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## Board okays athletic field

At its May meeting the Board of Trustees voted approval of a new athletic field to accommodate Harding's growing athletic program and issued a challenge to the college's 5,160 alumni to provide half the funds for the new field.

The board committed itself to matching every dollar donated by alumni up to \$5,000.

In recent years the intramural program, in which 90 per cent of the student body participates, has been hampered by facilities inadequate for accommodating the college's increased enrollment. The recent decision to return to intercollegiate competition next year combined with the needs of the intramural program prompted the board's action.

Construction on the new field began July 1 and workmen are hurrying to prepare two ball diamonds for use this fall by participants in the intramural program. Plans also call for the construction of a football field with track facilities, two tennis courts, and viewing stands for all activities. The new field will be known as Alumni Field.

Two outstanding alumni will direct Harding's dual athletic program. Hugh Groover (BA '50) will be head coach, and Cecil Beck (BA '50) will continue as intramural director.

Groover, who received his MA from the University of Arkansas in January, has had five successful years as coach at Harding Academy. He is married to the former Mildred Horne (BA '50), and they have two daughters, Penny, 6, and Dena, 4.

Beck has been intramural director at Harding since 1953. He received his MA from North Texas State College. He is married to the former Dot Tulloss ('52), and they have two children, Gary, 4, and Deborah, 1½.



Alumni Hugh Groover (l.) and Cecil Beck will head Harding's dual athletic program this fall. Groover has been named head coach and Beck continues as intramural director.

## Educator Neil moves up ladder

Harding alumnus Robert G. Neil (BA '32) has been appointed principal of East High School in Nashville, Tenn. Neil moves to the principalship of Nashville's largest high school from Clemmons School of that city, where he has served as principal the past seven years.

The announcement of Neil's appointment was made in a feature article in the Nashville Banner, which quoted him as saying, "I feel it is at the high school level that citizenship becomes a reality. It is at this age that idealism and the dreaming of great dreams can be translated into a philosophy of America that will last for life's long haul."

Neil is an elder in the Brentwood Hills Church of Christ. He is married to the former Miss Martha Walker of Guntersville, Ala., whom he met while on a singing tour with the Harding chorus. They have two

children, Robert, Jr., a student at Robertson Academy, and Ann, 15, a junior in the David Lipscomb high school department.

### *Expansion gifts*

If you have made a contribution to the Harding Bible Expansion Program through any channel other than the Living Endowment Plan or the Alumni Fund since September 1, 1956, please write the Alumni Office at once giving the amount so that this can be recognized in our financial report in October. We want to recognize every alumni gift and we believe this will be more accurate than attempting to check the alumni file against the record of gifts in other offices. Steps are being taken to coordinate the records for next year.



## President's Corner

By Dr. Joe Pryor

Many of you have spent this summer going to school to better prepare yourselves for the work you are doing. Almost every week I hear of another alumnus who has received a National Science Foundation Fellowship or some other award for summer study. Most of us will spend a week or longer on vacation and many will visit some of the scenic places of our country and see some of the marvels of our earth and the handiwork of our God.

Beginning with the summer of 1936 up until this summer, I have spent the major part of each summer either going to school or teaching school; but this summer I am working in the research laboratory of Lion Oil Division of Monsanto Chemical Company in El Dorado on a basic problem in hydrocarbon separation. This work has been very interesting and will help me, I hope, do a better job of teaching chemistry this fall at Harding. I have met several Harding alumni whom I had not seen for some time and it was inspirational to hear of the work each was doing.

The routine for the summer was very pleasantly interrupted on July 19 when the Joe Pryors adopted Joe Byron, a wonderful 16-months old boy with blonde hair, blue eyes, and fair skin. He and Beverly Jo already are big pals and Bessie Mae and I are very happy with our two adopted children.

By now all alumni should have received the brochure regarding Alumni Field, the new outdoor athletic field. The field has already been leveled and work is progressing on the construction of the track and other facilities. Regardless of whether you favor intramural or intercollegiate sports, this field is definitely needed in each program. The fall and spring intramural program must have more facilities, and the intercollegiate program in the spring cannot function without it.

An excellent field is being built at a very nominal cost. The Board of Trustees has agreed to match each dollar contributed by alumni up to \$5,000, making a total of \$10,000, which is the estimated cost of the materials required. This is a specific objective that should encourage you to give, especially since each dollar you give means two dollars.

Your gifts will be counted as alumni giving and credited to your class. All gifts should be mailed to the Alumni Office and designated for the Alumni Field. If you cannot make the gift now that you really want to make, write the Alumni Office within a few days indicating how much you plan to give so we can report to the Board the progress of alumni response. You may make your gift in monthly payments or in lump sum by May 31, 1958, when this effort should be concluded. Since most of the expense will be incurred by the time school starts in September, I hope that a number of you will be in position to make your contribution now. If you use the installment plan, a small gift each month for the next ten months will accrue to a sizeable gift.

We appreciate the loyalty of our alumni and know that you will respond to this opportunity in an excellent manner. Send your check or pledge card to the Alumni Office at once. Remember to designate all gifts for this project as Alumni Field. Thank you very much.

## the Alumni write

### From here and there . . .

Wallace ('52) and Julie Houser ('52) Rae are living in Bay City, Mich., where he is working with the church. They have two children, Connie, 6, and Bill, 3.

Estel "Pete" (BA '48) and Louise Roberts (BA '48) McCluggage are living in Amarillo, Tex. Pete is district manager of the Land Department of Skelly Oil Company.

Bob Stringfellow ('53) received his DDS in June 1957 from Baylor, Dallas, Tex. He plans to go to Manila this fall.

Ray Wright (BA '52), music director at Crowley's Ridge Academy at Paragould for the past two years, has been named superintendent of the Academy.

Dale Lemon ('53) is preaching for the Central Church of Christ in Minneapolis, Minn. He received his MEd in June 1957 from Oklahoma University.

David Porter (BA '54) is preaching for the church in Eatontown, N. J.

Gene Robinson (BA '53) is working with the church in Rockford, Ill. "Fine congregation, good future, beautiful country. Church is growing in this section of the North," he writes.

Dr. Henry ('48) and Grace Johnson (BS '48) Farrar are now living in Hazard, Ky. Henry began working there as a general practitioner the first of July, under the United Mine Workers new welfare program.

Mrs. Nancy Richmond Perrin (BS '49) is teaching home economics in the Miami high school. She has been there for two years.

Donald C. England (BA '55) is chief clerk in the office of the Comptroller of Tennessee, Nashville, while he is working on his master's at Peabody.

John Howard Steward ('52) is a teacher supervisor (civilian) at the Amarillo Air Force Base, Amarillo, Tex. He is working on his master's during his spare time at West Texas State.

Homer Hawes (BA '45) writes, "September first I will begin in my new position as associate professor of education at Willamette University (Salem, Ore.). For the past three years I have been associate professor of education and church history at Park College, Parkville, Mo." Homer received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1955, where his dissertation topic was "A History of the Early Church and Christian Education from the Birth of Christ to the Council of Nicea: A.D. 1-325." He is married and has four children — Carol, 17; Janice, 14; Eugene, 10; and Bryan, 4.

### Deceased

Mrs. Evidéen Hayes Waldrop ('51) passed away July 2, 1957, at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., with a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted July 4, in Dill City, Okla. She was a teacher in the Dill City school system.

## ALUMNI NEWS



### Boyce to receive Peabody degree

S. Eugene Boyce (BA '36), associate professor of health and physical education at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn., will receive the Ed.S. degree (Education Specialist) from Peabody College this month.

Boyce, who has been on the Lipscomb faculty since 1937, teaches both commercial and physical education subjects and directs the intramural sports program. In addition he assists with the varsity coaching program.

He is married and has three children: Randall and Terrell, 13-year-old twins, and Nancy Gayle, 6.

### Placement office

The Placement Office has information on positions listed below. Details may be obtained from Dr. Roy Wellborne, director.

Vanndale, Ark. — Junior high English-librarian combination. Salary is \$2,700 for beginning teacher with degree.

Norfolk, Ark. — Mathematics-science combination teacher, salary, \$3,000.

North Little Rock, Ark. — Teacher of mechanical drawing. Minimum salary is \$3,000.

Heber Springs, Ark. — Two elementary teachers and one high school English teacher. Salary is \$2,700 for BA and \$3,000 for MA.

Walnut Ridge, Ark. — Chemistry-physics-mathematics teacher. Salary is open.

Marquand, Mo. — Commercial teacher, salary \$3,000-\$3,700, and one elementary teacher, \$2,450-\$2,900.

Kewanee, Mo. — Science teacher and elementary teacher, salary, \$3,300 for beginning teacher.

Granada, Colo. — Home economics teacher and a mathematics-principal combination. Salary is open.

Odem, Tex. — One third grade teacher and one high school mathematics teacher. Salary for a beginning teacher is \$3,654.

Ackerly, Tex. — Elementary teachers for grades 1-7 and high school commercial and vocational homemaking teachers.

O'Donnell, Tex. — High school mathematics and commercial teachers and one first grade teacher. Salary for a beginning teacher is \$3,204.

Edna, Tex. — Openings in third grade, junior high English, high school social studies, high school girls' physical education, and administration (superintendency).

Benton, Kan. — Openings for home economics - English combination, industrial arts - driver education, and junior high girls' physical education.

Los Angeles City Schools — Psychologist with a master's degree. Starting salary is \$489 per month.

Cuero, Tex. — Numerous openings in high school and junior high school for teachers of mathematics, English, science, language arts, and girls' physical education. Salaries range from \$3,404 to \$3,629.

Wise, Va. — The church in Wise is interested in locating two preachers to help with the work there and teach in the local school system.

### '33 PJ found

A recent appeal for two missing Petit Jeans has brought results. A. D. Shewmaker, Hammon, Okla., donated a copy of the '33 annual to the office. It had belonged to his mother, Mrs. J. J. Shewmaker, well-known Searcy resident who died in May. We are grateful for this donation, and now the only Petit Jean missing from our files is the '39 copy.

## SUMMER ISSUE



### NEA recognizes recent graduate

Edsel Hughes (BA '57) received the Joy Elmer Morgan Award of a life membership in the National Education Association at the Student National Education Association Workshop in Washington, D. C., early this summer. The award is made on the basis of scholarship, personality, contribution to the workshop, and accomplishment in the Future Teachers Association.

During the past school year, Edsel was president of the Arkansas FTA organization and secretary of the national FTA. He was vice-president of the Student Association and business manager of the 1957 Petit Jean. He took an active part in intramural sports, engaging in almost every contest and making several all-star selections. Edsel also took part in dramatic and forensic activities and frequently preached or led singing for congregations near Searcy.

Next year Edsel will teach the eighth grade in the Chattanooga, Tenn., Christian School and will take work at the University of Chattanooga toward an M.A. degree in elementary education. During the summer he is working in a supermarket in Valparaiso, Fla., and preaching for congregations in Okaloosa county.

Edsel is the younger brother of Norman who was featured in the last issue of the Alumni Bulletin. Their father has been a "pioneer" gospel preacher in northwestern Florida and is now living at Crestview.

*Married*

Elizabeth Fogarty ('60) to James Marion Stone ('58) on May 31, 1957, at Searcy.

Patricia Fogarty (BA '54) to Alfred Jurek on June 30, 1957, at Urbana, Ill.

Lucia DuBois ('58) to Ken Vanderpool ('58) on May 26, 1957, at Searcy.

Billie Jean Anderson to Robert M. Smith (BS '51), on July 7, 1957, at Angleton, Tex.

Sara Sutton to Charles H. Cook, ('59) on June 3, 1957, at Marietta, Ohio.

Patsy Higgins ('58) to G. W. Nugent, Jr. on December 19, 1956, at Eureka, Calif.

Eleanor Ann Petree (BS '56) to John Loflin Ertle on June 28, 1957, at Bartlesville, Okla.

Carleen Clay ('60) to Jefferson D. Pate on July 16, 1957 at Cullendale.

Nancy Lou Stovall ('58) to Billy Mott Jones ('58) on June 14, 1957, at Pocahontas.

Mary Lou Johnson (BA '54) to William Curry, Jr., (BA '53) on June 29, 1957, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Faye Paxon (BA '56) to Claude Lewis Hager ('56) on February 1, 1957, at Monroe, Okla.

Jo Ann Fortner ('60) to Arthur Heavener on February 15, 1957, at Monroe, Okla.

Shirley Wade ('60) to Jesse Fleming ('58) on May 31, 1957 at Blytheville.

Joy Edwards ('59) to Harry Olree (BA '53) on June 7, 1957, at Hayti, Mo.

Doris Wakham ('57) to Donald Wendt on April 21, 1957, at Grenada, Miss.

Claudette Harris (BA '57) to Fred Alexander on May 31, 1957, at Walnut Ridge.

Gail Shoptaw ('58) to Pat Carter on May 29, 1957, at Searcy.

Dolores Hickenbottom (BA '57) to Wallace Alexander (BA '57) on June 8, 1957, at Newcomerstown, Ohio.

*Born*

Son, Lloyd Cline, to Bert (BA '51) and Louise Beamish ('57) Shewmaker on May 27, 1957, at Bishop, Tex.

Son, David Arthur, to Jerry and Marian Phillips (BA '49) Barton on June 25, 1957, at Odessa, Tex.

Daughter, Anita Martha, to Glenn (BA '53) and Kathryn Privett (BA '55) Olbright on June 14, 1957, at Ironton, Ohio.

Daughter, Lucille Ann, to John Paul and Ruby Lee Ellis (BA '53) Hudley on June 14, 1957, at Slocum, R.I.

Son, Bobby, to Richard ('57) and Martha Darnell ('59) England on February 25, 1957 at Wynn.

Son, Paul Harding, to William and Joan Howk ('52) Shelby on June 6, 1957, at Lubbock, Tex.

Son, Kurt Helmut, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred ('55) Petrich on April 27, 1957, at Brunswick, Maine.

Daughter, Rhonda Gail, to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel (BA '53) Breckenridge on May 2, 1957, at Beedeville.

Daughter, Jenetta Eileen, to Bill and Ila Sanders ('57) Lashley on May 16, 1957, at Paragould.

Son, Dalton Reese, to Arnold ('57) and Charlotte Dalton ('58) Sullivan on June 5, 1957, at Springhill, La.

Daughter, Claudia Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis ('57) Stephens on April 1, 1957, at Portland, Ore.

Son, Jay Alton, to Richard ('56) and Willie Griffin ('59) Burchfield on March 5, 1957, at Lubbock, Tex.

Son, Dennis Mark, to Max ('58) and Dolores Barlow ('56) Larwin on June 3, 1957, at Searcy.

Son, Timothy Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny (BA '54) Brown on July 3, 1957, at Bridge City, Tex.

Daughter, Sarah Jane, to Jerry ('54) and Shirley Sudderth ('54) Adams on July 3, 1957, at Norman, Okla.

Son, Wesley A. Bentley, III, to Westley A. ('57) and Wanda Croft ('58) Bentley on April 4, 1957, at Syracuse, N. Y.

By adoption, son, Joseph Byron (16 months) to Joseph E. (BA, BS '37) and Bessie Mae Ledbetter (BS '46) Pryor on July 19, 1957, at Searcy.

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