



Naomi Hildebrand, Shirley Jurless, and Rev. Ralph Mount seem to be pretty happy about the penny situation in Mansfield, Ohio.

CHURCH PROMOTES "COMMON CENTS" PROGRAM

The student council's "Common Cents" program took a real shot in the arm when the plan was presented to the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Mansfield, Ohio. The pastor, Rev. Ralph Mount, took the suggestion seriously, had a large sign printed with the admonition, "Make good use of your Common Cents," and placed it over a neatly painted bucket, which was prominently placed in the church. The "hint" soon took fire, and young and old began to drop their pennies in the bucket. Rare, indeed, is the service before or after which the sound of clinking pennies is not heard.

A recent report from Naomi Hildebrand, a Bryan graduate of last year, and Shirley Jurless, a junior this year, tells us that the bucket now weighs approximately one hundred pounds, and adds the interesting in-

formation that a pound of pennies is worth \$1.43. So, that is one church with a heap of "Common cents" being put to work for the Lord.

Shirley is to have the pleasure of delivering the bucket when she returns to school, but something tells us she will have to have help, for Brother Mount insists the bucket will be well filled when it leaves Mansfield.

Reports from other students have been few and far between, so that even a good guess would be difficult at this time. A recent mail brought in a ten-dollar bill for the penny bank. No name was sent with the gift, so the student council extends thanks to an unknown friend. No doubt, with so little time left, still other gifts will come in through the mail and through the individual students.

Study of Bryan Graduates Offers Interesting Facts

A recent study of what happens to graduates of Bryan after they leave the University has brought forth some rather surprising and interesting facts. For example, it is difficult to realize that the lack of an education department as such has not prevented some 78 of the graduates from taking up teaching as either a full-time or part-time profession, either in the homeland or abroad. Now that the elementary education courses are available and students can begin their preparation right from their entrance into the University, there seems little doubt but that this number will increase rapidly and greatly. Everything indicates a tremendous increase in the number of students in our schools for the next few years. Teachers, already almost unobtainable in some areas, will grow no less so during these years, and there is little reason to believe anything other than that Bryan graduates will in much larger numbers begin to find their niches in the teaching world.

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Bible Conference Speakers Announced

Announcement was recently made that the Twenty-fifth Annual Bible Conference will be held October 23 to October 30, inclusively, this year. Speakers definitely scheduled so far include Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon, formerly pastor of the great Moody Memorial Church, of Chicago, and now pastor of the Immanuel Church, of Holland, Michigan, and Rev. Fred Brown, evangelist from Chattanooga. These two well known Bible teachers and speakers will carry the main burden of the speaking for the conference, with other messages being brought by Rev. William A. Venable, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Acworth, Georgia, and one

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From My Heart To You

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking our praying and giving friends for their loyal backing during the twenty-two years that I carried the chief responsibility for the welfare of Bryan University. Without sharing this responsibility with our friends, it would have been an impossibility to carry on these many years.

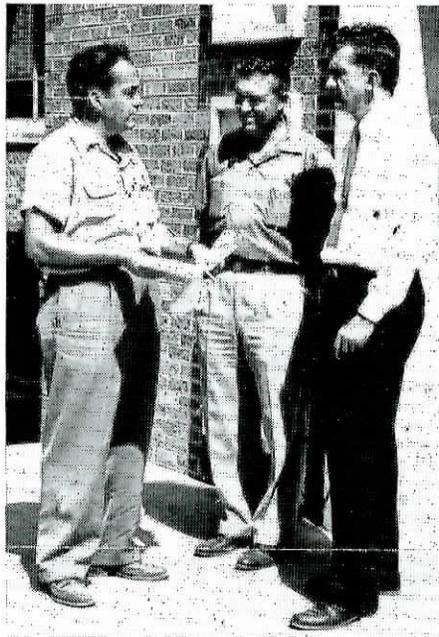
We often wished that all our attention could be given to the spiritual side of things, but year after year we found it necessary to give more attention to the material necessities of a young and growing work. We learned from practical experience that "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" did not mean seeking only the spiritual and neglecting the material, but rather seeking first the authority and government of God in all things. Practically speaking, the spiritual and material cannot be separated in our dealings with God.

From the beginning our policy has been to be frank with our friends in regard to the various phases of this ministry. As we are faithful in reporting pertinent information two things will result: (1) God will lay it on the hearts of His people to support His work; (2) God's people will be blessed as they have opportunity to rejoice in the knowledge of what God has done through them.

Although our gift income was down in June, the last month of the fiscal year, our friends will rejoice in the fact that the total gift income for the year was the largest in the history of the University by more than \$12,000. The \$100,000 special gift for the building, received half and half in each of the last two fiscal years, helped substantially to make this record.

It has been said indirectly that some of our friends, hearing of this large gift to the building, have diverted their gifts elsewhere. Surely they would not do this if they knew all the facts in proper perspective.

Even though the University is operating more effectively and more economically than in the early days of its history, large sums of money are needed for a work such as has been developed here. For such a large building, \$100,000 is a very modest amount. Even after spending



John A. Maywhort, Jr., representative of the Hamilton Concrete Products Co., Robert Adams, business manager of the University, and Harold Hardin, Atlanta contractor, talk over plans for construction work on the administration building.

Stone Ordered for Entrances

An order was recently placed with the Hamilton Concrete Products Co., Chattanooga, for the large pre-cast stones that top the buttresses on the front and end entrances to the administration building. Delivery should be in about two to three

another \$40,000 in the next few months so that all of the building will be in use, most of the ceilings, walls, and floors will still be unfinished.

Surely anyone who knows of the more than twenty-five years of struggle to finish the building will want to add to the \$100,000 gift. Surely anyone acquainted with the financial problems of educational institutions in general and interested in the cause of definitely Christian education will want to help share in the increased costs of operation here at Bryan.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Judson A. Rudd
President Emeritus

weeks, when the work of finishing the entrances will be begun.

Interior work is to be commenced at the same time on the lobby and the library areas, including the new flooring, plastering of walls, and the installation of heating, lighting, and the ceiling. The work will also include the plate glass walls between the lobby and the business office and the lobby and the reception room. These walls, trimmed in aluminum, will be in keeping with the exterior and interior doors, also to be glass and aluminum.

Hardin Brothers, of Atlanta, Georgia, who were supervising the former construction on the building, will again be in charge of the work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT

Bryan University has finished another fiscal year in the black. According to the Hazlett, Lewis, and Bieter, Certified Public Accountants of Chattanooga, the University closed the books with a small operating surplus of \$2,543.89 for the period July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1955.

The audit reveals the largest gift income in the history of the University. Including special \$50,000 receipts for the building in each of the last two fiscal years, the total gift income for 1954-55 amounts to \$131,160.95, compared to \$117,722.30 in 1953-54. Less of the gift income was used for operation in the year just closed than in the previous year, and, of course, considerably more (\$88,428.79) went into the plant fund.

Considering increased prices and expenses, the University did well to have even a small operating surplus, but with an operating budget of \$250,000, a surplus of \$2,500 (1%) is entirely too small as a margin of safety.

An examination of other funds gives a brighter picture. Including cash on hand at the beginning of the year and plant fund gifts of \$88,000 plus, received during the year, more than \$100,000 was invested in the building with a balance of more than \$20,000 left in the plant fund at the end of the year. Along with the small operating surplus and this substantial increase in plant fund assets the University was able during the year to make a reduction of \$13,151.41 in the notes payable of the operating and plant funds.

BENKER GETS M.R.E.



the degree of master of Religious Education.

Majoring in Bible and religious psychology, Miss Benker, also studied in the field of adolescent religious education and administration of education.

Following some vacationing at home Miss Benker will return to the University to resume her duties as women's counselor.

BIBLE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

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or two additional speakers, yet to be announced. Brother Venable has appeared on the chapel platform on a number of occasions in the past and is very popular with the students of Bryan.

Morning services will be held in the University Memorial Chapel at 8:45 and 10:00 o'clock Monday through Saturday; and services at 3:00 p.m. each Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. each night, Monday through Sunday, will be held in the Rhea Central High School auditorium. Visitors are invited to all these services.

ALUMNI GATHER

Some fifty or so Bryan alumni and present students came together for a day of fellowship on the twenty-third of July at the Gull Lake, Michigan, Bible Conference grounds. A list of the names—too long for present publication—shows attendants from several states, representatives from various classes, and several prospective students were among those present.

At Winona Lake, Indiana, the local alumni chapter met for the annual banquet at the Winona Hotel on the night of August 27th. A large number of present and former students, with their friends and a number of stu-

dents-to-be met for a delicious dinner, a time of good fellowship, and a message from D. W. Ryther, Executive Vice-President and Dean of the University.

A Word About Annuities

When considering how to make your life and property count most for Christ and His Word, we suggest that you consider the work of Bryan University.

Bryan University annuities are secured by the entire assets of the University, having a book value of more than \$800,000, but actually being worth more than a million dollars.

Assets have increased by more than \$125,000 and liabilities have decreased by more than \$50,000 in the last three years. According to the auditor's report, there are more than four dollars in assets for every dollar in liabilities.

One friend, having a Bryan University Annuity, has been confined to a bed in a rest home for several years. Although she has already received as interest more than the original investment, she continues to receive regularly the same generous semiannual payments.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters..."—this is not really doing that, for this is a good investment, particularly for older people and those subject to the federal income tax.

In the case of annuities, a larger return is received year by year, the balance of the principal being retained by the University at the decease of the annuitant.

We trust that you will think this over and when you have funds to invest, write for particulars on Bryan University annuities.

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Some few of these teachers are also missionaries and are doing their teaching in a foreign land, but in academic or liberal arts fields. In-

cluding this number, some 78 Bryan graduates are already on the field or are looking forward to being there.

It is only natural, when so many of the graduates are interested in teaching that no fewer than 69 have gone on for graduate degrees in liberal arts fields including some who either already have or are approaching the doctorate. Another 48 have entered colleges for specialized or other additional training short of another degree.

Approximately 92 have entered seminaries for advanced theological study.

Of course, some of those attending seminary have been headed for pastorates, rather than for missionary work, and no fewer than 48 have entered the ministry. At least 15 have entered Bible school or institutes for additional study in Bible, for missionary training, or for flight training preparatory to being used as a missionary aviator.

Business enterprises and jobs of considerable variety have claimed their share of the Bryan graduates. Approximately 42 have gone that way and are now occupying positions that would probably best be listed as business.

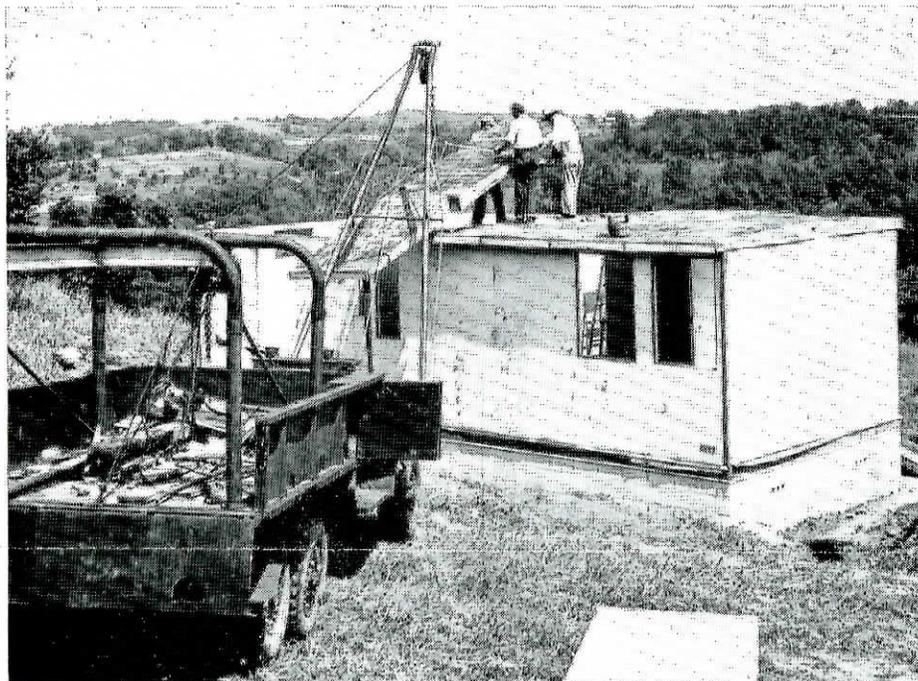
Professions, too, come into the picture with nurses, professional men, men in the armed services, and technicians.

And finally, come those who have settled to being—and what could be more important—Christian housewives and the wives of pastors and others. There are some 50 of these, not to mention those who are missionaries, and business women on their own.

All of this adds up to one fact—Bryan University is doing the work of a Christ-centered liberal arts college in the preparation of men and women both for the ministry and other so-called full-time Christian works, and for the secular tasks of the world, tasks in which the testimony of a Christian is also needed.

Missionary Fund Committee

When the Missionary Fund Committee was formed on Bryan Hill in January a year ago those who participated in the initial plans little dreamed of what the outcome of their prayerful interest would be. Never before had the students and staff of Bryan University gone together for a concerted effort to provide support



One of the surplus trucks procured from the government is used to reconstruct the pre-fabs on Bryan Hill

MISSIONARY FUND COMMITTEE

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for the former students and graduates who are now on the field in foreign countries. Individuals had given, yes, and probably in many cases had given generously. Others had very likely not given regularly or as generously as the challenge of the M.F.C. has caused them to give through its channels.

"Faith promises" were taken at the final meeting of the Foreign Missionary Conference in January, 1954. Again, at the conference in 1955 the promises to give as the Lord provided were taken. Since that first January, seventy of Bryan's missionaries have received gifts, the usual single gift being \$35.00, and some of those missionaries who have been on the field the longest have received as much as \$350.00, the average amount being \$210.00. When the plan was first put into operation, only those missionaries who had been out for three years or more were sent gifts. Gradually, as the fund increased, newer missionaries were included,

until today gifts are sent to every missionary, regardless of how long he has been out.

In addition to the gifts sent to Bryan missionaries, the fund has become a channel through which designated gifts may be sent to Bryan missionaries and to other foreign, or to home missionaries.

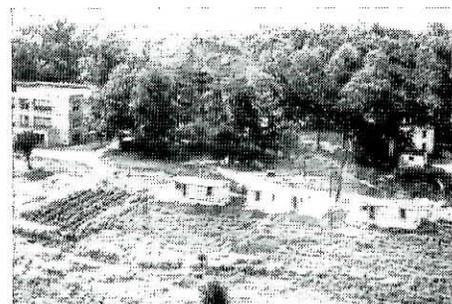
The following table will show something of the extent to which the Lord has blessed, as He has increased the missionary giving on Bryan Hill, perhaps, at least tenfold and has enabled many to share the burden of carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. Gifts distributed:

From the fund, '54 to Jan. '55	\$5,040.15
Designated gifts, same period	437.00
Fund gifts, Feb. '55 to Aug. '55	2,989.29
Designated gifts, same period	384.00
Total sent to missionaries	
Jan. '54 to Aug. '55	\$8,850.44

Male Quartet Completes Itinerary

(Beginning with a service in Johnson City, Tennessee, on June 8, the male team of the Gospel Messengers concluded their itinerary in Huntington, W. Va. on the night of August 21.)

During their travels they sang between ninety and a hundred programs, at Youth for Christ, in conferences, and in churches located in some nine states and Canada and covered a total of around 8,500 miles. Personnel in the group included Mark Davis, Red Jacket, West Virginia, first tenor; Howard Park, Mobile, Alabama, second tenor; Kenneth Campbell, Ajax, Ontario, Canada, baritone; Wilbur Pickering, San Paulo, Brazil, bass; Donald Weltmer, Altoona, Pennsylvania, trumpeter; Lyle Hillegas, Neenah, Wisconsin, pianist.



Friends have wondered just where the new pre-fabs are located on the Hill. To the left can be seen the north back end of the Administration Building. To the right the Octagon Dormitory. The pre-fabs face towards you as you look at the picture.

July Gift Income

Operating Fund	\$3,426.49
Plant Fund	4,320.00

Total \$7,746.49

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