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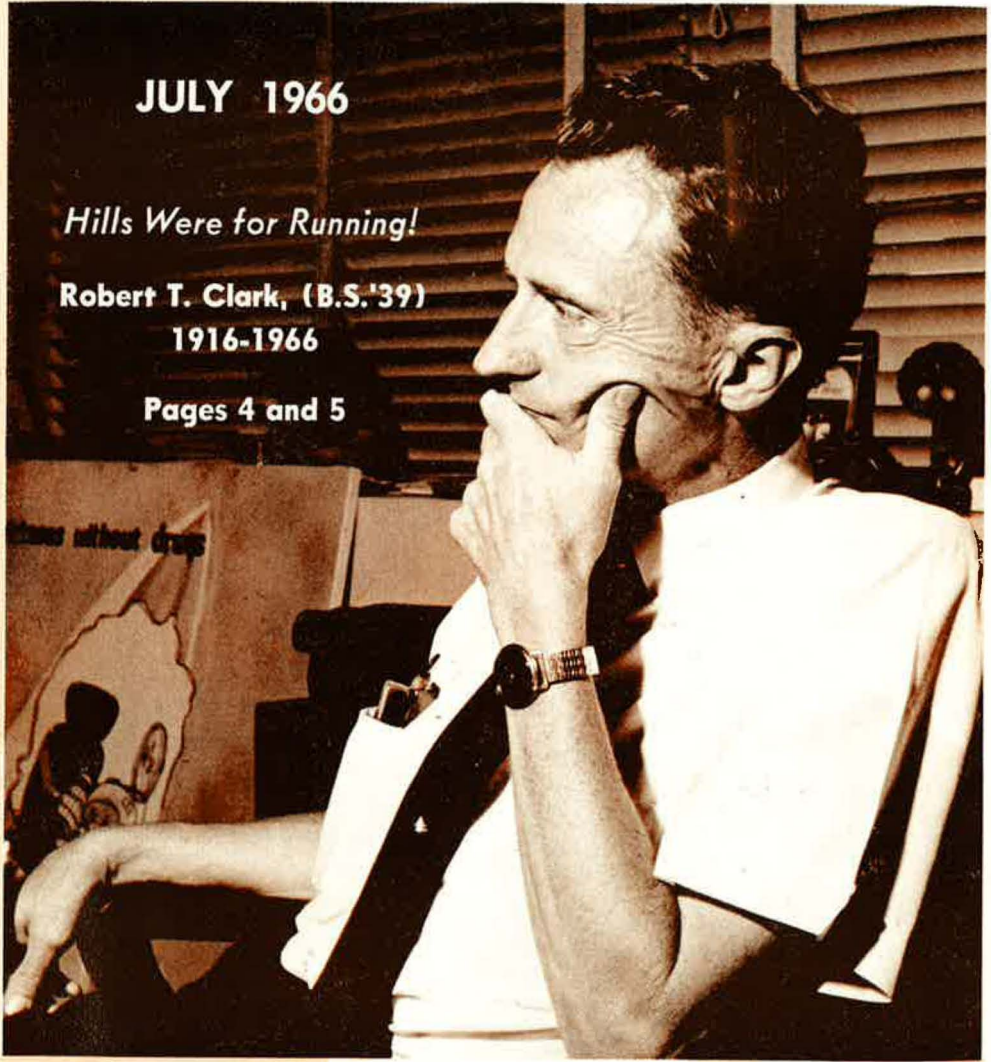
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*Hills Were for Running!*

Robert T. Clark, (B.S.'39)  
1916-1966

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## President's Corner

By Jack Wood Sears  
BS'40

Let me begin this first article as President of the Harding Alumni Association to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I shall do my best to justify such confidence. I will need your help, continued support, and your prayers. I love Harding as you do and believe she is one of the finest institutions of higher learning in our nation, but nothing is static in this world. All human organizations are changing—either growing, improving, or deteriorating. Harding is no exception. She is growing; she is improving, but she still has the same basic objectives for which she was founded and for which so many have sacrificed so much.

Back in 1889 when James A. Harding and David Lipscomb rode in that buggy back and forth between Lipscomb's home and the auditorium where Harding was engaged in a religious debate, they talked of the need of the church for devoted, educated leadership, and they decided to begin a school. The Nashville Bible School opened its doors to a handful of students October 5, 1891. Their goal was not especially to make preachers but to teach the Bible and with it all the branches of knowledge that would be useful and helpful to the students.

Their purpose was the purpose for the founding of Harding. It is still Harding's purpose. Truly the training and developing of young men who choose to serve God through preaching is an important aspect of her work. So thousands of devoted servants of the Lord preaching at home

and abroad testify. But her job is more than that. It is to develop the spiritual and intellectual potential of her students so that they can be more useful in the Master's service—as wives, mothers, businessmen, doctors, teachers, lawyers, preachers, or in whatever way they make their living and serve their fellowman. The church needs such people as elders and deacons and Bible school teachers and dependable active church members leading others to Christ in a personal way and upholding the work of the Lord in every way.

The world is in desperate need of such people. In all of the confusion at home and abroad, with all the animosity and the ill-will, the world needs men and women who are in The Way with peace in their hearts and love for God and their fellow man and who can point out The Way to others. Harding is developing such people. Among you, her alumni, are such people. If God grant her years to come, Harding will continue to serve the homes of our nation by providing a spiritually vibrant, intellectually stimulating community of God's servants in which their sons and daughters can live and study and become confident to fulfill their future roles as adult members of society.

Harding and institutions like her must provide the scholarship in the various areas of learning to meet the challenge to faith from the materialistic, atheistic segment of society, or our youth will be at the mercy of

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Dr. Eben Wiley, Virgil Lawyer, Loif Tucker and two persons to be appointed by President Sears.

godless philosophy. This means that Harding must continually attempt to improve and strengthen the quality of her faculty spiritually and academically.

This is not to say that Harding has not always had great and godly men and women of spiritual stature and of great scholarship; but she must continually improve in every regard. It means she must continually improve her curriculum and strengthen each course. She can be satisfied with nothing but the very best effort of the very best people in meeting this responsibility to God, to each student, and to the homes from which they come.

Yes, Harding is growing. Her physical plant is improving. New dormitories are going up; a new science building will be completed by next February, the Lord willing. Other facilities are in the planning stage. President Ganus spoke of this in his inauguration and again at the close of school. All of this takes effort, prayer, and money.

Each of us as alumni must assume his responsibility under God in this

regard. But we must do even a greater thing. We must support every effort of the administration and the faculty to strengthen the school in every way. We must support her with loyalty, with our prayers, with our words of encouragement, and with our money.

Harding is in a period of transition from a small school to a much larger one. This means that certain ways of doing things must be changed, just as buildings must be torn down and bigger ones built. When you come back to the campus, not all will be just as it was when you were here, but the same spirit and the same devotion to God and to spiritual things as well as to academic excellence are here.

Let us use our energies—not to criticize change, but to see to it that the changes are for the better, and that whatever changes are made, the main purpose of the school may never change.

I know that I can count upon each of you for support as the Alumni Association uses its influence to make Harding a greater Harding—a greater institution. ■

### RESOLUTION Harding College Board June 1, 1966

**WHEREAS**, Clifton L. Ganus, Jr. accepted with courage and determination the awesome responsibility of serving as President of Harding College,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ganus both professionally in undergraduate and graduate work, plus careful training and tutoring by the previous able administration of Harding College had prepared himself to handsomely fulfill the assignment he has accepted,

**WHEREAS**, in cooperation with his great family he has given himself unstintingly in the service of the office as President, contributing most generously of his time, talents, and finances,

**WHEREAS**, without thought of personal benefit and even in the face of declining more remunerations for himself,

**WHEREAS**, he is now completing his first year of service as President of Harding,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Harding College go on record in unanimous approval of the first year of his service, and cause by this resolution to be made known to him our deep gratitude, faith and unlimited confidence in him and to hereby commend him for the first in which we hope will be many years of faithful service performed in the interest of Christian education everywhere and Harding College in particular.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be spread in the minute books of Harding College, a copy provided for Dr. Ganus, similarly a copy for his mother, Sister C. L. Ganus, Sr., New Orleans, Louisiana, and that this resolution become a public part of a subsequent issue of the Alumni News.

## Hills Were For Running

By Russell L. Simmons

On July 7 at about 4:30 p.m., Dr. Robert T. Clark (B.S.'39) died like he had lived—running uphill. Little did we know before (but we believe that he knew) that his running kept him alive long beyond the time that his heart condition would have allowed.

At least this was the unanimous verdict of three doctors at his autopsy, as reported by Dr. Harry Olree, chairman of Harding's Department of Athletics, who was also present.

Big-hearted R. T. Clark, who had run more than 30,000 miles in the last 14 years, had a bad heart, but others were not aware of it. Doctors, in explaining, said that his regular exercise had preserved flexibility in heart arteries that were gradually becoming more constricted, and that his life had been extended by 10 or more years because of the exercise.

Dr. James A. Hedrick, acting head of Harding's Department of Business and Economics, was with Clark when he died. Hedrick, who had been brought back to health and normal blood pressure by a daily running program, said they were not in a strain at the time—that they had actually been resting until a short time before he fell.

Sprucing up After a Treadmill Walk



Like Father, Like Son

In retrospect, friends suddenly recall little things, like research associate Bob Corbin remembering Clark having said several times, "I run to keep living." Such things prompted a search which revealed, among other things, a hidden electrocardiogram that proved his heart condition was of long standing.

"R. T.," as he was affectionately called, was the energetic type of person who could only be stopped by death. Jim Bill McInteer, his brother-in-law, said at the memorial service, "He compressed a full three-score-and-ten years of life into less than a half-century." McInteer also pinpointed a Clark hobby that was symbolic of his life; he said, "R. T. paints things white and trims them with gold."

This reference was made to his habit of collecting commonplace things like farm implements and tools, removing mud and rust, painting them white, trimming them with gold and placing them in his office and parlor. There you can see plows, scythes, planters, pumps and other things that



At Space Medicine Exhibit at Little Rock

seem perfectly at home on fine carpets.

Dr. Clark did the same thing with people, sensing a beauty and value in them that others overlooked and guiding them to a place in life that they had not dreamed possible. He was intensely interested in people and gave special attention to all of his students. It was almost impossible to flunk one of his courses—not because of charitable grades but because he would not wait until a student was in an academic hole before giving him a "fatherly" talk and prescribing special studies that would get him back on the right foundation.

He absolutely refused to compromise with mediocrity—in himself or others. Perfection was his aim, and

Speaking at ACSM Convention



Talking with President of ACSM

he encouraged, guided and even goaded others into striving for attainments they never believed possible. This has been true with students, athletes and associates. He made people believe in themselves, and they grew enough to meet their new-found faith.

Here at Harding we were so stunned by the news of his death that we all refused to believe it—even after the impact of the news had sunk in. Even after the memorial service in the College Church of Christ and after his burial in Cairo, Kans., it is still difficult to believe.

This we do know: He is still living in the many of us he has touched, and we hope we will never let any tarnish mar the touch of gold that he applied to us. ■

Off to Speak in Tokyo



## ☆ HERE AND THERE ☆

**Gene Rainey** (BS'58) received his Ph.D. degree in June from the American University in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Rainey is the former **Dorma Rogers** ('57).

**Paul Gardner** (BA'65) is now with Ohio Valley College as an instructor in speech and physical education and serving as assistant basketball coach and intramural director.

**Robert L. Blount** (BA'51) received his law degree from the Arkansas Law School at Little Rock on June 6. He received his MA degree in 1960 from the University of Mississippi.

**Lewis "Sugar" Stewart** (BS '57) will be Assistant Professor of Economics beginning in September at Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus, Miss., and will begin work toward a Ph.D. at the University of Alabama.

His wife, the former **Charlene Kimbro** ('59), received her BA degree from Texas Tech in May.

**Joel E. Anderson, Jr.** (BA'64) received his MA degree in June from the American University, and has been on the Harding faculty since January.

Mrs. Anderson is the former **Ann Gaskill** ('65).

Mrs. William Clements, **Wanda Adair**, ('59) completed requirements for the Master of Arts in Education degree from Arizona State University in January. She will teach the first grade in Phoenix and will also work on her Education Specialist degree.

**Richard Mock, Jr.** (BA'61) has accepted the position of Dean of Men at Oklahoma Christian College in Oklahoma City. He will assume his new duties this fall.

**Thomas L. Kirk** (BA'65) who has done graduate work at Middle Tennessee State University, is an honor student there for 1965-66 and was so honored on their Honor Day Program, May 19.

## CLASS OF 1941 REUNION

Orville Coleman  
Mrs. Clay Young  
(Ester Maple)  
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(Juanita Harrell)  
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(Myrene Williams)  
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(Elaine Camp)  
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(Hazel Hulett)  
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(Mary Skidmore)  
Pauline Reid  
Mrs. Cleo Sorrells  
(Reba Gifford)  
Tom W. Weaver  
Mrs. Ollie Mae Mason  
(Ollie Mae Cope)  
Mrs. Robert Cronin  
(Mary "Abbo" Ellis)

## ☆ MARRIAGES ☆

**June Bejelland** ('62) to **William David Nicholas** ('65) on May 26 in Searcy.

**Deanne Baird** ('66) to **Charles Joseph McKenzie** on June 26.

**Linda Gillmore** ('65) to **Donald E. Wray** on July 9 in Springdale, Ark.

**Jane Kay Simpson** ('66) to **Ronald Lambert** ('67) on June 2 in Searcy.

**Suzanne Rayne Learned** ('67) to **Sherrill Morris Bennett** (Grad.) on May 31 in Searcy.

**Gale Victoria Mitchell** ('66) to **Harry Donald Medley** ('66) on June 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

**Nancy Gibson** ('68) to **Thomas Vann Evans** ('66) on June 21 in Searcy.

**Dale Lorraine Philbrick** (BA'66) to **William Y. Clark II** (BA'65) on June in North Hampton, N. H.

**Janet Kay Hudson** ('68) to **Philip David New** ('68) on June 4 in Little Rock.

**Janet R. Sommer** (BA'65) to **Merlin R. Prior** (BS'66) on June 17 in Lincoln, Neb.

**Sandra Kay Swann** (BA'65) to **Louis Fred Butterfield** ('68) on June 4 in Dallas, Ga.

**Marilynn Dixon** ('67) to **Jerry Reaves** ('67) on June 2 in Searcy.

**Janice Marie Barry** ('67) to **Glenn Randolph** ('66) on June 19 in Oakley, Kan.

**Anita Dorman** ('68) to **James Street** ('68) on June 3 in Searcy.

**Glenda Fay Yates** ('66) to **Samuel Wayne Hodnett** ('67) on June 2 in Searcy.

**Ron Wilson** (BA'66) to **Elizabeth Woodard** ('67) on June 6 in Birmingham, Ala.

**Sharon Ann Burris** ('68) to **Winston Griggs Chandler, Jr.** (BS'66) on June 5 at Geyer Springs.

**Ann Hedrick** ('67) to **Melvin Ray Jernigan** ('67) on July 2 in Searcy

**Dana Rowland** ('66) to **Glen Paul Whitaker** ('66) on May 28 in Searcy.

**Linda Gordon** (BA'65) to **Claude Williams, Jr.** on May 22 in Walnut Ridge.

**David Meadows** (BS'61) to **Sara Smith** on July 10, 1965.

## ☆ BIRTHS ☆

Daughter, **Katherine Ruth**, to **Irvin and Betty Leopard** ('58) McKinnon on September 11, 1965 in Dallas, Tex.

Daughter, **Bonnie Ruth**, to **Doyle** ('62) and **Barbara Ethridge** (BA'58) **Kee** on June 7 in Syracuse, N. Y.

Daughter, **Kendra Lea**, to **Wilford** (BA'63) and **Margaret Rogers** (BA'62) **Bonelli** on June 13 in Nebraska.

Son, **Stephen Phillip**, to **Pat** (BA'63) and **Fay McGee** on March 17 in Pensacola, Fla.

Son, **Mark Kelsey**, to **Mrs. Jerry Lynn Parker, Linda Henderson** ('63), on May 29 in Edmond, Okla.

Daughter, **Cynthia Diane**, to **Jira** (BA'63) and **Faye England** ('62) **Pratt** on May 7 in Corpus Christi, Tex.

Daughter, **Loralie**, to **Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jacobs, Ruth Ann Sherraden** (BS'62), on June 13 at Nashville, Ark.

Daughter, **Tamara Lynn**, to **Bob** ('60) and **Mervel Hopkins** ('63) **McInturff** on June 11 in Searcy.

Daughter, **Jana Lea**, to **Dwight** (BA'62) and **Mary Lea Northcut** ('63) **Thompson** on Feb. 24 at Camden, N. J.

Two daughters, **Danita Gwen**, born March 13, 1965 and **Maria Denise**, born May 20, 1966, to **Norman** ('65) and **Roslyn Bracken** of Natchitoches, La.

Daughter, **Tracy Ann**, to **Gene** (BA'64) and **Sally Hinds** (BA'62) **Cook** on March 27 in Belle, W. Va.

Daughter, **Susan Elizabeth**, to **David** (BS'64) and **Myra Cope** ('65) **Starling** on March 31 in Arlington, Va.

Son, **Shannon Leigh**, to **Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moody** ('63) on May 20 in Dodge City, Kan.

Son, **Floyd Martin**, to **Shannon** (BA'65) and **Wanda Henry** ('65) **Spears** on May 19 in Searcy.

Daughter, **Glenda Lynnea**, to **Roy** (BS'65) and **Glenda Reaves** on June 20 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Son, **Glen Thomas**, to **Dennis** (BA'64) and **Anne DeHoff** ('61) **Peugh** on June 1 in Klamath Falls, Ore.

Daughter, **Rayanne**, to **Robert** (BA'62) and **Thomie Smith** ('63) **Alley** on Feb. 9 in Memphis, Tenn.

## Our Sympathy

To Mrs. **Lanny Wildman, Donna Allen** ('66), in the passing of her husband, **Lanny Wildman** ('66), who was killed June 12 in an automobile accident.

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To Mrs. **R. B. Eddy, Grace Christopher**, (Harper) whose husband passed away on May 7 in Waco, Tex.



*Early  
Sunset*

*Resplendent with the energy he showed,  
Our friend with eager effervescence glowed;  
But came the sudden setting of his sun  
Ere eventide of life was scarce begun:  
Removed from earth to join a better clime,  
To live again, beyond the reach of time.  
The message he would leave for us is, "Run!  
Continue 'til the race is fully won;  
Let nothing stop before you've done your best  
And wait until you're through to take a rest,  
Relenting not a bit, but keep your pace;  
Keep on with all you've got and win the race!"*

—Russell L. Simmons