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HARDING COLLEGE

Brother J. P. Sewell Celebrates 80th Birthday

The recent celebration of Bro. Jesse P. Sewell's 80th birthday, Jan. 21, was a special occasion throughout the brotherhood, as well as on the Harding campus. Cards and letters of congratulations began coming early in January and were still coming in February. In all, 151 letters and 126 cards were received.

The congratulations came from every part of the country and included letters from the administrations and faculties of six Christian colleges. The theme throughout all was one of thanksgiving for the work Brother Sewell has done during his lifetime.

A gospel preacher for over 60 years, Brother Sewell was a pioneer in Christian education. Largely under his leadership Abilene Christian College grew from an unaccredited high school into a recognized junior college and then into an accredited four year college.

Brother Sewell came to Harding

in January, 1950, to teach for one term, but he remained on the teaching faculty as a part time lecturer in Bible until last fall, when he announced his retirement.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. West and Dr. and Mrs. Russell Lewis were co-hosts at an open house in honor of Brother and Sister Sewell on his birthday. At the open house, in the West's home, the Sewells received approximately 150 friends and well-wishers.

The cards and letters of congratulations came from every part of the country and from every age person. A group of children drew a picture of a football field with bright lights shining on the 80-yard line and sent it to Brother Sewell.

His reaction to all the cards was one of amazement. "What have I done to deserve all this?" he asked.

One former student, now teaching in a Christian college, sent a copy of a chapel speech he had giv-

en recently. At the top he wrote an inscription, "This chapel speech reflects your influence on my life, as does everything else I have ever done."

Brother Sewell's philosophy of life is summed up in a comment he made regarding the cards and letters he received. "One thing above all else makes me happy: so many of them say I have helped them in some way."

New Catalog Out

The new college catalog for 1955-56 and 1956-57 is now off the press and ready for distribution by the personnel office. The supply of old catalogs was completely exhausted several weeks ago, but the school is now able to fill all requests for copies of this catalog.



The Sewells at birthday reception in the home of Dr. W. B. West, Jr., are thrilled by letters, cards and good wishes of many friends.



800 Enroll For Second Semester

The spring semester enrollment at Harding College has topped the 800 mark. Registration day 775 students went through the line, enrolling for regular work. Late enrollees and graduate education students have pushed the number above 800.

The Academy enrolled 109 students to better its fall semester record, and 110 enrolled in the ele-

mentary grades. In addition to students taking regular work on the Searcy campus, 55 persons have enrolled in the extension courses offered at Little Rock and Memphis.

At the close of the fall semester 11 seniors completed requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree. They will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises in May.

Dean Sears, Dr. Ruby Sponsor Europe Trip

Dean L. C. Sears and Dr. Wade Ruby, professor of English at George Pepperdine College, will co-direct a "Literary Landmarks tour" through Britain and Europe this summer. The 53-day excursion will begin June 25 and end Aug. 17.

Visits to the birthplaces of Shakespeare, Dickens, Hardy, Byron, Shelley, Keats, Dryden, Pope, Burns, Scott, Coleridge, Milton, Gray, and Thackeray will highlight the tour. The countries of Goethe, Rousseau, Voltaire and Calvin will also be visited.

Three to six hours credit in British and European literature is being offered by both Harding College and George Pepperdine to those taking the tour. The tour will be supplemented with informal lectures by the directors and by guest speakers.

The all inclusive 53-day tour price is \$1,085. Dean Sears stated that reservations should be made as early as possible by those desiring to take the tour. Full information can be obtained by writing Dean L. C. Sears at Harding College.



Snow Steals Show

The weather forecast for central Arkansas — rain today with the possibility of snow tonight. This is a prosaic way of saying "lace from heaven" drifted across the Harding Campus this January.

The hex-starred flakes were received with open arms, attached to students from Florida, and non-committal grunts uttered by kill-joy Yankees.

Soon the snow fall increased greatly; it was actually flying — in small hard balls toward innocent Florida students and screaming girls.

Retaliation began and the snow was in perpetual motion. Some of these insurmountable projectiles met what should have been immovable panels. But the glass broke and the girl's dorm was air-conditioned.



Dr. Ulrey congratulates winner Floyd

Sophomore Bill Floyd Wins Speech Trophy In Baylor Forensics

Bill Floyd, sophomore from Oklahoma City, walked off with first place and a trophy in the Junior Men's Oratorical contest at the Baylor Forensics, Feb. 3 and 4, at Waco, Tex. Floyd's original oration, entitled "20th Century Marriage and Morality," won out over 23 other contestants.

The Harding College senior debate team, composed of Duane McCampbell, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Bobby Coker, Hoxie, Ark., defeated Arizona State College, Texas A & M, Rice Institute, and the University of Houston in the preliminary round, but lost to the University of Houston in the elimination rounds.

The Baylor Forensics is the largest debate tournament in the world. Ninety-six debate teams from some 40 schools competed in the recent tournament. Dr. Evan Ulrey, chairman of the Harding College speech department, said, "This undoubtedly represents the stiffest competition in the United States. All the major schools are represented."



Snow adorns historic entrance gate.

'Aunt Rena' Moves On To Green Pastures

Aunt Rena, for nine years an honorary member of the Harding College A Cappella Chorus, has been sold to the South Highland Church of Christ in Little Rock. Aunt Rena is a 1947 model Chevrolet bus used by the college chorus on its trips.

Greg Rhodes, bus driver and manager of the college laundry, estimates that Aunt Rena has logged over 100,000 miles since she was purchased for the college.

Greg and Aunt Rena both began service with the Harding chorus in 1947. They have been through thick and thin together since then. "As you can tell from my hair, it's been mostly thin," says Greg.

Of all the many experiences he has had with Aunt Rena, Greg says the most unforgettable was on the summer tour of 1953, through the eastern states. Going around the mountains in West Virginia, Greg suddenly discovered he had no brakes nor gears. "If I had had any hair, it would sure have stood on end then," he says.

The story of Aunt Rena's christening is an unusual one. During the summer trip of 1952 to Chicago, chorus member Don Goodwin kept everyone in the chorus on lookout for his Chicago aunt, whose name was Rena. By association members of the chorus began calling the bus itself "Aunt Rena." The meeting of the two Aunt Renas in the summer of 1953 called for a special celebration and christening of the bus.

Greg recalls that one time in Kansas City Aunt Rena failed to make the program in time. The bus arrived in the afternoon and chorus members were assigned to their homes for the night. Greg and Aunt Rena were left to find the church building on their own and deliver the chorus risers and robes. But as Greg tells the story, Aunt Rena got lost. The program was given that night without risers or robes.

Aunt Rena saw service with the college on more than just college chorus trips. She also went on Academy chorus trips and football trips. Before the college auditorium was built and the Lyceum series started, Aunt Rena used to take groups of students to events in Little Rock.

Aunt Rena was retired from active duty with the chorus and college last year. Former chorus members and students will be happy to know she has found a good home.



Wileys Due Credit On Play Productions

A popular husband-wife team on the Harding Campus are Glen and Wanda Wiley, both assistant professors in the speech department. Credit for many of Harding's dramatic productions is due this Mr.-and-Mrs. combination.

The fall production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was one of their major efforts. Mrs. Wiley aided the students in designing the costumes while Mr. Wiley directed the acting.

Mrs. Wiley is not new to Harding. She received her B.A. from Harding and also taught here for two years. While at Harding she was elected to Alpha Psi Omega, the national dramatic fraternity. Mrs. Wiley earned her master's degree in speech at Louisiana State University.

Radio writing, bookkeeping, sales work, the Navy, and the Air Force occupied Mr. Wiley before coming to Harding. Wiley, also a member of Alpha Psi Omega, graduated from L. S. U. with a B.S. in education and speech.

Harding Band Makes First Extended Tour

The 35-piece Harding College band, under the direction of Eddie Baggett, took its first tour Feb. 20-22. The group gave performances at Des Arc, Ark.; Freed-Hardeman College, Henderson, Tenn.; Memphis, Tenn.; Paragould, Ark.; and Newport, Ark.

At each performance the band presented a varied program of marches, light numbers, and semi-



In Physical Education

Harding's women's physical education instructor, Imogene McAlister, knows what is meant by "play ball." For two years, while a student at David Lipscomb, Miss McAlister played basketball with the Nashville Business College, an outstanding team in the AAU.

A native of Fayetteville, Tenn., Miss McAlister attended East Mississippi Junior College, Scooba, Miss., on a basketball scholarship her first two years of college. There she participated in dramatics, was president of the International Relations Club, and secretary of the honor society.

Her junior year she transferred to Lipscomb, receiving her degree last June. As a senior Miss McAlister taught physical education in the Lipscomb high school. She also received the sports trophy, awarded each year for outstanding performance.



Pre-trip joint concert of Harding Band and combined choral groups.

Graduate Men's Dormitory Is Slowly Taking Shape

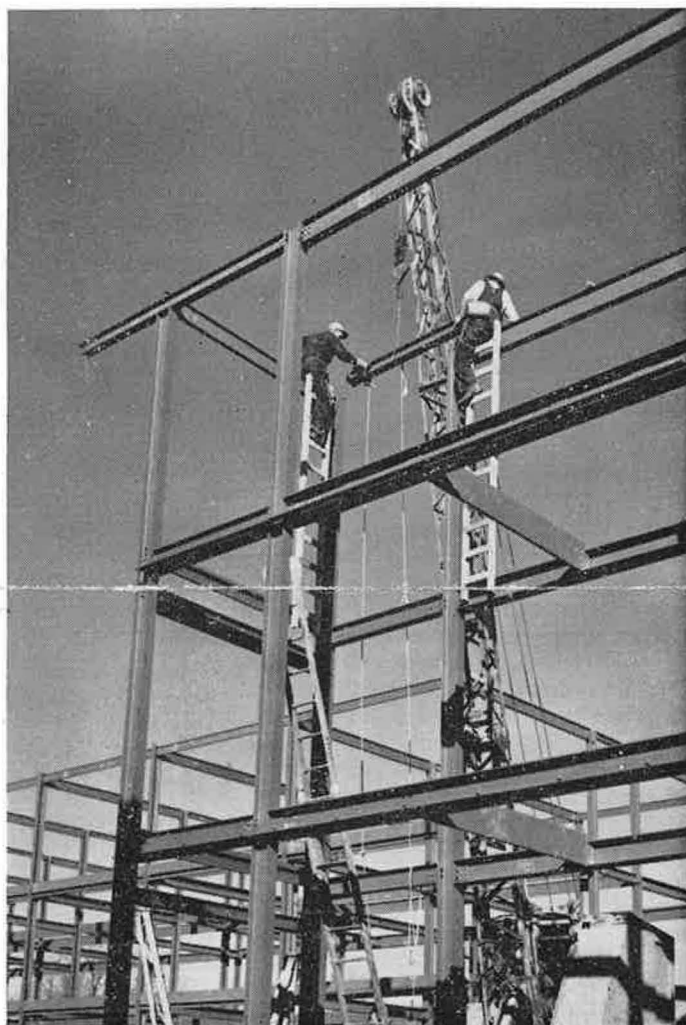
Despite rainy and bad weather the steel skeleton on the campus is slowly taking on a recognizable form. Workmen are laying brick on the first floor level of the new graduate dormitory for men. Plumbing and heating pipes are also being put in place. The \$250,000 structure, which will house 180 men, is scheduled for completion by next fall.

The dormitory, with 80 single rooms and 50 double rooms, is the first of three new buildings to rise in the near future. Groundbreaking for the graduate wing of the library is just around the corner, as the final blueprints were received the middle of February. Construction will begin as soon as the structural steel is secured.

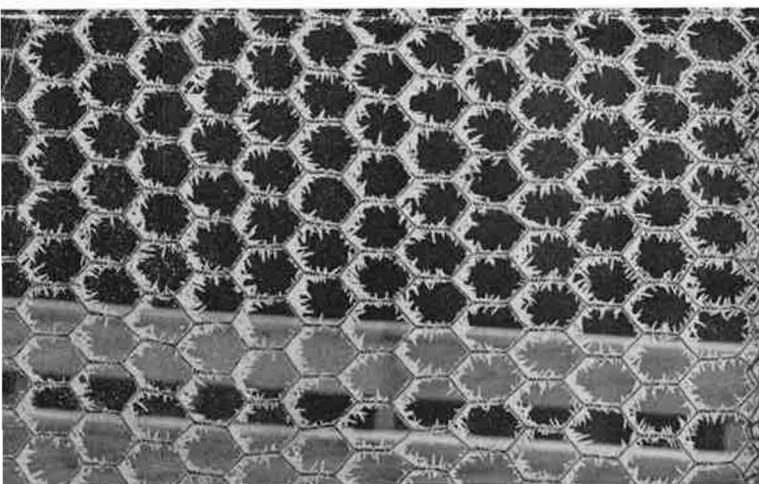
The library addition will house a reading room, to be used primarily by graduate students, and stacks for additional books on the graduate level. Estimated cost of the addition is \$50,000.

Two other buildings in the present five-year expansion program are still on the architect's drawing board. A graduate classroom building and a building for the Graduate School of Bible and Religion are scheduled for construction in the future.

Improvements at Harding College are not being limited to the main campus, however, as the College Farms, under the management of Robert Street, are in the midst of a full modernization program. The modern dairy barns will have the most advanced sanitary equipment and added facilities for processing of milk. A brick-veneer home for manager Street and his family is nearly completed.



Graduate Men's Dormitory as it looked while steel was being erected. One story of this portion has been face-bricked, and floors have been poured with concrete from the College Concrete Plant. Plumbing and wiring are spreading through all of the building ahead of bricklaying.



What is it? It is one of the beautiful pictures that only God can paint: Spike-frost appeared one morning on the baseball backstop, as well as on the trees and shrubs all over the campus when hoary thorns grew on leaf edges, twigs and small wires during a moving icy fog.

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