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Shown above is Mr. J. D. Fenn, vice-president of the class of '30, presenting the class' check for the alumni fund to Mr. A. S. Croom, business manager for Harding College. Looking on are (left) Mrs. Woodson H. Armstrong, dean emeritus of women, and Mr. S. A. Bell, who was a Bible teacher when the class was enrolled in the school.

Alumni gather for annual dinner

The Harding College Alumni Association held its annual dinner and business meeting in the college dining hall on Thursday, June 2, 1955, with Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, president, presiding.

President Pryor presented the officers of the Association.

Harding Alumni who are in business in Searcy were honored by being recognized by the president.

Four selections were sung by the college men's quartet composed of Joe Lewis, Jerry Perrin, Morgan Richardson, and Leon Sanderson.

Senior class sponsor, Dr. C. L. Ganus, Jr., presented the graduating seniors; Dr. W. B. West, Jr., head of the Bible department, presented the graduate Bible students for induction into the Association. President Pryor welcomed the new members including those seniors who are completing their college work this summer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College, and Jo Connell, executive secretary of the Association, gave short talks of appreciation for Alumni support.

A nominating committee was appointed for the coming election of officers to be held next year. Billy Norris was named chairman; Jane Sutherlin, Bob Hawkins, and Mrs. L. O. Sanderson were appointed to work with him.

President Pryor adjourned the meeting after giving a report of the amount contributed to date to the Alumni Fund.

Two hundred sixty people were present.

Five year classes hold reunions

On Wednesday morning, June 1, the Class of '30 celebrated their silver anniversary. It has become a tradition at Harding for the "Class of 25 Years Ago" to be especially honored during commencement week on Alumni Day, and a significant phase of that honor has afforded the twenty-five year class to make a contribution toward accomplishing the goals which Harding College is achieving. This year, during the chapel program which the Class of '30 presented, Vice-President J. D. Fenn presented Mr. Croom, Harding College business manager, with a check for \$596.00 which was their contribution to the Harding College Alumni Fund.

The chapel program which began the festivities of Alumni Day revealed many interesting and hum-

orous incidents, as told by Miss Pearl Latham, class member, and Mrs. Cathcart, chaperone.

After the chapel program, fifty seven adults and seven children were present for the reunion luncheon of the five year classes of '30, '35, '40, '50.

The annual Alumni-Varsity Softball Game was played in the afternoon. It was a close game all the way through, and the Varsity team had to work hard to win 6-5.

The following alumni played in the ball game: Charles Draper, George Regan, Cliff Ganus, Hugh Groover, Richard Walker, Lester Perrin, Joe Betts, George Tipps, Ernie Wilkerson, Hugh Rhodes, Kenneth Davis, and Jess Rhodes. This list is not complete.

To conclude the Alumni Day of

1955, the Harding A Cappella Chorus, under the direction of Kenneth Davis, Jr., provided the program for the regular Wednesday evening services in the College Church.



President's Corner

By Dr. Joe Pryor

(Editor's note: In the absence of President Joe Pryor who is off campus for the summer, we have asked Dr. Russell Lewis to give the alumni a report on the new graduate education program. Dr. Lewis is chairman of the department of education and teacher training.)

By Dr. Russell A. Lewis

Harding College offered its first graduate courses in education for the master's degree in the summer session. During the first term of the summer, six hours of graduate work was offered in general education with nine hours of graduate work strictly for elementary teachers and the same amount strictly for secondary teachers. Five hours of general education with eleven hours for secondary teachers and eight hours for elementary teachers were offered in the second term.

Thirty people were enrolled in the first term and that many or more students were expected to enroll in the second term. An estimated sixty graduate students will be taking courses during the fall and spring semesters of 1955-56.

During these semesters there will be graduate courses on Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as the regular day courses. There will also be Saturday morning courses.

Teachers in the Harding area may complete their work for the master's degree in two summers by carrying twelve semester hours of work per summer and three semester hours of work at night during each of the regular school sessions. By doing their graduate work this way the teachers may carry a full teaching load in the public schools.

Thirty semester hours of graduate work is required for the Master of Teaching degree at Harding. Of that number, ten or twelve hours must be in general subject matter fields such as math, science, English, business training, social science, and other fields. One-third of the work must be in general education courses such as school administration, child accounting, philosophy of education, educational sociology, and advanced educational psychology. The remaining third of the work should be in professional education relating specifically to either secondary or elementary education. In addition, two hours of work will be required in religious education.

No thesis will be required for the master's degree in teaching. However, a student may write a thesis in either elementary education or secondary education if approved and recommended by their graduate counselor. If a thesis is written, it will count from four to six semester hours of the total thirty semester hours required for the degree.

The education faculty of Harding College for next year will be composed of Professor Edward Sewell, who will teach the undergraduate work in secondary education; Miss Bonnie Beach, who will teach the undergraduate work in elementary education; Dr. W. K. Summitt, who will teach undergraduate and graduate work in psychology; Dr. Leonard Lewis, who will teach graduate courses in history and philosophy of education and will assist in psychology; and Dr. Russell A. Lewis, who will teach graduate courses in educational administration and a part of the graduate courses in secondary education.

the Alumni write

From here and there . . .

1939

George Gurganus, B.A. '39, M.A. '54, recently sent a photo to us of a group of ten Hardingites who happened to attend worship at the American services at the Yoyogi-Hachiman Church of Christ in Tokyo on the same day, June 5, 1955.

Among those attending were Ralph Mansell, '49, and Robert (Bob) Sewell, '52, both stationed near Tokyo in the Army; Bill Clark from Korea who is also in the Army; Colis Campbell, '47, a missionary, and Mrs. Dolores Campbell, (formerly Dolores Barker); Dr. Masami Takata, preacher and M.D.; and the Gurganus family.

George is currently working for the U.S. Air Force in Personnel Services at the Tokyo International Airport. He is a teacher in the Education Center.

1946

Virgil Lawyer, '46, his wife, Lou Dugger Lawyer, '48, and daughter were recent visitors on campus. The Lawyers were "just passing through" on their way home (Justin, Texas) after a two week stay at Camp Shiloh.

1948

Henry Farrar, '48, completed his internship at Tampa Municipal Hospital, June 30, and is serving in the U.S. Public Health Service. From Tampa, Henry, his wife, Grace Johnson Farrar, '48, and family will go to Washington, D. C., for further training before being assigned to a post.

1953

Recent visitors on campus were Phil, '53, and Fay Hare Morrow, '53. Phil was discharged from the Army in June, and has no definite plans as yet.

1954

Recently the Alumni Office received a letter from the Class of '54 and because we became so interested in the future "whereabouts" of this group of ex-Hardingites, we thought you too would like to know the plans of several of the students of '54.

Bob and Gracie McReynolds Coburn are now living in Earle, Ark., where Bob is serving as minister for the church, and Gracie is coaching the girl's softball team of the church and also helping in the Girl Scout work.

Janet Heidbreder began her schooling at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, June 20, toward an advance degree in Guidance and Special Education by way of an assistantship.

Muriel Bush has a position as business education teacher in her home town, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, for the coming school year.

Marilou Johnson will be second grade teacher back home in Stockton, California.

Shirley Birdsall is girl's supervisor and faculty member of the Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, for this coming school year.

Jo Lilly, assistant librarian at Harding, is attending Emory University in Atlanta this summer for further library training.

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Members of the "Class of 1945" who attended their tenth year reunion are left to right: seated, Mrs. Betty Maple Hawkins, Mrs. Ann Richmond Sewell, Mrs. Mable Ford Sinele, Mrs. Bessie Mae Quarles Smelser; second row, George Tipps, Worley Furguson, T. F. (Buddy) Vaughn, Jr., Sidney Roper, Evan Farmer, O. R. Perkins; third row, Bob Hawkins, Dale Larsen, Harold Holland, Joe Wooton. Present but not in the picture was Mrs. Polly Box Hanks.

Class of '45 reports on reunion

By Ann Richmond Sewell

Ten years after their graduation from Harding College, three-fifths of the class of '45 gathered for a class reunion June 2, 1955, at 8 a.m. in the home economics dining room on the campus of their Alma Mater. This was the largest class reunion held during graduation week.

Distance proved no stumbling block to this reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Roper and family traveled approximately 2400 miles from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, arriving in Searcy just 6 hours before the class meeting.

Members of the class who met together the morning of June 2 for coffee and doughnuts, as well as visiting and class business, were Evan Farmer, Pittsburg, Kansas; Bob and Betty Maple Hawkins, Oklahoma City; Harold Holland, Searcy, formerly of Japan; Dale Larsen, Omaha, Nebr.; O. R. Perkins, Ruston, La.; Sidney Roper, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. Ann Richmond Sewell, Searcy; Mrs. Mabel Ford Sinele, O'l Trough, Ark.; Mrs. Bessie Mae Quarles Smelser, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; George Tipps, Ft. Worth, Tex.; T. F. Vaughn, Jr., Pensacola, Fla.; Joe Wooton, Wichita, Kan.; Worley Ferguson, Little Rock, Ark.

Dale Larsen, president of the class, ended the program with scripture reading, followed by comments from those present, and prayer led by T. F. Vaughn, Jr.

Harding alumnus heads Memphis school

Mr. Marion L. Hickingbottom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hickingbottom, Marvell, Ark., has been appointed principal of the Memphis Christian School, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Hickingbottom will assume his position as principal on August 1.

Mr. Hickingbottom received his B.A. degree from Harding College in 1950, and since that time, he has done graduate work toward a higher degree. For the last five years he has been teaching in the Warren Public Schools, and was head of the social science department.

During the past summer, he has been enrolled in the American Studies Graduate Workshop Program

Alumni receive higher degrees

Two alumni have reported receiving higher degrees since their graduation from Harding. Howard Duane Garner, (B.A. '50), received the master of science degree from Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Jutta Reich, (B.A. '53), received the master of arts degree in business administration at Syracuse University.

Sam R. Floyd graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy, June 13. Sammy was one of the three graduates to receive an Arkansas Drug Traveler award. He also received a Merck award and the Arkansas Pharmaceutical Association award for leadership in extra-curricular activities.

Evan Ulrey, professor of speech and head of the department at Harding College, received his Ph.D. degree in speech from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La., in June. Dr. Ulrey received his B.A. degree from Harding in 1946, and his M.A. degree from L.S.U. in 1948.

More newsbits from here and there

1954

Thelma Harmon is to be librarian for the Lakeview Junior and Senior High Schools in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, this fall.

Mary Ann Whitaker is in school this summer at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and this fall will be at the University of Oklahoma with an assistantship in English.

1955

Mary Sue Hart, '55, is now employed as Home Service Advisor in the office of the United Gas Corporation, Beaumont, Texas.

Married

Hazel Lois Stroud to James Otis Griffith, '55, on May 29 in Searcy.

Eva D. Hall, Academy graduate, to Grover C. Davis, Jr., on June 10 in Searcy.

Martha Mae Clayton, '54, to Claude Wayne Davis, '56, on May 27 in Morrilton.

Wilma De Berry, '53, to Cameron Allen Deen on June 5 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Helen Yohe, '53, to James (Jim) Mahaffy, '56, on May 30 in Searcy.

Marjorie Hyatt, '56, to Gerald Kendrick, M.A. '54, on June 2 in Searcy.

Glenda Givens, '55, to James Zink, '54, on June 8 in Hawkins, Texas.

Sue Richardson, '57, to Jerry D. Pearson, '58, on June 6 in Knox City, Texas.

Born

Daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Ray and Polly Slatton Farmer on June 2 at San Antonio, Texas.

Daughter, Claudia Elaine, to Claude and Betty Spruell Bates on May 22 at New Madrid, Missouri.

Son, John Stephen, to Robert (Bob) and Jennie Schoolfield Cross on June 26 at Searcy, Ark.

Daughter, Sherri Ann, to Robert L. and Jeannette Black Scott on May 24 at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Daughter, Dianna Lynn, to Herb and Barbara Cooper Dean on June 9 at Searcy, Ark.

Son, Stephen Wayne, to Roger and Nelda Chesshir Hawley on February 18 at Brooklyn, New York.

Daughter, Claretta Joy, to Ed and Barbara Gurganus on June 22 at Searcy, Ark.

Son, Joseph Hugh, to Joseph and Lois Jeanne Hemingway Lemmons on June 7 at Chillicothe, Missouri.

Daughter, Sarah Jo, to Rees Odeil and Pattie Nell Mattox Bryant on June 1 at Searcy, Ark.

Daughter, Dixie, to Edgar and Dixie Ann Smyth Knoebel on June 25 in Germany.

Son, Karl Gordon, to Stanley and Mary Beth Gordon Heiserman on July 6 at Shreveport, Louisiana.

Son, David William, to Howard and Maxine O'Banion Cox of Pine Bluff, Ark., on June 15 at Searcy.

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