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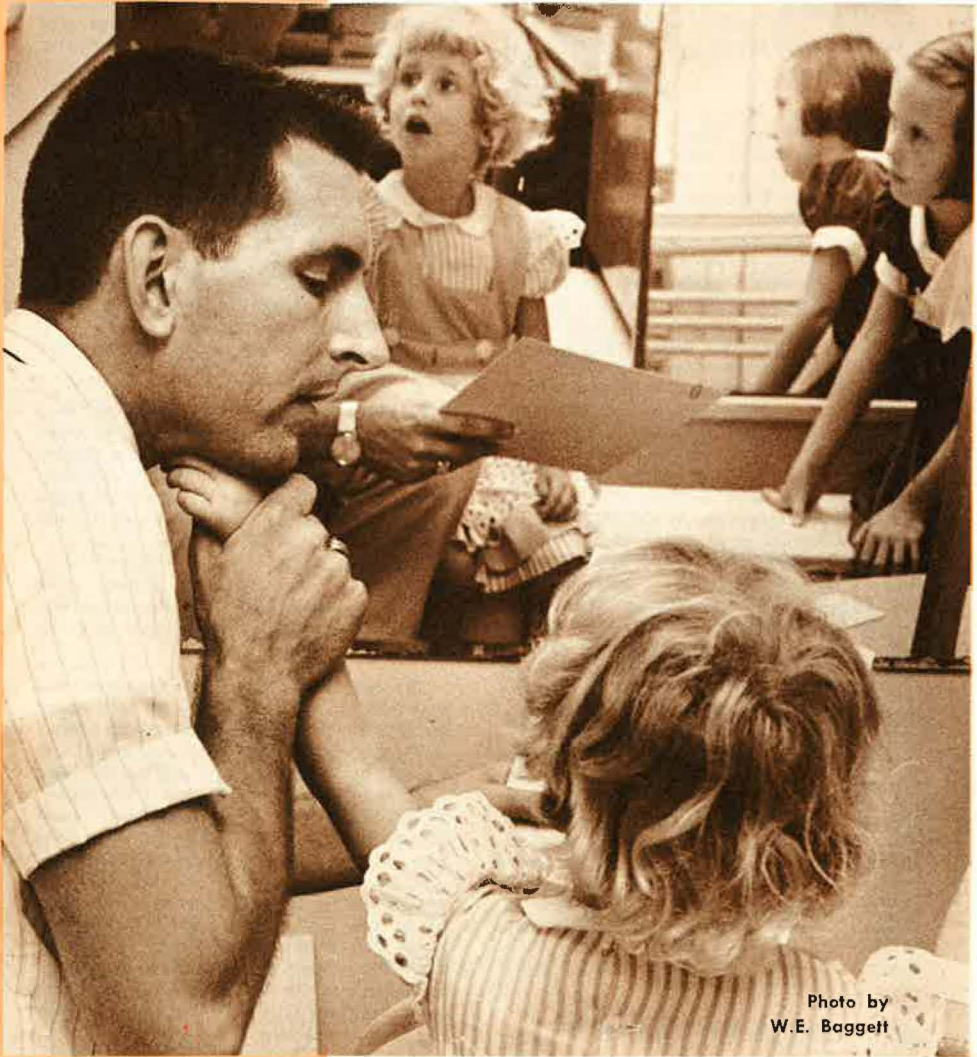


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Young Deaf Student Gets the Feel of Sound

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Sunshine to the Deaf

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## President's Corner

By Jack Wood Sears  
BS'40



Two wonderful things have happened since my last note to you. The first was the presentation of the High School Biology Teacher of the State of Arkansas Award to Freeman Thomas (BA'49). Upon receiving the award at a recent Arkansas Academy of Science Meeting, Freeman gave Harding the credit, along with teachers from the University of Arkansas and other schools, for helping and inspiring him to be a biology teacher. Of course we at Harding were happy that he received the recognition he so much deserves. He has been teaching at Cabot for a number of years. This recognition has renewed our determination to do an even better job of teaching and training our young people.

The second thing is to hear of the wonderful aspirations of a number of our former students who are now in the University of Arkansas School of Medicine at Little Rock. We have always been proud of the records our pre-medical students have made in Medical Schools across the nation. We always watch their progress with pride and this group of five or six young men is making a good record as students of Medicine. This is what we have come to expect of our students. But these young men have done more. They have been meeting together and discussing how they can make their lives more meaningful. They want their lives to count for something in the service of the Master. So they have been corresponding with Dr. Henry Farrar ('48) in Aba, Nigeria, about the possibilities of helping him during the three months of the summer, even before they finish medical school. Dr. Farrar has encouraged them. This summer two of these

fine young men, Stan Combs (BA'63) and Duke Jennings (BS'64), who are finishing their second year of medical school with good records, are planning to leave Little Rock June 13 to go to Nigeria. They plan to return around August 27. Dr. Farrar recently wrote, "We believe that you can be of great use to the Lord's work here. Your willingness to do any kind of work in assisting us will make your service valuable at any time." Dr. Joe Mattox (BS'55), who relieved Dr. Farrar for a month last summer, Dr. Robert Brown ('41), a former missionary in Africa, and Dr. Charles Paine (BA'37) are all enthusiastic about the service these young men can give Dr. Farrar. He has more patients than he can see. They walk miles and miles to his clinic and hospital and will stay for hours, even all night, to see the doctor. These boys can help Dr. Farrar in the necessary laboratory work and in much of the administering of first aid, etc. This will greatly relieve his burdens. He needs this relief.

But their purpose is deeper than this. They are interested in finding out about the problems of the medical missionary in a country like Nigeria with the serious purpose of trying to decide whether or not this is the type of service to which God wants them to dedicate their lives. These are fine young men with a high sense of their responsibility to God and to their fellowman. Others in the group are just as fine and dedicated and plan, if God wills, to continue this type service in future years.

The cost is not great. It is estimated that both can go, serve three months and return for \$2500.00. Round trip air transportation is \$900.00 each and Dr. Farrar estimates that their living expenses (they will be furnished a house to stay in) will be about five dollars a day per person. This is a very small amount when compared with the great good they will do. Already money is coming in and the Downtown church in Searcy is receiving the funds for these young men. Some of us see this as only the beginning. As these and others from Harding and other Christian colleges finish medical school and start out into the world I believe more and more of them will seek places for service like Stan and Duke and the others.

I said two wonderful things have happened and they have. As long as Harding continues to turn out young men and women dedicated to the service of God and of man like these, all of the sacrifices, all of the money raised and given, all of the hours of work and struggle are worth it. May God grant her many more glorious years.



## ALUMNI REPORT FROM HERE AND THERE



**Dewayne Davenport** (BA'57), missionary to Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa, has been elected President of the Rotary Club of Kumasi for the coming Rotary year (1967-68). He served the club as secretary this year.

Dewayne has also become a feature writer for **The Pioneer**, a national daily in Ghana. His latest article, "Reflections A Year After the Revolution," pointed out the newly-gained freedoms of Ghanaians since the overthrow of Communistic-leaning Kwame Nkrumah.

Dewayne entered Ghana in 1961 as one of the pioneer missionaries of the church in Ghana. To date over 800 have been baptized.

Mrs. Davenport is the former **Jane Russell** (BA'57).

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**Louis E. Green, Jr.** (BS'42), a research chemist, has recently accepted a new job with Hewlett Packard, F and M Scientific Division in Avondale, Pa.

Mrs. Green is the former **Elizabeth Arnold** (BA'42). The couple has three daughters.

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**Pat McGee** (BA'63) and his family are leaving for Indonesia June 10. They are sponsored by the Laurel Church of Christ in Knoxville, Tenn. They are the first missionaries the church has had in this nation.

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**Gil Truitt** (BA'57) is in his home state of Alaska working now with the civil service. He is married and has two sons and one daughter.

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**Dr. Robert E. McAuley** (BA'59) has been named Peace Corps Deputy Director in Libreville, Gabon, West Africa, after completing six weeks of Peace Corps staff training in Washington, D. C.

As the Peace Corps' No. 2 official in Gabon, he will support the efforts of Peace Corps Volunteers in projects ranging from school teaching and community development to school construction. More than 60 volunteers now serve in Gabon.

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**Marvin** (BA'62) and **Judy Dreher** (BA'62) **Crowson** write from Kingston, Jamaica:

"The work here is progressing nicely. We now have about 40 attending Bible classes and almost 200 enrolled in correspondence courses. Cottage meetings continue to be well received with several in progress at the present time.

We surely do enjoy receiving the **Bulletin**, **Alumni News** and **Forethoughts**. They are all read as soon as they are received. The only problem is they make us homesick for the Harding days. (Continued on page 6)

## Our Sympathy

To Mrs. T. C. Peyton, **Polly Williams** (BA'53), Miss **Mozelle Williams** ('52) and **Billy M. Williams** ('59) in the recent passing of their father, Marcus M. Williams of Dyess.

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To Mrs. Dick Otey, **Barbara Lemmons** ('57) whose father, **Bernard Lemmons** ('37), passed away Jan. 2 in Summit, N. J. Our sympathy also to his brother, **Joe** (BA'49) and **Martin** ('50).

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To Mrs. Olive Scott, **Olive Fogg** ('43) whose father passed away June 26, 1966 with a heart attack, and whose mother passed away Sept. 5, 1966 after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fogg, Sr. were both alumni of schools which merged to form Harding College.

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## Dick Covalinski Brings Sunshine To the Deaf in the Sunshine State

Adapted from an article in the Daytona Beach News-Journal by Helen LaPoint, Women's Editor. Photographs by W. E. Baggett

Richard Covalinski (BA'63), who was first active in deaf work as a member of Harding's Dactylogology (sign language) Club, was featured in a recent article of more than a page in the Daytona Beach (Fla.) News-Journal.

Written by Helen LaPoint, News-Journal Women's Editor, the feature described Covalinski's methods and experiences in teaching at the Pilot Club School for the hard of hearing—a tuition school which grew out of the private effort of a mother and father whose child had a hearing problem.

### Housed in Public School

Temporarily housed in Holly Hill Elementary School, it is the only school in the Daytona Beach area for children with hearing problems. The children, preschoolers and several already in school, have hearing losses ranging from slight to severe (about 90 percent). One boy, first thought to be totally deaf, was found to be only hard of hearing but had picked up mannerisms from an older deaf brother and these had deceived his parents.

### Problem of Isolation

The biggest problem with the hard of hearing, according to Covalinski, is the isolation it too commonly brings to the afflicted, frequently bringing about various degrees of antisocial behavior. He lived and taught at the Iowa School for the deaf for two years, an experience that convinced



He teaches verbs with pictures

him of the importance of normal environment for the hard of hearing.

"I lived in the institution," he says, "and it's a closed world of its own. After all, if a kid's parents take him to the circus, that's one thing, but if you're one of a group from an institution, people look; you're set apart." Dick is strong for the idea of youngsters with hearing problems attending regular schools with other children, with special classes added, not substituted for classroom experiences.

The article gave as an example Suzy, who was the original student to get the special training under Covalinski, and described her as "a happy, bouncy second grader whose grades are on par with her hearing classmates." In the community school, the

children spend most of their time with people who can hear. Their schooling is of normal classroom experiences.

Ingenuity is the watchword at the Pilot Club School. Covalinski indulges in a variety of antics sometimes in order to communicate with students. He has assembled a unique variety of teaching aids—many of them improvised or hand made—and is pleading for others. His greatest need is pictures—to illustrate the action of verbs he has to teach.

### No Federal Assistance

The school is presently operating without federal assistance. Tuition is at a reasonable \$50 per month in spite of the small enrollment. "If we had more pupils, the cost would go down," Covalinski says. "With 15 kids we'd be eligible for federal aid—and any club could make it a project to pay tuition for a child."



A Pleasant Discovery!

Amplified sound brings a miracle.



This heart-warming report from Florida is only one of many which could be written about former Harding students who were active in deaf work through the campus Dactylogy Club. A partial list of those who have done great work both here and after graduation is being included here. These are only past presidents of the Dactylogy Club.

**Sam Roach** (BA'53) started the club in 1950. Roach, who had a hearing problem of his own, is now a machinist in Memphis. He has continued his work with the deaf through the years.

**Bob Anderson** (BA'53) (MA'58) is a full-time teacher of the deaf at Maywood, Calif.

**Hollis Maynard** (BA'55) has been a preacher for the deaf since graduation, first in Indianapolis, but for some years with the deaf congregation at Taylor Blvd. Church of Christ in Louisville.

**Gary Blake** (BA'59), who went on to get his MA at Galaudet College for the Deaf, is now coordinator-counselor of a Vocational Rehabilitation financed research project with adult deaf at Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center. Gary's wife, the former **Mary Matthews** ('57) has two deaf brothers, and this has sparked Gary's interest considerably.

**Richard Hawkins** (BA'59) is serving as audiologist at the Arkansas Children's Hearing and Speech Center in Little Rock. Richard preceded Covalinski as Dactylogy president.

**Mickey Jones** (BA'66) is now in Portales, N. M., on a scholarship at Eastern New Mexico University for an MA in deaf work.

There are possibly others who should be added to this list. If so, they have escaped our research but they will never escape our good wishes.



## CHAPTER NEWS



The spring meeting of the South-east Louisiana Chapter of Harding College Alumni was held March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the church of Christ student center on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. Dinner was served by the Baton Rouge alumni to 37 members and guests. The meeting was then called to order by President Joe Olree.

Joe Mitchen gave a review of the chapter history, purpose of the chapter scholarship fund and the use of the \$2 yearly dues. Olree proposed subdividing the chapter and discussion followed as to merits of the alumni in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas meeting together.

Officers for the next two years were then elected. They are as follows:

President — Roy Morris ('59)

Vice-President — Ron Rea (BA'58)

Secretary-Treasurer — Sandra Morris (Sandra Disch — '69)

The scholarship fund was discussed further and John Figgins encouraged all alumni to be active. A committee of Wayne Wall, Mitchen and Olree was appointed to study and promote participation.

The Alma Mater was sung and a closing prayer was offered to adjourn the meeting.

## HERE AND THERE

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Judy and I will be in the States in June and July. I plan to attend the first three weeks of the Mission Seminar at Harding."

**Milo Hadwin** (BA'61) and **Jerry Thompson** (BA'61) are both working with the Crowsons.



**Marty Tooke** (BA'65) to Edward Scott Harrell on Aug. 12, 1966 at Rayville, La.

**Nina Louise Stanford** ('67) to **Jan Milton Hornbuckle** (BS'65) on March 18 at Columbia, Tenn.

**Sherry Salvant** ('68) to Mike Walker on Jan. 21 in Waxahachie, Tex.

**Ethel Louella Klemm** (BA'62) to Donald Lee Johnson on March 2 in Denver, Colo.

**Kaye Fewell** (BS'67) to **Charles Denton Baird** (BA'66) on Jan. 24 at Amarillo, Tex.

**Danny Lynn Bartley** ('67) to **Janelle Petty** ('67) on March 25.

**Ruth Anne Brown** ('67) to **Jesse Ray Toland, Jr.** ('67) on March 23 in Searcy.

**Carol Bissett** (BA'63) to Victor Harvey on Aug. 26, 1966.



Daughter, Kristi Lynn, to **Bill** ('64) and **Virginia Griffin** ('65) **Keeth** on April 13 in Arlington, Tex.

Daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, to **Lee** ('60) and **Frances Dilday** ('60) **Fuller** on April 3 in Houston, Tex.

Daughter, Michelle Kay, to Fred and **Darla Gatewood** (BA'61) **Snider** on March 25 at Columbia, Mo.

Son, Brent Douglas, to **Glen** (BS'66) and **Barbara Simpson** ('64) **House** on Sept. 7.

Son, Thomas Kevin, to David and **Joyce Woods** ('58) Clark on Jan. 7 at Pine Bluff.

Daughter, Deborah Lee, to **Ray** (BS'65) and **Jeff Rorex** ('65) **Richie** on March 5 in Searcy.

Daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to **Al** (BS'63) and **Kay Edwards** ('66) **Lynds** on March 11 in Memphis, Tenn.

Daughter, Laura Lee, to **Ray** (BA'52) and **Polly Slatton** ('54) **Farmer** on Feb. 26 in St. Louis, Mo.

Son, Jeffrey Scott, to **Ken** (BS'62) and June **Nicholson** on March 23 in Arlington, Vermont.

Son, Elton Mark, to **Elton** ('63) and Janis Sue **Pruitt** on Sept. 14, 1966 in Little Rock.

Son, Kim Ellis, to **Paul** (BA'63) and Janis **Touchton** on March 21 in York, Neb.

Son, Donavan Eugene, Jr. to Donavan and **Ruth Coburn** (BS'62) **Holman** on March 3 at Barstow, Calif.

Daughter, Kris Anne, to **Jerry** (BA'60) and **Claudette DuBois** (BA'60) **Jones** on March 15 in Searcy.

Daughter, Caronna, to Doelas and **Rebecca Dennington** (BA'64) **Landes** on March 4 in Lansing, Mich.

Son, William "Will" Basil, to **A. J.** (BA'61) and **Catherine Ables** ('63) **Arnold** on March 28.

Son, Sidney Todd, to **Larry** (BA'63) and **Sandra Church** (BA'62) **Saunders** on April 14 at Huntsville, Ala.

Son, John Tulloch, Jr., to John and **Ruby Bobbitt** ('59) **Sherwood** on Feb. 8 in Washington, D. C.

Son, Brian Glyn, to Gareth and **Donna Knapp** (BS'63) **Williams** on Nov. 2, 1966 in Denver, Colo.

Son, Bruce McNeil, to **Dwight** (BS'65) and **Betty Ely** (BS'66) **Bawcom** on April 14 in Las Cruces, N. M.

Daughter, Kimberly Ann, to James and **Sylvia Shelton** ('66) **Williams** on Feb. 23 in Texas.



Part of the Harding Family at the Faculty-Staff Dinner

## Annual Faculty-Staff Dinner is Big Event

The Harding family is getting bigger and bigger. This was brought out very clearly on the evening of May 4 when President Ganus reminded employees and their spouses at the Annual Faculty-Staff Dinner that the college now has a full-time payroll of 488. With student part-time employees added the total exceeds 1000.

After a delicious dinner, members of the Department of Music presented a short program of both serious and hilarious entertainment.

Dr. Ganus reviewed Harding's recent growth and the plans for the early future. (The College Bulletin covers it in more detail this month.) His remarks included an announcement that the 1967-68 budget is over \$5 million.

The high spot each year is the presentation of service pins, calculated by five year breaks from 10 years. M. E. (Pinky) Berryhill received one for 30 years of service.

Receiving 25-year pins were Leslie Burke and Lavon Dutcher. Annie Mae Alston, Elsie Gentry, Pearl Latham and Adrain Weaver received 20-year pins.

Those with 15 years of service were J. E. Berryhill, Raymond French, Richard Fuller, Hugh Groover, James Hedrick, Corinne Burke and Corinne Hart.

Ten-year pins went to Eldon Hager, Maxine Hager, W. G. Holeman, Ted Lloyd, Harry Olree, Kenneth Perrin Dallas Roberts, Buford Tucker, Ermal Tucker, Lee Underwood, Bill Verkler, Murrey Wilson, Bessie Mae Dunham, Cora Green, Bula Jackson and Mona Moore.

The Hungry Four quartet was part of the entertainment.



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