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John Cecil Anderson

ANDERSON TO TEACH GREEK AND HEBREW

Coming to Bryan as Assistant Professor of Biblical Languages from the Dallas Theological Seminary, where he has completed the resident work for the Th. D. degree, John Cecil Anderson will be teaching all the New Testament Greek and Hebrew courses this coming year.

Mr. Anderson received the A.B. degree from the University of Illinois, majoring in English Literature, with a minor in Latin and History, then entered the Dallas Theological Seminary, from which he received his Th. M. degree with honor and was granted the Henry Thiessen Award in New Testament. During the past three years he has been teaching both New Testament Greek and Hebrew while he continued his graduate studies towards the Th. D. degree.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are graduates of the Moody Bible Institute. It is expected that with their three children, ages two, five, and seven, they will move to Dayton in time for the opening of the Dayton Grammar School or sometime during the first week of September.

BRYAN ON TV PROGRAM

The University came in for some unexpected TV publicity recently when NBC's national hookup program TODAY, one of the popular early morning programs, stepped back into the past some thirty years for a look at the famous Scopes Trial. Along with interviews with local citizenry who were in Dayton at the time of the trial, the program included those with F. E. Robinson, until recently, and for some thirty years previously, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and D. W. Ryther, Executive Vice-President and Dean. Scenery shots included a good view of the administration building on the campus and other places of historical significance in Dayton. Unfortunately the visit of the camera and sound crew to Dayton was unannounced, and there was no time to inform even local friends of the program. A number of friends and former students have written in to tell of having seen it, however.

Houses Moved From Breckenridge

A previous issue of Newlette made mention of the prefabricated houses the University hoped to secure from Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. The three houses allocated to the University are now on the campus, in the process of being erected. Two of them are two-bedroom units, the third, a three-bedroom unit. All are in excellent condition, the largest never having been occupied since it was erected.

Leaving the Hill Sunday night around ten-thirty, Mr. Adams, Mr. Jaynes, Mr. Piper, Mr. Karr, and Dean Ryther drove through the night to Camp Breckenridge, arriving there around seven-thirty and starting to work on dismantling one of the houses soon after. From then on until Friday afternoon it was up at four forty, breakfast at five, and work

from six a.m. until six-thirty p.m. or considerably later, with a short trip into town for lunch. The crew spent the nights in one of the houses, until Thursday, when they began taking it apart and had to make other arrangements. The last house was loaded and off to Dayton by four o'clock Friday afternoon.

Secured at a very nominal cost, but a fraction of their actual value, the houses will provide accommodations for three of the faculty families and will be a tremendous help in the over-all problem of housing for the faculty and staff.

CHAPEL PAINTED

As this issue of Newlette goes to press, the University Memorial Chapel is getting a greatly needed exterior paint job.

The chapel, formerly a regimental chapel located at Tullahoma, Tennessee, is a landmark on the campus, being visible from some two miles down the Chattanooga highway and standing out very prominently in the view one gets as he comes up the hill from Dayton. The paint job will greatly improve the appearance of the building and will also add materially to its protection from the weather.

Plans at the present do not include painting the interior, though it is one of the hoped-for improvements on Bryan Hill.

Gospel Messengers End Trip

With their final service in Branson, Missouri, on the evening of August fourth, the Ladies Quartette concluded another successful summer on the road. The team was composed of Lois Ringler, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Martha and Judith King, Knoxville, Tennessee; Wilma Anglebrandt, Port Huron, Michigan; Pearl Rathbun, pianist, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; and John Rathbun, director, Winona Lake, Indiana.

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President Reviews 25 Years of Progress in Annual Report

(The following is from the final report of President Judson A. Rudd to the University trustees on June 6, 1955.)

On September 18, 1955, it will be 25 years since the opening exercises were held for the William Jennings Bryan University in the Rhea County Court House. On that day the University charter was officially accepted, and the officers of the board of the University were elected by the incorporators who made up the first board of trustees. Mr. F. E. Robinson has been the ever-faithful chairman of the board from then to the present day.

The Bryan Memorial University Association, the predecessor corporation, was chartered on October 15, 1925, a few months after the famous trial and death of Mr. Bryan. Promotional and fund raising efforts, led by Dr. Malcolm Lockhart, who later served a short time as the second president of the University, occupied the intervening five years. The formal organization of the University and the inauguration of the instructional program in the old Rhea County High School building demonstrated the faith of the incorporators, a faith which has since been tested many times.

Special care has been exercised in the selection of the administrative officers and the Bible teachers to be sure that the spiritual character and testimony of the University are established and preserved. At the suggestion of Dr. Lockhart, Dr. Guille, nationally-known Bible teacher, was elected and served as the first president of the University until his death a little more than a year later. It was Dr. Guille who inaugurated the policy that students are required to take at least one class in Bible in which the Bible itself is the textbook. Both the historical background of the University and the policies followed have caused the University to become a citadel of the Christian faith.

From the beginning the University has had to struggle for its life. Before the initial campaign for funds could be completed, the University entered a period of world economic depression, ushered in by a national crisis known as "the bank holiday." Several hundred thousand dollars in pledges had to be written off as worthless, the financial problems adding to



JUDSON A. RUDD

other difficulties in gaining a foothold in the educational world. Although the University never gave up its liberal arts objectives, there was a time when God's blessing on the Bible-teaching ministry was the main reason for continuing the efforts in spite of every handicap and difficulty.

Before the University had an opportunity to get firmly established, World War II came along to threaten, for a time, the very existence of the school. It was only by taking more young women students in place of young men students who were called for military service that we were able to keep up enrollment. More recently the post-war period of prosperity and increase in college enrollments has afforded an opportune time for Bryan University to go forward. During recent years there have been tremendous strides along all lines so that our greatest need now is to consolidate our gains and settle down to patient, steady progress.

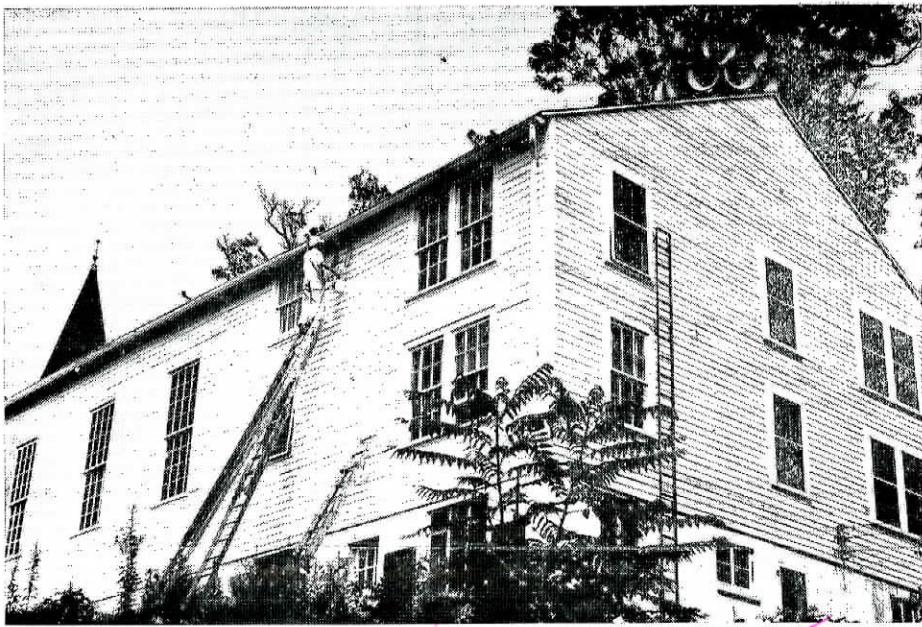
The most conspicuous measure of our progress, particularly during the past year, has been the construction of our main building. This building was started on such a large scale that for years it seemed to be a handicap because so many thought it would never be completed. The \$100,000 grant received a year ago has made possible the completion of the magnificent brick and cast-stone exterior of the building and also assures the eventual completion of the interior of the building. During the summer of 1955 we must make every effort to finish the interior of the main lobby and the library sections. When these goals

are reached, the main memorial building, more than any other tangible thing, will guarantee the future of Bryan University. Out of assets exceeding \$800,000.00 in book value, more than a half million dollars have been invested in this one building.

Slow but steady progress has been made in the matter of academic recognition, the University of Tennessee now giving us the maximum possible credit for all of our work as a school that is not a member of the Southern Association. Some years ago the possibility of membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools seemed hopeless. Now we will soon have a building in shape for inspection by their representatives. We have a faculty to be proud of, with several who are working on and should receive doctoral degrees in the next two or three years. This is an opportune time for us to plan and work toward full academic recognition.

Faculty, students, and friends are looking to the board of trustees in the matter of securing an eminently qualified leader to assume the responsibilities as president of Bryan University. As never before we have an active board of trustees who are taking their responsibilities seriously, with an increasing understanding of all that is involved in such a work for God. The continued growth of the University is dependent on trustees who work with the president. The president, no matter how well qualified, cannot do the job alone, nor can he enlist and hold associates to do the job without the help of the board. Thus, it is the trustees of Bryan University, even more than the faculty, the building, and the equipment, who encourage me as I contemplate the future that God has for the University.

As I near the end of 24 years of service, 22 as acting-president and president of the University, I cannot close this report without expressing my thanks to God for all His many blessings during these years. I am indebted beyond measure to those whom God has given to help in the work: trustees, my associates of the administration, particularly to Dean D. W. Ryther (who was here for the opening exercises on September 18, 1930, a year before my arrival), the faculty and staff, and the many friends who have prayed and contributed of their financial means.



(Memorial Chapel gets a coat of paint)

DR. RUDD PRESENTED GIFT

Staff members and office workers on the Hill this summer surprised Dr. Rudd with a gift early in July, in appreciation of his many years of service as President and his personal interest in those associated with him.

The gift was a leather billfold and keytainer, laced and hand tooled with Dr. Rudd's initials "J.A.R." on one side of each article along with a floral decorative design. On the other side of the billfold was a very realistic reproduction of the tower of the Administration Building.

THIS IS THE WAY WE...

"This is the way we wash our clothes, wash our clothes, wash our clothes. This is the way we wash our clothes, early on Monday Morning." Remember the old, old song of your childhood, musically working your way through the week? It came to mind as we were thinking of life on Bryan Hill during the summer—and this is the way we wash our clothes, early on Monday, on Tuesday, and so on through the week.

The offices—always the offices—are busy from 7:30 a.m. until, well, it depends on the needs of the day, and, maybe, of the night, when lights sometimes burn late on Bryan Hill. But, the offices, with typewriters clicking under the speeding fingers of Miss Wildern, Miss Mahr, and Miss Bean, with added clicks by less agile fingers when the need arises.

In one office, it's transcripts to

type, transcripts to figure, transcripts to weary the mind—that's Miss Weyhe's where time is spent also on such brain teasers as who teaches what and where.

In Miss Mahr's office it's mostly Gospel Messengers, prospective students, questions to be answered, information to be sent, pennies, and checks for missionaries.

Miss Wildern? Well, she works on cards, pulling them out of the files, so she can put more cards in, erasing some names, only to add others. No

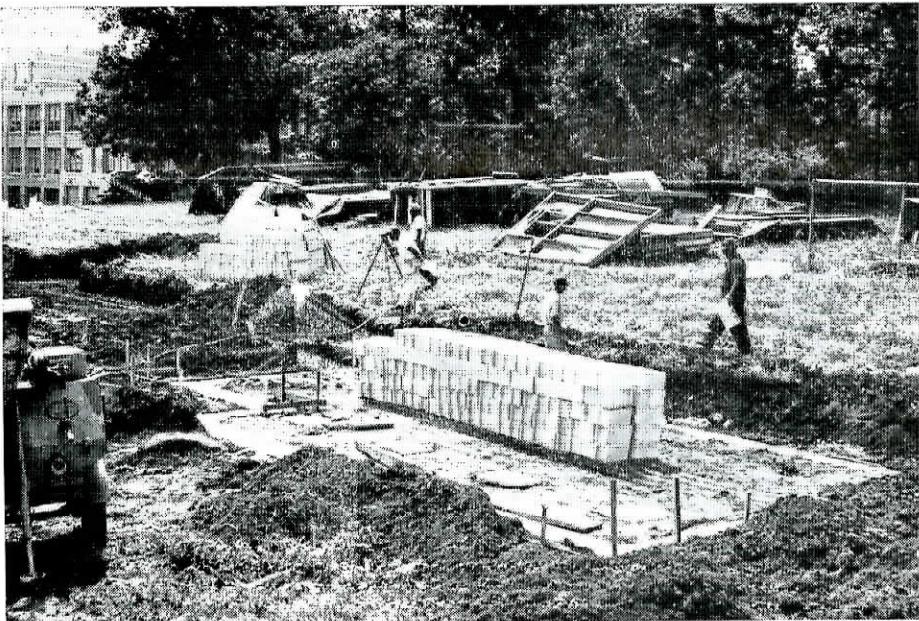
wonder she feels she is getting nowhere fast.

Business Manager Adams, who had a run-in with a nail up at Breckenridge, is gradually recovering from a worse run-in with the tetanus shot taken to offset the nail damage. Seems as though everything won but Mr. Adams, but he's back to par now. He, Mr. Archer, and John Kramer continue to keep the accounts straight, to take in the money and, almost as promptly, to send it out again to keep the proverbial wolves away from the campus gate.

Cal Jaynes, Dean Piper, and Ray Karr are all in the housebuilding trade, trying to put back together what just two weeks ago they took apart up in Kentucky. With these prefabricated houses, you know, there is a place for everything. The problem comes when one tries to get everything in its place.

Down in the print shop Helen Piper is playing the same sort of endless game with plates as Miss Wildern plays with cards—taking plates out to make room to put more plates in so more plates can be taken out, and so on. Between plates she mails Gospel Messenger posters, forwards mail, and makes herself generally useful, along with Mrs. Karr, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Kramer, and Mrs. Edmiston, who are gathering catalogue pages, cutting address plates

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(Site and foundation for the new houses from Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, are shown. Work of erection is progressing at a steady rate and the houses should be ready for occupancy around the first of the month. In the background are seen the houses, dismantled and stacked.)

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on the graphotype, or, in the case of the first, with her husband canning beans (55 pints) and bread-and-butter pickles (14 quarts). No wonder Ray gets a sour look on his otherwise smiling face.

Posters, cards, penny folders—don't forget to send your pennies to the "Common Cents" campaign—Newlette, handbook, more posters. And so it goes for printer Gene Anderson, who finds the days filled with just one type after another.

Words cannot describe it, but it goes on just the same, for two Kramers, Miss Mahr, and Messrs. Archer and Reese are taking piano lessons. And Mr. Heydenburk seems to like music just as much as ever—what a glutton for punishment! From early morning to late at night, we hear finger plunkings and "lost chords" echoing down the halls and wandering out onto the campus. Reminds us of schooldays.

But it's not all work. For example, one Saturday night someone had an idea that finally materialized into three very large, juicy, ice-cold watermelons. So at nine on the dot they came, young ones, and old ones, tall ones and short ones—no, not melons, but people. With Dean Piper handling the knife and everyone

warned not to let the seeds get stuck in his ears, the eating began, generously mixed with friendly banter and a time of good fellowship.

Baseball in Chattanooga has claimed its share of attention, with a carload or two from the Hill making the trip now and then to see the Lookouts spiral from first to fourth place in the league. And there is the local church league, too, with Vern Archer and Dean Ryther on opposing teams. Fishing? Largely left up to Fisherman Jaynes, who, as Shakespeare so aptly expresses it, catches "an infinite deal of nothing."

And that is just about what this article has developed into, and its only excuse for being is that we thought you'd like to know that

"This is the way we wash our clothes, wash our clothes, wash our clothes. This is the way we wash our clothes early on Monday morning."

GOSPEL MESSENGERS END TRIP (Continued from page 1)

Their travel took them successively into Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri.

The other team, composed of six young men, is traveling in the East and will continue on the road for another month.



Adams Off to School

Another member of the Bryan University staff joined the ranks of schoolgoers when Robert G. Adams, Business Manager and Acting Treasurer, spent an interesting week at the University of Kentucky, in Lexington, attending the Third Annual College Business Management Institute.

Rudds Off to Colorado

Dr. and Mrs. Rudd and Mary Frances recently started on a well-deserved and somewhat delayed vacation in Colorado, with stops coming and going to visit relatives and places of interest. They will spend some time with Dr. Rudd's mother, Mrs. G. V. Rudd, of Alamosa, and will also visit with his sister and family.

Surplus Provides Valuable Equipment

Shortly after the close of school for the summer the University was notified that there were available to the University at the Atlanta Surplus Property Depot two ton-and-a-half dump trucks. These trucks, both reconditioned about eighteen months previously and in excellent condition, were brought from Atlanta by Mr. Adams and Mr. Jaynes, and have already proved their value on the campus, where they are used for collecting trash, moving dirt, and providing means of transportation of various articles from one part of the campus to another or to and from town.

One of the trucks was taken to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, when the houses mentioned in another article in this issue were secured, coming back loaded with kitchen sinks, bathtubs, and other articles that could not be carried on the large semi-trailers which brought the houses themselves.

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Operating Fund	\$2,725.73
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