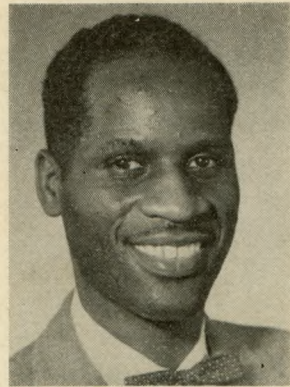
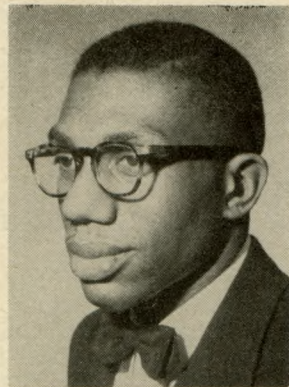


MEET THE SENIORS



John W. Lea



Ira L. Harrell

Name
Home
Month of Birth
Major
Minor
Ambition
Favorite Dish
Favorite Subject
Favorite Sport
Pet Peeve
Activities

New York
January
Religion
English
Minister
Strawberry Shortcake
Pauline Epistles
Baseball
Timid People
Vice-president of Junior Class; Kappa Mu Delta Member; Colporteur Club Member; Junior Deacon; Master Guide Teacher; Foreign Missions Club Member; College Baker; Sergeant in U.S. Armed Forces in World War II.

North Carolina
December
Religion
English
Minister
Pineapple Cake
Homiletics
Volleyball
Filibusterers
Treasurer of Student Movement; Kappa Mu Delta Member; Associate Evangelist for "Crusade for Christ"; Master Guide Member.

DEAN'S LIST

Period Ending November 6, 1953

Dean, Thelma	3.00
Sumpter, Edythe	2.84
Suttles, Jeffie	2.71
Johnson, Simon	2.66
Brown, Ann	2.61
Hendricks, Hyacinth	2.43
Smith, Eldridge	2.43
Wise, John	2.42
Lee, Billie Louise	2.41
Moore, Mary Elise	2.31
Murphy, Sylvia	2.31

32 COURSES BEGIN SECOND SEMESTER

The registrar's office reveals thirty-two courses that will begin when the second semester starts on January 18. All students must register again between January 14 and 18. More than a dozen new students are expected for the second semester.

Among beginning courses are the following: Ancestry of the English Bible, Business English, Business Law, Child Psychology, Educational Psychology, Filing, Health Education, History of Education, History of Nursing, Home Management, Literature for Children, Marriage and the Family, Methods of Teaching Home Economics, Middle Ages, Nature, Secondary Methods of Teaching English, Seminar in Elementary Education, Social Studies in the Elementary School, Teaching Arithmetic in the Grades, Teaching the Language Arts in the Elementary School, Technique and Management, and Trigonometry.

year of 1953. President Peterson gave a brief summary of the school year activities.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.—Mr. Crarey, instructor in voice, presented a program devoted to the different aspects of voice training. He was assisted by several of his voice students.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.—This period was used for a "pep" meeting to arouse interest in the SPREADING OAK campaign, which ends January 17. The campaign slogan this year is "3,000 and more for '54!"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.—The final chapel period for the

"Spreading Oak" Campaign (Continued from page 1)

ferences. The "Western" group has the largest territory. It consists of the Lake Region, Central States, Southwest Region, Pacific Union, and foreign countries and islands. The sponsor for this group is Miss Jannith Lewis.

Following the brief campaign speeches by each of these leaders, each group met to organize and make plans for conducting its campaign. The following student leaders were chosen: for the North, Lona-Nell Lea and John Lea; for the West, Bernice Moore and Mervyn Warren; and for the South, Jimmie Brown and Irene Meredith.

At a special chapel exercise on December 14, the SPREADING OAK staff presented a booster skit. The purpose of it was to show the sin of procrastination. It was a modern version of the hare and tortoise story. As a result, more than 900 subscription letters were mailed on the following two days.

The SPREADING OAK campaign seems to be one of enthusiasm this year. The goal for the North is 810 subs; for the West, 760 subs; and for the South, 1,430 subs. Each student has been asked to get at least 10 subscriptions. The campaign will close on January 17. A subscription blank for your convenience is found on this page.

Biblical Society

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Seminary in Cairo, Egypt, DePauw University, Harvard University, Yale University, and Chicago University. Elder Rogers has been invited to attend these meetings.

Elder Rogers, who holds the Master of Arts degree in Biblical Languages, from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., has been teaching in the field of Biblical Languages for eight years. Plans have been made to begin work on his doctorate degree in the field of New Testament. At the present he is the only Negro member of this learned society.

CHAPEL CHATS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.—The United Student Movement officers and delegates who attended the Student Movement Workshop at Washington Missionary College, Washington, D.C., recently made a report of the activities of this meeting. The delegates were Merle Cheatham, Malcolm Dean, James McLean, Billy Jackson, and Miss D. A. Henderson, faculty sponsor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.—The Colporteur Club conducted an interesting chapel period, at which time several members of the club demonstrated some of the outstanding techniques of colporteur-

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INGATHERING MINUTE MAN GOAL REACHED

For the second consecutive season Oakwood College reached the General Conference Ingathering Minute Man goal. The victory song was sung after tabulations had been made as a result of the Field Day conducted on December 1. At the close of the day \$1,613.29 was reported. The Minute Man goal of \$5,023.96 was exceeded by \$47.00.

"Spreading Oak" Campaign Launched

At a special combined evening worship period on December 8, the SPREADING OAK campaign was officially launched by the SPREADING OAK staff. The campaign motto is "Three thousand and more for '54."

Billy S. Jackson, editor of the SPREADING OAK, served as master of ceremonies during the evening program. After song service and prayer, pep talks were given by the following SPREADING OAK staff members: Albert Groves, business manager; James Vines, advertising manager; and Ralph Franklin, circulation manager. The outline of the campaign and various details and regulations were given by SPREADING OAK faculty sponsor, C. E. Galley.

The SPREADING OAK campaign is divided into geographical sections. Students from the Allegheny and Northeastern Conferences comprise the "Northern" group. The faculty leader is Miss Mae Laurence. Elder E. Rogers is sponsor for the "Southern" group, consisting of students from the South Atlantic and South Central Con-

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BIBLICAL SOCIETY ACCEPTS O. C. INSTRUCTOR

Elder E. E. Rogers, professor of Biblical Languages at Oakwood College, was recently notified of his acceptance in the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis. This national organization is composed of teachers of Biblical Languages. Headquarters are located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The society will hold its eighty-ninth meeting from December 28 to 30 at the Garrett Biblical Institute. The meeting will be held on the Northwestern University campus at Evanston, Illinois. Many outstanding speakers from all over the world are scheduled to speak. Among the schools represented will be Evangelical Theological

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On Wednesday morning, December 16, the Department of Education presented a chapel program which marked the one hundredth anniversary of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education. An informative panel discussion was presented by Shirley Woodruff, the Inquirer; Hercules Loude, Idabeth Maupin, Edythe Young, and John Wise. They discussed the history of Adventist education and the positive values of Christian education.

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This year's campaign was very brief. It required only three week ends and a day. The services of students in the various divisions of the elementary school, college, and academy, in addition to teachers, staff members, and community church members, united to make the victory possible in such a short time.

The following list includes those who received \$100 or more: Beatrice Linkhorn, \$444.43; Miss Cordell Evans, \$368.13; Miss Ruth E. Mosby, \$318.11; Mary Bracy, \$302.75; Miss Marcheta Valentine, \$237.41; Mr. A. Warren, \$228.55; Ann Brown, \$200.43; Annette Harris, \$171.74;

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Meet the Faculty



Dr. Eva B. Dykes

lish" and "Dykes" have become synonymous terms in the minds of most Oakwoodites of recent years.

Dr. Dykes was born in Washington, D.C., in the month of August. After completing her education at Dunbar High School in Washington, she attended Howard University, where she graduated as valedictorian of her class. Then she went to Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She received both her M.A. and her Ph.D. degrees there and also received a scholarship for four of the five years she spent there.

Dr. Dykes has had a wealth of experience teaching in the public schools of Washington, D.C., and at Howard University. She has enjoyed teaching in the public school system, but she seems to receive greater joy in working at Oakwood where it is customary to have

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It would be rather difficult to think of Oakwood without the presence of Dr. Dykes, head of the Department of English Language and Literature. The words "Eng-

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"Editorially Yours..."

CHRIST FOR CHRISTMAS

This is the season of the year that motivates more interest and activity than any other season. Millions of hearts and minds are turned to thoughts of kindness and gaiety. Particular emphasis is placed on gaiety which reigns supreme throughout the season.

A certain professor of psychology once asked his students to put on paper the ideas that would come to their minds as they thought of the word "Christmas." When the papers were collected, the students had written down such words as food, toys, bright lights, and many other nouns that are commonly associated with Christmas. But, sadly and strangely enough, none of the students had thought of the word "Christ," which is the very foundation of Christmas. Thus, these students had failed to answer this all-important thought question.

Scores of people today fail to see the true significance of Christmas. Since they are striving so much for temporal satisfaction, the spiritual side of Christmas is completely diminished. In so doing, our Saviour, who was born in a manger because there was no room in the inn, continues to be pressed into the background. Similarly, there is no room for Him in the hearts of most men today.

Once Christ is put back into Christmas, however, and frivolity is erased from existence, then joy, good will, and peace will reign forever. Then the Christ child will be born afresh in our hearts each year.

—LONA-NELL LEA, '54.

CORRECTIONS

Through error credit for the editorial, "Thanks for Thanksgiving," in the November issue was given to Billy S. Jackson, '54. This article was written by the associate editor, Miss Lona-Nell Lea, '54.

The name of Miss Anna Knight did not appear in the article "Recent Visitors" on page 4 of the November issue. Miss Knight is considered a member of the campus family and not a visitor.

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prayer before each class and where she "can hear the testimonies of the students." For this reason she came to Oakwood in 1944 to continue helping students master the English language.

Dr. Dykes is the author of *Negro in English Romantic Thought or A Study of Sympathy for the Oppressed*. This book was published in 1942 by the Associated Publishers, Incorporated, Washington, D.C. Just prior to World War II, Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, published *Readings From Negro Authors for Schools and Colleges*. The co-authors were Dr. Otelia Cromwell (retired instructor of Miner Teachers College); Dr. Lorenzo Turner (Roosevelt College); and Dr. Eva B. Dykes (Howard University). At present Dr. Dykes is one of the contributors to the *Message Magazine* and has also written several articles for the *Journal of Negro History* and the *Crusader*.

She holds membership in the following societies: Phi Beta Kappa, National Education Association, National Council of Teachers of English, College Language Teachers Association, Round Table Club of Washington, D.C., National Colored Teachers Association, and Alabama Teachers Association.

Not only is Dr. Dykes a scholar, teacher, and writer, but also a musician. She has served as a piano accompanist for many musicians, including such famous persons as Florence Cole Talbert, Lillian Evarianti, and Joseph Douglas, the grandson of the great educator, Frederick Douglas. In her role as a piano accompanist, she had an excellent opportunity to develop two of her hobbies—music and traveling.

Since Miss Dykes enjoys working with young people, she has

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

College Students

Adams, Beatrice	3
Brown, Ann	19
Cheadle, Margaret	31
Clarke, Hannah	21
Collins, Edna	23
Decou, Jeanette	30
Doggette, Jackson	11
Dorsett, Dorothy	3
Graham, Kathleen	14
Guy, John	19
Harrell, Ira	5
Huff, Mary	23
Jackson, Billy	5
Jones, Alfred	9
Maupin, LaVaunt	16
McCollay, Joyce	29
Sealey, Lemuel	27
Speights, Florida	3
Stroye, Maggie	10
Thomas, Lorraine	24
Watts, Gayle	2
Yates, Lois	15

Academy Students

Carroll, Leon	5
Germany, Richard	21
Greene, Fern Marie	27
Kirk, Hattie	31
Knight, Odell	18
Vincent, Mayola	29

rendered remarkable services in many civic, church, and school organizations. While at Oakwood, she has served as choir director, home missionary leader, Sabbath school superintendent, sponsor of the Gamma Sigma Kappas and other campus organizations. She is well known for her enthusiasm, inspiration, and leadership of young people.

She is looking forward to the time when Oakwood College will become accredited. One of her main objectives is to see Oakwood on an equal par with other Seventh-day Adventist schools. She believes that this will be accomplished when every faculty member and student does his part in contributing to this goal.

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DORMITORY CLUB SPONSORS PAGEANT

"So This Makes Christmas" was a colorful pageant that drew out a record crowd to the college auditorium on the rainy night of December 13. This brilliant performance of speaking, music, and acting was written and directed by Miss Ruth E. Mosby, dean of college women of Cunningham Hall.

The unfolding scenes of the pageant unraveled the answer to several questions concerning Christmas—what it means to the human race; what it means to children, youth, and adults; how it originated; and the reason for its celebration.

The limelight characters performing were Eldridge Smith, the Questioner, and Doris Mickle, the Informer. Other participants were Misses Mary Gillard, Philippa Latney, Rachel Mouzon, Eunice Vanderberg, and Shirley Woodruff. Male actors included Messrs. James Edgecomb, Arthur Humphries, Kenneth Lester, Benjamin Reaves, Joseph Rhine, William Scales, Elbert Sheperd, and Gene Smith. Both the college choir and the girls' chorus assisted with the music.

This pageant was one of the several projects that the Vincet Qua Se Vincet, women's dormitory club, has been sponsoring to raise funds to purchase new chairs for the dormitory worship room. Although there was no admission fee to the pageant, a liberal offering was collected. A competitive pew rally was held in conjunction with the play. Together the two offerings provided a reasonable sum for the club's project.

At the end of the play six young women received cash awards for their outstanding efforts in obtaining funds for the pew rally project. They were Misses Mary Bracy, Frances Davis, Eunice Jones, Beatrice Linkhorn, Rhina Miller, and Elise Moore.

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ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS ATTEND MEETINGS

DATE	MEETINGS	LOCATION	PERSONNEL
October 13	Alabama Association of Negro Colleges	Selma University, Selma, Alabama	Dean O. B. Edwards
October 22-29	Fall Council	Washington, D.C.	President F. L. Peterson, and Business Manager A. Warren
November 9-11	Southern College Personnel	Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee	Dean O. B. Edwards, Misses D. A. Henderson and J. L. Lewis
November 11	Southwest Region Teachers' Institute	Dallas, Texas	President F. L. Peterson
November 11-14	South Central Conference (a) Teachers' Institute (b) Workers' Meeting	Riverside Sanitarium Chapel Nashville, Tennessee	Misses Nesbitt and Wiles, Dr. Dykes, Dean Edwards, Elders Rogers and Woodfork
November 15	Southern Missionary College Faculty and Student Senate	Southern Missionary College Collegedale, Tennessee	Dean and Mrs. Edwards, Miss R. E. Mosby, Elder C. T. Richards
November 18	Southern Union Conference Committee Meeting	Decatur, Georgia	President F. L. Peterson
November 19, 20	Improvement of Leadership in Educational Institutions	Alabama State College Montgomery, Alabama	Dean O. B. Edwards, and Principal J. T. Stafford
November 22	Shiloh Home and School Association	Chicago, Illinois	Miss L. T. Longware
December 1-4	Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools	Le Moyné College, Memphis, Tennessee	Dean O. B. Edwards
December 15-17	Board Meeting	Pine Forge Institute Pine Forge, Penn.	President F. L. Peterson

GOOD COMMUNICATION WEEK OBSERVED

Each chapel period during the week of December 7-12 was devoted to the English Department in the annual observance of Good Communication Week. Special programs, under the capable supervision of Dr. Eva B. Dykes, were planned with particular emphasis on correct usage of the English language. During the chapel hours on Monday and Wednesday better and proper ways of communication were sought through poetry and music.

Guest speakers for the week were Professor Elmore McMurphy, head of the Department of Speech, Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee, and his wife, Dr. Kathleen McMurphy, head of the Department of English at the same school. Dr. McMurphy chose the topic of "Words" for her chapel talk on Friday. Two impressive lectures were given by

Elder McMurphy at the vesper services and the worship period on Sabbath. Everyone was very appreciative for these special contributions during the week.

To culminate a well-rounded week of interesting activities, Gamma Sigma Kappa sponsored its annual Creative Night on Saturday, December 12. This program blended with Good Communication Week, inasmuch as it consisted of creative literary productions of both students and faculty members.

"It is of speech as of a flame: it requires matter to feed it, motion to express it, and it brightens as it burns."

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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Following this interesting panel, Dean O. B. Edwards addressed the audience on the subject, "Through the Years." He related the history of the founding of Oakwood College in the year 1896. The lecture caused each one to appreciate the divine establishment of this institution.

Murray J. Harvey, Jr., a student of the laboratory school, rendered

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Norma Ferguson, \$151.76; President F. L. Peterson, \$138.50; Josephine Phillips, \$137.05; Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, \$135.40; Mrs. R. N. Stafford, \$126.42; Rhina Miller, \$123.48; Priscilla Kelley, \$116.09; Mary Harris, \$113.53; and Pauline Deane, \$103.12.

In the closing report prepared by the church treasurer there were sixty-two persons who are credited with the Minute Man goal of \$20.59. Thirteen persons received donations from \$50 to \$99; thirty-two received from \$20 to \$49; and eighteen individuals were credited with \$11 to \$19.

Some of the distant cities which were visited for Ingathering donations were Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, and Philadelphia. Many friends and businessmen from the city of Huntsville and nearby cities made large contributions to the campaign.

"And Forbid Them Not," a recitation which stressed the importance of enrolling children in a Christian institution. "Alma Mater," the college song, was sung to end the centennial celebration.

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