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Eight Hardingites Either Leaving Or Returning To Mission Field; Six Work in Parts of Africa

Harding now has many alumni and associates who are serving Christ in distant lands, and any attempt to list them would undoubtedly fail. However, several of them are now either returning to their field or leaving it for a time.

Five who are coming home with their families in order to make further preparation to return are Dow Merritt, J. C. Shewmaker, Leon Clymore, J. A. Hobby and Douglas Lawyer.

Dow Merritts

Merritt, who received the Distinguished Alumnus Award last year, is returning this month from Africa. The missionary in Africa for more than 35 years is returning to live in Searcy, where he will enroll a son and daughter in Harding College this semester, and a daughter will attend the Harding Academy.

Merritt began service as a medical missionary at Kabanga Mission which he helped to establish in 1926. He attended Western Literary Bible College before enrolling at Harper and later Cordell, two predecessors of Harding.

J. A. Hobbys

Another life-long missionary in Africa, J. A. Hobby (BA'37), recently returned. Now living in Texarkana, Hobby plans to take a course in nursing before going back to Africa. Mrs. Hobby (Georgia Pruett, BA'38) is teaching. They plan to remain in this country for several years.

J. C. Shewmakers

In the same classification are J. C. Shewmaker (BA'30) and his wife (Joyce Copeland BA'33) who returned last month from Central Africa. The Shewmakers have been serving at the Namwianga Mission, Kalomo, Northern Rhodesia, since 1939. They have been home only once since then, from October 1948 to October 1949. With them in Africa are their son, Stan (BA'60) and his wife (Joan Seay) who are teaching in the school for whites. All white teachers in the colored schools are confined to teaching Bible.

Douglas Lawyers

Douglas Lawyer (BA'49) and his wife (Charla Cranford, '54) with their family arrived in Little Rock Dec. 7, after completing two years of work in Nigeria, West Africa. They plan a six months speaking tour before returning to Nigeria in 1963.

Lawyer served as principal of the Bible Training College at Onicha Ngwa, and as evangelist among the Ibo tribe of Eastern Nigeria.

Leon Clymores

Returning from Nyasaland are Leon Clymore (BA'58) and his wife (Luella Chenney, '60) and their family. They are now in California where Clymore plans to attend Pepperdine College for a short time.

Ken Elders

Leaving recently for the foreign fields have been Ken Elder (BA'49) and his wife (Iris Merritt, BA'42). They returned to the Kabanga Mission, Northern Rodesia, South Africa.

Gerald Starling

With help from the Harding student body, Gerald Starling (BA'60) obtained sufficient funds and is now in Wellington, New Zealand. He arrived the first of this month.

Irene Johnson

Irene Johnson, Harding faculty member and former missionary in Germany, plans to return to Frankfurt this summer to stay indefinitely. Miss Johnson was in Germany for nine years before returning to the United States to teach at Harding in 1957.



Wake Up To The Truth!

by Leon Sanderson, BA '54

W. S. Gilbert, comic opera writer with Arthur Sullivan, has one of his characters saying, "You have no idea of what poor opinion I have of myself—and how little I deserve it." Many have a poor opinion of themselves without reason. If you feel this way, you have failed to realize your worth. The talents you possess, whether many or few, are God-given and valuable. These abilities make your potential much greater. Wake up to the truth and recognize the power that is within you and around you!

Alumni often possess this incorrect concept in their relationship to their Alma Mater. A recent article reported the enrollment of Harding very near the 1200 mark. Campus news relates that plans are materializing for the alumni housecontinuing education center which will cost about \$750,000. The Harding Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis is making progress. The area of influence of this Bible-centered curriculum is reaching university campuses and surrounding states. The success of proposed growth is largely dependent upon alumni.

There are several ways in which the Harding alumni may translate their value into action. They offer the best publicity available. The school mails out printed brochures. Personnel from the Alumni Office visit homes and groups of young people across the nation. Many prospective students remain unconvinced until they can be assured of the opportunities at Harding by a former student. There is no substitute for the enthusiasm of alumni when it comes to gaining new students.

Alumni are best aware of the qualifications of Harding and are most responsive to the need for finances. The Alumni Office hopes to find 100 former students

Alumnus, Father Give \$841

Wallace Alexander (BA'57) partner with his father Flanoy Alexander in the publishing and printing firm in Delight, Arkansas. which publishes the Gospel Light magazine, joined with his father in a gift of \$841.00 to Harding College in November. They gave 20,000 copies of the November paper to Harding to mail to additional families.

The November edition of the paper carried articles and news on Harding's new estate planning services. When the costs of the paper and printing and delivery were calculated the Alexanders made a gift of the entire project to the college.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the following:

Ordis Copeland (BA'46) whose wife, Aleatrice Freeze Copeland ('41), was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 16. The family of Paul Hobby ('63) who passed away Aug. 10 because of infectious mononucleosis.

The family of Inez Shofner ('50) who passed away Sept. 8 in Texarkana. She was the sister of Mrs. Lillie Huddleston (BA'40) of Searcy.

Irene Johnson (Assoc.) whose mother passed away Aug. 22 following a heart attack. Mrs. Johnson had been ill for some time.

APOLOGY

Miss Pearle Mahan (BA'50), is an annual contributor to the Alumni fund and our apology to Pearle for failure to list her name among those who gave last year.

who will give \$1,000 to the newly announced continuing education center. There are more than 100 who are able to give this amount over a two-year period. However, the greatness of this request does not overshadow the need for smaller contributions from every alumnus. Not only are these contributions helpful in expanding and sustaining Harding's program, but also are helpful in securing donations from foundations and corporations throughout our nation. In this latter case, the percentage of alumni who give is more important than the amount given.

Are alumni important? Definitely! Our role as former Harding students is unique and invaluable. Let us fulfill our potential in every available way.

Gary Blake Begins Work With Deaf In Ethiopia Mission

Gary Blake, his wife Mary and their children left for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on Oct. 1, 1962 from the Little Rock airport. Blake will head a school for the deaf in Ethiopia. This service will open the door for missionaries to remain in Ethiopia because according to national law, the church must render some special service to be recognized in the country.

From Little Rock the Blakes flew to London where they were met by the Linnie Darden family with whom they are to work. The families then flew to Paris, Rome and parts of the Holy Land before going to Addis Ababa.



Only eleven months after their decision to go to the Tthiopia mission field, Gary and Mary Blake and their two children, Mat thew and Elizabeth, step of the Ethiopia Airlines flight from Cairo, Egypt.



This posed picture, taken in Addis Ababa, Nov. 19, 1962, shows three areas of curriculum in the first school for the deaf in Ethiopia which was started by our missionaries on Nov. 5. In addition to four deaf students, the teachers, left to right, are Linnie Darden working with the children at a slot chart teaching the days of the week; Atta Demera, a convert and former teacher for seven years in the Ethiopian government schools, teaching a new student how to write his name; and Gary Blake working with a girl in developing speech. A candle is used to help in teaching the "t" sound. This program in deaf education fulfills the government requirement that all mission groups provide a public service before it can be officially recognized and allowed to operate.

*****From Here and There*****

Harding awarded Dr. R. T. Clark (BS'39) the Honorary Doctor of Law degree on Oct. 30 for his distinguished service.

Richard H. Carson (BA'62) is teaching the eighth grade at Cornish Elementary School in Cornish, New Hampshire and also is serving as assistant principal. He plans to return to Harding in 1963 to do graduate work.

James L. Jordan (BA'51) is an accountant for Hearin Tank Lines in Baker, La.

Ray Wilburn (BS'56) is presently employed in the accounting department of Warren Petroleum Corp., a subsidiary of Gulf Oil Corp. in Tulsa, Okla.

David (BA'54) and Pat Ault ('57) Porter have moved to North Bend, Oregon, to help establish a congregation of the Lord's Church. They met for the first time on Sept. 30 with thirty present for worship. They are attempting to buy two lots with a small house for living quarters and also for a meeting place for the church.

Charles Pittman (BA'54) is teaching English at Harding.

Dick Mock (BA'61) is attending the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill.

Janiece Helm (BS'59) is teaching all the home economics courses from the eighth grade to the senior high level in Walkerton. Ind. She has been teaching there for two years. At the request of the women in the local community, she is to begin teaching an adult tailoring class this month. Janiece has begun work toward her master's degree at Purdue University.

Weldon Hatcher (BA'55) has been selected to direct the student program of the Church of Christ at Louisiana University.

Preston LaFerney ('57) has completed requirements for the Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University. He, his wife, Johnnie Vaughn ('59), and daughter, Pamela Lynn are now living in Clemson, South Carolina where Preston is an Agricultural Economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The following are now members of the Lubbock Christian College faculty: Glenn ('58) and Sue Paxson (BA'58) Davis. Glenn teaches Agriculture and manages the college farm and Sue is the Publicity Director; Rose M. Jones (BA'59), Business and Secretarial Science Department; Mrs.

Hallye Vanderpool (Grad.), English and Speech Department; and D. C. Lawrence (BA'43), first home room teacher in Baldridge High School. His wife is the former Elouise Reese ('45).

C. F. Mver. Jr. (BA'53) has become the new dean of NI.C.E.-Northeastern Institute for Christian Education. At present, he is working toward the PhD, degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

Leon (BA'58) and Luella Cheney ('60) Clymore have returned to the States after four years of evangelistic work in Africa. They plan to return to Nyasaland in 1963.

At its banquet meeting on Thursday evening, July 26, the John A. Dickson Publishing Company honored Dan J. Ottinger ('32). Area Manager from Nashville, Tenn., with a 20-volume set of the American Peoples Encyclopedia for his twentyfive years of service with the company.

Dorothy Fay Welsh (BA'49) was critically injured on Dec. 23 when she was struck by a car that went out of control and plunged into a crowd at the Southern Pacific railway station at Glendale, Calif. She had to undergo four hours of surgery immediately and is still in critical condition at the Glendale Memorial Hospital where she will have to remain for at least three months.

Dale T. Lemon ('53) has been appointed to the office of Vice-President of N.I.C.E. He was formerly minister for the church in Traverse City, Mich., but was replaced by Eugene Pickren ('63). Mrs. Pickren is the former Sandra Chastain (Special '60).

Harding Alumna Releases **First Record: Others Scheduled**

United Southern Recording of Hot Springs has released a new record of Dot Beck, a former Harding elementary school teacher and a 1952 graduate of Harding College. The record features "When is Tomorrow." The flip side is "Ed Went A-Courtin," an arrangement by Mrs. Beck of the old folk song, "Froggie Went A-Courtin'."

Mrs. Beck sings on KWCB, Searcy radio station, each Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 on "Tips and Tunes."

She has appeared with Steve Stephens on "Eye on Arkansas," a KTHV production. Stephens liked her performance so much that he has invited her to appear weekly on his program.

"I Close My Eyes," an original composition by Mrs. Beck, will be recorded soon for her next release.

Chapter News 🕁

Arkansas

The ARK-LA alumni chapter met Oct. 13, 1962, in Norphlet, Arkansas. Eighteen were present to hear L. O. Sanderson speak and lead the group in singing. The first Distinguished Alumni Award was given to L. O. Sanderson. Plans were made for raising funds for one-half the amount needed for a athletic scholarship for the current school year.

New club officers were elected and installed. They are Varna Davis (BA'36), president; Don Fike (BA'51), vice-president; and Mrs. Diamond Perkins Sewell (BA'46), secretary. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12, 1963, at the Block and Hardy Street Church building in El Dorado.

Oklahoma

The Oklahoma City alumni held its annual fall meeting on Oct. 26, at the Tropical Cafeteria. The entertainment was furnished by a quartet from Oklahoma Christian College. Jimmy Allen, a member of the Harding Bible faculty, was the speaker. More than forty were present for the dinner and program that followed. The following new officers were elected:

Phil Watson (BA'59), president; Marion Hickingbottom (BA'50), vice-president: and Mrs. Linda Phillips Alexander ('60), secretary-treasurer.

The Bartlesville Alumni Chapter reported that their last meeting was held Dec. 18, at the home of Wayne Smathers. Following the business meeting, they sang Christmas Carols and had refreshments

The following officers were elected: Wayne Smethers ('42), president; and William Nations (BA'48), vice-president. Mrs. Lucien Bagnetto (BA'47), secretarytreasurer, is serving in that capacity for two years.

Southeast Louisiana

The Southeast Louisiana Chapter met Dec. 7, at the A & G Resturant. They will continue to sponsor a partical scholarship for a Harding student. The 1962-63 scholarship will go to Lance Haines, a Harding freshman. New officers elected were Johnny Figgins (BS'55), president: Mrs. Melvin Ganus ('49), vice-president: and Mrs. Perry Maon, Jr. (BS'60), secretary-treasurer. The chapter secretary mailed a check to the alumni office with the names of all chapter contributors for the purpose of helping with the percentage of alumni giving.



This is a scene from a typical annual party given by Claude and Mary French of Detroit, Mich. for the Detroit Alumni Association of Harding College. Once a year the Frenches go "all out" in decorating their home in keeping with the season or holiday for a lively party and dinner for all former students of Harding College. This is an event that all former Harding students, who have once attended one of the parties, look forward to with interest each year. Those present at the party were Fred and Claudette Harris (BA'57) Alexander; Doyle (BA'41) and Margaret Earwood: Cecil (BA'58) and Jo Lilly (BA'56) Alexander: Otis and Alma Morgan ('33) Gatewood; Hugh (BA'51) and Joy Smith ('53) Mingle; Joe and Joy Eddings; Logan and Mona Conley (Special) Mathis; Gene ('51) and Wanda Hatcher; Robert (BA'54) and Susan Waggoner; Bude ('38) and Lois Gardner ('30) Little; Leo and Hae Murphy ('31) Gentry; George (BS'43) and El Meta Finch ('38) Ford; Claude and Mary French; Fay Conley (BA'60); Sue Gentry; Tom Martin ('63) and Georgia Carver.



Wendell B. Harris and Shirley Young ('63) on April 20 at Bartlesville, Okla. James E. Lanier and Erma Smith ('62) on Sept. 1 at Columbus, Ohio.

Lyle E. Miller and Carolyn Sue Savage ('62) on Aug. 4 at Tallula, Ill.

Philip R. Potter ('62) and Helen Chambers on July 20.

Ray Wilburn (BS'56) and Wanda Taliaferro on June 9 at Tulsa, Okla.

Geames A. Wooten and Lori Baker ('62) on Sept. 1 at Okmulgee, Okla.

James King McPherson and Iris Mc-Elroy (BS'60) on Aug. 17 in Lancaster, Calif.



Son, Jimmy Ray, to Jim (BA'61) and Fay Berry ('60) Adkins on Nov. 19. Son, Ronald Wayne (Jr.), to Wayne (Grad.) and Irma Haney (BS'62) Altman on July 21.

Son, Stephen Phillip, to Charles S. and Phyllis Vander Wall ('62) Arbuckle on Oct. 1.

Daughter, Dana Maeve, to Moody L. ('60) and Harriet McClellan ('61) Barrentine, Jr. on June 18.

Daughter, Joy Carol, to **Bob** ('64) and Carolyn **Bell** on Nov. 5 in Searcy.

Daughter, Myralyne, to Myron and **J'Nevlyne Tunnicliff** ('60) Borth on Nov. 15.

Son, Melvin Rhodes (Jr.), to Melvin and Hilda Coleman ('55) Carlock on Nov. 3 in Memphis, Tenn.

Daughter, Alice Louise, to **Robert** (BA'54) and **Grace McReynolds** (BA'54) **Coburn** on Sept. 12 in Sherman, Texas.

Son, Gregory Alan, to Charles and

Betty Baker (BS'59) Coile on Nov. 11. Daughter, Janet Lea, to Philip ('63) and Grace Peck ('63) Dampier on July 8 in South Point, Ohio.

Daughter, Catherine Jane, to William (Sonny) ('63) and Judy Davis on Oct. 1 in Searcy.

Son, Warren Lane, to Ronald W. and Kay Schweining ('60) Decker on July 2.

Daughter, Lynette Ann, to **Eddie** (BA'59) and Carole Ann **Dunn** on Nov. 8 in Helsinki, Finland.

Son, David Merle, to Neal (BA'61) and Grace Murphy ('59) Durgin on July 16 in Lewiston, Maine.

Son, Todd Dewayne, to **Donald** ('60) and **Pat Neal** ('62) **Edwards** on Aug. 13 in Little Rock.

Daughter, Elizabeth Aaron, to **Robert** ('64) and **Betty Jane Aaron** (BA'61) **Fisher** on Sept. 26.

Daughter, Lee Ann, to Bill ('63) and Sally Friley on Oct. 23 in Searcy.

Son, Michael Andrew, to Hugh Lee ('60) and Frances Dilday ('60) Fuller on April 3.

Daughter, Carol Lynnette, to W. Joe (BA'55) and Joan Benson (Spec.) Hacker, Jr. on Oct. 23 in Searcy.

Daughter, Deena Gay, to Franklin and Mara Gene Stockton ('62) Hansen on Sept. 11.

Daughter, Shelley Annette, to Ed (BA'60) and Shirley Richardson ('61) Hightower on Dec. 18.

Daughter, Lynda Kay, to Herman W. ('60) and Sandra Lee Landreth ('60) Hughes on Oct. 6 in Arlington, Va.

Daughter, Mary Lynn, to John H. (BS'57) and Jan Ingalls on Sept. 28 in Dexter, Mo.

Daughter, Dee Andrea, to John and Marian Jones (Acad. '56) Ingram, Jr. on May 16.

Son, Michael Waldo, to Marvin E. (BA'60) and Margaret Jacobs on March 24 in Massillion, Ohio.

Son, Charles Wayne, to Charles (Chuck) Ray ('64) and Judie Baker ('64) Keeth on Dec. 14.

Daughter, Sonya, to Heinrich and Christel Kaempfer (Spec.) Korner on Nov. 2 in Nuernberg, Germany.

Son, Thomas Howard, to Bruce ('63) and Evelyn Head ('63) Lemieux on Oct. 25 in Shreveport, La.

Daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Bill and Jean Dalton ('57) Looper on Oct. 27 at Denver, Colorado.

Son, Terry Anthony, to Cliff ('63) and Martie Lyons on Oct. 26 in Searcy. Daughter, Elizabeth Rose, to Carl (Grad. 57-58) and Betty Lou Matheny on Oct. 25. Son, Stephen Ray, to E. Ray (BS'58)

and Anita Martin ('59) McAlister on Aug. 7.

Son, Hubert Todd, to Hubert and Dorothy Todd (BA'53) McCray on Oct. 20 at Beaumont, Texas.

Son, William Douglas (Jr.), to W. D. and Lena Rainbolt ('61) Merdell on June 27 at Tampa, Florida.

Son, James Gregory, to W. Lee ('60) and Louise Bragg ('56) Miller on Nov. 20. Son, David Scott, to Jule L. (BA'49) and

Judy Hogan ('50) Miller on Nov. 20. Son, Larry Donald, to Billy Don and

Ann Etta Cooper ('57) Moore on Sept. 15. Son, Phillip Eugene, to Eugene R. ('56)

and Ina Morris on Oct. 3 in Lowell, Ind. Daughter, Nancy Ann, to Harold

(BA'59) and Ann Belue (BA'58) Norwood on June 27. Daughter, Vickie Irene, to James and

Wilma Hunnicuttt ('62) Pincham on Dec. 7.

Son, Charles Gary, to Charles (BA'54) and Janet Pittman on Sept. 26 in Searcy.

Son, Jeffrey Norman, to Jim ('63) and Faye England ('62) Pratt on Sept. 9 in Searcy.

Son, Harold Timothy, to Bill (BA'58)

and Nanci Ellen Priester (Acad. 54-55) Ramsay on Nov. 15 in Seoul, Korea.

Daughter, Pamela Jo, to Ronald B. (BA'58) and Loreta Huffard (BA'61) Rea on Feb. 24 in Alexandria, La.

Daughter, Julia Elaine, to Larry (BA'57) and Dorothy Davis ('56) Roberts on Oct. 30.

Son, Terry Ray, to Eldon and Shirley Venable (BS'60) Schnakenberg on Sept. 22 at St. Charles, Mo.

Son, Bret Allen, to Dewey and **Dortha Putman** (BA'59) Shirley, Jr. on Oct. 29. Son, Warren Mark, to **Billy Mac** ('62)' and Barbara **Smith** on Oct. 5 in Irving, Tex.

Son, David Anthony, to Ronald ('58) and Dorothy Reed ('58) Smith on April 30.

Son, Charles Landon, to Charles and Ruth Ann Wallace ('63) Thompson on Nov. 29.

Son, Steven Edwin, to George ('59) and Carolyn Todd on Sept. 2 in Beaumont. Tex.

Daughter, Patricia Sue, to Robert D. (BS'61) and Barbara Tucker on Oct. 11 in Oklahoma City.

Son, Randy Kevin, to Glen (BS'62) and Juanita Jones on June 14.

Son, Gregory Alan, to Glenn ('58) and Sylvia Kays on Oct. 22.



Carl Matheny (left) a graduate student at Harding in 1957 and 1958, with his wife, Betty Lou, (right) teach two Lebanese in their home in Beirut, Lebanon. Carl and Betty, now missionaries in that country, have four children. Son, Raleigh Edward (III), to Raleigh E. (BA'58) and Millie Opal Wooten (Grad. '60) Wood, Jr. on Nov. 28.

Daughter, Marta Kay, to Glenn ('64) and Dorris Little ('60) Uthe on Aug. 26 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Daughter, Terry Marie, to Don M. ('51) and Virginia Terry ('50) Worten on June 18.

Daughter, Susan Lee, to Ray (BA'54) and Ann Broadfoot ('54) Wright on Oct. 14 in Paragould.

Son, James David, to David ('65) and Joycelyn Leuschner ('61) Young on Sept. 5 in Searcy.

Correction: Daughter, Bonna Melissa, to **Robert** (BS'51) and Billie Jean **Smith** on June 2 in Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Smith's name was listed as Murl Nadine Armstrong ('55) in the October Alumni News which is incorrect.

Son, Keith, to Raymond and Doris Rabe ('43) Huey on Nov. 10.

Son, David Wayne, to Ronald ('58) and Sharon Huffstutler on Oct. 20.

Son, Donald Davis, to Donald Carol

(BA'58) and Nina Harvey (BS'57) Johnston on Sept. 14.

Daughter, Amy Ruth, to James D. (BA'57) and Miriam Ledford on Aug. 2.

Son, Dean Allan, to Thomas A. ('61) and Arlyn Garrison ('61) Ledford on July 24.

Son, Steven Clark, to Walter and Pauline Clark ('59) Litland on Oct. 31.

Son, Ronald Allen, to Jerry ('64) and Joyce Bowman (Spec. '61) LaFevers on Dec. 21 in Searcy.

Son, Barry Wade, to J. W. ('61) and Betty Sain on Nov. 9.

NOTICE

The Harding College Alumni Association is organized to serve all students who have attended Harding for any length of time—whether one semester or four years. Former students have questioned this ranking, but as we understand it, this is the general policy of all schools. If you have received credits from Harding Collegs, you are elegible for the services of its Alumni Association.

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Mrs. Florence Cathcart's grave is still unmarked. Anyone who would like to make a contribution for this project should send the money to Evan Ulrey at Harding College. Any extra funds will be added to the Florence Cathcart Memorial book fund for the Harding College Library.

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