Letter Written
By John Quarles
Put In Gazette

As Dr Benson Be Drafted
Governor Of Arkansas
On 'We, People' Ticket

According to the editorial page of the Arkansas Gazette yesterday was the following letter from John M. Quarles of Helena, Arkansas.

"To the Editor of the Gazette:

A year ago I was in the United States of America at war. This will cause many changes in the lives of millions, but the good, the bad, and the ugly will, I believe, be set right and reconstruction to many business enterprises.

Today we have to give a thought to economy and if we have any laborers we cannot expect them whereby the tax-payer's public in Arkansas can be saved from three to four million dollars per year, does it behoove everyone to make fair demands upon every candidate who offers for office to pledge himself for this purpose?

Here is a thought I wish to offer. That 'the people' of Arkansas drafted a man as a people's candidate for governor and I am asking the Westerners to raise the name of a man who has and is proving himself an economist with ability to do a big job. If elected, you would give Arkansas a fair and economic crop that will be something for many other states to follow.

The man I propose is Dr. George S. Benson, head of Harding College, Searcy.

He is a man among men and he has proved his ability as an economist and is fighting for political economy both in social and state governmental issues.

We can elect Dr. Benson as a people's choice by forming Benson clubs in every county and乡镇 and elect him without any political entanglements to be a true economist who can be set to work on his hands being idle in comparison to good, harmonious, tried, trusted and true (to themselves) professional politicians who work on political lines and perpetuate themselves in office.

Benson spends
Quiet Day, Jan. 1

President Benson celebrated New Year's day by spending a quiet day at home—or what that is called a quiet day.

All of his morning preliminaries, washing, dressing, and smoking, were done by eight o'clock. From 8:30 to 8:30 instructions are given for campus work; 8:30 to 10:15 prepare for classes; 10:15 to 1:15 inspect halls in boy's dormitory concerning minor repairs; 1:15 to 2:30 conference with students, Dean, L. C. Sears regarding adjustments of curriculum to meet with wars; 2:30 to 3:15, conference with head of chemistry department; 2:15 to 2:45 dinner and signing letters; 6:30 to 7:00 press interview; 7:00 to 10:00, work in office.

That is what Dr. Benson calls a "quiet" day. He does not always strive to follow the "Early to bed, early to rise," but often busy eyed students, before going to bed at a late hour, can place at the lower south west corner of the administration building and we are resident of their college "burning the midnight oil."

I hope every student of Harding College, however, will remain conscious that we are still living in God's world and that "No king is saved by the multitude of his horses." Psalms 33:16.

Above is shown Dr. George S. Benson in his study.

Our Emergency
By Pres. George S. Benson

The seriousness of America's national situation continues to increase or at least the seriousness of the situation is becoming increasingly clear to us.

At any rate, the loss of Hong Kong, of Manila and Cavite, meaning that the complete loss of the Philippines is imminent; and the strong attack being made upon Singapore all indicate critical conditions in the Pacific.

The ration of automobiles and automobile tires marks changes in production and carries a warning of increasing privations that civilians will be expected to endure as the war progresses.

I believe that no college in the United States will have a student body more fully loyal to the stars and stripes than is the student body at Harding College. I am anxious for us all to tighten our belts now and prepare to cheerfully accept hardships which may become necessary for citizens to endure.

It is going to be mandatory for the entire nation to economize more as the cost of the war increases from month to month. Fully fifty per cent of the total national income probably will be required to finance the carnage, which means an average of fifty per cent of each individual's income will be requisitioned. Some of this will be given up in direct taxation and much more of it will be in indirect taxation.

This war shall test two great philosophies of government rule. The one great freedom of industry, freedom of labor, freedom of religion, freedom of speech—yes, freedom in everything that does not impose upon the liberties of others. The opposing totalitarian ideology sets up a dictatorial government, forcibly subjugating its citizens to the social, economic and religious as well as to the political regimen of the state.

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Therefore, the greatest service that each of us can render in this emergency will be in our working hard to increase rightness in our land—I mean that rightness which is according to the word of God as revealed through the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May we, therefore, strive to maintain the highest possible quality of Christian living on the campus of Harding College and may we with all earnestness seek to prepare ourselves for more effective spiritual leadership during and following this crisis.

Benson to Speak
For Detroit Body

After the business trip to Washington, D. C., this week, President George S. Benson will speak before an assembly of the combined clubs at Detroit, Mich., January 12.

The subject of his address will be "The Dual Responsibility in This Emergency." It concerns the winning of the war and emphasizes the laying of the proper foundation for preserving American democracy afterwards.

Dr. Benson stated that he is cutting down in the frequency of his lecture trips in order to attend to more pressing duties.

However, he will go to Chicago to address the annual convention of the American Jewelers and Material Dealers Association. The convention will be held in the Sherman Hotel February 11.

He shall speak before a state-wide organization in Little Rock January 19, and before the civic club at Osceola January 20.

"Dr. Benson Banter With Quizzers On Rocks In His Shoes"

By Ed Wallace

(Ed. Note: Ed Wallace is a New York World-Telegram staff writer. This article is reprinted from the World-Telegram dated October 31st, 1941. The New York World-Telegram is published by Scripps-Howard publication.)

George S. Benson, president of a little college in Arkansas, is frequently asked if he puts rocks in his shoes. Either that or where he left his guitar.

When this appears Dr. Benson says "yes" and the quizzers then purpure, cheeks and wrinkles his stomach in most uncontrollable glee.

But that's all right with Dr. Benson. There's no finer, finer fun than poking jokes at Arkansas, especially if a person has a residence, substantial 1 Q.

"I just tell them about some of our barefotled old boys," explained the college president. "When they run down a rocky hillside at night you see nothing but a trail of spurs."

Hilaire Hargrave-Collier

Dr. Benson is president of Harding College, Searcy, Ark., and

The boast of this school is that it has no unemployed graduates. The teaching staff is literate with men holding doctor of philosophy degrees, most of whom have previous positions at richer colleges. The school is called a "college" because people like it.

Dr. Benson is a Trustee of Harding College, the institution of which he is President.

"I have asked, "What did the College finance?", and they tell me, "Too many professors, too many students, too many books, too many scholarships, too many . . ."

But a student of Harding College reminded me that according to the 100-year-old breakthrough in the old English language, the word "college" means an institution of higher education.

Dr. Benson was told of his desire to have this wasteful Federal paternalism stopped. He said that the situation was not hopeless, that if enough people whose own economic records were invol..."
Bensonian Doctrine: "Thrift and Work"

In reviewing the old year, 1941, Harding students eagerly discuss President George S. Benson's crusade throughout the United States for non-defense expenditure. He knew the people would have to tell their representatives in government to cut down on expenses.

So it was just folks that he began to lecture, preach to, and seek for the demands of thriftiness while they were still free to demand it under the democratic system. He continually warned them of inflation, socialism, and dictatorship if they should let their beloved country fall in debt and become prey to the wiles of devilish tormentors of their credit.

Along with all his plain talk on saving and spending money in the right places, Dr. Benson talked plainly to Harding students as well as to just folks about work.

During a conversation at a party in the president's home New Year's Eve he remarked that sons of great work are often full short of their father's achievements. The very highest form of gleam takes away the idea. Indeed, being satisfied takes away the necessity for work.

Some folks often speak of work as something to be avoided and shirked. The philosophy of American people is to work a short eight hour day and retire at leisure in the contemplation of rural affairs.

Life is work. In the work of a man is found the purity or filthiness of his heart. Good work displays the goodness of the soul.

Life is good and, so, is work. Moreover, the life is good if the work is not accomplished without love. Let not your work be without love. It is better to let another do your work with love and put yourself on relief of work to realize than to polish a good work with reluctance, distaste, and evasion.

Love is the beloved of Work. In her Work finds the fulfillment of his desires. The offspring of love and Work are named Service. Accomplishment, Success, and the interweaving of human happiness.

In Dr. Benson we have a great teacher. The simplicity of his doctrine reflects the spirit of the Christian.  

Campus Effusions

Dear Angas....

Since the most talked about, publicized fellow on one campus is none other than the president of our college; I deem it altogether fitting and proper that I devote this week's letter to telling you about him.

Of course, one can't truly appreciate him until the truth is known in every detail, lifting him from one to another, spying his hat to give a passer-by, not even slightly retarding his speed. He doesn't have much time for foolishness these days, but you can tell by some occasional quips that "He's a jolly good fellow" and "softly met." Yes, quite a fellow our President! Just recently he told me how his space was not taken by a Chinaman while in bed. It was a coolie that did it. (If you don't know what a coolie is, it's an unskilled laborer in the Orient, a native, but don't call him with our W. A.)

They were abroad a cot and the coolie, carrying a large bottle of water, was suddenly set off balance by the rocking of the cot, and went over the water, about four gallons, into Dr. Benson's hammock-like bed. The coolie expected to be brutally fogged, but the good natured missionary just shook the water off him and laughed. (Dr. Benson spent eleven years in the Orient as a missionary.)

But the most interesting thing to me is that Dr. Benson did not start making his economy speeches when he went before the Ways and Means Committee, but he had been making them long before, and about the same tucking in theory. He's talked economy ever since we have known him. Some may be learned much of that—China! I don't know. But I feel it as I get worn for "them Japs over there," it would pay every college student to make a quick visit there.

I see my space is all taken, Angas, and I haven't told you half what I could, but any way, here's the main point: Let not your work be without love, for perfection's virtues.

Your friend,

Lois

In Appreciation

TO President George S. Benson, we, the students of Harding College, recognizing:

YOUR splendid idealism tempered with realistic understanding of facts: political, social, educational:

YOUR inspiring example of personal life, moral and spiritual, which is set before us:

YOUR ambitions to serve human-kind in whatever capacity you may, reflected in service for Christ in dark lands as in your energetic efforts toward national economy;

YOUR able leadership of a great college and the promise of growth and enlarged service which it has through your leadership:

YOUR devotion to our ideals of Christian education, with which your Alma Mater, and ours to be, will be imperishable in spirit and influence:

DO herewith present our signatures in expression of admiration and hearty approval for your invaluable service to our college, 

Respectfully presented this sixth day of January, nineteen-hundred forty-two.

(Ed. Note: A copy of the above, appropriately printed on letterhead paper and signed by the students will be sent to Dr. Benson.)

Backstage Spirit Of Christ

PSALMS 33:4-22

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his work is done with wisdom.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

May I5, 1941 he delivered an address in connection with the recent printing in toto in the Sun-News. It was then printed in the other Arkansas papers.

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President’s Home Erected, Occupied; Built By Donations

Besides buying a new car for which they had saved until they could pay cash, the Benson moved into the new President’s Home located at the northeast entrance of the campus. The house was erected chiefly by donations.

Built of light buff matt-face brick, and roofed with green asbestos shingles, the house is finished in New England Colonial style.

On the first floor is the living room, dining room, a bedroom, kitchen and three bathrooms. The master den and two baths are heated upstairs. There are two chimneys in the house four of which are cedar-lined.

The house faces the west. The living room occupies the south side of the first floor and is finished in paneled wainscoting. A large open fireplace, paneled and a recessed refrigerator as well as an electric stove.

The winding stairway leading from the foyer has paneled walls. The paneling is oyster blue tiles.

The kitchen contains built-in cabinets insulated with rock wool. An air-conditioning system is pre-fit, weather strip Colonial style. A large open space, furnished with a sitting room, is made there is a camera charge of fifteen dollars for any pictures taken.

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Not A Damp Cloister

Harding College, however, is no damp cloister filled with young people grieving in early piety. Football experts never figure them for a prosperous Saturday and the student body would never think of paying a fortune to have one of the Doxey fellows come and blow hard for a slight. Harding is just a small college in the middle of Arkansas where young people ponder over books for four years in the hope of eventually making their living with something more widely than as a one-horse plover.

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Correspondents Pen Praises To Benson For Economy Efforts

In support of his philosophy of finance Dr. George S. Benson has received many letters, especially commenting on his testimony before the Ways and Means Committee last May. Quotations from a few of those letters follow.

"W. L. Erban, st., Hill-Shanah Lumber Company, St. Louis, Mo.: "We think that your testimony in the tax hearing on May 15 was the best thing that we have heard of because it is so full of common sense and so splendid testimony before the Ways and Means Committee. A new mail clerk threw it in the wastebasket. It was found later, purely by accident, and printed in Mr. Hanna's column. It became necessary for the Journal of Commerce to make over 50,000,000 reprints of it to satisfy the continuous demands. A total of 2 million reprints have been made and circulated—all without any effect on the part of the College, Dr. Benson, or the writer—it was purely spontaneous. Here are a few of the incidentals: NEWSPAPERS: News items and editorials in 24 leading dailies from coast to coast; all Scripps-Hoquet papers carried 8 front page articles (pictures included): Omaha World-Herald, full pages; Barrow's 2-full-page articles; 12 other daily papers also carried full-page articles.

"STIR EM UP" ADDRESSES: Dr. Benson has given 90 addresses in 15 states on this subject, before civic, academic, and business organizations, and Chambers of Commerce. Some paid him, the majority did not. He averaged $37.50, traveling expenses per address, in-