

NEW TEACHERS TO HEAD BIBLE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AT BRYAN

Among the new faces to be seen on Bryan Hill this fall will be the pleasing countenances of two new men teachers, Irving Lester Jensen, A.B., S.T.B., Th.D., and Roy Wellington Butler Jr., A.B., M.A. They will be teaching Bible and education, respectively.

Dr. Jensen graduated from Wagner in 1942. He received a diploma in the meteorology course at the Massachusetts



I. L. JENSEN He has had teaching experience at the Southland Bible Institute at Pikeville, Kentucky, where he was Bible Instructor from 1949-51. Dr. Jensen will head the Bible department.

Mr. Butler is a graduate of Gordon College where he received the A.B. in Theology in 1949. Boston University

granted him the M.A. degree in 1952 and this past summer he completed his requirements for the degree of Master of Education at the University of New Hampshire. He is an accepted candidate for the Ph.D. at this latter school and has completed a



portion of the requirements for it. His experience includes two years of teaching at the Barness Rose Posse School in Boston.

Both of the new teachers are interested in music. Dr. Jensen plays piano and organ and has had choir, quartet and radio experience. Mr. Butler has studied trumpet at the New England Conservatory, played trombone and baritone during four and one-half years of army life and studied conducting under Mr. Frank Mainous.

UNIVERSITY OPENS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MEET GROWING NEED FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

In response to the wide demand for trained teachers in the public and private schools of our land and also the need for teacher-trained missionaries on the foreign field, Bryan University will this fall open a new department in teacher education.

A special announcement from D. W. Ryther, dean of the university, said, "For a number of years the administration of the William Jennings Bryan University

SPECIAL PROGRAM MARKS BRYAN'S 25TH OPENING

has recognized the need for training Christian teachers to serve in the public schools of America, but it has not seemed possible to meet that need until this year. It is, therefore, with considerable pleasure that we are able to announce the opening of a Department of Education in the University and to make available to our students courses which will lead to teacher certification. The department will be enlarged to meet a growing need for such training, and every effort will be made to secure state recognition directly for the University."

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The official program for the remainder of 1954 follows:

- SEPTEMBER 13
- 7:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting.
- SEPTEMBER 14
- 9:00 a.m. Faculty Meetings and Freshman Placement Tests.
- 1:30 p.m. Same.
- 8:00 p.m. Freshman Social Hour.
- SEPTEMBER 15
- 8:00 a.m. Registration for Upperclassmen.
- 9:00 a.m. Freshman Placement Tests.
- 2:00 p.m. Freshman Conference Hour.
- SEPTEMBER 16
- 8:00 a.m. Registration for Freshmen.
- 8:00 p.m. Formal Reception for Freshmen.
- SEPTEMBER 17
- Beginning of Classes.
- SEPTEMBER 18
- 8:00 p.m. Senior Party for Freshmen.
- SEPTEMBER 20
- 7:30 p.m. Talent Night.
- SEPTEMBER 21
- 7:15 p.m. Class Organization.

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Plan Now to Attend
the
24th Annual
BIBLE CONFERENCE
at
Bryan University
October 24-31
Bible Messages! Good Music!
Those who live at a distance should
write in early to secure
reservations for lodging.

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The first courses to be offered will be of a basic nature such as are required in all areas of teaching. It is anticipated that these will meet state requirements for teaching on the secondary level, when taken with an appropriate major and minor. At a later date, courses will be added to include requirements for elementary teaching.

President Visits Southwest

Dr. Judson A. Rudd will speak at the fall conference of the American Inland Mission at Gentry, Arkansas, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 3. Rev. Homer B. Fisher, mission president, is in charge of the conference.

On Sept. 5, Dr. Rudd will minister in the Grace Bible Church at Springfield, Missouri, where the Rev. Charles M. Fahl is pastor, and then return to Gentry, Arkansas, to meet with the regional organization of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America on Monday, Sept. 6.

From My Heart to You

Some serious questions in regard to evangelical Christian education have been raised by Ted Benson in an article "Weighed and Found Wanting" which appeared in a recent issue of *United Evangelical Action*.



Dr. Murch, the editor of U. E. A., official organ of the National Association of Evangelicals, hesitated to carry "such a controversial and highly critical article," but did so

to stimulate thought and study regarding the status of our evangelical schools and ways and means of improvement.

I have strong convictions on the subject of definitely Christian education and I feel that this thought-provoking article should be answered. I consider Ted Benson a friend of mine and I believe that he is sincerely interested in our cause, but I am confident that many readers will have an incorrect view of our Christian schools as a result of this report.

We must admit that there is room for improvement in the field of evangelical education. On the other hand it is only fair to correct the false impressions made by the article.

Some of Mr. Benson's statements are proper evaluations of evangelical education as a whole, but many of his conclusions are true only of particular schools, and not of every evangelical school. Undoubtedly he purposely avoided qualifying some of his statements for fear of taking the edge off of the points that he wished to make.

My main objection to Mr. Benson's article is the absence of any proper recognition of spiritual values. Evangelicals believe that spiritual values are paramount. The friends of evangelical Christian education may be relatively few in number, but as teachers and donors we have been making our sacrifices; we have been doing our best with what we had simply because spiritual values had been neglected or eliminated in most institutions of higher learning.

Robbed by the modernists of buildings and endowments, some of us who value the right sort of education, have started all over again to provide a place of training for godly young people. It will take us time to overcome the results of this betrayal of trust. In the case of our own school, it was on July 24, 1930, that a charter was granted the William Jennings Bryan University, so we are just now beginning our 25th anniversary year.

Then I object to the comparisons made

with the "dozen distinctly superior American colleges" and their "British and Continental Counterparts." By what standards are these American colleges and their counterparts rated? Older and tax-supported schools have material advantages and they are in a position to attract an undue proportion of intellectually superior students, but do the products of these schools measure up to that which is "demanded by the urgency of the age?"

In making a fair comparison it should be noted that the products of definitely Christian colleges more than hold their own in other schools and out in the world. The "better American colleges" are anxious to admit the transfer and graduate students coming to them from the evangelical schools of high standards because the "plus" or spiritual factor of definitely Christian education, while intangible, has a value that is generally recognized and appreciated.

Finally, if the increasing number of Christian teachers, who tried their hand at a Christian college assignment only to give it up because of finances, frustration and disappointment, could establish a first-rate university as Mr. Benson indicates, why don't they do it? No one is keeping them from it. Surely there are among their number those with the needed vision, administrative talent and experience.

Having differed with Mr. Benson to this extent I wish to state some of my convictions which are in substantial agreement with his position.

Fundamental or definitely Christian education is "coming of age." It is time for the experiments of childhood and the awkwardness of youth in evangelical Christian education to give way to the maturity of adult life. Each evangelical college should take stock, if it has not done so, and settle on definite long-range purposes and plans.

As administrators we must clarify our concept of the educational function of the Christian liberal arts college. Then we must fully explain this concept to the Christian public and sell them on the support of this type of training as the fountainhead of the whole evangelical Christian movement.

Fundamental Bible Christians have glorified the evangelist, the Bible teacher and the missionary. It is high time that the Christian public came to see the rightful importance of the teachers and the schools who produce these so-called "full-time Christian workers." It is high time for the Christian public to see that the support of the whole evangelical Christian movement is dependent on properly trained laymen and laywomen. In God's sight their calling is just as sacred as that of the minister and the missionary.

Prayer and action will follow when there is a clear vision of the ministry of evangelical Christian education. The governing bodies of evangelical schools will be strengthened and activated. Ways will be found to respect the tenure of teachers and yet insure that we have teachers who can and do teach. Increased salaries will help to attract and hold the best teachers. There will be a concerted movement to spot the students who will make good teachers and to see that they get the advanced training to qualify them educationally for the ranks of our faculties.

Important but not the most important, funds will also be forthcoming for buildings and equipment. Not all teachers are capable of scholarly production, but the time may come when evangelical institutions can support research projects. This is not the time to be discouraged but rather to press on in the wisdom and strength of Christ.

JUDSON A. RUDD,
President.

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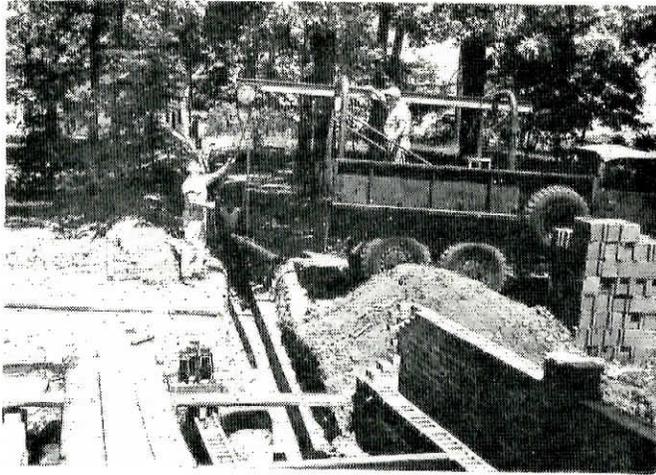
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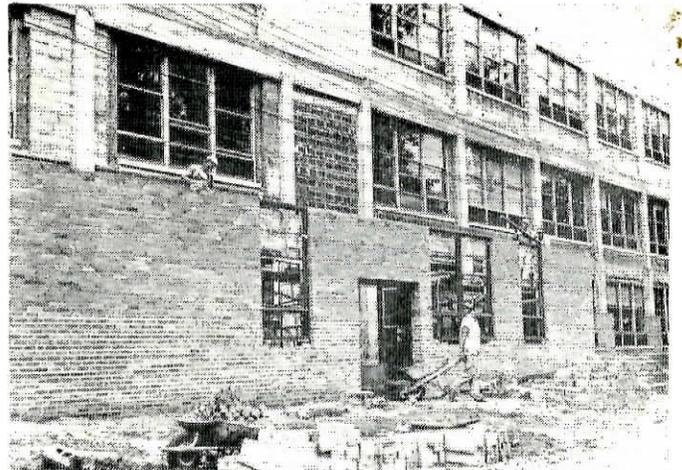
STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Dayton, Tennessee



Cal Jaynes, Emil Frey and Dwight Zimmerman lower steam pipe into channel leading to Octagon dorm. Greater safety for students and savings for the school will result from this improvement. Truck, hoist and pipe were obtained out of U. S. Government surplus.



Student Ralph Green returns for another load of brick to keep masons from Athens, Tennessee, busy on the new 12x85-foot addition to the kitchen. This bay is intended to house working area, office, walk-in cooler and freezer and refuse disposal.

Guille Scholarship Awarded; Honor Students Receive Aid

The Scholarship Committee of the University has awarded the George E. Guille Scholarship for 1954 to Russell McLeod of Hayward, Wisconsin. The scholarship represents a four-year tuition grant. Students who are continuing to receive the benefits of this scholarship from previous years are: David Lunney, Port Huron, Mich.; Adrienne Kerr, Hammond, Ind., and Richard Ruble, Collingdale, Pa.

Two-year valedictory scholarships have been awarded also to Maureen Hay of Narvon, Pa.; Douglas Huff of Krypton, Ky., and Elener Norris, Mentone, Ind.

Salutatory scholarships of one year's free tuition have been given to Mary Graydon of Rome, Ohio, and Charlene Sorrell of Erlanger, Ky.

NEW LAW COULD BENEFIT SCHOOLS; ANNUITY PLAN ADVANTAGES EXPLAINED

Under the new tax law which our Congress voted this past month the allowable deduction for charitable contributions to churches, hospitals and educational institutions was increased from 20 per cent to 30 per cent of gross income. This provision should enable the friends of Christian education to do some of the things they have wanted to do without bearing the entire cost alone. By its policy of favoring gifts to education, our government is showing its desire to further the work of the independent college through sharing indirectly in its expenses.

New benefits in the same law to those who hold annuities may serve as a reminder to friends of Bryan that the university has an investment program which provides returns both in time and eternity.

An outstanding advantage of the annuity plan is that it enables a person to support a worthy cause with capital or earnings and at the same time assure himself of a steady rate of interest for the remainder of his life.

Simply stated, the Bryan annuity plan is a legal contract by which the William Jennings Bryan University, in consideration of a gift of money for its work, agrees to pay to the donor (or to a survivor) a fixed amount of return each year as long as he lives.

The annuity has advantages which other types of investments lack. Taking insurance, for example, someone has said, "Insurance provides protection against dying too soon. An annuity provides protection against too long." The

heart of an annuity agreement is a guaranteed income FOR LIFE.

While securities and real estate require considerable skill in management and the utmost attention to detail, the annuity requires only the regular banking or cashing of a check which arrives regularly each six months or each year, as planned in the agreement. This feature is especially desirable in the later years when the benefits of the annuity are most needed.

Depressions or other fluctuations of business do not affect the regular payments coming from an annuity. The owner of an annuity contract cannot outlive his capital. As long as he lives, he receives the stipulated amount.

Even before the passage of the latest tax law, there were certain tax advantages which made the annuity a worthy investment. The Stewardship Department is always glad to explain these to interested friends.

On the other hand, the work of the university is benefited also. Annuity funds are handled by Christian businessmen who invest them to the finest advantage in Christian work. At the present time, annuity gifts to Bryan are being used to build residences for the men and women who constitute the faculty and staff of the college. These consecrated people pay a reasonable rent for their homes and this enables the school to keep up the properties and also make interest payments to annuitants.

In this manner—the difficult problem of adequate housing is gradually being overcome and the work of the school is greatly strengthened. Later, it is expected that other investments will be made to benefit the ministry of Christian education.

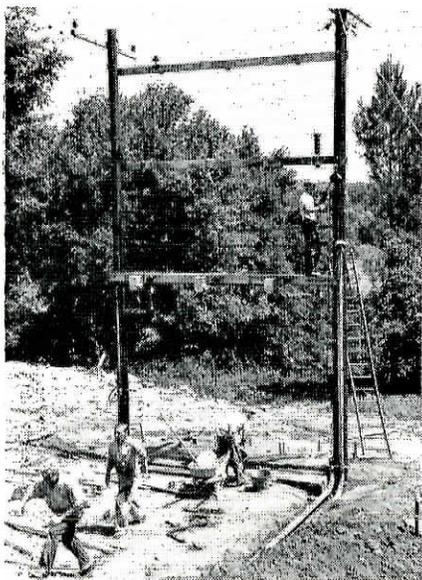
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Calendar of Activities

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- OCTOBER 9
All School Party.
- OCTOBER 15-17
Alumni Weekend.
- OCTOBER 23
Cross-Country Meet with Maryville (here).
- OCTOBER 24-31
Annual Bible Conference.
- NOVEMBER 6
Cross-Country Meet with Maryville (there).
- NOVEMBER 20
Bryan Invitational Meet.
- NOVEMBER 25
Thanksgiving.
- DECEMBER 6
Christmas Banquet.
- DECEMBER 14-17
Quarter Exams.
- DECEMBER 18
Christmas Vacation.



Enoch McCain, Robert Marston, Dean Piper and John McCain work on new location for transformer bank which will provide power supply for the main building. This installation will consolidate existing services to the school and eliminate a number of poles and overhead wires.

Missionary Fund Committee Distributes Contributions

Twenty-seven missionaries who are Bryan graduates or former students received contributions from present Bryan students and staff members during the month of July. Over \$900 was distributed by the Missionary Fund Committee of the university which consists of two students, who are officers of the Foreign Missions Fellowship and one faculty member who is appointed by the Administrative Council.

Elected to serve as officers of the Foreign Missions Fellowship for the coming year are: Frank A. Russell, president; David F. Lunney, vice-president; Alice J. McLeod, secretary, and Ramon P. Palmer, prayer chairman.

The Child Evangelism Fellowship will be served by the following officers: John R. Havird, president; Verena R. Bender, vice-president; Adrienne A. Kerr, secretary-treasurer, and Ronald G. Bensinger, C.S.A. representative. Miss Nell Geiger is the club sponsor.

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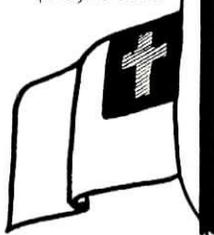
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Raising the Standard

\$19,837.93



To complete the Administration Building during the 25th Anniversary Year, \$98,000 is needed before July 24, 1955, in addition to the amount to be raised by the Trustees of the school. Of this total, \$19,837.93 has been given or pledged. Friends of the school are encouraged to give what they can in 1954 and promise what they think they can give in 1955 to help bring about this anniversary goal.

New Law Could Benefit Schools; Annuity Plan Advantages Explained

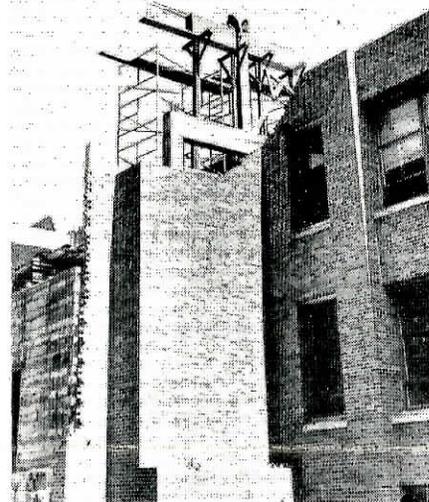
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plications for annuities are available free of charge to those who care to receive them. Individual questions are always welcomed. Those who are interested in knowing more of the Bryan Annuity Plan should write to the Stewardship Department, William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee.

If it is desired, the following may be used.

Please send me rates and information concerning Bryans' Annuity Plan.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City & State _____
 Age, nearest birthday _____



Ray Palmer straddles the highest seat on Bryan campus as tower rises on the Administration Building. Returning students will find some changes with plenty of brick still to go on.

Messengers Get Good Report; A Capella Choir Plans Circuit

Reports from all over the country have come to the university to signify the blessing that has been brought by the Gospel Messenger teams this past summer. One pastor wrote that the meeting was the finest he had had in his church during a six-year pastorate.

Mr. Allen Jewett reported that 10 professions of faith had been made in services conducted by his team, in addition to a number of other decisions for a closer walk with God.

Already a number of invitations have been sent in by churches and conferences for Bryan speakers and teams for the summer of 1955. Extension Department sources have indicated that every effort will be put forth to visit these places.

Meanwhile, plans for the second Spring Concert Tour of the Bryan A Capella Choir are progressing. It is anticipated that the group will travel to the Philadelphia-New York area and return. There are still a number of openings on the schedule which take the singers away from Bryan Hill from March 24 to April 4.

Gift Report for July, 1954

Operating Fund: \$ 3,764.80
 Plant Fund: 52,112.00

Total: \$ 55,876.80

These figures include receipts from the Gospel Messengers and the second half of the promised \$100,000 from an anonymous donor for the summer building program.