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College Courses Extended To Canada

Plans have been completed for offering Harding College courses in Toronto, Canada, through extension service, Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college, has announced.

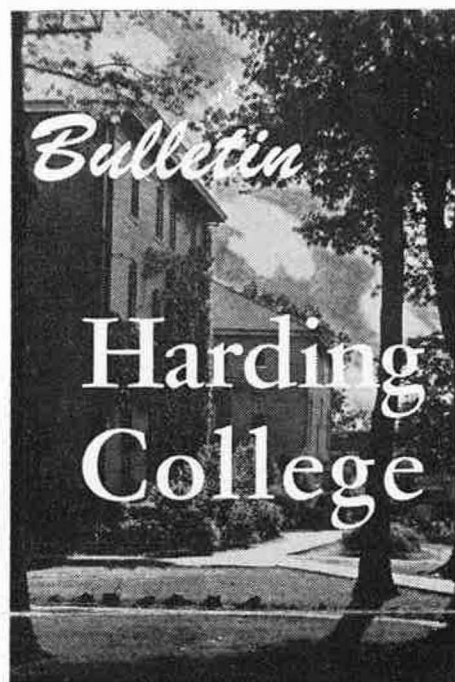
Arrangements were made through Mr. Jardine McKerlie, prominent Canadian who heads the Omagh Bible School of Omagh, Ontario, and will be in charge of the work offered there through extension. Mr. McKerlie and his wife were recent visitors on the campus.

While the extension work will be administered through the Omagh school, the actual courses will be offered in the city of Toronto. Two years of school work will be made available, and it is hoped that students may matriculate in September.

Dr. Benson stated that teachers employed would be chosen by the Omagh school board but would be approved by the Harding administration. He expressed hope that this program would lead to a standard junior college in Toronto.

The extension curricula will be similar to the first two years of work offered here. Courses will be approved by the college and credited here by transcript. This means that Canadian students desiring to enroll at Harding may complete their first two years of work in Toronto before coming to the United States.

Approximately 25 students attend Harding from Canada each year, and this program is calculated to meet the needs of an increasing number of young Canadians who want to study at Harding College.



Junior Class Chooses 1948 Yearbook Heads

Edna Hodge and Jesse Vanhooser will head the 1948 Petit Jean staff, according to an announcement by Carl Kitzmiller, president of the junior class. They were elected to edit and manage, respectively, the annual yearbook of the college, a project of the senior class.

Election of staff heads for next year's publication was held early, following the example set by the juniors of 1946, so that the officials could have the assistance of the present staff in making preliminary plans for the 1947 publication. The class asked members to apply for these positions and then made final choices by ballot.

Miss Hodge, who will edit the 1948 book, is present secretary of her class and is working toward a B.A. degree in English and speech. Her home is Oklahoma City, Okla. She is active in the Dramatics Club, Campus Players, and Alpha Psi Omega.

Vanhooser, also from Oklahoma City, is vice president of the class and a member of the chorus and glee club. He is working on a B.A. degree in mathematics and business administration. Vanhooser plans to take graduate work at the University of Oklahoma after completing his course at Harding.

This year's Petit Jean is edited by Lois Hemingway, Detroit, Mich. The business manager is Bill Harris, Jonesboro, Ark.

The 1947 book, which has already been sent to the printer, is expected to be one of the best in the history of the Petit Jean. Roy Harris, a former student of the college, will have charge of the printing at an Oklahoma City printing house.



Miss Lee helps the youngsters choose books—even to a bit of sampling.

Elementary Students "Attend" College, Find Campus A Good Place To Learn

By ANNABEL LEE, B.S., M.A.
Principal, Training School

The ninety children who attend the eight grades of the Harding Elementary Training School consider themselves Harding students as truly as though they were college seniors.

Actually, the elementary school is a part of Harding College, for it is operated in conjunction with its teacher training program. Practice teaching, with its attendant courses in elementary methods, is required of all who plan to teach in the grades. Because it serves as a demonstration school, teachers are required to have high qualifications. Two of our teachers have M.A. degrees.

Through our wide range of supplementary books, college students come to know much of the material being published for children. Practice teachers learn to use the slide projector, file of mounted pictures, hectograph, hand printing set, and maps.

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Prayer Is Power Source For Use Of Christians

By RALPH NOFFSINGER

There are many sources of power in this world in which we live, but the greatest of these is prayer.

Here at Harding, every chapel service is opened with prayer and song. We lift our voices unto God in praises, penitence, and pleas for guidance. Great spiritual songs stimulate the noblest impulses of the human soul. Many, who have attended these chapel services in past years, have come to hunger and thirst after the joy, peace, relaxation, and contentment of these spiritual feasts.

We are caused to believe in God's power to answer our supplication by the overwhelming evidence before our eyes. And doctors have made such statements as these: "We cannot explain the results." "It is beyond our understanding." "It is nothing short of a miracle as far as we are able to tell." James said: "The prayer of the righteous shall heal the sick." Also: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." As one poet has written: "They never sought in vain, who sought the Lord aright!"

Certainly the days of miracles by man have long since vanished, but God's power has not slackened. His arm is not short in aiding his children, who will with a sincere heart ask for Him. Jesus said: "Whatsoever things ye ask in faith it shall be granted unto you."

Sometime in every Christian's life, a question arises. How important is prayer? It has been said: "I have more faith in prayer than I would my vote at the polls on election day." A Christian, as such, can live without prayer, and dare not die without it, for it is the Christian's only source of pardon from sin.

Man is at his best when approaching the throne of God in prayer. Our strength is never so great as then. The apostle Paul wrote: "When I am weak, then am I strong." And, "I can do all things through him that strengtheneth me."

Writhing in pain, Jesus looked down from the Roman cross upon his enemies, and uttered these words: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." These words were the crown of all his teaching while here on earth, for greater love has never been known, than here portrayed by the Christ.

There is no obstacle too great, but what the Christian may rise above it when he is willing to kneel down and pray for his enemies.

A Christian who sincerely prays, loves. A Christian who sincerely loves, prays. Coleridge wrote: "He prayeth best, who loveth best, all things both great and small." Surely a Christian cannot rise above the sincerity of his prayer, for it is the fullness and crown of his character. Our strength is limited only by our ability to sincerely pray. If God be with me, who is against me?



Bro. Rhodes, a great sports enthusiast, watches from stool and pillow, which he brings to athletic field.

Beloved Spectator Takes In Spring Games As Successful Intramural Season Hits Peak

Spring brings the intramural program outside here at Harding College, and instead of just taking his usual afternoon walk Brother Rhodes (that's Prof. Benjamin Franklin Rhodes, emeritus professor of history) can take in a softball game these afternoons.

Currently, Bro. Rhodes is watching a softball class tournament, in which this year's record freshman class was permitted to enter two teams on account of its large size.

Meet Ralph Noffsinger:

Ralph Noffsinger, student author of the accompanying article, comes from Wichita, Kan. A senior majoring in Bible and Biology, Ralph also studies history and social science for his minors.

Personable and popular among students and faculty, Ralph is vice-president this year of the K-State Club.

He has preached nearly every Sunday since coming to Harding College. Each Sunday morning early, Ralph sets out in his car with a load of boys to fill appointments in places where preaching is needed.

At Harding, Ralph says, the high-point of his college days has been the association of other young men, and particularly that of the young "preaching boys" he has transported to appointments.

More than eighty men, making up eight teams and not counting some faculty members who played, participated in the intramural softball games. A horse-shoe tournament is now underway, and tennis competition begins this week.

Coach M. E. (Pinky) Berryhill, head of the physical education department, has been well pleased with student participation in play this year. He estimates that between 250 and 300 persons have come out voluntarily to take part in directed activities. This includes no physical education classes, but counts only those who have played regularly after school hours.

About 150 students, both men and women, have participated in the "point" program of intramurals. This program represents a pretty thorough showing in a number of competitive sports, and approximately 20 men and 20 women will receive awards of jackets and medals.

Track and Field Day, the annual spring event for which the whole school takes over Benson Field, is yet to come. Bro. Rhodes, 78 years old and not participating this year, will be on hand.

There will be competition of all sorts, both among students and faculty.

Competing under the faculty banner, however, will be Dr. B. F. Rhodes, Jr. He will carry on. And "Pappy" Rhodes will watch.

New Book By Dr. Bales To Be Published Soon

Dr. J. D. Bales, associate professor of Bible and education on the Harding faculty, has recently completed the manuscript of "Soils and Seeds of Sectarianism," a book scheduled for spring publication by the Old Paths Book Club, De Moines, Iowa.

A religious study based on the parable of the sower, Dr. Bales traces the development of sectarianism in religion in the light of the sowing of the seed.

Dr. Bales has written many tracts and booklets on religious subjects, and two previous books, "Christian Conscientious Objectors," and "You Are a Christian Now." He is on the editorial staff of several religious publications, including "World Vision," "Lifeline," "20th Century Christian," and "Gospel Broadcast," in addition to writing for several others.

At the present he is working on two books scheduled for future publication. The first is a study of the causes of unbelief, tentatively titled "How Can You Believe," and the other will treat the subject of Mormonism.

A 1937 graduate of Harding College, Dr. Bales received his M.A. degree from George Peabody College in 1938. He did graduate work at the University of Toronto and the University of California, where he received his Ph.D. degree last year.

In addition to teaching and writing, Dr. Bales preaches for the Clarksdale (Miss.) and Alicia (Ark.) congregations.



Guthrie Dean and Bill Harris congratulate each other.

Students Win Honors

Guthrie Dean and Bill Harris, Harding debaters, were chosen best speakers at a recent intercollegiate debating tournament held at Natchitoches, La., with Northwestern State College as host.

This singular honor came to Dean and Harris, junior and senior respectively, although Harding teams did not win top place in the debating competition.

Two additional honors in speaking came last week to Dean, who won first place in the annual oratorical contest sponsored by the Bison, student weekly. Dean also was given a superior rating for his oration at the state speech festival sponsored by Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway.

All The Advantages Of College Make Learning An Experience

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Children of faculty members attend the school, also children of students attending college. Some families have moved near enough to send their children; others bring them from some distance. A number of Searcy families send their children to



Woodcarving is a creative activity that children thoroughly enjoy.

Junior Elected Delegate To St. Louis Convention

Miss Grace Johnson, a junior and home economics major from East Baden, Indiana, has been chosen by the American Home Economics Association as its division delegate to attend the national convention.

Miss Johnson was elected at a meeting of Province V of the association held in Natchitoches, La., which she attended in March. The national meeting will be held in June in St. Louis, and delegates have been named to represent each of the sixteen provinces of the United States.

Province V, which Miss Johnson will represent, includes West Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Northwestern State College was host at the Louisiana meeting. Delegates from Harding, besides Miss Johnson, were Alpha Lee Turman, Dorothy Ann Smith, and Mrs. Iris Elder. Mrs. S. A. Bell, head of the home economics department, accompanied the group to the province meeting.

Delegates heard a lecture by Dr. Henry Bowman, head of family relations, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and participated in group discussions and round-table sessions. Workshop groups planned ways for better club work. Miss Martha Gannaway, dean of women at Northwestern State College, spoke at the banquet.

Delegates also were conducted on a tour of Old Natchitoches, during which historic sites and interesting places were pointed out.

Harding because of the individual attention each child receives, the small classes, and the daily instruction in the Bible.

Many advantages come from the school's nearness to the college. We use the swimming pool, the sound film projector, and music appreciation materials. College students, from all parts of the country and from foreign countries, are invited to tell us their experiences. Prominent lecturers sometimes pay us visits.

We plan that each child appear in a public program once during the school year. This year the six upper grades gave Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in operetta form, and our chorus gave a half-hour concert before the college students.

Creative writing is encouraged. First graders learn to read stories they themselves dictate from their own experiences. Seventh and eighth graders put out a hectographed "news-paper" made up of stories from every child in class.

Numerous field trips are made in the community so that children may better understand what they read in books about people and places. We visit such places as: the college science labs, a home beautifully furnished with antiques, the airport, postoffice, banks, government offices, the court house, a pecan shelling factory, a hatchery, a bakery, an ice plant.

Our growing library provides abundant material for individualizing instruction. Our library materials and the many supplementary readers we use are attractively printed and illustrated, according to current trends.

Yes, indeed, we do our learning at college!

THE GAP THAT separates man from God may be ascribed to a number of things. Ignorance, indifference, lust, ambition, pride, arrogance, rebellion, or the all-embracing source, sin, are only a few of these. From the Tempter's first triumph in the Garden of Eden, the darkness and bias of sin has increased until it holds almost universal sway. All the acts and conditions in the category of sins may be traced to this bias or ignorance. No man chooses to harm himself; no one wants to go to hell; no one hates God or his Word because he thinks it will do him good to do so.

Men walk out of harmony with God because of ignorance of truths such as the reality of God, the verity of His Word, the ultimate worth-whileness of righteousness and godliness, the ultimate defeat of sin, the immortality of the soul, and the final judgment of all men. In and out of the church sin, all the defections of men, is a result of a lack of real appreciation of these truths. Who would commit lust whose sense of values was perfect?

Throughout the Word of God Satan is portrayed as the father of lies, the deceiver, the god of this world, a world whose chief characteristic is darkness. The saints of God are called "sons of light," "children of the light and of the day," while unbelievers are spoken of as "of the darkness." Hear Paul, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief; for ye are all sons of light and of the day: we are not of the night nor of the darkness; so then let us not sleep as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober, for they that sleep sleep in the night and they that are drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation." Further, Paul prayed for the Ephesian brethren thus: "... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; having the eyes of your heart enlightened that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints ..." Of this last, we particularly note: "give you a spirit of wisdom ... knowledge of him ... eyes of your heart enlightened that ye may know." Such passages could be greatly multiplied.

We turn now to an expression uttered by the Master: "And this is eternal life, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ." Here eternal life is predicated on *knowing* God and Christ Jesus. The meaning of "know" here obviously goes beyond a mere consciousness of the existence of God and Christ. Many people believe God is and that Christ is His son, but they are not partakers of eternal life because the significance of those truths has never become full enough or deep enough to lead them to experience the blessings of repentance toward God and a genuine trust in Christ as Saviour and Lord. The Bible reveals God's will and shows that man's eternal well-being is bound



Toward Genuine Growth And Progress

By LESLIE BURKE

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up in the eternal verities of truth and right. When this revelation is really believed and known it brings conformity of life. It cannot do otherwise. As surely as seed produces after its kind, so an effectual knowledge of God brings works "worthy of repentance," conformity, harmony, and so inner peace.

The purpose of proclaiming the gospel and of the ministry of the Word is to "turn men from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God." As long as men consider darkness to be light, their works will be darkness and confusion; so long as the "Light of the world" is rejected, men will "progress" only to their own hurt. Surely the god of this world has blinded their eyes, for their ways are the ways of death.

A meaning too superficial is often given to such terms as "believe," "faith," and "know." That they frequently connote superficial things is unfortunate. Nevertheless the faith and belief upon which salvation is predicated is not of this superficial character. Rather a saving knowledge of the Gospel is a knowledge that is deep and appreciative enough to lead to genuine trust in Christ's propitiation for sins and to a truly regenerated life. This is no mere white-wash, nor a temporary detour, nor a slight modification of the tenor of life. It is transforming. Basically the new life is as far from the unregenerate life as light is from darkness. The knowledge of God is revolutionizing. If it does not overhaul purpose, outlook on life, inner-self, and produce radical changes in the innermost subjective experiences, as well as life outwardly, one has not really grasped the meaning of the gospel. Its revelation is only poorly comprehended.

God is known by those who have tried him out and found him trustworthy. Until God is tried out, by trusting in his promises and really "letting go and letting God" direct, the church will not have the deep spiritual fervor and life, nor the power of witness it was meant to have. "Awake thou that sleepest and rise from the dead and Christ will shine upon you."

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