of the Arkansas Power & Light Company; Dr. Fred Schwarz, Sydney, Australia; and Adelene Howland, director of elementary education, Mount Vernon, New York.



Proposed graduate dormitory

## College Chorus Packs For Lengthy Spring Trip

Harding's A Cappella Chorus, which is Arkansas' most-travelled choral group, will leave the campus March 31 for concerts in five states.

They will be presented before audiences in cities in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi. Other states already visited during this school year are Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. The chorus will return to Harding on April 11.

The Harding Chorus is directed by Kenneth Davis, Jr., of the college music faculty.

The choristers are heard regularly over 130 radio stations throughout the country in recorded programs of "Hymns from Harding."

## Twelve Win Honors In Scholastic Work

Twelve new members have been initiated into the Harding College chapter of the Alpha Honor Society.

Those accepted are J. D. Ewing, Searcy; Jack McNutt, Norphlet; Wilma Faye Paxton, Monroe, Okla.; and Neale Pryor, Mayfield, Ky., juniors.

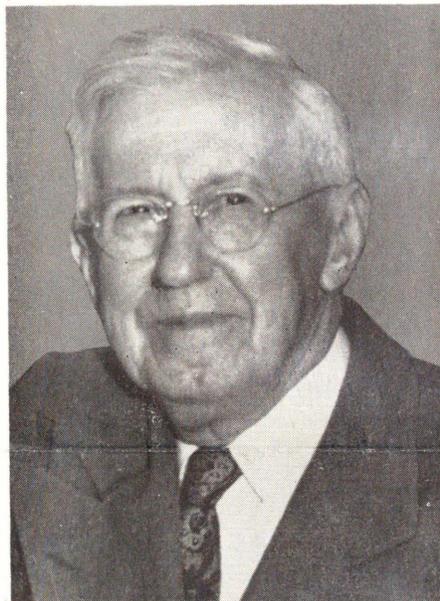
Seniors are Ronald Bever, Granada, Col.; Don Brown, Searcy; Joe Hacker, Muskogee, Okla.; Paul Magee, Piggott; Joan Nance, Newport, Jewell Ozbirn, Bethany, Okla.; Tommy Parrish, Keiser; and Dean Roper, St. Louis.

Requirements for membership in the Alpha Honor Society are, for a junior, the completion of 80 semester hours and a scholastic standing of 3.70 or a B plus. Senior requirements are the completion of 112 semester hours with a scholastic level of 3.50 or a B plus.

## Professor Observes 60th Anniversary Of Service As Preacher Of Gospel

Dr. Jesse P. Sewell, lecturer in Bible at Harding College and president emeritus of Abilene Christian College, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ministry on March 6 by attending church as usual and by enjoying the visits of friends at an open house at his home.

Dr. Sewell had planned to celebrate the occasion by filling the pulpit of the College Church of Christ in Searcy to re-preach his first sermon, the one he preached at the Old People's Home at Nashville, Tenn., 60 years ago. His doctors intervened, however, for fear that the emotional strain of the celebration might prove too much for a heart weakened by an attack two years ago.



Dr. Jesse P. Sewell

Although he comes from a family of preachers, he enrolled at Nashville Bible School, which is now David Lipscomb College, with the intention of studying medicine. He decided to become a minister after preaching in a tiny Texas community to fill an appointment for his father.

He assumed the leadership of the Abilene school when it was a poverty-ridden academy of only 35 students. When he retired from the presidency of Abilene 12 years later, the school was fully accredited by the State Educational Association as a four-year college. It had an enrollment of over 700 students, a property evaluation of over \$450,000 and had no obligations.

In his preaching in 37 states, he has led nearly 6,000 people to Christ.

Dr. Sewell's first wife died in 1944. In 1948 he married Mrs. Maxie McDuffie Runnels, who shares his devotion to the church and service to youth.

Dr. Sewell joined the Harding staff in 1950 as a lecturer.

## Opera Rehearsal Held For April Presentation

The Harding College Opera Workshop will present the opera, "The Bartered Bride," April 22, in the Harding Auditorium.

Dr. Erle T. Moore, chairman of the music department, is directing the opera. The program will be the last Lyceum presentation of the school year.

# Vanderpools Set Unusual Record

There is no shortage of brain cells in this Harding College family.

Mrs. Guy Vanderpool, formerly employed at Harding, is now teacher of history, dramatics and speech at Searcy High School.

Her four sons are all honor students at Harding. The twins, John and Harold, at left, were honor graduates from the Harding Academy and were straight "A" students last semester when they began their freshman year at Harding College. Roy is an honor student in the Academy, and Guy Vanderpool, at right, made the Dean's honor list at Harding last semester as he began his junior year at the college.

The Vanderpool boys also have leadership ability. John was president of his junior class at the Academy; Harold was president of his senior class there; Roy was president of the freshman class at the Academy; and Guy was vice-president of his senior class at Midland, Texas, where he graduated from high school.

The Vanderpools have brawn to



The Vanderpool family

go with their brains and leadership qualities. John was all-district quarterback for two years at the Academy, and Harold was all-district end twice and received hon-

orable mention for all-state honors. Roy is outstanding at both football and basketball for the Academy, and Guy was an outstanding tackle for the Midland team.



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