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BANQUET COMMEMORATES 'COMMONER'S' BIRTHDAY

Serenely seated in one corner of the gaily decorated dining hall the statuary expressions of the Great Commoner seemed to soften into a smile of gratitude as some 265 individuals gathered March 12 to honor him on his birthday.

The hall budded forth in all of its imitation spring-time fullness, and here and there blooming jonquils peeped through fern-covered lattices. Each table mimicked the theme with tiny wheelbarrows and daffodil nut-cups placed upon a green cellophane center piece.

The invocation, offered by Professor Lloyd Fish, was followed by Dr. Rudd's introduction of the toastmaster, Professor Earl Williamson, who responded in his characteristic good humor. The entertainment of the evening consisted of two vocal duets, a brass quartet, and a dramatic reading.

Highlighting the entire program was the stirring message of the Rev. John Hay, who recently returned from missionary work in Africa.

Following the spirited, but reverent singing of "Faith of Our Fathers," D. W. Ryther, Executive Vice-President and Dean, pronounced the benediction.

Rural Letter Carriers Hold Annual Convention At Bryan University

The annual convention of the Tennessee Rural Letter Carriers and Auxiliary of the Third Congressional District was held on the Bryan campus February 22. Thirteen counties, including Rhea County, were represented. J. Ewing Ryland, president of Daytonians, Inc., and Carl Luttrell, Tennessee state secretary, addressed the 65 letter carriers and their wives at the morning session as well as Bruce C. Dodd, guest chapel speaker for that week. Bryan students provided special numbers and entertainment for the occasion.

After an important business meeting, the visitors toured the administration building before eating their noon meal with the students in the university dining hall.

DOES THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MEASURE UP TO THE STANDARDS OF SECULAR INSTITUTIONS?



Professor William Green lectures in a classroom in the recently constructed north section of the administration building.

Should I attend a Christian college or should I go to the local university?

This is not an academic question for several thousand young people, who in God's providence, hope to enter college or university next fall.

Many high school seniors have already made up their minds about this issue. The rise in enrollment in the Christian colleges in recent years indicates that as the general level of education is rising, the Christian schools are receiving at least their share of the student recruits.

In fact, there is encouraging evidence that the sons and daughters of Christian homes are choosing Christian schools with their eyes wide open to the benefits of such training. Their friends who have preceded them to the evangelical schools have come back with glowing reports of life in a Christian atmosphere.

But is there something beyond the joys of fellowship with one's own kind? Are the Christian colleges generally offering an education that will prepare the young people of this generation for the increasingly complicated problems of living?

Increasingly, the evangelical Christian schools of the United States have been formulating a Christian philosophy of education. This is a philosophy that recognizes that the truth in

one field is related to truth in every other field. Truth ultimately is related to, and in harmony with, the basic truth revealed in the Word of God and through the Lord Jesus Christ, who was indeed the truth incarnate.

It is rather ironic to find that in the colleges sometimes despised by self-admitted intellectuals and graduates of "name" universities, there is much honest thinking about the whole matter of education and learning. At the same time fair-minded secularists freely admit that they are running into all sorts of problems because the moral and spiritual aspects of truth have been left out of their systems.

In recent years the various accrediting agencies have changed their thinking about the components of the educational process. Some top-ranking educators have admitted in recent months that the evangelical schools are fulfilling their objectives better than non-religious institutions.

Thus, in our day, the truly Christian schools are coming into their own again.

What about the graduates of the Christian schools? Do they stand up in the competition of contemporary life?

Educators in state and non-religious

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LAURINE KOLDERUP WORKS AMONG MEXICAN INDIANS



Miss Laurine Kolderup, a member of the 1949 graduating class, recently began missionary work with the Indians in San Andres, an Otomi village in Mexico, where she is working with the Wycliffe

Bible Translators.

Leaving her home in Suring, Wisconsin, the day after Thanksgiving, Miss Kolderup took a three-weeks orientation course at Norman, Oklahoma, preparatory to entering Mexico as a missionary. In this way, she became acquainted with some spoken Spanish, Latin American history and customs, and the history, practices, and policies of the Wycliffe organization.

Because of an unexpected development—chronic appendicitis, for which an operation was considered advisable—Miss Kolderup was not able to leave for her assigned station immediately after arriving in Mexico City, December 21, but was forced to stay there for some time. At present, she is working in San Andres with Miss Peggy Wendell from New York.

SPRING WEATHER BRINGS ANNUAL CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

Leaf-rakers and white-washers swarmed the Bryan campus once again for the annual campus clean-up March 1 and 2 just as the first signs of spring appeared.

Two energetic groups carefully white-washed the stones that outline the drives while the others strove to clean up every leaf that had fallen during the autumn and winter, and to load them into trucks to be hauled off to the barn yard.

However, work didn't occupy all the time, for everyone took time out for "brunch" in the morning and snacks in the afternoon.

The climax of campus clean-up came the second evening when everyone gathered around an outdoor stage where a humorous skit was dramatized, followed by choruses and devotions in the pleasant atmosphere of a roaring campfire.

A clean campus and new couples strolling around the "triangle" are the only reminders of those two memorable days—crammed with work, fellowship, and fun.

IMPRESSIONS OF BRYAN RECORDED BY IRONSIDE

The following article was written by the late Dr. H. A. Ironside, who was a trustee of Bryan University for many years, on his impressions of a visit to Bryan in the Spring of 1949.

"It was my privilege again to visit the William Jennings Bryan University recently, and to address classes daily, as well as to give chapel messages each evening. My heart was greatly stirred as I sensed the fine spiritual atmosphere of the institution, and I was delighted to see something of the progress that had been made in material things since my last visit several years ago. The

C. S. A. PLAYS VITAL PART IN STUDENT LIFE

Practical Christian work plays a vital part in the lives of many of the students on Bryan Hill. Most of this work is under the direction of the George E. Guille Christian Service Association.

This is an organization of born-again students and staff members who desire to serve the Lord in presenting the Gospel by teaching, preaching, singing, or personal work in Dayton and in the surrounding mountain and valley communities.

The objective of the association is to secure definite results in the salvation of the lost and in the spiritual growth of Christians. It is assumed that this type of service will also result in a growth in grace and knowledge of the Word on the part of individual members of the association and be of help in training them for the ministry, missionary service, and other fields of full-time and part-time Christian work.

new chapel and faculty buildings, and the additional work done on the main building all testified to renewed interest on the part of friends of the University and to wisdom in using funds entrusted to them on the part of the Executive Committee.

"I feel more than ever that a united effort on the part of Bryan's friends to raise a sum sufficient to finish the Administration Building would do more than anything else could to give the people of Dayton a sense of rightful pride and confidence in the project and to bring in a much larger student body, and in this way solve many problems now confronting the president and his cabinet."

At present ten young men are serving as student pastors in near-by churches. The chapel services conducted in 18 public schools by 85 Bryan students are reaching over 2,000 children for Christ each week, while 30 students contact almost 200 children through 14 child evangelism classes held in Dayton homes.

Three students specialize in hospital visitation, 12 young men and women hold two services each weekend in the city jail, and 30 fellows have been holding street meetings and doing house-to-house visitation in 12 neighboring towns. Several fellows are serving as ministers of music, and a number of students are teaching Sunday school classes or are otherwise helping in the educational department of local churches.

This Christian Service Association work is not only a proving ground for young workers but is also a means of bringing many to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



Through music and teaching, Ross King and Betty Hanna tell the Gospel story to some of Dayton's colored children.

STUDENTS BEGIN TEACHING IN RHEA CENTRAL HIGH

Under supervision of competent high school teachers, qualified students from Bryan University have been doing practice teaching in Rhea Central High School this quarter. The student teaching program is a result of the expansion of the education department.

Plans for the course are for the students to attend classes in theory of teaching the first quarter of the year, and to apply such theory the second and third quarters. Before entering this course, students are required to have sufficient credit in the field of education.

The two fields being taught this year are English and science. It is the hope of Professor Norman H. Uphouse, head of the department, to enlarge the scope of the course next year and to include applied teaching in the elementary school also.

STUDENT WIVES ORGANIZE WEEKLY BIBLE CLASS

Seeking a time of instruction and fellowship, the university's student wives have organized a prayer and Bible class. Miss Kathleen Cowan, Dean of Women, is faculty adviser for the group which meets each Friday evening.

Though the primary purpose of the organization is prayer and Bible study, the ladies are cooperating through it in a plan to help one another in emergencies such as sickness.

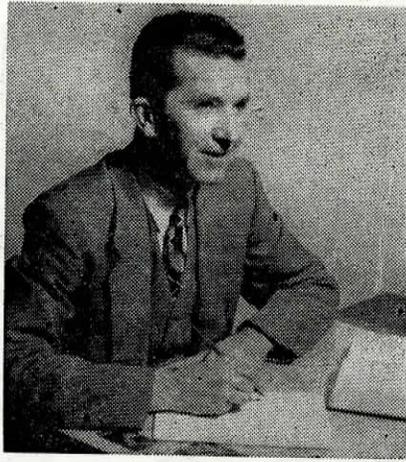
Postponed obedience is disobedience in the sight of God.—*Donald Grey Barnhouse.*

TABER, HANHAM TAKE TOP ACADEMIC HONORS

Constituting the upper ten percent of the student body, twenty-two students composed the Dean's and Honor Lists for the winter mid-quarter.

To Charles Taber of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Clifford Hanham of Los Angeles, California, go the honors of the Dean's List, which requires at least a 2.5 or a straight "A" average.

The Honor List included the following according to rank: Lois Ardelean, Wilson Baroody, Janice Brown, Joyce Johnson, Howard Addleman, Edythe Howsden, Richard McIntosh, Carl Wonderly, Dean Koontz, and Robert Norris. In addition to these were Archie Keffer, Fred Donehoo, Mildred Mosby, Jean Mattison, Thelma Andrews, Margaret Loftice, Leonard Mezner, Margaret Hooks, Joyce Cooper, and Kenneth Kinsley.



From My Heart to You

These lines are written in Miami, Florida, a city where the palm trees have often been twisted and torn by the tropical storms. The hurricanes have not deterred the planting of the palm trees and the building of homes. Some of the palms have been reset many times after these storms have uprooted and tipped them over. One cannot visit the Miami area without being greatly impressed by what has been accomplished with faithful, patient, persistent effort.

I am reminded of a passage of Scripture—"He that observeth the

JUNIORS LEAD IN CLASS SPORTS COMPETITION

Keen athletic competition among the classes has provided spills and thrills for Bryan players and spectators this year in each of the four major sports—touch football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. Prior to this year the competition was between the members of the traditional Scarlet and Gold teams.

Each class is scheduled to play the other classes twice in each sport, gaining ten points for every victory. In the fall, touch football, softball, and volleyball captured the interest of the athletes. Basketball was predominant during the winter quarter with volleyball and softball returning to the foreground on the athletic scene this quarter.

Up to March 1, the class standings were as follows: Juniors, 100 points; sophomores, 90 points; freshmen, 70 points; and seniors, 20 points.

Bryan's all-important "Field Day," consisting of competition among the selective field of Bryan track stars, is eagerly anticipated by all those interested in sports. In addition to this day devoted to track competition, swimming and tennis will provide a chance for an added display of skill.

wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." (Ecclesiastes 11:4.) Do we who follow the sensible advice of this verse in the natural realm apply it in the spiritual realm? Shouldn't we face the unfavorable spiritual circumstances with the same determination to compensate by doing much more sowing and reaping?

As a school we are faced with selective service winds and threatening war clouds. For us this means that we must increase our efforts proportionately to enroll and bless the young people that God wants us to have as students next year. We are asking you, our former students and friends, to furnish us with the names of more prospective students than ever before, because the church and our nation need trained Christian young people as never before.

Judson Rudd

President.

ANNUAL FORENSIC FORAYS GOVERN SPRING ACTIVITIES

"Mr. President, may I cross the floor?"

"You may."

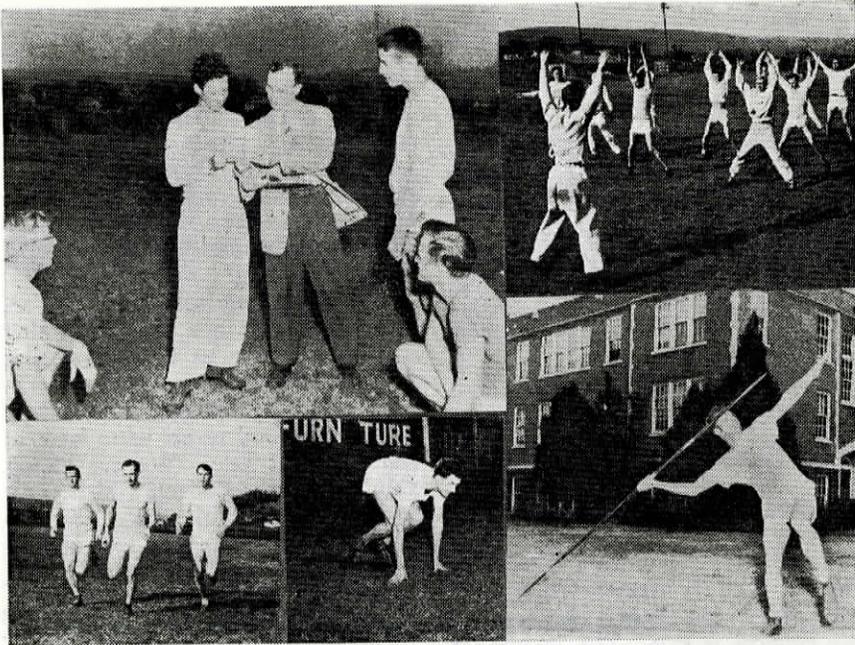
An extremely nervous young man "crosses the floor." Standing before the assembled members and guests of the Forensic Union, he delivers a book review, extempore speech, or possibly an oration on some world-shaking topic, complete with gestures and grimaces.

This familiar scene is once again being enacted on Bryan Hill, as the Scarlets and Golds continue their rivalry in the annual forensic forays.

February 1, Charles Taber, Scarlet, was victorious in the extempore competition, with Wayne Pontious placing second for the Golds.

The Scarlets also excelled in the impromptu division as Fred Donehoo won first place. Ruth Sutton carried the Gold banner to second place. Once again the Scarlets dominated the day, February 22. Dean Koontz secured first place for his review of *Behold Your King* by Florence Bauer. Teammate Charles Taber made it a crimson sweep by taking second position with a well-delivered critique of *Here I Stand* by Roland Bainton.

Although the outlook for the Golds is dark, they still have an opportunity to regain points in the remaining events of the season. Final standing will be decided on Forensic Weekend, April 22-23, as competition closes with dramatic reading, serious poetry, spelling, and poster contests.



TEAM TRAINS FOR SPRING MEETS

As winter loses its grip on the hills and valleys of Tennessee, the university track squad moves once more into a full training schedule.

Again under the direction of Dr. Howard Vos, the team faces a total of four meets, including Tennessee Polytechnical Institute, Cookeville, March 31; The Berry Schools at Rome, Georgia, April 11; University of Chattanooga, April 20; and the state meet at the University of the South, Sewanee, May 12.

The team is built around a nucleus of seasoned men from last year's track team and the 1950 cross coun-

try squad, including Randall Maycumber, West Salem, Ohio, who set course records in every fall meet.

With a much needed supplement of freshmen and new students to fill in the vacant places, it is the hope of Coach Vos to produce a team that will be capable of putting Bryan University before the sports public as a consistent member of the "win" column.

RECORDS SHOW STEADY GROWTH AT BRYAN

At the beginning of what may well develop into another war period, with its resultant school enrollment problems, we pause to look back over the past figures which prove that over the twenty year period faculty and student body have steadily increased to their current all-high numbers. Though colleges in general have reported considerable loss in enrollment, the present year at Bryan shows an increase over last year.

What the future holds, with possible war ahead, is yet to be seen. However, that Bryan University has established itself in the minds of the public has been well proved, and it is with confidence that we look forward to coming years.

Office of the Dean

CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

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graduate schools repeatedly have stated that the graduates of evangelical institutions not only stand up well against the products of other schools but they often demonstrate superior ability!

In the realm of cost, the Christian schools generally are proving their ability to offer superior education at rates far below those of secular institutions. This is in the face of mounting operational expenses that are threatening to wipe out of existence the schools that have forgotten God.

Maybe the Christian schools do not have the abundance of equipment and the impressive campuses of the secular institutions, but this is not the heart of the issue. Actually, the teaching staff is the main factor and the content of the curriculum comes next.

From the lives of the dedicated men and women found on the faculties of Christian colleges, come the influences which mold young lives for good or evil, for effectiveness or ineffectiveness, for gain or loss.

In this area, the Christian schools have no competition. A young man or woman on the point of decision might well weigh these facts. There is only one answer.

—Written by Russell T. Hitt.

FEBRUARY GIFT REPORT

OPERATING FUND:

M. S. M..... \$ 132.00
 Gifts for King.... 198.00
 Other Sources.... 4,377.30

Total Operating
 for February \$4,707.30

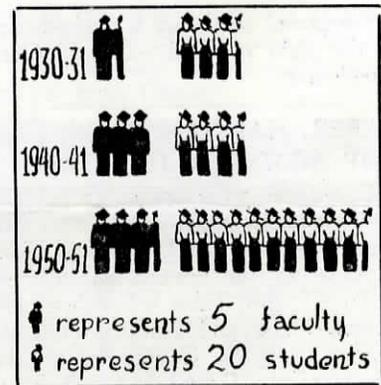
PLANT FUND:

Designated Gifts \$1,000.61
 Gifts for King.. 1,000.00
 M. S. M..... 172.59

Total Plant
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