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MANY ALUMNI THRILLED BY GRADUATION WEEK VISIT

Several hundred visiting alumni attended or took a part in the many activities of graduation week on the Harding campus. Some came early enough for the baccalaureate service on May 27, staying after the graduation and annual meeting luncheon on May 31.

Of special interest to the honored 25-year class of '37 was Alumni Chapel on May 30. **Joe L. Leslie**, now a farm implement dealer in Tennessee, was in charge of the program. **Dr. Charles Paine**, now associated with Searcy Clinic, was song leader; Scripture was read by **Burney Bawcom**, who is now preaching in Oklahoma City, and **Alvin Hobby**, who is currently getting training in nursing at Texarkana prior to returning to the African mission field, led the prayer.

Joe Leslie introduced a dozen other class members who were present: Dr. and

Mrs. Charles Paine, Alexine Hankins, Burney Bawcom, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, Leslie Burke, Alvin Hobby, Dr. Edwin Hughes, Waldrup Johnson, Dr. J. D. Bales and Dr. Joe Pryor.

Leslie Burke, a member of the Harding faculty since 1944, spoke on "Influences Affecting the College." He enumerated three main ones: 1) the move to Searcy from Morrilton in 1934, 2) **Dr. Benson** (BS '25) becoming president in 1936, and 3) the growth into a large college operation which began with physical expansion started just before the fifties.

Dr. Bales, who also joined the Harding faculty in 1944, gave the class history, including amusing anecdotes like the time some of the over-energetic boys threw "high-life" on a goat which ran and got tangled in a fence. **Ralph Brashears**, now
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Joe L. Leslie Conducting Alumni Chapel Honoring Class of '37





President's Corner

At the annual commencement exercise President Benson announced the Board of Directors approval for a drive for two million dollars to finance the building of the proposed Alumni House and Continuing Education Center and a new Science Building.

What is the need for an Alumni House and Continuing Education Center? No doubt if the building were only for the use of alumni it would be difficult to justify. That will be an important and needed function of the new building. Harding's Alumni Association will continue to grow in size and in activity as the number who graduate increases yearly. The building will also be a great attraction for other reasons in which alumni will play a vital role.

It can house visitors for the Annual Lectureship and for Christian Education Workshops. Its facilities may be used by state and regional educational conferences, thus drawing favorable notice to the college. It can be made available for adult educational groups of a business, civic, and professional nature who have been a major financial support behind the college.

In addition to the above goals, it is hoped that such a building will furnish the needed incentive to raise the percentage of alumni contributors to an all-time national level. If building such a home for alumni could accomplish the goal getting every alumnus to contribute during the year 1962-63 it would bring national attention to our Alma Mater. In doing so it would accomplish two purposes. First, it would supply needed cash for the building from our own organization; and second, it would cause foundations, businesses and industries to contribute a greater proportion of their educational gifts to Harding College.

Dare I challenge us to participate one hundred percent in our next major drive for 1962-63? We can make it a precedent-shattering year for the Alumni Association and put ourselves "on the map"

RESULTS OF ELECTION

Dr. Evan Ulrey (BA'46) was re-elected to serve a third two-year term in the election held on graduation day. Vice presidents elected to serve with him were Lucien Bagnetto (BS'46), Leon Sanderson (BA'54) and Virgil Lawyer (BA'46).

The election committee, consisting of Ray Farmer (BA'52), chairman, Jim Bill McInteer (BA'42) and Mrs. Virgil Bentley (Ann French) (BS'42), spent three hours counting the ballots in a close election which drew a heavy vote.

Deep appreciation is expressed to all candidates for their willingness to serve their Alma Mater as officers. Special thanks go to those who were not elected, both for their willingness to serve and the fact that their popularity made the race a real contest. These were Jimmy Allen (BA'52), J. C. Huddleston (BA'36) and Mrs. James Bartley (Florence Lowery) (BA'39).

The Alumni Association is also indebted to Dr. R. T. Clark Jr. (BS'39), Robert Hawkins (BA'45) and Jimmy Allen (BA'52) who served as vice presidents during the last two years, and to all who helped or served the Association in any way during the period.

Now that the election is over, the new officers deserve and ask for the support of every alumnus. Help them to serve by supporting the association with your efforts, your money and your prayers.

Please feel free to write to any officer and make any suggestion you feel will promote the good of the Alumni program. Your activity and interest will be appreciated.

of unreserved support for Christian Education. You will be hearing more from us. Let us hear from you if you have suggestions.

ALUMNI OFFICERS

EVAN ULREY, President

VIRGIL LAWYER, 1st Vice President
LEON SANDERSON, 2nd Vice President
LUCIAN BAGNETTO, 3rd Vice President
BUFORD TUCKER, Executive Secretary
CHARLENE BABB, Office Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lucian Bagnetto, A. R. Brown, Clifton L. Ganus Jr., Alice Ann Kellar, Virgil Lawyer, Joseph E. Pryor, Leon Sanderson, Buford Tucker, Lott R. Tucker and Evan Ulrey.

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in the Philippines, lit a match, and he and the goat both got a chemistry lesson on the flammable characteristics of carbon disulphide.

Another tale dealt with the alleged timidity (regarding dates) of Dr. Joe Pryor, but Bales almost failed to mention his own reputation as a terror of the campus for his wrestling exploits. Several students of those days tell of his knocking on all of the men's doors immediately after his first arrival on campus and challenging each one to a wrestling match. Leslie Burke even mentioned throwing him once, but J. D. has extreme difficulty in remembering the occasion.

Before chapel adjournment a contribution of \$1,058 was announced for the class from September 1 to date.

The Alumni Reunion luncheon at noon drew 125, with classes grouped by years as well as possible by tables.

The luncheon and business meeting on graduation day drew 375. Graduates were formally accepted as alumni and election results were announced.

Green Speaks at Conference

Louis E. Green Jr. (BS'42), senior research scientist for American Oil Co. in Whiting, Ind., was a speaker at the International Health Physics Conference in Chicago on June 13. Green has been engaged in intensive research in gas chromatology, a method of rapid analysis of matter, even measuring minute traces of materials. The conference was particularly interested in the application of the process in detecting the influence of atomic radiation on tissues, blood and the functioning of body processes.

Jolliffs Report from Japan

A June report from Bob Jolliff (BA'56; MA'58) in Japan states he is coming to the end of his formal study of the Japanese language. He says the study has made him appreciate the need for the gift of "tongues."

He states that Robert Yarbrough ('60) and Charles Melton ('59) also plan to attend the same school to learn the language better.

Mrs. Jolliff, the former Ruth Lanham ('61) and Bobby, 2, and Daniel, 2 months, have moved to the Ibaraki campus where Bob will be in the fall. Pictures of the two youngsters were included.

Merritt Distinguished Alumnus

The third Distinguished Alumnus Award was made to Dow Merritt, missionary in Africa for more than 35 years, and accepted for him by his oldest daughter, Iris Elder, who was visiting in Searcy at the time.

Merritt, nearing 68, is a native of Iowa and attended Western Literary Bible College before enrolling at Harper and later Cordell, two predecessors of Harding.

He gained some medical experience while serving as Chief Pharmacist Mate in the Navy (1913-1920) and began service as a medical missionary at Kabanga Mission which he helped to establish in 1926. Along with others, he helped start a school in the area to raise the literacy standards of the people. He also introduced such high-vitamin farm products as peanuts and sweet potatoes to the natives, and acquainted them with their first plows and bicycles. Merritt is justifiably proud of the 23 native congregations totaling 1300 members that came out of his efforts.

But, perhaps, even greater than his efforts and his accomplishments is his attitude. Those who have been privileged to know Brother Merritt are profoundly impressed by his genuine cheerfulness and enthusiasm. Some of it inevitably rubs off on all who are around him. In short, through both success and adversity, he has obviously enjoyed every minute of his service to the Lord.

The supreme character and genuine humility of the recipient are evident from his brief reply (exactly as written) to the news of his citation:

"You have honoured this
Poor Man
Before his Fellows,
And made him
Glad
And when he Considered
He Ran
And sought to hide
His face in the
Baggage.

Dow Merritt"

Mrs. Ollie Mae Cope ('41) Mason received her BS in May. She is employed for the year 62-63 at Liberal, Kansas.

A. Lynn Turner (BA'56) has been named coordinator of the University of Arkansas Off-Campus Centers. Mrs. Turner is the former Alene Combs ('59).



Tales by Bales at Reunion Luncheon



Some Registered Early and Stayed Late



Members of Class of '37 Present



One of Many Tables at Reunion Luncheon



Dr. Benson Gives Reception for New Alumni



A Quartet of Alumni Entertain



A Total of 325 Were Served at Annual Luncheon in Dining Hall on Graduation Day

DEDICATED SERVANTS IN NEW YORK NEED YOUR HELP

Good examples of Harding Alumni who are dedicated to service are **John** and **Juanice Niestadt** (Both BA'59) who are largely earning their own support while working through joy and hardship with the Eastside Church in New York City.

Two other Harding alumni cheerfully working at Eastside against great odds are **Joe** (BA'57) and **Velma Davis** (BA'48) **Cuellar** who are working with the Spanish speaking people of the crowded upper eastside.

Joe and John both went to Eastside soon after graduation from Harding. John is a native of the area and was saved from a future as an eastside "toughie" by the good work of Camp Shiloh where he and Juanice express their gratitude through diligent service each summer. Joe is a Mexican whose first contact with the Church was through an invitation offered by a fellow-soldier to attend services at El Paso. Both Joe and his host came to Harding together after discharge from the Army.

Mrs. Niestadt, a native of Muleshoe, Tex., formerly attended ACC and spent the first year of marriage with John at Freed-Hardeman before they moved to Harding. Velma was an assistant in the Public Relations Office at Harding after her graduation and preceded Joe to New York where they met while doing the Lord's work in the "hurry-and-get-nowhere" atmosphere of New York City.

Hardship has been the lot of those working in the great metropolitan area—

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the following:

The family of **Mrs. G. C. Brewer** (Associate), who passed away in May.

Jay (BA'56) and **Lenore Felix** ('58) **Byerley**, whose little son, Daniel James, born in France on April 17, only lived a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. **Bobby Fallen** ('63), whose month-old son, James Randal, died May 26.

Mrs. **Charles W. Latimer**, the former **Evelyn M. Johnson** ('33), whose husband, **Charles W. Latimer** ('32), passed away May 11.

The Miller brothers, **C. Ray** ('46), **Aubrey** (BA'42), **Hale** (BA'41), and **Mabrey** (BA'43), whose mother, Mrs. E. C. Miller passed away May 23.

and particularly so at Eastside. In recent years, **Eddie Grindley**, who was previously at Eastside and is now full-time at Shiloh, experienced a very severe illness. Joe also in recent years had serious difficulty with a brain tumor, winning through the combination of medical skill and prayers.

Now the blow of poor health has struck the Niestadts. In June, Juanice went to a doctor about a bruised mole that continued to bleed, and ended up with more than a month in New York Hospital when the trouble was found to be malignant. After intricate surgery and a month of treatment the doctor has pronounced her "statistically cured." She expects to be recuperating at Camp Shiloh by the time you read this.

Reporting these things has prompted us to wonder if people generally realize that those who make great sacrifices to serve the Lord in difficult areas sometimes need far more help from the outside than they are getting. Funds do come in (usually inadequate) for the work that is being done, but it is rare when sufficient additional help comes to dedicated servants in time of emergencies like severe health problems.

Joe and Velma have had their siege of ill health. John and Juanice are now having theirs. The address of the Eastside Church of Christ is 313 E. 83 St., New York 28. They deserve your help.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." — Matthew 25:40.

Shirley Birdsall (BA'54) received a promotion to the position of Senior Librarian at Louisiana State University, effective July 1st. She is presently Reference Librarian on the Law Library staff.

Jim (BS'61) and **Maralyn Bailey** ('62) **City** were involved in an automobile accident in Memphis. Twenty-five stitches were taken in Jim's face. He is able to continue with his graduate work. Maralyn was unhurt.

T. H. Linn ('38), Special Agent of the Prudential Insurance Company, was selected "Man of the Month" for June in the Arkansas Agency. He is the brother of **Sam** (BA'36) and **Carroll** ('38) **Linn**.

Dorothy Walker (BA'62) has signed a contract with Christian Schools, Inc. in Dallas, Tex., for the 1962-63 school year. **Barbara Gleason** (BA'62) will be with her.

Two alumni served as hosts and four others were locally active in a recent estate planning meeting in Shreveport, La. Serving as hosts were **Bill Handy** (BA'49), assistant cashier, Commercial National Bank, and **Charles Brooks** ('48), treasurer, Fred Wilson Drilling Co. The Harding party was at the Petroleum Club, with the meeting held in the dining room.

Others active in local work on the important long-range program on estate planning include **Weldon Hatcher** (BA'55); **Gussie Lambert** ('45), minister of Creswell Street Church of Christ; and **George Organ**, father of **Glen** (BS'57) and **Virginia** (BA'60) **Organ**.

Dr. **George S. Benson**, president, and **Omar Bixler** and **E. R. Anderson** of the Development Office represented Harding at the meeting. Benson and Bixler spoke on estate planning and the needs of higher education in this decade.

Charles W. Crawford (BA'53) has been appointed Assistant Professor of History at Memphis State University. He has been informed that his article "The Arkansas Gubernatorial Election of 1916" will be published in the **Arkansas Historical Quarterly** this year. Mrs. Crawford is the former **Peggy Bryant** ('54).

An interesting letter, containing a contribution, came recently from **Phil** and **Jackie (Messick) Watson** (Both BA'59). They are with Oklahoma Christian College where Phil is serving as director of development and preaching at Harrah, Okla. They have a daughter, **Angela Joyce**, age 13 months.

We are quoting two paragraphs from the letter.

"I, especially, am indebted to Harding. **Not only did I find my wife there; I found myself.** I was one of those fellows who came from a Christian home and had wonderful Christian parents, but who, when tempted had not the strength to overcome. Harding College helped me develop that strength.

"**Jackie and I would like to apologize for our negligence of the past in failing to contribute regularly to the alumni association. We have rationalized, justified, etc., etc., you know: 'in graduate school' — 'just getting started' — 'can't make ends meet' — 'starting a family' — 'blah, blah, blah' — and kept the old conscience in tow. However, the light finally peeketh through, and we now realize that this is not legitimate. Therefore, from now on, the Lord willing, we intend to make an annual gift of some kind.**"



Josephine Connell (BA'48), former executive secretary of the Alumni Association, to **Edward M. Merck** on June 15 at Montgomery, Ala.

Robert Alley (BA'62) and **Thomie Ann Smith** ('63) on May 31 at Searcy.

Earnest Ray Douglass (BA'62) and **Mary Elizabeth Allen** ('63) on June 5, at Winter Garden, Fla.

John W. Davis and **Peggy Lou Hinds** ('62) on June 18, 1961.

Glen D. House ('64) and **Barbara Ann Simpson** ('64) on June 1 at Walnut Ridge.

Charles Jones ('61) and **Lou Ann Morgan** ('63) on June 3 in Searcy.

Robert Kissire ('61) and **Patsy Venable** ('63) on May 5 at Morrilton.

Norman Madden ('66) and **Eileen Laury** on June 10 at Cowlake.

Herman A. McHan (BA'61) and **Karen Partezana** ('63) Aug. 12, 1961.

Frank McDonald and **Sylvia McRay** ('64) on Dec. 15 at DeQueen.

James O. (Jimmy) Miller (BA'62) and **Norma Harper** ('63) on July 8 at Chipley, Fla.

Glen A. Hunter and **Dora S. Pillow** ('55) Feb. 4 at Paragould.

Jack Arthur Mattern and **Mary Redwine** (BA'60) on June 2 at Cordell, Okla.

John J. Reed and **Bebe Joyce Daniels** (BA'55) on June 9 at Nogales, Ariz.

Larry D. Robinson ('62) and **Betty Olinger** ('63) on May 19 at Searcy.

Marshall McRae and **Pat Sutherland** (BS'60) on June 23 at Searcy.

Eugene Underwood (BA'61) and **Mary Jane Christmas** (BA'61) on June 19 at Brownsville, Tenn.

Kenneth Medlock and **Mildred E. Webb** ('54) on Nov. 4, 1961 at Sylvia, Kan.

William J. Wiseman ('56) and **Carolyn Combs** ('61) on Jan. 19 at Little Rock.

Jere Yates ('63) and **Carolyn Hall** (BA'62) on June 8 at Clarksville.

BIRTHS

CORRECTION: Son, Ronald Steven, to **Ronald J.** ('59) and **Bartine Lane** ('59) **Dickerson** on April 5. Middle name was listed wrong in May Alumni News.

Daughter, Amy Suzanne, to **Graham** ('58) and **Sue Young** (BA'52) **Birdsall** on March 8 at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Daughter, Kelli Ruth, to **Kenneth A.** (BS'61) and **Bobbie Jean DeFoor** ('62) **Bradshaw** on May 22.

Son, Steven Hanes, to John and **Lavera Hanes** ('56) **Burkett** on June 19.

Daughter, Donna Marie, to the late **Alex Claassen** (MA'53) and wife on May 21 in Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

Son, David Andrew, to Mr. and Mrs. **Don Dugger** ('63) on May 29 in Searcy.

Son, Donald Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. **Jerry D. Eubanks** (BA'57) on Aug. 9, 1961.

Son, Hobert Carson, to **Jim** ('56) and **Lillian Cornett** ('56) **Hayes** on May 20.

Son, Daniel, to **Bob** (BA'56) and **Virginia Lanham** ('61) **Jolliff** on May 15 in Tokyo, Japan.

Son, Danny Keith, to Mr. and Mrs. **Jerry Manion** (BS'62) on March 23.

Daughter, Lori Ann Paige, to **Cecil** (MA'61) and **Jo Lilly** (BA'56) **Alexander** on June 16.

Adopted daughter, Lori Ann, to **W. H.** (BA'51) and **Marcella McGinnis** (BA'46) **Sims** on June 26. Lori was born on May 25.

Daughter, Jennifer Joy, to **Meredith** (BA'54) and **Joanne Hartman** (BA'56) **Thom** on Feb. 16.

Daughter, Nancy Ann, to **Charlie** ('63) and **Kathy O'Conner** (BS'61) **Thompson** on June 5 at North Little Rock.

Daughter, Vera Marceillette, to **James** ('56) and **Mary Ellen Applegate** ('56) **Vander Molen** on April 17.

Daughter, Lisa Lynn, to **Bob E.** ('60) and **Cecil Joyce Wilson** ('63) **Wille** on June 1 at Oskaloosa, La.

Daughter, Deborah Ann, to A. M. and **Jimmie Darlene Payne** ('56) **Walford** on March 11 at Chickasha, Okla.

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ALUMNI NEWS



Two of the newly elected vice presidents, **Virgil Lawyer** (l.) and **Leon Sanderson** (r.), give a handshake of fellowship to re-elected president **Ulrey**. New vice president **Lucien Bagnetto** had to leave before photo.

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