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Pictured above are students whose parents are alumni or former teachers. Row 1 (left to right): Hazlet, Vineyard, Ruby, Crowson, Covey, Lewis. Row 2: Brown, Coons, Smith, Baldwin, Graves, Morris. Row 3: Mattox, Howell, Henderson, Stine, Mackey, Hanes, Ritchie. Row 4: K. Summitt, P. Summitt, Truex, Webb, B. Summitt, Brittell, McNutt. Not present: Boyd, Cole, Garrett, Coxsey, Odom, Ellis, Sherrill.

## Second generation in school

Thirty-three students enrolled at Harding College this year are children of alumni, a survey of alumni records shows. Parents of 22 of these students attended or taught at Harding College, four went to Harper Christian College and two to Potter Bible College. One is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Three of these students, Mary Vineyard, Jack McNutt, and Robbie Ruby, were valedictorians when they graduated from high school. Irma Coons and Sarah Croom Morris were honor students.

Carolyn Graves, a freshman, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Graves of Memphis. Dr. Graves, head of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, is vice-president of the Board of Trustees.

Jack McNutt, freshman, is the son of F. D. McNutt of Norphlet, a former Harding teacher. A sister, Ethelyn, graduated in 1951.

Joe Lewis, freshman, is also the son of a former teacher, Emery A. Lewis. Mr. Lewis taught music for 20 years but is now a music store owner in Mission, Kan.

T. H. and Grace Aldrige Sherrill, both Harding alumni, are the parents of Bill Sherrill, a senior. Mr. Sherrill is minister of the church in Newport. A

daughter, Margaret Sherrill Lynn of Memphis, graduated in '44.

Ralph Lee Odom is the son of H. L. and Jerald Jones ('33) Odom who live at Taft, Calif. Ralph is a freshman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Dewitt Garrett, Sr., both of whom attended Harding, parents of Cecil Dale Garrett, sophomore, are missionaries in Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Africa. Dewitt Garrett, Jr., '47, is a graduate student at the University of Illinois.

Ruby Lee Ellis, senior, is the daughter of two Harding graduates, Frank and Ila Matthews Ellis. Mr. Ellis also taught at Harding for several years. Both are teaching at Augusta, Ark.

Dick Coxsey's mother, the former Ruth Hart, '33, and father, W. L. Coxsey, live at Pryor, Okla. Dick is a freshman.

Sophomore Donald Webb is the son of C. J. and Ruth Flint ('29) Webb, of Strathmore, Calif. His sister, Betty, attended Harding last year.

Mary Vineyard, sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Vineyard of Shirley. Mrs. Vineyard, an elementary teacher who came to school mostly during summer terms, received her degree in '52.

Milton E. and Thelma Seebold Truex,

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## Chapter 14 formed

The 14th local alumni chapter was organized in Detroit, Mich., on Nov. 28 at the West Side Central church. Marvin W. Hastings, '31, was elected president; Virginia Terry Worten, '50, secretary; and George Ford, '43, treasurer.

Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College, who was in Detroit to speak at a Thanksgiving Day Lecture-ship held by churches in that area, was guest of honor at the organizational meeting.

A second meeting was held Jan. 2 at the home of Mrs. Claud French (formerly Mary Sheppard of Potter Bible College). This was a social gathering and the home was beautifully decorated using the Christmas motif. Wilma DeBerry, Ruth Maddox, and Muriel Bush, students at Harding, were honor guests. About 20 alumni were present.

The Detroit chapter will have three regular meetings a year: one during Christmas vacation, one in June, and one in October.

A committee composed of George Ford, Nathan Gray, '32, and Don Worten, '51, was appointed to select a project for the group to sponsor.

## Memphis elects

The Memphis chapter of the Alumni Association of Harding College recently chose Reagan Yarbrough, '48, to succeed Bill Lynn, '46, as president of the group. Clayton Waller, '49, is the new vice-president, and Cecil Johnston '52, secretary. Retiring vice-president and secretary are Henry Farrar, '49, and Guerlayne Fuller Yarbrough, '46.

The Memphis chapter meets regularly once a month and has developed a very successful program. A party for present Harding students during the spring vacation is being planned.

Attempts have been made to get in touch with all former students in the Memphis area who would like to participate in chapter activities. If you have not been reached by this group, please notify Reagan Yarbrough, 3129 Beaumont, Memphis.





## President's Corner

By Dr. Joe Pryor

AS I SIT DOWN TO WRITE this quarterly message for the alumni bulletin and reflect over the events of the past three months, I am amazed at the rapidity with which history is being made. On the national level there has been an election and a new administration has taken office. It is our hope that President Eisenhower and his administration will have the wisdom, courage, and integrity to direct the affairs of state so as to maintain and strengthen the foundations of democracy and keep these United States a place of freedom and opportunity. It is equally our hope that we as individual citizens realize that it will be impossible for the new administration by the wave of a magic wand to solve all the problems that confront our nation and that we will have the patience and understanding to help our leaders meet the challenge of the day.

Freedom Forum XIII was held here recently. The conferees, who represented industry, labor, and the professions, were deeply impressed by the student body — by their friendliness and consideration for others, by the excellent conduct displayed on the campus, by their singing hymns, by their alertness and enthusiasm — in short, by the very characteristics for which Harding College exists as an educational institution.

I want to thank each one of you who has sent in a contribution to the alumni fund this year. The response to the appeal has been better than in previous years, but it is still not what we would like for it to be. In fact our goal is to have every alumnus make a contribution each year to the alumni fund. This would bring about a closer tie between the college and the alumni and increase alumni interest in Harding College and her activities. We realize that many are not able to make large contributions, but we feel that almost everyone could contribute from one to ten dollars. If you have not made your contribution this year, why not do so now before you forget it?

One aim of this column is to bring you each time some pertinent information regarding current educational thought. In the December 1, 1952, issue of TIME, Pres. Oliver C. Carmichael of the Carnegie Foundation—ex-Chancellor of Vanderbilt University and an outstanding educator—in his annual report to the Foundation took his stand that we need today a commitment to certain basic principles if we are to find truth. The following quotations are full of thought.

"The implication is that education which takes a detached view of life and society, that never leads students to face issues . . . tends to produce men and women who are spectators rather than actors . . . They view both sides of questions with equanimity, seeing the strengths and weaknesses of each . . . but never align themselves with either of the contending forces. Surely the effective citizen . . . must be willing to stand up and be counted, to make a commitment, to throw his weight on the side of truth . . . Pursuit of the truth is undoubtedly the highest function of the university, but that is not synonymous with scientific research. It refers to search for reality, for meaning, for ultimate answers . . . The quotation so frequently cited to suggest the goal of education is incomplete. It is as follows: 'If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:31-32) . . . Divested of its other implications, the clause referring to discipleship suggests that a commitment is involved if one would find the truth. Commitment to certain basic assumptions is a necessary starting point in the quest for truth . . ."

Harding College is striving to develop the mind, the body, and the spirit. For that reason the Bible is still considered the most important textbook in the curriculum and each student is required to take a course in Bible or religious education each semester. I know that you are proud to be one of the alumni of Harding College and that you will want to send your children to your alma mater.

## the Alumni write

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Washington 12, D. C.

The last Alumni bulletin was really jam packed with information.

Many Harding students were home for Christmas at Bernardsville N. J., and they were real enthusiastic about their schooling. Harding seems the same although the campus must have really changed.

The army life isn't too bad although this is the sixth month of hospital routine. In a month I will get a final exam (no studying required) and get an army discharge. This is a result of an operation in early December, when the doctors discovered I have Hodgkins disease. They started treatment and used nitrogen-mustard to dissolve the large node in the chest. The doctors may use radiation therapy later if needed. This is in a nut-shell what the doctors debated over five months.

I would like to get a Harding catalog and one about the new economic school. I am a little indefinite about plans but may try schooling till able to do more work.

Ted Diehl, '51

## News Bits

Maxine Pollard, '54, is at the Southwest Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 2812 S. Tyler Street, Little Rock, Ark.

Steve Eckstein, '49, is teaching Bible at the Church of Christ Bible Chair, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N. Mex. He married Mildred Smith, a graduate of Texas Tech, Dec. 25, 1951.

Morgan A. Richardson, '52, is now stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Keith Stigers, '49, is an aide at the Veterans Hospital, Roanoke, Va. He is married to the former Peggy Jane Zimmerman and they have two daughters, Peggy Louise and April Dianne.

Harold Litrell, '53, is living in Campbell, Mo., where he is preaching.

Mrs. J. C. Townsend (Evelyn Patten), '47, has moved from Lanett, Ala., to 2919 Lenox Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

Bill and Joanne Anderson Smith, '50 and '50, are living in Antlers, Okla., where Bill is minister of the church.

Margaret Scott, '50, has returned from Japan where she served with the WAC. She is living at 1106 S. Market, Wichita, Kan., and working at Boeing Aircraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hurd and children, Judy and Joe, have moved to 213 N. Fisher St., Jonesboro, Ark. Harlan, '49, is minister of the Fisher Street congregation.

Laura Lee Arms Mayo, '46, and two children expect to be at Route 2, Celina, Tenn., from March 9 to May 30. Their permanent address is Juneau, Alaska.

James E. Etheridge, '45, is owner of the Alabama Abstract Service, Monroeville, Ala. He is married to Mary Frances Landreth of Slaton, Tex., a former teacher at Baylor University.

Frank N. Ellis, '47, and former faculty member at Harding, received a cash award for sponsoring a winning student in the Lion Oil Scholarship Fund contest. Mr. Ellis teaches English at Augusta High School and one of his students, Patsy Coleman, won a merit award. Both received \$25.

Rex and Barbara Waters Westerfield, '49 and '51, have moved from Oklahoma City to Dallas and are making their home at 2308 Cedar Spring Ave.

Ethelyn McNutt, '51, has recently accepted a position in the Accounting Dept. of Stanolind Oil and Gas Co. in Oklahoma City.

Miss Catherine Root, executive secretary of the Alumni association, attended the District IV Conference of the American Alumni Council on Jan. 29-31 in Waco, Tex. She participated on a panel discussion of alumni office procedure.

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## Parents attended---

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both Harding alumni, are parents of Milton Harold Truex, a sophomore. Mr. Truex preaches at Piggott, Ark.

Paul, Knox and Billy Summitt are sons of Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Summitt of Searcy. Dr. Summitt is registrar and head of the education department at Harding. Mrs. Summitt has attended Harding. Paul and Knox are freshmen and Billy is a senior.

Robbie Jean Ruby, freshman, is the daughter of Sidney and Nell Haynes Ruby of Atkins, both of whom attended Harding. Mr. Ruby is superintendent of schools and Mrs. Ruby teaches public school music. Robbie Jean was awarded a Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship this fall.

Andy T. Ritchie III, freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy T. Ritchie of Searcy. Mr. Ritchie teaches Bible and directs the Harding chorus. Mrs. Ritchie, who attended Harding, teaches in the Academy. Three other children are in the Academy.

Joe Mattox, sophomore, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Mattox of Searcy. Dr. Mattox is dean of students and Bible professor at Harding. Mrs. Mattox is the former Mildred Formby. A daughter, Patti Mattox Bryant, graduated in '52.

Billy Forrest Howell, sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Howell of Morrilton. Mr. Howell, '29, has a typewriter sales and service business.

Joe Henderson, freshman, is the son of two Harding graduates, A. B. and Carry Olson Henderson, both teachers at Floral, Ark.

LaVerne Crowson, sophomore, is the daughter of Athelston and Eva Johnston ('33) Crowson of Ukiah, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hanes of Searcy, both of whom attended Harding, are parents of Otis Hanes, a freshman. A daughter, LaVera, is a student in the Academy.

Terry Stine, freshman, of Sebastopol, Calif., is the son of E. G. and Verna Anderson ('31) Stine.

Betty Jo Cole, sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bernard Cole. Mr. Cole, who attended Harding, is chief of police at Camden. Bill Mackey, senior, is the son of Charles W. Mackey who attended Potter. Mr. Mackey is an assistant bank cashier in Andairville, Ky.

Sarah Jean Covey, sophomore, is the daughter of the late Tona Covey and Mrs. Covey of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Covey attended Potter and Odessa Bible Colleges. Two sisters, Allene Covey Houtz, '47, and Louise Covey Wells, '44, attended Harding.

A graduate student, Glenn Boyd, is the son of H. G. Boyd of Frederick, Okla., who attended Cordell. Mr. Boyd is an insurance agent. Glenn's sister, Leah, (Mrs. Jack Killebrew) is a former Harding student.



Three German students enjoy talking with Miss Irene Johnson, missionary home on vacation from Germany. Left to right: Jutta Reich, Miss Johnson, Edgar Knoebel, and Gottfried Reichel. They were visiting in the Alumni office.

## Irene Johnson visits campus

Miss Irene Johnson, English teacher at Harding in 1947-48, visited on the campus Jan. 14 and 15. Miss Johnson is working with the church of Christ in Frankfort, Germany, and is spending three months in the states on vacation.

While in Searcy Miss Johnson was guest of honor at several social gatherings and spoke at the Locust and Vine ladies' Bible class. She described her work in Germany which is divided into three phases. She prepares lessons and trains teachers for the Sunday Bible classes; she teaches in the day school; and she visits the parents of children attending the Sunday or day classes.

Miss Johnson told about the manners and customs of the German people in a vivid and interesting way. She discussed some of the problems missionaries face and how they attempt to overcome them. Also, she brought greetings from alumni and friends now in Germany.

Miss Johnson, a former WAVE, holds a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Missouri. Her home is Biggers, Ark.

W. S. and Sadie Daniels Smith of Norman, Okla., both Cordell alumni, are the parents of Mary Smith, sophomore. Mr. Smith is in the real estate business and is a member of the Norman Chamber of Commerce. Betty Smith Nance, another daughter, also attended Harding.

Jesse and Augusta May Pruett Brittell, Cordell alumni, are the parents of Harding senior, Lester Brittell. They are missionaries at Sinte Mission, South Africa. Lester and his wife, Joye, plan to sail for Africa in August.

Rita Jo Baldwin, freshman, who graduated from the Harding Academy last year, is the daughter of Pratt Baldwin, Cordell alumnus.

Jeanetta Hazlet, freshman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hazlet of Hudson, Colo. Mr. Hazlet attended Harper College and has sent three other children to Harding: Florence, who is Mrs. Robert Kritenbrink, Maryann, who is Mrs. Don Healy, and Ida, who is Mrs. Neal Roberts. Another

daughter, Venice, will come next year.

Robert Roy and Callie Mae Coons of Washington, D. C., are parents of Irma Coons, senior at Harding. Both are alumni of Harper, both have Ph.D. degrees, and both have taught at Harding. Irma is president of the Alpha Honor Society, an organization which her father initiated when he was here.

David Brown, freshman, is the son of William and Addie Mae Brown, Harper alumni. His six brothers and sisters also attended Harding: Dr. A. R. Brown, '40, Searcy; Bill Brown, '50, Petersburg, Va.; Ardath, '43, (Mrs. George P. Bratten), Dover, Del.; Allen, '50, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Betty (Mrs. Michael Wetton) a missionary in Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Africa; and Bernard, a student in the Harding Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who spent 23 years as missionaries in Africa, now live in Searcy.

Sarah Croom Morris is the daughter of two Harper alumni, A. S. and Margaret Price Croom. Mr. Croom is business manager at Harding College.



# From here and there . . .

## Married

Shirley Pegan, '52, to Glenn Boyd, '52, in Searcy on Dec. 19 . . . Kathy Cone, '52, to Lin Wright, '52, in Searcy on Nov. 9 . . . Julia Ann Hawkins, '55, to Bob Johnson in Piggott on Oct. 9 . . . Barbara Ann Flaherty to Donald R. Wilkerson, '52, in Waldo on Dec. 19 . . . Zelma Bell, '37, to Dee M. Green, '48, in North Little Rock on Dec. 25 . . . Janice Baker, '50, to Harold Jones, on Nov. 21 in Paragould . . . Guthrie Dean, '49, to Merle Waller in Judsonia on Jan. 8 . . . Don Martin, '52, to Elizabeth Holt, '54 in Evergreen Park, Ill., on Dec. 30 . . . Jo Ann Cook, '53, to Jack Hogg, '53, in Hobart, Okla., on Dec. 21 . . . Evelyn Rhodes, '50, to Lyle Wheatcroft on Jan. 18, in Wichita, Kan. . . Noreen Colston, '52, to Joe Andrews, on Jan. 17, in Detroit, Mich.

## Born

A son, John D. III, to John D. and Gladys O'Neal Baldwin, on Oct. 22, in Holyoke, Colo. . . A son, Paul Denton, to Henry and Grace Johnson Farrar, on Nov. 4, in Memphis, Tenn. . . A son, Hugh Thomas, to Morris and Edrie Bell Daniel, on Oct. 29, in Little Rock . . A son, David Brewer, to Dale and Dorothy Brewer Straughn, on July 31, in Chattanooga, Tenn. . . A son, John Anthony, to Doyle and Mary Cranford Swain, on Nov. 7, in Searcy . . A daughter, Susan Jeanette, to Dick and Wynelle Watson Smith, on Oct. 22, in Germany . . A son, David, to Estel and Louise Roberts McCluggage, on June 21, in Shreveport, La. . . A son, Kelley Jr., to Kelley and Dorothy Farris Doyle on Aug 10, at Henderson, Tenn. . . A son, Stephen Lawrence, to Jess

and Pauline Moser Rhodes, on Dec. 6, in Searcy . . A daughter, Jerre Lou, to Byron and Joline Riddle Corn, on Nov. 15, at Wichita, Kan. . . A daughter, Patricia, to Robert and Mary Belle Garner Helsten on Dec. 10, in Frankfurt, Germany . . A daughter, Rowena Kathryn, to Donald and Rowena Boler Hall, on Dec. 23 . . A daughter, Sharon Claudette, to Kenneth and Norma West Frank on Dec. 1, in Searcy . . A daughter Kathleen Clarissa (Kathy), to Frank and Eloise Kitchens on Nov. 11, in Nashville, Tenn. . . A daughter Lloyddean, to Lloyd and Vivian Smith Price on Dec. 1, at Blytheville . . A son, Robert Jack, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray on Dec. 18, in Palatka, Fla. . . A son, Kirk, to Ed and Ann Richmond Sewell on Jan. 3, in Searcy . . A daughter, Janet Marie, to Elmo and Anita Jackson Hall on Jan. 8, in Paragould . . A son, Reid, to Clinton and Bonnie Bergner Rutherford on Dec. 30, in Bernardsville, N.J. . . A daughter, Margaret Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. David Broadus on Jan. 9, at Fresno, Calif. . . A son, Gary Lynn, to Jack and Edith Kiihnl Chaffin on Nov. 9, in Little Rock . . A son, Harvey Allen, to Nolen and Doris Lemmons on Jan. 19, in South Bend, Ind. . . A son, Thomas William, to David and Lois Wilson Dummer on Dec. 24, in Paducah, Ky. . . A daughter, Mary Beth, to Melvin and Edith Johnson Ganus on July 4, in Waco, Tex.

## Deceased

Ralph Stirman, '42, aged 31, at Austin, Tex., on Dec. 30, from polio. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two daughters, Andrea and Celia, of Austin, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stirman, of Wichita Falls, Tex.

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