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GRADUATION WEEK PLEASSED MANY VISITING ALUMNI

Dr. Clark Gets Plaque

Dr. R. T. Clark, Jr., Nationally known scientist was awarded the "Distinguished Alumnus" plaque at graduation. Dr. Clark received the B.S. Degree from Harding in 1939, the M.A. degree from University of Tennessee, in 1942, and the Ph.D. from University of Rochester Medical School in 1949. While at Harding Dr. Clark was active in sports winning the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Championship in the 100-yard dash. He still keeps in condition, by running three miles a day.

Clark, one of the nation's top physiologist space medicine experts, is president of the Southwestern Section (Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas) Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine and a member of the Postgraduate Study Committee for the American College of Sports Medicine.

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Big Day for Class of '36

As examinations were being finished by current students, former students were returning to take part in the activities that attend the close of school.

On Wednesday May 31, Alumni Chapel opened two days of activity for the alumni. The class of '36 was the honored group as they returned for their twenty-fifth reunion. Commander J. C. Huddleston was in charge of the chapel program. All members of the '36 class present were on the platform as honored guests. Members of all five-year classes were introduced. The class of '36 presented a check to president Evan Ulrey in keeping with the tradition of former classes celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary.

The class reunion luncheon at noon was well attended. Music was furnished by the Mello-Chords. Long after the meal was finished, groups were still enjoying the happy reunion. Later in the afternoon, many saw the alumni lose an exciting softball game to the faculty.

The College Church was packed for the Wednesday evening service. Following the worship service a large audience listened to the A Cappella Chorus give the year's final program. Among those listening was Professor Kenneth Davis, who is now on leave working on his doctors degree but will be back this fall.

More than 350 alumni, graduates, parents, and friends attended the alumni luncheon on Thursday following graduation. This year's homecoming will be long remembered by those who attended.

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SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI



President's Corner

By Evan L. Ulrey
BA '46

I have visited two Alumni Chapter meetings this spring — Bartlesville, Okla., and the Arkla Chapter meeting in Camden. These are enthusiastic and loyal alumni, and my wife, Betty, and I were thrilled to have a visit with them and witness their able leadership.

Do you need to start a chapter where you are — or rejuvenate an old one? If you need our assistance drop us a card.

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Some interesting figures appeared in the June 27 issue of **Higher Education**. These figures indicate that last year ('59-60) the average alumni gift was in excess of \$100. Six hundred ninety colleges and universities received a total of \$163,097,-722 from 1,455,177 alumni.

While pondering these figures I saw that if Harding alumni were giving on the average level our contribution last year would have been over \$100,000 rather than the \$32,564.75 actually given.

Last year only about one in six of our alumni gave at all. Now if we could get our 6,000 alumni and ex-students to give on the average level, what a whopping gift Harding would receive annually — \$600,000!

It may just be that if Christian education survives amidst its tremendous competition, we may have to begin to give Christian education — at least on the average — as much as others average for their alma maters.

As alumni our giving is rising, not spectacularly but steadily. Help us give it that "lift" this year by at least a five per cent increase over 1959-60.

Harding Needs Your Help
Be a Regular Contributor

(Dr. Clark, Continued)

He is a noted lecturer and holds faculty positions with five universities and colleges. In 1950 he was selected as one of six outstanding Physiologists in the United States, and presented a paper before the International Congress of the Federated Societies of Experimental Biology and Medicine in Copenhagen as the result of the selection.

In 1959 he received the Air Force award for outstanding research in aviation medicine and was chosen as one of two U. S. scientists on a panel in space medicine before the XXI International Physiological Congress in Buenos Aires.

Dr. Clark is married to the former **Charlene Bergner** a Harding graduate in 1940. They have three children: Robert T. III, Ann Charlene and Nancy Sue.

IN SYMPATHY

Jack C. Smart, (BA'29) died May 25 at West Memphis following a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, **Helen Hayes Smart** (BA'28), one son and one daughter.

At the time of his death he was an interviewer for the Arkansas Vocational Rehabilitation Service and a District Governor of Lions International, District 7-A.

He was 52.

ALUMNI OFFICERS

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ROBERT HAWKINS, 3rd Vice President

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Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., Joseph E. Pryor, Lott R. Tucker, Jr., Evan Ulrey, Jimmy Allen, Wyatt Sawyer, Norman Hughes, T. A. Formby, Thednel Garner and Buford Tucker.



Class of '36 Conducts Chapel Program

Members of the class of '36 and their spouses celebrated their 25th anniversary as Harding alumni. They are, left to right, Mrs. Lois Thomas, Leonard Johnson ('35), Mrs. Johnson, J. C. Huddleston, Mrs. Huddleston ('39) Gene Boyce, and Mrs. Dona Cornutt.



Alumni Day Luncheon Packs Rendezvous

The large banquet room of Roberson's Rendezvous Restaurant was crowded on Alumni Day, May 31. Here they are being entertained by the Belles of the Harding Belles and Beaux.

★ ALUMNI REPORT FROM HERE AND THERE ★

Mabrey L. Miller (BA'43), Dean-Registrar of York College, has been named president-elect of the Nebraska Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. Dr. Miller will serve one year in this capacity with automatic elevation to the presidency for the following year, thus serving a two-year tenure in the leadership of this statewide body. Mrs. Miller is the former **Madge Black** (BA'55).

Eldon L. and Jane Brummitt (BA'55) Coffee are moving from San Antonio to Houston where Eldon will finish his engineering degree at the University of Houston.

James B. Williams (BA'60) reports that he is being supported by two congregations in Texas in the work of the Lord in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada. James says that much of his work is with the Cree Indians and that one of them who is a member of the church is now chief of a nearby reserve. Mrs. Williams is the former **Alice Mary Orr** (Spec.)

L. T. Gurganus, Jr. (BA'57) family are planning to come back to the U. S. while he earns an MA degree in Bible and to return to Tokyo in the spring of '63. Mrs. Gurganus is the former **Joan Pounds** ('59).

Dewayne (BA'57) and **Jane Russell** (BA'57) **Davenport** are planning to go to Ghana, West Africa for a three year period of mission work. The Davenports will leave in September, 1961.

Joe (BA'52) and **Ruth Majors** (BA'52) **Betts** and family were scheduled to return to Japan on June 17 after a visit in the U. S. of approximately one year. Joe and Ruth were on the Harding campus for alumni activities during graduation week.

Jim Massey (BA'52) reports in a periodic "News from Nigeria" letter on the successes, hardships and opportunities encountered in their work. One item was the great success of some native converts in teaching others. Another was an all-day lectureship in May. Among opportunities mentioned were the fact that commercial radio and TV are now available at low cost and that the University of Nigeria would like to have Christian teachers on their faculty.

If interested in any of the problems and possibilities there we suggest that you write Jim at Box 614, Aba, Nigeria.

Arnold Watson (MA'59) was a visitor on the Harding campus at graduation and was guest speaker at the College Church on Wednesday evening, May 31. Arnold is preaching for the Highland Street Church in Memphis.

Truman Scott (BA'57) and family were scheduled to leave the U. S. on May 27 to work with the church in Pistoria, Italy. Also, they will teach some in the Florence Bible School.

Jack (BS'53) and **Frances Smith** ('56) **Davis** will leave the U. S. in August, 1961 for Edinburgh, Scotland. Jack is in the Air Force.

R. O. Morton ('50) of Dallas, is employed by the Lone Star Steel Company. His position is in the Credit Department.

Vernon ('59) and **Hatsuyo Kitazowa** ('56) **Hawkins** and their five children visited with friends in Searcy recently.

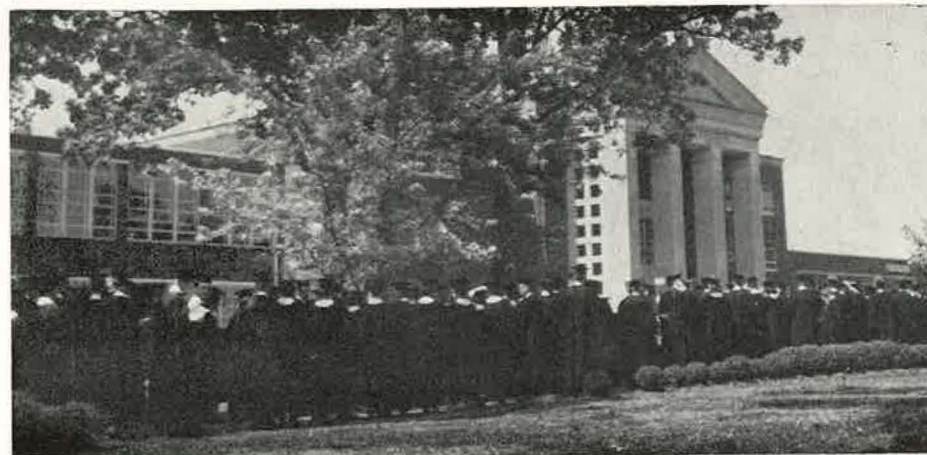
European Lecture Series To Feature Don P. Garner

Donald P. Garner, instructor in speech at Wayne State University, has accepted an appointment as Lecturer in Europe for the University of Maryland University College.

Garner, who has been at Wayne State since 1958, was previously Director of Drama at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, and prior to that was Director of Studio Theatre at Ohio State University and Kent State University. He is a 1951 graduate of Harding College and received his M.A. from Kent State University in 1952. He is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree at Wayne State and is currently on the Harding campus doing research for his dissertation.

Garner will travel in Germany, France, England and Spain teaching classes on communication and on theatre literature. He will assume his new assignment in September.

He is Vice-President of Alpha Psi Omega, honorary theatre fraternity, and is also editor of the "Callboard" the fraternity's quarterly publication. He is a member of the Speech Association of America, the Michigan Speech Association, The Central States Speech Association and the Southern Speech Association.



Big Week For 145 New Alumni

New alumni, 145 of them, had a big week at graduation time, including the President's Reception and luncheon and induction as alumni on graduation day.



★ ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWS ★

Chicago

The Chicago Chapter held its spring meeting on April 8, at the West Suburban YMCA. Announcement was made that the club project, Pay-For-A-Day, would be completed by September. New officers elected were: **Gene Robinson** BA'53, President; **Vern Moore** MA'55, Vice-President, **Thelma Harmon** BA'54, Secretary, and **Carroll Voights** BS'58, Treasurer.

Arkla

The Arkla Chapter held its quarterly meeting at the Cullendale Community Center in Camden, Ark., on April 8. A report was given on the scholarship program and announcement made that they hoped to complete the scholarship goal by June.

Bartlesville, Okla.

The Bartlesville Area Chapter held its second annual banquet in the interest of Christian education on May 19. The purpose of the meeting was to inform high school juniors and seniors of the advantages of an education in a Christian environment.

Alumni President **Evan Ulrey** presented the official charter to the chapter and talked to students and guests about the advantages of attending Harding College.

Those present included 14 alumni, nine prospective students and eight special guests. Two Bartlesville area students, **Karen Parsons** and **Irma Lounsberry** are already attending Harding.

Southern California

The Southern California Chapter met on March 18, with some forty-five in attendance. **Dr. W. B. West**, from the Harding school in Memphis, met with the chapter. The club hopes to complete their Pay-For-A-Day project.

Southeast Louisiana

The Southeast Louisiana Chapter met on May 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **James Ganus** BA'47. A decision was made to assist two students in attending Harding by providing a \$250 scholarship for each student. In addition a small contribution has been made directly to the Alumni office for each chapter member to help improve the percentage of contributors. The next scheduled meeting will be in July in Baton Rouge.

Great Plains

The Great Plains Chapter held its spring meeting on May 2. **Dr. Clifton Ganus** was the guest speaker and a number of Lubbock sophomores were guests. The chapter will continue to sponsor a scholarship at Harding and select the Lubbock student who will be assisted.

New officers elected were: **John Mason** BA'47, President; **Hermon O. Wilson** '31, Vice-President, and **T. Rose Greenway** BS'40, Secretary-Treasurer.

Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Chapter members met in the home of **Virgil Bentley**, BA'43 chapter president, on June 8. The chapter decided on a Pay-For-A-Day as a club project and expect to have the program completed this fall. Letters, telephone calls and personal contact will be used to complete the job. The next meeting is set for September 21.

Academy Graduation Speaker Is Oilman Lewis Green, Jr.

Louis E. Green, Jr. gave the commencement address at Harding Academy in Searcy on May 27. His subject was "Dare to do the Difficult."

Green received a BS from Harding in 1942, majoring in Chemistry. While here he was a member of the A Cappella Chorus, the college quartet, Lambda Sigma men's club, was listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges and participated in most of the athletic events.

He followed Harding studies with graduate work at the University of Louisiana on a graduate assistantship.

In 1943 he became associated with the American Oil Co. and has done wide research for the company in the field of chemistry. From 1957 to 1958 he served as a technical expert with the oil industry of the government of Iraq.

Mrs. Green is the former **Elizabeth Arnold**. She received a BA from Harding in 1942. They have three children, Anita, a member of the academy graduating class who plans to be a Harding College freshman in September, and Sandra Beth and Betty Jean.

Alumna Loses Business And Barely Saves Life; Begins Anew on Courage

"And lose, and start again
at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word
about your loss;"

These lines from Kipling's "If" are well exemplified in the courage of the **Ralph Cralle** family who nearly lost their lives in the flash flood that struck Harrison, Ark., early May 7.

Their prosperous flower shop was wiped out with an uninsured loss of \$65,000 — washing away the fruits of 22 years of work and sacrifice. Mrs. Cralle, the former **Eva Lee Bradley** ('35) reported on their great loss and hectic experience.

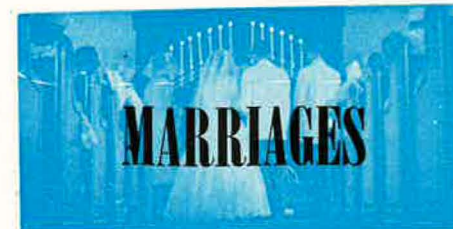
Called to the shop during the night by authorities because some flooding was expected, they were caught by the impact of a wall of water that washed a heavy refrigerator and other equipment out of their shop. They were in the rushing water, which was 16 feet deep in the alley and nine feet deep in the shop, for a full three hours — much of the time hanging on for dear life.

Undaunted by having to start anew with the aid of a 20-year Small Business Administration loan, the Cralles actually apologized to their customers for having failed to deliver the goods while the remnants of their shop were covered with mud. Even under those circumstances they shunted all Mothers' Day and other orders they could remember to other florists.

With characteristic and sincere gratitude for their survival they closed an apologetic report to customers with these words:

"We have much for which to be thankful. Our material loss isn't as great as losses many of you had in losing loved ones. We can take it if our FEET will just hold out! We are literally working 24 hours per day trying to get rid of this bloomin' mud . . . Our helpers are TOPS! We couldn't manage without them."

Mrs. Cralle also reported that **Dr. Ullis Jackson** who rescued the three Harding students reported in the College Bulletin for May is the uncle of the former **Glenda Parrott** ('62) who is now Mrs. **Carroll Beeson** (BA'59).



Floyd L. Smith, Jr. and **Ruth E. Slatton** (BA'57) on August 13, 1960 at St. Louis.

Steve Mayfield (BA'61) and **Margaret Kirkpatrick** ('64) on June 23 at Spring Hill, Tenn.

Waldemar Grafals and **Freida M. Morris** ('60) on November 24, 1960.

Irvin McKinnon and **Betty J. Leopard** ('58) on December 17, 1960 in Dallas.

Paul Allen Cook and **Louella Wilson** ('60) on February 5 in Searcy.

Verlon Harp and **Juanita Sellers** ('63) on February 24.

Loren Henman ('58) and **Karen F. Wharton** on April 1, 1961 at Alanthus, Mo.

Gerald Wayne Stanley and **Sherry Gail Huffstutter** ('61) on June 2 at Newbern, Tenn.

Clifford E. Sharp (BA'61) and **Jane Ball** ('64) on June 6.

Charles Larry Thompson and **Kathy O'Connor** (BS'61) on June 8 at Dearborn, Mich.

Grover Goynes (BA'61) and **Betty Clark** (BA'59) on June 23 at Bakersfield, Calif.

Robert Fisher ('64) and **Jane Aaron** ('61) on June 25 in Searcy.

Dennis Kelly ('62) and **June Aaron** ('64) on June 25 in Searcy.

Archie Isom (BA'60) and **Carole Thomas** (BS'60) on July 2 at Corning.

Nominating Committee

President **Evan Ulrey** has named the following people to serve on the nominating committee: **Walter Buchanan**, BA'47, chairman; **Mrs. Lucien Bagnetto**, BA'47; and **J. Lewis Foster**, BA'31.

The committee will submit the name of one candidate for president and three names for the vice-president. A statement of willingness to serve will be obtained from each name submitted by the committee. Other names can be placed in nomination at a later date. Additional information will be given in a later bulletin.

BIRTHS

Son, Terry Dale, to Dale ('60) and Nancy Starr (BA'58) Yoder on June 10.

Son, Andrew Clay, to Tom ('60) and Nancy Banowsky (BA'59) Myers on June 29.

Son, Dana Alexander, to John Alex (BA'60) and Nelda Roach (BA'60) McCoy on March 15 in Bakersfield, Calif.

Daughter, Karen Cecile, to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon L. Coffee (Jane Brummitt) (BA'55) on March 18, at San Antonio.

Daughter, Pamela Ruth, to Bill E. (BA'50) and Joanne Anderson ('50) Smith on March 25.

Son, Lewis Alexander, to Leon (BA'58) and Luella Cheney ('60) Clymore on April 6 in Northern Rhodesia, Africa.

Daughter, Holly Eileen, to Quentin M. and Alice Straughn ('52) Clark, Jr. on May 2.

Son, Robert Andrew, to Andy ('56) and Phyllis Robertson ('57) Ritchie III on May 5 in Aurora, Neb.

Son, Mark Andrew, to Fred ('61) and Joan Barnett ('62) Green on May 11, at Hughson, Calif.

Son, James David, to Jim (BS'61) and Beverlee Redding on May 18 in Searcy.

Daughter, Liana Linda, to T. V. ('52) and Marilyn Eggers (BA'54) Skinner on May 26.

Daughter, Lourelia Alice, to Bernard (Boo) (BA'59) and Sylvia Hager ('62) Waites on June 8 in Searcy.

Daughter, Kirsten May, to Jim (BA'59) and Mary Jane Everhard ('58) Eckerberg on June 10 in Kansas City, Kans.

Son, Joseph Clay Menes, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Menes, (Spec.) on June 13.

Son, Phillip Mark, to Lowell and Janis Redwine (BS'56) Donnelly on June 17 at Weatherford, Okla.

Son, John William, to J. Kennard (BA'56) and Margaret Buchanan (BA'56) Ward on April 22.

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GRADUATION DINNER: Finishing as undergraduates and beginning as alumni were 145 graduates, most of whom happily accepted the Alumni Association invitation to graduation and induction dinner immediately after the graduation ceremonies.

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