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Bryan Gospel Messengers Take Twelve Day Southern Tour

A mixed quartet of Bryan students will represent the school in Georgia and Florida during the winter vacation period. Traveling with Warren Allen, the university's executive secretary, the team will go first to Atlanta, Georgia, Wednesday, December 29, to present a program in the Colonial Hills Baptist Church.

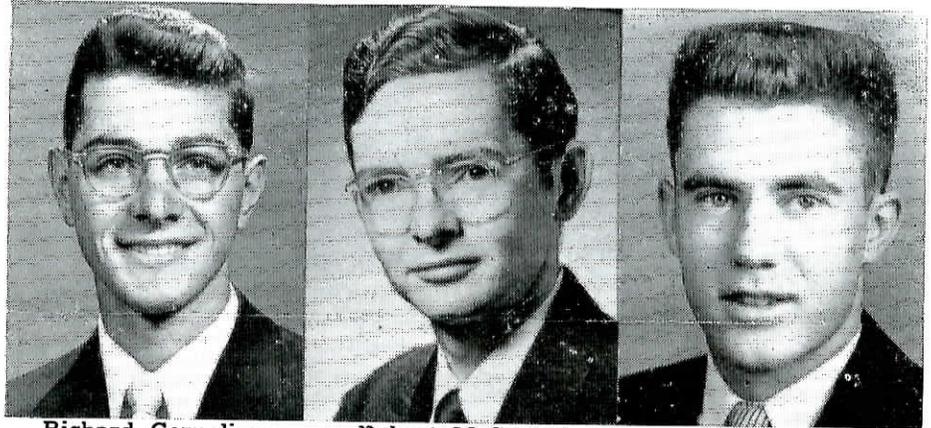
Other stops in Georgia include: December 30, High Point Baptist Church, Macon; December 31, Mikado Baptist Church, Macon; and January 1, Valdosta.

In Jacksonville, Florida, at 3:30 January 2, the group will be at the Magnolia Mission and at 6:30 at the Glendale Community Church. Further appointments are: January 3 and 4, open; January 5, Sylvania Heights Baptist Church, Miami; January 6, open; January 7, Bible Presbyterian Church, Lakeland; January 8, Youth for Christ, St. Petersburg; and January 9 at 11:00 a.m., Orlando Bible Church, and at 7:30, Azalea Park Community Church, Orlando.

Student members of the group are Miss Pearl Rathbun, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; the Misses Judy and Martha King, Knoxville, Tennessee; Jesse Deloe, Winona Lake, Indiana; and James Reese, Williamston, Michigan.



Pictured is the student team to be traveling for the university December 29 to January 9.



Richard Cornelius

Robert McCarrell

James Gould

THREE SENIOR MEN MERIT RECOGNITION FOR 1954-55 COLLEGE EDITION OF "WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS"

Three senior students, Richard Cornelius, James Gould, and Robert McCarrell, have been chosen by the faculty to appear in the 1954-55 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." The announcement of the distinction and presentation of membership certificates were made in the chapel hour, Saturday, December 11.

Richard, whose home is in Jacksonville, Florida, is an English major and an honor list student. He is vice-president of the senior class and served as business manager of the 1954 Commoner, the school yearbook, and vice-president of the Christian Service Association during his

junior year. As a class representative to the Student Council, student governing body, during his sophomore year, Richard was vice-president of the group.

James, came to Bryan his sophomore year from Tucson, Arizona, as a transfer student from the University of Arizona. A Christian Education major, James has been active in Christian service work on Bryan Hill and is this year's head of the C. S. A. He was editor-in-chief of the 1954 Commoner, has been a member of the a cappella choir during his three years here, and has been the bass in the men's quartet of his class. He is also an honor list student.

Robert, who represents the members of his class who reside in Trailerville, is a graduate of Mcody Bible Institute and a Bible major. He is student pastor of the St. Elmo Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga and student assistant in building maintenance.

Selections for this recognition are made on the basis of excellence in scholarship, character, leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, and potentiality for future usefulness in business and society. Bryan students must also have a consistent Christian testimony and influence on the campus.

WINTER QUARTER CALENDAR

January 3 ... 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. ...	Registration
January 4	Classes Begin
January 10 ... Concert (duet) ...	Mr. & Mrs. McCool
January 13 .. Last Day for Chang'ng Schedules	
January 16	Sophomore Vespers
January 21-23	Local F.M.F. Conference
February 12	Valentine Party
February 20	Sophomore Vespers
March 1.....	Sophomore Testing Program
March 7 ... Concert (pianist) ...	Mr. E. Mattos
March 11	Student Recital

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From My Heart to You

As we enter the year 1955, I would like to say a word of encouragement to the friends who read **The Bryan Newsette**. Many of us, familiar with local conditions, are hesitating to



believe that the prospects for 1955 and 1956 can be so bright as suggested by the reports now coming from the centers of government and finance.

At such a time we need to make decisions based upon major, rather than minor, factors.

I believe that God wants us to use our minds as well as our hearts in discerning the future, and that He prepares those whom He places in positions of responsibility for the decisions that they will have to make. However, those of us in places of responsibility must continually seek the wisdom that is from above in utilizing our experience.

The years during and following World War I are quite vivid in my memory, and I am sure that, in some degree, experience will be repeated. While in college and graduate school, after World War I, I took courses in statistics, business cycles, and business forecasting so that I am quite familiar with what we can expect in the way of readjustments during the current postwar years. As anticipated, business conditions during the last year or so have paralleled the readjustments that took place in 1920 and 1921. In the next few years we may expect these readjustments to continue in many areas. Some businesses will prosper while other businesses are suffering. In general, we may expect a period of increasing prosperity for a few years before a major crisis.

Prior to coming to Bryan University, including the years that I taught in the University of Alabama, the big subject of discussion was, "How long will prosperity continue before the major crisis?" The pessimists thought that the crisis and depression were just around the corner all of those years from 1920 to 1929, while the optimists predicted that the Federal Reserve System would prevent us from ever again having any serious crisis and depression. Others avoided these extremes. I well remember that I and most of my associates agreed in 1929 that the severe readjustments

we had been anticipating were in immediate prospect.

Although we may have some assurance about 1955 and perhaps 1956, we are faced with many uncertainties beyond the immediate future. The world is moving at a faster tempo than after World War I. National and international controls exercise a more or less temporary influence upon the inevitable operation of economic forces. Russia and the Communist world make up the biggest uncertain factor, the strategy being to keep us in uncertainty.

It is at such a time as this that God wants His people to be reassured, to have faith, and to speak the Word of Faith to others. It is by the Word of Faith that the spiritual supernatural forces of God are released. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7.

At a recent chapel service I called the attention of our faculty and students to the story in Acts of the shipwreck of Paul and his companions. The sailors and the soldiers were in trouble because they failed to heed the Word of God. It was when all hope was gone that the opportunity came for Paul to speak the Word of Faith. He said, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27:25. God used Paul for the deliverance of every last soul on the ship.

As we enter 1955, cannot all of us seek God's face and have His assurance for the coming year? I am believing God for Bryan University during this twenty-fifth anniversary year. Won't each one of you believe God for His work through you? Let us pray for one another and for all of God's people that we will be mightily used of Him.

JUDSON A. RUDD
President

CALENDAR

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March 13	Sophomore Vespers
March 14	William Jennings Bryan Birthday Banquet
March 15	Day of Prayer
March 21-24	Quarter Examinations
March 24	Last Day of Winter Quarter
March 25 April 5	Choir Tour

Student Groups, Guest Speakers Share Daily Chapel Devotions

Dedication of oneself to God was the theme of the freshman class chapel program presented December 1. Short talks were given by Lindley Royston of Atlanta, Georgia, Theoria Watson of Phoenix, Arizona, and Avris Edmiston of Millington, Tennessee. Special musical numbers were also featured.

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The historical record of "Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem under the Leadership of Nehemiah" was given as a tape recorded release prepared by the senior class and presented December 8. Patterned after the radio feature, "You Are There," the program was introduced by Richard Cornelius and David Stearns, who appeared on the chapel platform in a typical men's dormitory scene.

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Testimonies by several freshman students regarding opportunities at Bryan for teaching Bible stories to children in the public schools and for branching out into other types of Christian endeavor were given at the chapel program sponsored by the Christian Service Association December 7. Norma Sweeney, a 1953 graduate and missionary candidate to Brazil under the International Child Evangelism Fellowship, climaxed the service by telling how her work in the C. S. A. helped prepare her for an anticipated missionary career.

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J. L. Parker, a missionary to Japan under the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, was guest chapel speaker December 3. Mr. Parker showed a series of Japanese drawn pictures illustrating in vivid color the Christmas story.

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Dr. A. E. Wilson, superintendent of the Southern Hebrew Testimony in Chattanooga, stressed a missionary challenge to the chapel audience in his message December 2. Dr. Wilson discussed the Messianic prophecies and drew comparisons between Judaism and Christianity in his talk.

A contrast between the resurrection prospects for believers and unbelievers was illustrated in a chart lecture given by the Rev. R. I. Humberd of Flora, Indiana, November 30. Mr. Humberd, who is a frequent lecturer on Bryan Hill, is a prolific writer, as well as a publisher.

Nutcracker Suite Featured At Formal Christmas Banquet

Sugar plum fairies, evergreen trees, toy trumpets, flowers, and toy boats were parts of the significant decorations at this year's formal Christmas banquet held Monday, December 6. These figures, together with appropriate musical selections, made up the theme of the evening's activities—Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." Seated at candle-lit tables eating a chicken dinner with all the trimmings were more than 250 students, faculty and staff members, and guests.

Mr. David Heydenburk, instructor in music, who introduced the banquet theme with details about the story of the Suite, was master of ceremonies for the evening. Included on the program were a choral selection and a flute trio from the Suite, and "Gesu Bambino" by soloist Harriette Stahnke.

The Rev. Paul R. Van Gorder, pastor of the Colonial Hills Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, delivered the devotional message. He reminded the group of the fact that Christ is more than a babe in the manger and a historical figure; He is the eternal Son of God, living in those who know Him as Saviour and Lord of their lives.

As the evening ended, the banquet guests carried away attractive table decorations to remind them of Bryan's introduction to this year's celebration of the birth of Christ.

Artists Return for Concert

Returning to Bryan on January 10 to entertain on the concert program will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCool—tenor and contralto singers. The couple presented numbers from the operas "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," and others in solos and duets when they were on Bryan Hill two years ago.

Mrs. McCool has been a faculty member at the American Conservatory of Music. Appearances with the Collegium Musicum of the University of Chicago and the Schola Cantorum of Chicago granted Mr. McCool wide acclaim. They are both members of the faculty at the Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi, at present.

Mr. Edward Mattos—concert pianist—will appear on Bryan's platform on March 7.



Participants in the Gifts for the King service pictured above are: Richard Ruble, Rev. A. J. Levensgood, Calvin Janes, Dean D. W. Ryther, Howard Park, Dr. Irving Jensen, Dr. H. D. Long, President Judson Rudd.

UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE RELATES PERSONAL VICTORIES; MUSICIANS SET THEME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Offerings and greetings from Bryan's family and friends were presented in a colorful, candle-lit service on Sunday afternoon, December 12. Organ music by students Donna Black, Barbara Ritter and Gladys Mighells was a feature of the pro-

gram. Don Weltmer played a trumpet arrangement of "O Come All Ye Faithful," and Stuart Meissner sang a narrative of the Saviour's birth bearing the title, "Like Frosted Snow the Sheep Lay There."

Lois Ringler sang, "O Holy Night," and with Miss Mighells, Mr. Meissner and Ronald Chadwick formed a mixed quartet which presented, "The Wise Men," by C. McCormick. Ardis Johnson accompanied them at the piano.

Dr. H. D. Long, a long-time friend and trustee of the university, gave a real "heart" message in which he described his own personal experience leading up to the presentation of his body to Christ. The believer's dedication, Dr. Long indicated, is his true "Gift to the King."

Class officers John Deal, Rogers Havird, Marlin Hall and Milton Kier presented gifts for their respective classes to Dr. Rudd. Miss Ann Wildern represented the faculty and staff, and Mr. F. E. Robinson spoke for the trustees in the ceremony, while Miss Norma Sweeney appeared for the school's alumni and Mr. William Forsten for its circle of other friends. Total contributions for this service came to \$4,221.78, all of which is for the regular expenses of the school.

Howard Park led the congregation in singing with Dorothy Brown at the piano and Miss Black at the organ.

Alumni Missionaries Relate God's Faithfulness in Africa

"God is faithful; I know because I have experienced His faithfulness." George Birch, former Bryanite and missionary, illustrated this statement with personal experiences in a testimonial chapel message December 9.

George and Alice Birch, both Bryan graduates, left for the Nigerian field in West Africa back in 1950. Serving under the Sudan Interior Mission, they have just completed a four-year term on the field and are now on furlough. Besides keeping up with assigned evangelistic endeavor in their area, they were in charge of a small medical dispensary and first-aid station.

In his message, George emphasized three ways in which God is faithful: His provision, His protection, and His power. "We experienced God's faithfulness in His provision from the very beginning," George stated and described how a Georgia dentist had given them a new model car to be sold and the money used for passage

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Sports Fans View Temple - Bryan Tourney, Intramural Scores

For an evening of fun, students and faculty of the university invaded the campus of the Tennessee Temple Schools in Chattanooga, Tuesday, December 7. A jamboree of sports was the feature of the program as representative teams of both schools vied in friendly competition.

Playing in the gymnasium section of the new Temple Student Center, the girls lost a nip and tuck game when a Temple lassie dropped in a free throw in the closing minutes of the final quarter. Bryan's end of the 17-16 score was largely made by Sandy Cue who made four field goals and two free tosses for a total of 10 points.

Again at the short end of the tally sheet, Bryan's all-star boys wound up as losers with a score of 55-49. After drawing blood with a two-pointer in the opening moments of the game, the hilltoppers fell behind and did not regain the lead throughout the tilt. Barth's 16 points and Parks' 10 accounted for the larger portion of the Bryan total. Gates starred for Temple with a total of 22 points.

In a volley ball set played the same night, Bryan's faculty men scored an easy win. Game scores were 15-4 and 15-9.

Temple players have been invited to play a return series in Dayton some time in January.

On the intramural scoreboard for the speedball and football season, the senior boys ranked highest with 60 points in football. The junior and sophomore boys tied with scores of 30 points each, leaving the freshmen boys with a "no wins" rating.

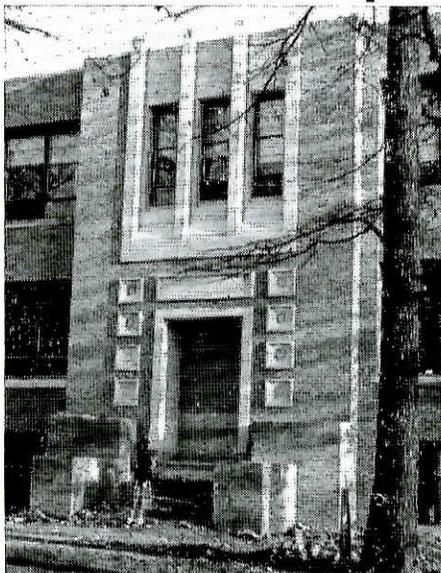
In the speedball contest for girls, the sophomore and junior teams lead with 45 and 40 points respectively. The senior girls rated 30, while the

freshmen ended with 5 points to their credit.

With two series of volleyball matches yet to be played, the tally at the end of the quarter placed the senior class on top with the girls showing 7 wins and the boys 5. Following closely behind is the sophomore class with a total of 11 victories, 6 by the girls and 5 by the fellows. The freshmen girls brought in three wins for their class, and the junior class had a win in each of the divisions of volleyball.

The sophomore and junior men's teams both found the faculty team had the upper hand on the volleyball court as well as in the classroom.

Entrance Stonework Completed



Ethel Mae Davis of Xenia, Ohio, examines the ornamental stone work on the entrance of the H. A. Ironside Memorial Library. Masonry work has now been completed to the third floor level and only the top tower section remains to be finished. Weather permitting, the outside work on the administration building should be completed by mid-January, according to W. E. Hamby of Cleveland, Tennessee, who is the brick contractor.

ALUMNI MISSIONARIES

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to Africa. "Praise the Lord" was not enough to express their gratitude to the great Provider when they had \$200 left over after the car had been sold and passage paid.

At another time, while the Birches were on the field, the Lord miraculously constrained a man in their area to give them four gallons of desperately needed kerosene. The man had not known of the extremity, or of the early morning prayer session held regarding the need!

Having lived deep in tropical territory, George did not lack for illustrations of the Lord's protection on the field. At one time a man attending prayer meeting here in this country was led of the Holy Spirit to pray for the safety of the Birches in Nigeria. At that very hour, danger in the form of a huge black-hooded cobra lurked on the mission compound, but the Lord preserved everyone from harm in answer to the prayer offered thousands of miles away.

George has realized the power of God in his own life through several unusual experiences in which the forces of the Gospel were placed in direct opposition to the forces of evil. In his talk, George also described how God had empowered him to speak the Gospel in Moslem territory.

Throughout his message, George emphasized the necessity of being willing to be led of God. God deals with individuals, he pointed out, and must have the submission of their will before He can reveal His own perfect will for their lives.

During their short stay at Bryan, the Birches showed slides of their work on the field at the Foreign Mission Fellowship meeting December 8, and renewed acquaintance with old friends on the hill. Mrs. Birch, the former Alice Northrup, is a graduate of 1945, and George is a graduate of 1948. They have two children, Nancy and John.

November Gift Report

Operating Fund	\$1,434.71
Plant Fund	3,265.00
Total	\$4,699.71

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