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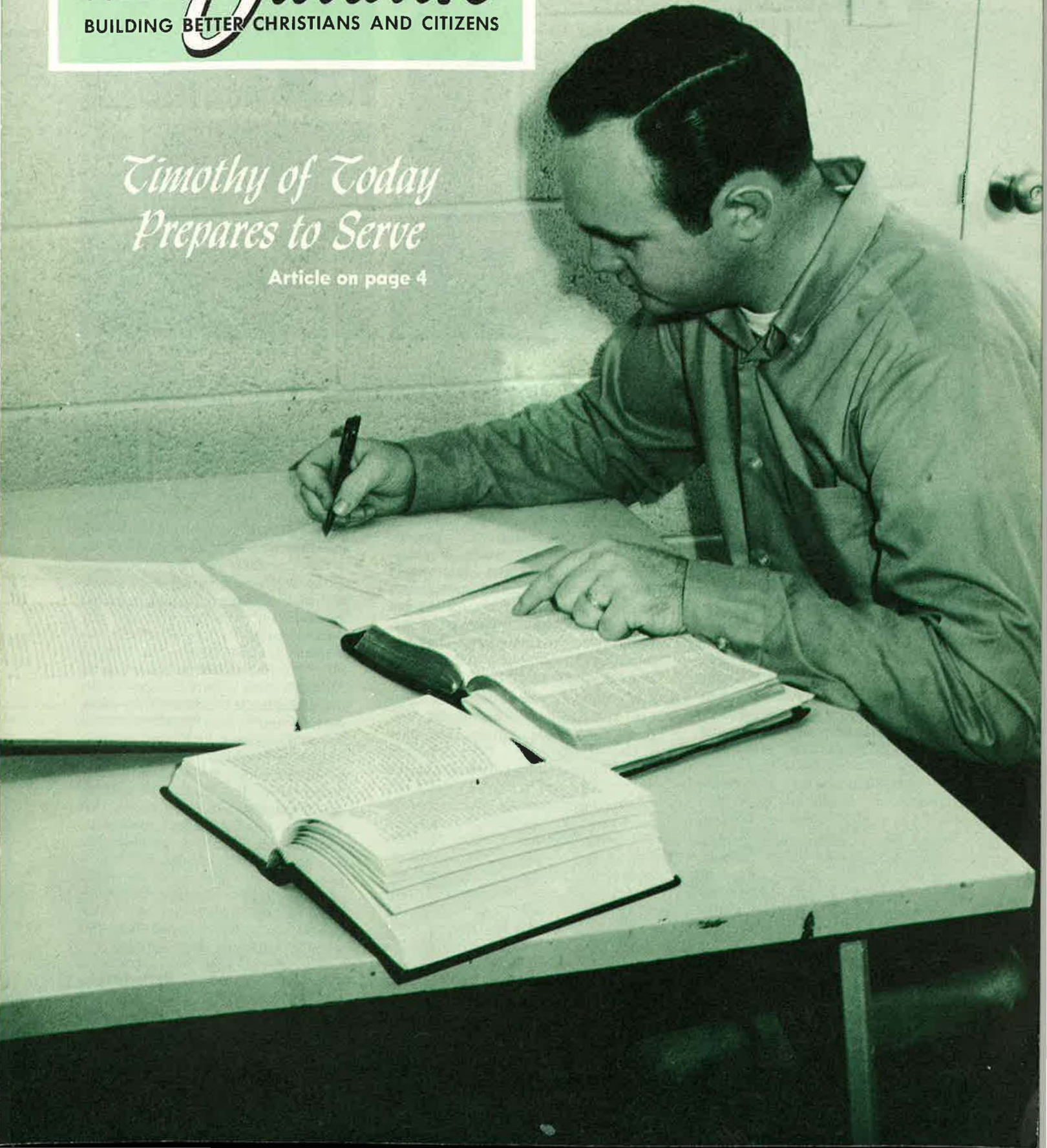
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Devotionals Provide Opportunities for Service

A Harding tradition that reaches back to the old Morrilton days is the historic Monday evening devotional gathering. It was originally instituted to take the place of a special Wednesday night service for students. Still known simply as "Monday Night Meeting," the activity is eagerly shared each week by hundreds of enthusiastic students.

Faculty old-timers enjoy the nostalgia of relating the Monday evening experiences of the past. In those days, attendance was required of all students. In addition to devotional benefits of participation in the worship service, the meetings served two other important purposes. They provided a forum for exploring the deeper meanings of the Bible and they gave future preachers an opportunity to develop poise and perfect speaking abilities.

According to Leslie Burke, the meetings of old consisted of songs, prayers, Scripture readings and talks by several selected students, followed by discussion or rebuttals, and closed by President J. N. Armstrong, who straightened out inevitable questions and summed up the topics presented.

Others of the faculty who get a twinkle in their eyes over the old Morrilton experiences are Dean Emeritus L. C. Sears, Dean Joseph E.

Pryor and Bible Professor J. D. Bales. Dr. Bales even admits that he first whet his oratorical tongue with those Monday evening experiences.

The present format was developed by Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., who was the faculty sponsor for nearly 20 years. His inspirational and informative meetings which included spontaneous singing and prayers have edified and strengthened many hundreds of students through the years. They, in turn, have multiplied the benefits through countless others.

While the current Monday meetings are still primarily devotional, frequent use is made of Alumni and other guests speakers. Dr. Stan Schwartz and Thednel Garner recently spoke on "Serving God in One's Profession." David Young gave an informative explanation of the coming Exodus Rochester movement. Bob Helsten, one of the present faculty sponsors, states that future programs will include Moody Institute "Sermons from Science" films and a session devoted to the prospects for the Seattle meeting to be held by Jimmy Allen.

Another Monday evening activity is the Timothy Club, organized in 1953 by Jesse P. Sewell and W. B. West. The Timothy's, who are primarily Bible majors and future ministers,

meet a few minutes after the "Monday Night Meeting" ends. Its purpose through the years has been to provide a situation where student preachers from Harding can work together, study common problems and increase the effectiveness of their ministry.

Timothy Club activities include a Camp Wyldeewood outing each semester and obtaining visiting seminar speakers for talks at meetings. Student debates — both mock and serious — are held, and various faculty members are asked to speak. Although Bible majors are specifically urged to join, the Timothy Club membership list is open to all interested Harding students, including women.

Another beautiful Harding tradition is the evening Lily Pool Devotional, which in earlier days was entirely spontaneous and only occasional, but is now a regular Student Association feature each Thursday at 9:35 p.m. The short periods of song and prayer around the lily pool offer the added spiritual appeal of being under the stars in the midst of God's great handiwork. Different social clubs take turns in arranging the programs.

Any visitor who just happens to pass at the time naturally feels compelled to stop, listen, and more likely, also join in the singing. What can be more close to God than this?

Band to Make Tour; Give Campus Concert

The Harding Band and Director G. E. Baggett will leave the campus March 7 for a four-day tour with concerts scheduled for Beebe, McCrory and McGehee High Schools in Arkansas; Monroe, La.; Jackson and Pontotoc, Miss.; and Harding Academy in Memphis. To climax the tour the band will present a campus program in the auditorium upon returning March 10.

The touring group will be chosen from the largest band ever assembled at the college.

The repertoire includes concert marches, overtures and highlights from Broadway musicals. Ensembles of a woodwind quintet, French horn quartet, brass choir and Dixieland Band will present special numbers. Also smaller groups, the Pep Band, which performs for student rallies and basketball games, and the Stage Band, which presents a lighter fare of entertainment, will be featured.

Panels, Forums Scheduled For High School Meet

The Second Annual Youth Forum, which attracted more than 500 high school students last year, will be held on the campus March 11 and 12. High school students throughout Arkansas have been invited for the meeting which will include about 25 forums dealing with problems of the young person in Christian living. Panel discussions will be held with high school and college students as participants.

Under the direction of J. L. Dykes, approximately 100 college students will be conducting the forum. Pat Hile, religious chairman of the Student Association, will coordinate college members of the panels. Each panel will consist of three college students and three high school students.

Other activities include a party, devotionals, a dinner for former campers at Camp Wyldeewood and entertainment and campus tours.

Accommodations for the visitors will be provided by dormitory students and the American Heritage Center.

Cover photo by Pat Lyon, freshman from Memphis, student employee of the Publications Department.

Ground Breaking Begins New \$1 Million Science Building

Ground breaking ceremonies were held February 13 for the new \$1 million science building and actual work for the block-long modern center got underway immediately. Cone-Huddleston, Inc., Searcy contractors, submitted low bid for the building earlier in the month, but the contract was subject to government approval. A \$344,000 federal grant had been secured toward construction costs.

President C. L. Ganus Jr. led a group of men, representatives of the school, community and state, in turning the first spadeful of dirt to formally mark the beginning of the one-story hall which will be under construction approximately a year.

In addition to the college's research facilities, the building will have several lecture halls, the largest of which will seat 100, laboratories and shops for the physics, biology and chemistry departments, administrative offices, faculty offices and faculty research areas.

Dr. R. T. Clark, vice president in charge of research, said, "It is set up so that each teacher can have his own lab, and this continual research program will enable teachers to improve their teaching."

The science building is part of the "Decade of Development" announced by Dr. Ganus at his inauguration last September. A men's dormitory, already under construction, will be completed for the coming fall semester. The first fully air-conditioned dormitory on the campus, the three-story hall will house 210.

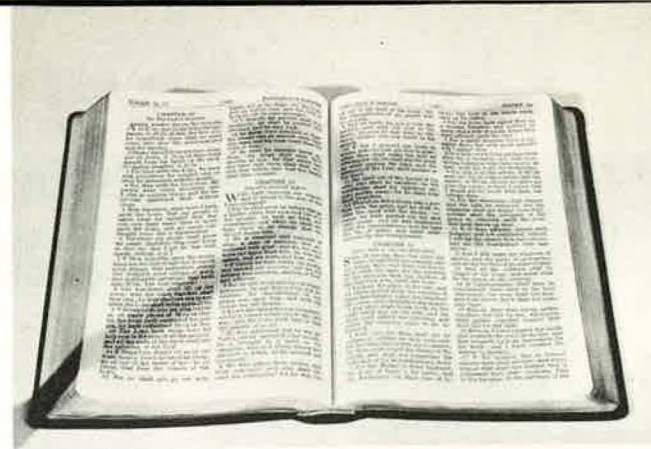


Activities included opening of bids, keynote address by President Ganus ground breaking by community and state leaders.



Timothy of Today Prepares to Serve

By John Black



Accelerating their pace to a whirlwind of weekend activity, 54 Harding Bible majors scatter over the state each Saturday night and Sunday morning to preach in 44 Arkansas and three Missouri towns. These student ministers, supplemented by 15 faculty members, shoulder the responsibilities in many cases of a full-time academic schedule as well as the problems of preparing sermons.

David Elkins, a married student minister who preaches and conducts Bible classes for the East Side congregation of Pocahontas, is one representative of the integrated program of weekday study and week-end preaching. Partly because of his added duties as president of the Timothy Club and campus radio devotional speaker, David admitted, "It's pretty difficult to preach and go to school at the same time. Sundays are usually harder than going to school during the week, and I'm really exhausted at the end of the day. But I am strongly in favor of the student preaching program; I think boys should get this training because of the experience it offers."

Wife Helps on Bulletin

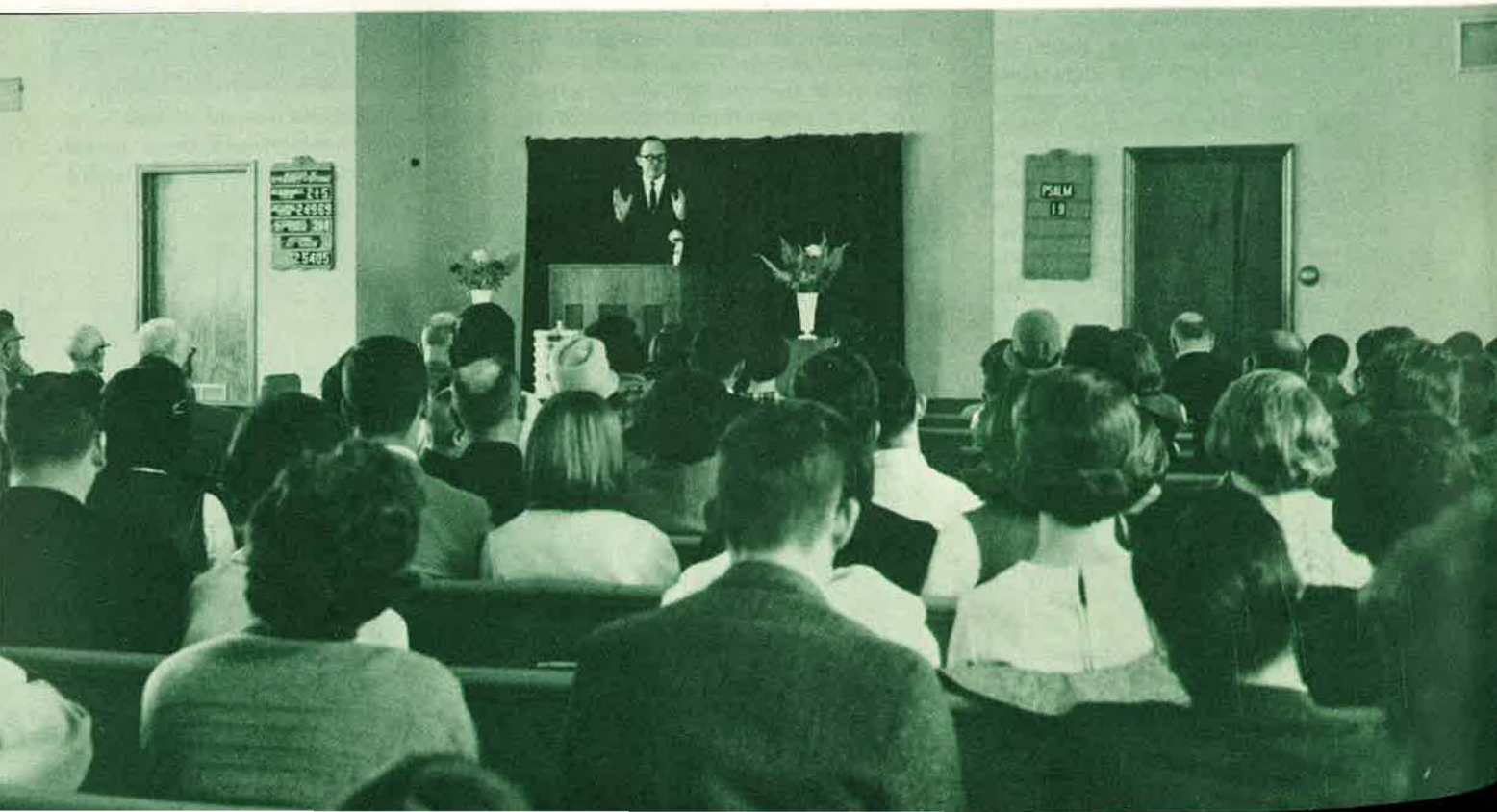
David, his wife Sara Bea who works at Harding Press, and their son Davy travel to the Northeastern Arkansas

Pocahontas area every Saturday night to visit and spend the night with David's parents. Sunday morning is used to print the church bulletin, which generally contains little more than the previous Sunday's attendance and collection record and selected writings that Sara finds during the school week. One of David's main regrets is his inability to publish a more personalized bulletin, due to the frustrating scarcity of time he has for important little details of church work.

About the time his bulletin duplicating tasks are completed, the 200 regular members of the East Side Congregation begin trickling into the white, concrete block building for Bible classes. Harvey Allison, one of the four East Side elders for whom Elkins has the greatest respect and admiration, has relieved him of the problem of teaching a morning class.

Two years ago they decided to support David as a full time worker, even though he would be able to contribute only one day a week to church work in Pocahontas. "They said they felt that their money could not be spent in a better way than by helping a preacher get a college education," David explained. "And when I leave they plan to help some other young man in the same way."

Attentive audience hears Elkins declare the Word of the Lord and the way of salvation.

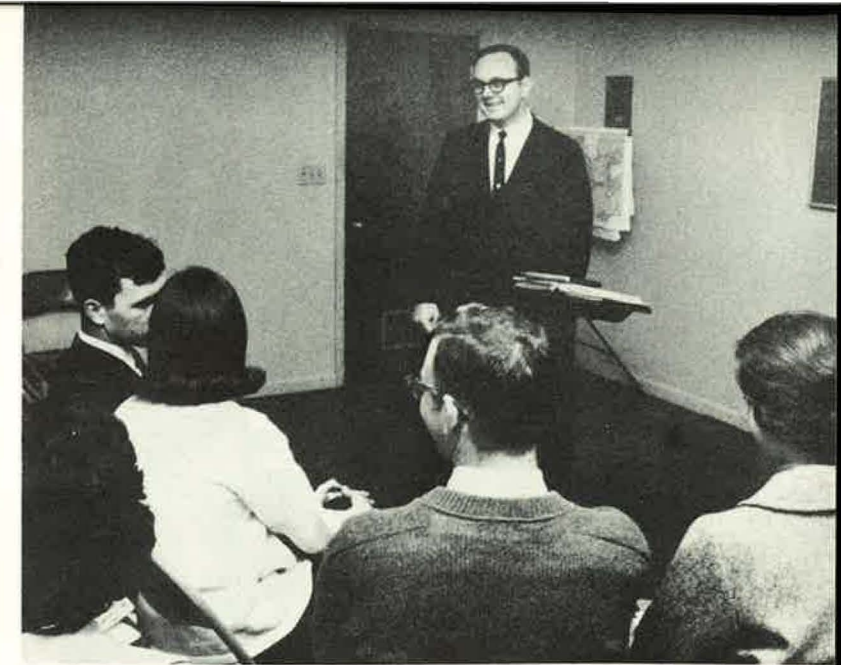


Energetic Mission Program

Even though the East Side congregation is not one of the larger churches in the area, the elders sponsor an energetic mission program, offering partial support to several ministers. The congregation plans to provide full support to their own full time missionary in two years, and hopes that David will accept this position, even though his plans are indefinite now.

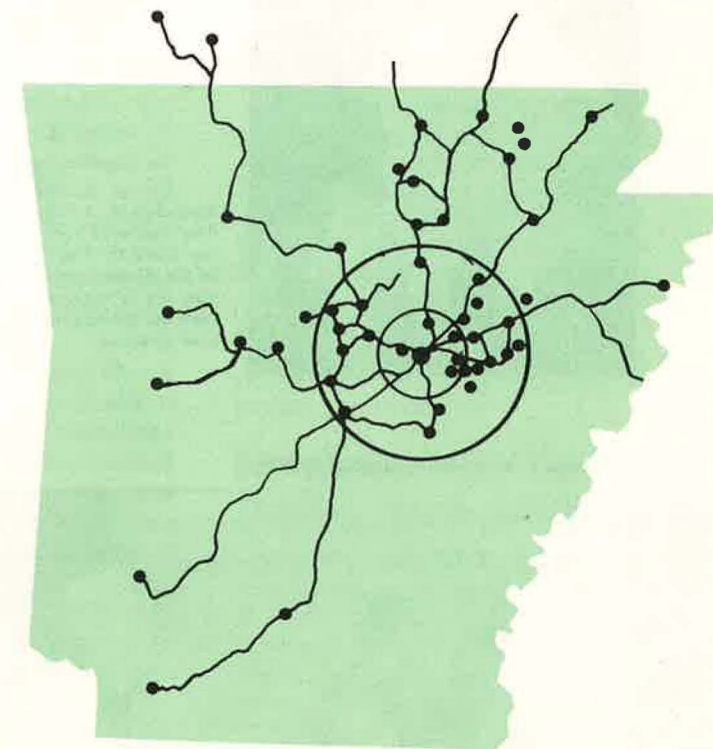
His two year relationship with the members as a student preacher has already helped cement their preference for him as a minister. The congregation's concern about the well-being and health of his family probably indicates their active interest in him, despite the drawback of his contacting them only once a week. A Harding student who visited on a recent Sunday said that the members would hardly let David away when they found out his boy Davy had been ill.

Greeting members, preacher hears comments on lesson.



Above left, Week days are filled with family study sessions.

Above, Part of Sunday is spent with young people.



Map of Arkansas, located in the Bible building, shows towns and congregations where student preachers work each week. Most congregations are located within 50 miles of the college, although some are in the extremities of the state. Three students journey weekly into Missouri. Many times students are asked to speak for special services such as youth meetings; others serve as song leaders or Bible class teachers.



Elders discuss work, give advice and encouragement.



Sara Bea is a full time employee with the Harding Press. In the bindery section she is responsible for packaging and shipping.

On campus, all students study Bible daily.



At Home With Parents

After refusing two or three invitations to lunch with members, David and his family drive 10 miles to the farm of his parents, his chief encouragers in his church work. Their financial assistance and continual encouragement have been tremendous helps during difficult times, according to David. Sometimes his Sunday afternoons are spent visiting members of the congregation, but more often he edits and polishes his talks to a greater degree of perfection during this period.

He also needs afternoon study time to prepare a stimulating lesson for the teenage minds he faces Sunday evenings in his 6:00 Bible class before church services. The class doesn't use a set curriculum, but discusses appropriate topics each week that David suggests. A Harding student visiting one of the recent classes commented on the atmosphere of responsiveness and enthusiasm to the class that week concerning Christian marriage.

David's Sunday evening sermon is followed by a tiring drive back to Searcy, arriving at their apartment between 10:30 and 11:00. Monday morning college classes are imminent, and the Harding student's sleep is always shattered too early the next day.

Disadvantages and inconveniences of David's activities can be noticed rather easily, but he feels that the satisfaction of watching the progress of the church in Pochontas, the invaluable experience he is receiving, and the spirit of warmth generated by the congregation he is serving counteract the exhaustion of his weekends.

His graduation this spring will release him from the problems of college study, enabling him to concentrate on mission work, an Exodus movement, or local preaching.

Hays Offers Praise

Conard Hays, Assistant Chairman of the Bible Department, feels that David's outstanding record at Harding indicates his value in church work after graduation.

"He's an outstanding student in his area of interest," Mr. Hays said, "and he's certainly up to par in other areas. He was elected president of the Timothy Club last fall and was re-elected for this spring. Besides being responsible for the devotionals broadcast on the school radio station, David had a 3.882 grade point average at the beginning of his senior year. In my opinion he's an outstanding example of Christian education."

David mirrored praise of his accomplishments back toward the Harding Bible department: "I think the Bible program here has helped me tremendously," he stated. The 121 Bible majors at Harding — especially the 54 student preachers — would no doubt agree to his analysis of an exacting, demanding, preacher-training program.

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Missionaries Return for Study and Fund Raising Activities

Two men from the mission fields arrived back on the Harding campus last month — one to resume studies and improve his preparation for service, and the other to report to supporting congregations in the area and contact others who may be interested in broadening support.

Back again as a student is Robert Taylor of Mayfield, Ky., who has been in Lebanon working with alumnus Carl Matheny. Locating in Searcy to contact congregations that have joined in his support is Stan Shewmaker, whose father, J. C. Shewmaker, has spent a quarter-century in Zambia, formerly called Northern Rhodesia.

Taylor, who has spent two years in Lebanon, cheerfully related some of the problems that faced him while there. They were generally religious apathy, religious restrictions, legal restrictions, prejudice and language barriers. In spite of these, he confidently believes that these people can be reached. Progress at best, is slow in all the Arabic areas, he added.

Paradoxically, some success in Egypt, he said, has been partially due to persecution which has caused an active interest among the people.

Regarding the difficulty of converting Lebanese Moslems, Taylor said, "Religious freedom in Lebanon means freedom from religion." One of the greatest problems he keeps mentioning is that of communication. "A person needs a concentrated course in the language," he said, "before beginning full-time work." He added that the problem is further complicated by the multitude of different dialects which are language barriers even between natives.

Taylor said he hopes to hurdle these problems by getting a better background in Arabic while studying in America, and has some native-prepared tapes to aid him in mastering the language.

While he is enrolled at Harding, he naturally wants to interest others in sharing the effort and support in the area. To accomplish this, he is well-armed with slides, tapes and a good collection of printed matter.

Stan Shewmaker, a member of one of the three well-known families — the Merritts, Hobbys and Shewmakers — at Kalomo, Zambia, is also among members of the same families while here. His brother Sherman is a junior and Sam is a senior at Harding. Two Hobbys, freshman Kenneth and senior George, are students, so also is junior Roy Merritt. The former Roseland Merritt (Mrs. Larry Henderson) is still in Searcy while her husband completes his college work.

Working with his father conducting a school for natives and European immigrants, Stan has recently been helping to build dormitories for a new private high school, being added to the present elementary facilities. Engaging in such economies as making their own tools and making bricks from huge anthills in the area, they are able to build a \$40,000 building for one third that amount.

These and other business-like economies keep tuition within reach of the natives. Besides a good education at a reasonable rate — which would otherwise require 500 miles of travel — the Christian teachers save the parents the cost of the uniforms that are required at the government-operated schools.

While the political situation due to friction between Britain and Southern Rhodesia has caused some economical tightening in Zambia, and has resulted in some loss of students, Stan and Mrs. Shewmaker, the former Jo Ann Seay, report an intense desire on the part of natives to attend the missionary schools. Due to lack of television, radio and other diversions, the young people have few interests other than the excitement of learning. Also, the parents recognize the necessity of the younger generation learning English, the language of business transactions.

The Shewmakers plan to stay in the Searcy area at least until after the Harding summer mission seminar before returning to Zambia. While here, they may be reached at 706 Market Ave., Searcy, Ark., 72143.



Art Instructor's Work Selected for Exhibit in Mid-South Show

Tom Watson, instructor of art at Harding College, has recently had a work accepted for public showing by the Brooks Gallery in Memphis during the Mid-South Show. The show will be open to the public from February 25 thru March 31.

The work is entitled "Evolution" and was created from a synthetic medium similar to a plastic paint. The work shows both a textured and a fossiled effect. Of the 800 entries submitted for showing only 100 will be shown by the gallery.

Watson received his M.A. degree in art from the University of Missouri in 1965 after graduating from Harding in 1963, where he played intercollegiate football and basketball.

Enrollment Climbs to Shatter Spring Record

Enrollment records continued to be broken with registration of 1,418 students for the spring semester. The number is a drop from the fall record of 1,472, but Registrar Virgil Beckett said this was not unusual.

The current enrollment is a 3.6% decrease from the fall semester. Last year the dip in enrollment was 4.3% between semesters.

The semester began January 26 following two days for registration. Students will have a holiday break March 25-April 4 and final examinations are scheduled for May 26-June 1. Commencement is set for June 2.



HIS EYE IS ON THE BALL

Golf Coach is Young Old Pro

Dr. Bob Gilliam still shoots in the low 70's, although it has been 15 years since he gave up a profitable golf scholarship to come to Harding after a year at Texas Wesleyan College in Ft. Worth. Harding's Director of Testing has never regretted for a minute that he made that move, although he admits that he had to "hoe some hard rows" in order to do it.

Beginning as a caddie at the age of 11, and sparked by his older brother, Doyle, who had won the Ft. Worth Junior Tournament at 15 and again at 16, Bob soon showed his skill at the game. Both gave up much of their golf in service of the Lord but still have kept much of their old abilities. Doyle, who transferred to Florida Christian, is now a missionary in Africa.

Dr. Gilliam started Harding's golf program two years ago. In the spring of 1964 the Bisons entered the AIC tournament without having had team competition during the year. This lack of experience cinched the cellar for them. Last year the team did win one meet at home but again hit bottom in the tournament.

This year, with only one direction to go, Bob feels that the golfing Bisons have a good chance to climb. With freshman Dick Berryhill, whose father "Pinky" swings a mean club, and another year of Mickey Jones, who is a consistent golfer, Dr. Gilliam says all he needs are two more who can keep their scores in the low eighties.

In that event, according to him, the Bisons could be tough.

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