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4,000 Attend Harding College's 41st Annual Bible Lectureship



Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College, and Lee Watts, one of the nation's outstanding portrait artists, stand beside a portrait of James A. Harding, for whom Harding College was named. Watts was commissioned by the college to do the portrait of Harding. The work was unveiled during the recent Bible Lectureship. The portrait in oil will hang in the library of the Harding Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis.

Over 4,000, the largest group in history to attend the Harding College Lectureships, saw the close of the 41st annual event on Thanksgiving Day and were guests of the college for the free barbeque dinner. The closing night E. W. McMillian said, "Of the 30 years that I have participated in the Harding College Lectureships, this year has been the most successful and gratifying."

Registered guests come from 29 states and four foreign countries: Germany, Canada, Israel and Japan.

'65 Theme Announced

In commenting on the lectureship, Joe Hacker, Jr., chairman of the Bible Department, said, "The response of the brethren to the lectures this year was very gratifying. The quality of the speeches was outstanding. We're looking forward to developing next year's theme 'Christ for the Space Age.'" This year's theme was "My God and I."

Forty outstanding Bible scholars were featured for the daily lectures, forums, classes, luncheons and dinners during the four-day session. The Harding Concert Band, A Cappella Chorus, Chorale, Men's Quartet, Women's Ensemble and the Academy Chorus performed throughout the week.

The Harding Bison basketball team, playing their second game of the season, were defeated by the Arkansas College Scots, playing their fifth game of the season, in the annual Thanksgiving Day game.

Evening speakers for the Lectureship were Cleon Lyles, minister for the Sixth and Izard Church of Christ in Little Rock; Carl Hugo McCord, a member of

the Oklahoma Christian College faculty; E. W. McMillian, minister of the Northside Church of Christ, Santa Ana, Calif.; and Ira North, minister of the Madison Avenue Church of Christ, Madison, Tenn.

Cleon Lyles

Discussing "My God and I—A Covenant Relationship," Cleon Lyles pointed out that our covenant with God is greater than any made with man in the past. He stated, "Under the old covenant the blood of animals was offered, and though the centuries witness the flowing of rivers of animal blood it could not take away the sins of the world. Under the new covenant we have the blood of the Son of God which cleanses us from all sins."

It is through revelation that we not only know God is a God rich in mercy, a God of love, a God full of compassion and a God who is long-suffering, but we also learn that God is a consuming fire. Through God's son Jesus Christ man receives redemption.

A reformed life is natural for the man who realizes how much God loves him and how He has demonstrated that love, said Lyles.

Hugo McCord

McCord, in his lecture "The God I Worship" stressed the fact that man, purely by human reasoning, may know of the existence of God and several facts about Him: 1) He is a creator, 2) He is superhuman, 3) He is a great power, 4) He is orderly, 5) He is one, 6) God is good, 7) He loves beauty and 8) He is moral.

Although one can know something of man's origin without special revelation, he cannot know man's duty nor man's (Continued on page 2)

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BUILDING BETTER CHRISTIANS AND CITIZENS

Heart Attack Takes Life of Dr. L. M. Graves in Nashville; Served More Than 20 Years On Harding College Board

Dr. Lloyd Myers Graves, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Harding College, died December 3 in Nashville, Tenn. of a heart attack. He was 69.

Director of the Memphis-Shelby County Health Department since its inception, Dr. Graves was attending a meeting of the Tennessee Public Health Association when fatally stricken.

Dr. Graves had served more than 20 years on the board of Harding College and had been chairman of the board for approximately 10 years. Funeral services were held at the Union

Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis at 2 p.m. December 5.

Dr. Graves' death rang down the curtain on an illustrious career which had been crowned with scores of honors.

In 1958, he was named Memphis' Citizen of the Year by the Civitan Club for steering the city to national recognition as a clean, healthy and wholesome community. He became the first full-time health officer of Shelby County (Tenn.) in 1926.

His other accomplishments include slum clearance, lowering

infant mortality, enactment of a standard milk ordinance, wiping out a rabies epidemic in 1948, and pioneering the pilot testing of Salk polio vaccine in 1956. He also was instrumental in planning Shelby County's multi-million dollar health center.

Active on dozens of civic boards and committees, he was also chairman of the board of Harding Academy in Memphis.

Dr. Houston T. Karnes, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Harding College, will succeed Dr. Graves as chairman.



Dr. L. M. Graves

SA Launches Drive Again For Dollies, Children's Toys

The success of last year's dolly drive conducted by the Student Association has encouraged the SA to sponsor two similar projects for the Christmas season this year.

Another dolly drive for women students and a toy drive for the men were conducted to collect Christmas gifts to be sent to orphans' and children's homes sponsored by members of the church.

Women students again made their dolls or stuffed animals out of soft materials. A contest for the three best creations was conducted as well as the awarding of a certificate of merit to the social club with the highest participation percentage.

The toys collected by the men were not handmade or repaired toys, but ones purchased or only slightly used. A \$.99 to \$1.99 price range was suggested.

The two projects were climaxed by the all-school Christmas party on December 13, where the dolls and toys were displayed.

The gifts were then boxed and shipped to the homes in time for Christmas.

Last year the SA collected 350 dollies and distributed them to 15 children's homes.

J. W. Nichols Will Conduct Second Bible Seminar Jan. 5-6

James Walter Nichols of Abilene, Texas, will be the featured speaker at the second religious seminar of the year. The seminar, which is scheduled for January 5-6 will be centered around the theme, "The Preacher and his Relationship to the Community."

At present Nichols serves as executive editor of the **Christian Chronicle**. He has also served as speaker for the Herald of Truth radio and television program for four years and is the author of the book, **The Churches of Christ Salute You**.

After attending Abilene Christian College and the State University of Iowa, Nichols served as minister for several congregations, including the Central congregation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Highland congregation in Abilene.

February 22-24, Cleon Lyles, minister of the 6th and Izard congregation in Little Rock, will speak on "The Preacher and his Relationship to the Congregation."

Completing the four seminars of the year will be Bob Scott of Albany, N. Y., speaking on the topic, "Missions Methods in the U. S. A.," April 5-7.

Each seminar will include afternoon and night lectures. The speakers will also address the entire student body in chapel and will speak at the College Church of Christ on Wednesday night.



J. W. Nichols

Johnson Brings Gifts To College

Leman Johnson, a member of the Board of Trustees of Harding College, recently donated several valuable items to the College while in Searcy attending the 41st annual Bible lecture-ship November 23-26.

Among the gifts were 39 volumes of reference books valued over \$300. The books donated to the library by Johnson were **The Book of Popular Science**, 10 vols.; **Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary of the English Language**, 2 vols.; **Collier's Encyclopedia**, 10 vols.; and **Lands and Peoples: the World in Color**, 7 vols.

A color painting of Mount Eisenhower in Washington, Johnson's home state, was also presented to the College as well as an 84-cup coffee urn.

In performing his duties as a member of the Board, Johnson drives twice annually to the board meetings on the campus from his Wenatchee home.

Fort Worth Youth Group Hears Harding Professor

Jimmy Allen, assistant professor of Bible at Harding College, was the speaker for an area wide young people's meeting at the Richland Hill Church of Christ at 2:30 p.m. December 13.

The meeting, sponsored by the Richland Hill Church of Christ, was conducted for all young people in the Fort Worth area.

Preaching almost half his life, Allen, 34, has held some 180 gospel meetings in 12 states during the past 15 years.

Lectureship . . .

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destiny. Only when man is gripped by the spectacle of the cross and elated by the splendor of the resurrection is he drawn to Him. This is eternal life, to know Him, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, said McMillian.

E. W. McMillian

In discussing his topic, "My God and I in the Judgment," E. W. McMillian lead the audience on a journey to his judgment. According to McMillian several life-relationships will come before God in his judgment: 1) I shall see my ethical self in the judgment, 2) My own honor will be judged by how nearly it was pure honor or how much alloy was there with other qualities, 3) My life in relation to others will be revealed, 4) My daily dealing directly with God, however, is my greatest embarrassment and at the same time my greatest joy, 5) My obedience-life is before me and 6) My love-life, with its weakness of self-interest, is brought before God.

Man would be a helpless and hopeless creature without the provisions that God has made for man. In revealing God's provisions to man, McMillian said, "My God walks with me; my Saviour lives in me; the Holy Spirit counsels and guides me; God's ministering angels serve me."

Ira North

North, in his address on "My God and I in Eternity," emphasized the fact that it is only through grace that we have the hope of eternal life. In defining grace, North said, "Grace is something that you need but do not deserve; it is at the very heart of the teachings of Christ."

Christians today need to practice the principle of grace and give people not what they deserve, but what they need.

His latest campaign was in Dallas where he was the speaker for the largest evangelistic campaign ever sponsored by the Dallas County churches of Christ. The campaign lasted from July 26-August 9. An average of 8,400 attended per night with 12,000 attending the last night. Responses included 222 baptisms and 505 restorations.

Allen, who recently returned from an extensive tour of the Bible Lands, will preach in the Australian campaign next June. He also has cooperative meetings scheduled for Memphis, Dallas, Detroit, Seattle, El Paso and a number of other places.

Harding College Will Soon Be On The Air With Station KHBC

The new modern-equipped carrier current radio station, KHBC, will soon be on the air to serve the entire Harding College campus.

After several years of planning and designing, the Speech Department has made final arrangements to place the five-room studio into operation. Facilities which are now nearing completion include a control room; two carpeted studios designed for discussions, news commentaries, and dramatic presentations; a reception room; an office; and

storage facilities. All of these facilities are located in the basement of the Bible Building and are easily accessible to the entire campus community.

The modern control room is equipped with an RCA control console and two turntables. Welton Roy, chief engineer for WHBQ Radio and TV in Memphis, Tenn., aided in installing the console with the assistance of Herman Spurlock, the college electrician. Dr. Richard Walker, associate professor of speech, installed the turntables.

The facilities also include a remote control telephone line which can be used to broadcast Harding athletic events and other activities which are distant from the campus.

At the outset of its operation, the air-conditioned station will broadcast two or three hours per night. The programs will consist mainly of light classical and classical music and campus announcements. News and sports broadcasts will be added in the future under the direction of a program manager and news manager, both of whom will be appointed at a later date.

Dr. Evan Ulrey, head of the Speech Department, stated that he hopes the tentatively planned news department will eventually be able to utilize the facilities of a nationwide news service to keep the student body abreast of current affairs.

Although many of these plans are tentatively planned, certain operations are having to be performed to put the station on the air. One of the immediate plans include the testing of the broadcast range.

Another matter important in the college's radio work is the field of advertising. Commercials on the college radio will be similar to those of FM stations. Courtesy advertisements of business establishments will be used to cover maintenance and broadcasting costs. However, the total expense of keeping the station

in operation will be relatively low.

The actual transmission of the broadcasts will be carried over power lines, thus making the programs easily available to both the dormitories and the married students' apartments. The transmitter, which is valued at \$750 was donated to the college.

Although the station will be used as a practice laboratory for radio and television classes, any individual interested in this type of work can participate in the various parts of broadcasting as an extra-curricular activity. Bill Oliver, a sophomore speech major, will serve as station manager.

Chorus Members Pledge \$400 Toward New Robes

The 80 members of the A Cappella Chorus opened a drive for new chorus robes by pledging almost \$400 toward their goal.

The robes they have selected will cost between \$20 and \$25 each, and they hope to purchase 80 of them in order that each chorus member may have his own robe during the entire year.

The cost of the robes will total nearly \$2,000, and the members hope to have purchased them by next summer. They are now in the process of planning means of raising the rest of the money by soliciting donations from anyone interested in their program of work.



Students in one of Dr. Ulrey's radio classes try out the facilities in one of the two carpeted studios of the new campus radio station.



Looking through the window in one studio, Dr. Ulrey can observe what is taking place in both the control room and the other studio.



Bill Oliver, sophomore speech major who will serve as manager of the station, tests the control panel and the two turntables.



Harding coeds work late in their dorms at night in order to meet the deadline on the SA dolly drive. Last year 350 dollies were made and distributed to 15 orphans' homes.

Hacker Receives 20th Century Christian Award

Joe Hacker Jr., chairman of the Department of Bible of Harding College was awarded the 20th Century Christian's Christian Education Award by Jim Bill McInteer, business manager of the publication at the annual 20th Century Christian dinner November 24 during the 41st annual Harding Bible Lectureship.

Co-recipient of the award with Hacker was Dr. LeMoine Lewis, professor of Bible at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Tex.

The award read: "In recognition of his efficiency in many spheres, notably in the excellency of the arrangement of the Fall Lectureship program of Harding College, his able chairmanship of the Bible Department of the undergraduate work, his vision in the promotion of the Summer Workshop, his service in the writing of gospel literature, his private authorship of many papers widely quoted in the brotherhood, the 20th Century Christian gratefully presents the Christian Education Award as a co-recipient with Dr. LeMoine Lewis of Abilene, Texas, to Joe Hacker of Harding College in recognition of his outstanding leadership."

Hacker received the BA and MA degrees from Harding College and the MRE from Southwest Baptist Seminary. He is presently working on a doctor's degree in Houston. He joined the Harding faculty in 1961.

Professor Asks

Can Christian College Education Be Objective?

By Raymond Muncy

Assistant Professor of History
Most modern scholars strive for objectivity in their particular field of study. This involves an impersonal approach to subject matter without bias or prejudice. Contrast this with appreciations which are derived from the limitations of the mind which may be preresolved by cultural, political or religious beliefs. Since the generally accepted concept of Christian education is that training which endeavors to assist students in building a philosophy of life consistent with Christian ideals while preparing them to live useful lives, can such an education be objective? Is it possible for academics on a Christian college campus be free from the determinism of its administration and faculty?

Education is a problem of selection and rejection. It is impossible for the human mind to absorb the whole encyclopedia of the sciences, literature and the arts. Professors know this and stu-

dents soon find it out. Administrators have to be selective in what fields of education will be offered and to select qualified individuals to present these fields. Teachers must then determine which areas will be presented in their field and which will be excluded, since it would be pedagogically impossible to present the whole of any subject. This does not preclude objectivity. Just because the administrators have devised a curriculum which they feel will best culminate in the overall aims of the institution and the faculty members have deleted all material from their presentations which does not facilitate a comprehension of an assigned area of thought does not mean there is no academic freedom on a Christian college campus. These limitations will be in any institution of learning.

At Harding College students are urged to probe, investigate, inquire, search and examine in detail every subject presented in the curriculum. Neither faculty nor administrators tells the students, "to here you may go in your inquiry, but no farther."

Truth is not an inhibitor of intellectual freedom. It has nothing to fear from scrutiny. Truth can afford to be objective. Christian colleges not only permit, but encourage objectivity. A framework of proven values is presented upon which students may build their education. These values regarding "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, g o o d n e s s,

faithfulness, gentleness and self control" are as much a proven system as any rule of mathematics or law of physics.

The institution of higher learning which ridicules or minimizes the importance of these values inhibits intellectual freedom. The college or university which scorns belief in God, the Bible and moral living attempts to limit the minds of the students and can lay no claim to being a proponent of objectivity.

Because dedicated men and women have firm convictions regarding justice, moral decency, honor, patriotism and holiness does not mean those who sit at their feet are not urged to think for themselves and to come to conclusions on their own. William E. Channing once wrote, "The great end of instruction is not to stamp our minds on the youth, but to stir up their own; not to make them see with our eyes, but to look inquiringly and steadily with their own; not to give them a definite amount of knowledge, but to inspire a fervent love of truth." How can students be inspired with "a fervent love of truth" unless the teachers themselves have the same love for truth? Objectivity, if such is possible to attain, can best be pursued on the campus of a Christian college where God's truth is revered, and where the discovery of the truths of the materials of man's existence gives the student a deeper faith in the Creator of all things.

NOTICE

Dr. George Benson is again appealing for funds to provide the subsidy for Dr. Jack Lewis' book, "A Study in the Interpretation of Noah and the Flood." A well known publisher has offered to publish the manuscript written by Dr. Lewis, if a subsidy of \$900 is raised. All donations may be sent to Dr. Benson at Harding College.



Joe Hacker, Jr. (left) receives the 20th Century Christian's Christian Education Award from the publication's business manager, Jim Bill McInteer.

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