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OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION OF LITERARY SOCIETY

"Rap, rap, rap. . . The organizational meeting of the Bryan University Literary Society will please come to order." So it was that what had heretofore been but a hope to some of the University family became the first literary club to be organized on Bryan Hill. Other organizations had partially filled the need through the years, but only partially. At the organizational meeting there were some seventy-two members of the faculty, staff, and student body who manifested a real interest in seeing the society firmly established as a part of the University life.

Through debates, panel discussions, book reviews, musicales, and other literary and fine art channels, it is expected that the interest in and appreciation of the fine arts will be greatly increased. This interest will be furthered through the medium of excursions to sites of historical and literary interest in Tennessee

and nearby states.

Seniors Mark Davis of Red Jacket, W. Va., and Lyle Hillegas, Neenah, Wis., were elected president and vice president respectively. Miss Beatrice Batson, head of the Department of English, was elected to the position of Faculty Sponsor. Ruth Aggers, junior from Neenah, Wis., and Kent Mann, sophomore, Mebane, N. C., will serve as the secretary and the treasurer. The program committee co-chairmen are junior Ardis Johnson, Milwaukee, Wis., and sophomore Joyce Hughes, Greenville, S. C. Lawrence Schatz, a senior from Johnstown, Pa., will head the public relations committee, which will be charged with the responsibility of advertising and of publishing the club periodicals.

It is expected that the literary club, for which a definite name has not yet been chosen, will be one of the most active and representative clubs on the campus.

MISSIONARY PLEDGE PASSES \$5,600

At the final session of the annual Foreign Missions Fellowship Conference held on the hill the last weekend of January, the faculty, staff, and students of the University were given the opportunity of making out their faith-promise pledges to the support of the sixty-eight or more Bryan missionaries now on the foreign field. Though it is expected that still other pledge cards will be turned in, the amount pledged thus far is \$5,665.00.

A report given by the Missionary Fund Committee indicated that receipts through this fund for January, 1955, to January, 1956, amounted to \$6,916.04. Of this total, only \$52.52 went to the expense of operations, postage, envelopes, and other supplies, the balance going to the missionaries for their own use.

The total amount sent out to missionaries since the fund was begun in January, 1954, was \$12,296.54. Along with the present members of the Bryan fellowship, alumni and even the missionaries themselves have shared in contributing to the fund.

UNUSUAL CHAPEL SERVICE

Rather an unusual service was held in the University Chapel on the morning of January 18, when the speaker was Col. John Fain, of Atlanta, Georgia. Col. Fain, following his service in the U.S.A.F., is now in the active reserves of that branch and is at the same time in the insurance business in Atlanta. To have a full colonel conduct a religious service is, in itself, unusual, but others who came with Col. Fain made it even more unusual.

A well-known lay evangelist, Col. Fain was brought to the Lord through the ministry of roadside signs between Atlanta and Augusta. Each week as the Colonel took his trip for medical treatment in Augusta, he passed the

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Bryan's Greatest Need

One of the sure, certain means of starting a friendly argument on Bryan Hill is to ask just what Bryan University's greatest material need is at the present time. Dormitories? Science building? Larger chapel? Music building? Gymnasium? Though the musicians will say one and the scientists will probably say another, the students will quite likely rise almost unanimously to declare the need for a gymnasium. And we must admit that tremendous, indeed, are the possibilities of such a building on Bryan Hill.

Over the years the University has been using the local high school gymnasium—when it was available. Despite their own full program of major sports and physical education, the high school authorities have been most generous in cooperating to meet this need of the University. But even such generous help does not solve the problem.

Carrying on an intercollegiate schedule in a borrowed gymnasium has been an impossibility: there is not sufficient time for practice, and the practice and the game schedules must necessarily be arranged at the convenience of the high school, rather than of the University and the visiting teams. Yet, what such an intercollegiate program would mean to the University, by way of building up school morale, interesting prospective students, and providing worthwhile entertainment for the University family—what all of this would mean to the life and growth of Bryan can not be even fairly estimated. In the light of what such a program has meant before and means now to other Christian colleges it can be said that it would be vital to Bryan University and far reaching in its effect. It would certainly mean more students. It would mean better satisfied students.

Accreditation is also involved in the need of the gymnasium, for, if Bryan University is to become fully accredited (and it must if it is to meet the educational needs of its students), there must be some means whereby students can be assured of proper courses in physical education. Attempts in the past to provide physical education classes, even when there was available space in the main building, have proved rather futile. Today there is no room available. Cold weather and the rainy

season make outdoor activities throughout the year so irregular as to prohibit the offering of any such course for credit. So no courses in physical education are offered!

Students who have transferred to other colleges are finding that in a number of cases in order to graduate they have had to take basic courses in physical education—courses that they should have taken while in Bryan University, but which could not be offered to them.

Finally, there is a serious health need for providing regular physical education and athletic recreation for our students. The results of such a program of activities in terms of student health would be immeasurable. High academic standards demand that students give serious attention and long hours to their studies. Those students who find it necessary to work to help with expenses are even more limited in their free time. At best, all too few—if, indeed, any

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Education Department Sets Goal

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[A new department in Bryan University, the Education Department, now offering courses primarily on the elementary level, has established as one of its prime goals the teaching of courses which will enable the student to secure certification in any of the forty-eight states. The department is being built up with full recognition of the part its graduates may be called upon to play in a changing world.

“Education” is perhaps the most popular current topic of conversation. Never before in American history has education been the subject of so many newspaper headlines, nor has the school crisis been so alarming as it is today.

President Eisenhower is the first President of the United States ever to call a conference on the specific subject of our schools. On November 28, 1955, some 2,000 persons from many walks of life in our 55 states and territories assembled in Washington, D. C., to discuss six specific educational problems. You may well know the immediate outcome of this conference, but perhaps the most alarming report concerned the need of 165,000 more elementary teachers and 40,000 more high school teachers.

As many other Christian liberal arts colleges have, Bryan University has followed the trend in helping to meet this educational crisis by offering courses for the preparation of teachers. This year, for the first time,

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LETTER OF THE MONTH



Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kettnering,
Keith, and Kenneth.

(Joel graduated from Bryan in 1951, from Grace Theological Seminary in 1954, and is now pastor of the Downing Bible Church, Downing, Wisconsin. His wife, Pauline, also attended Bryan.)

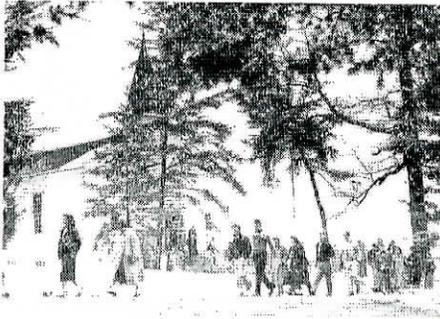
“Our days since we left Bryan, have been filled with nothing but the evidence of God's grace, mercy and love in his dealings with our lives. And now to have Him lead us to our own first full-time pastorate is an experience we'll never forget.

“The Lord is blessing and has already enabled us to purchase a much needed church building... Now we will have a larger auditorium, a full basement with kitchen, plenty of Sunday School room, parking space, and a location that is more central than where we have been. The Lord is good.

“Every Sunday morning the church sponsors a half-hour radio broadcast...and gives us the opportunity to proclaim Christ to the whole area. Needless to say, Pauline does some singing over the air and also tells the story for the boys and girls.

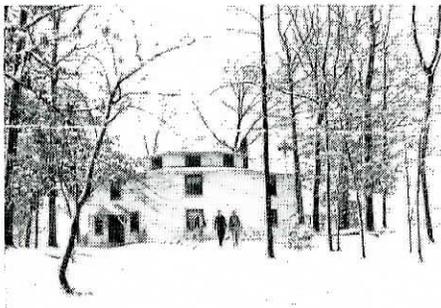
“Bryan has meant a lot to both of us and the lessons learned there, both theoretical and practical, have given us a foundation that has proved secure on every occasion...you who are administrators and teachers are to be commended for your sacrificial and unswerving loyalty to Christ, which has made it possible for us out here to be so prepared. Our prayers are with you.”

"HEAVY" SNOW GARBS CAMPUS IN WHITE



Memorial Chapel

Breaking a dry spell of some duration, Mother Nature generously washed Bryan Hill off for two or three days late in January, then, greatly to the delight of most of the Bryanites, covered the ground with a "heavy" snowfall. At least, we would call it heavy for Tennessee, where so much snow has not been seen for three or four years. For the handful of students for whom snow was an entirely new experience, the one inch, more or less, was a veritable blizzard. To some of the more experienced hands, it was just another snow, a springboard, sort of, for a verbal take-off into some good stories: "Why, when I was in grammar school..." And so it went, with vivid, if not chilling, descriptions of walking two, maybe more, miles through snow drifts up to one's knees—the little drifts, that is—and of breaking detours out into the fields to avoid the higher ones.



The Octagon

The snow seemed to be much more effective than the alarm clocks, for faces rarely ever seen before most of the breakfast period was over, if at all that early in the morning, were there near the head of the line, and even some students who notoriously avoid such things as breakfast were on hand. Of course the meal was followed by a general rush for the great outdoors, where snowballs

flew thick and fast and more than one face appeared to have been just freshly washed, and that none too gently.

Quite an event on Bryan Hill, the falling of snow will mean much to the farmers of the area, to say nothing of the help it will be in refilling Norris and other lakes in which the shortage of water had already caused great financial loss and is seriously endangering the industrial life of this and other sections of the country drawing on Tennessee Valley electric power.



Trailerville

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Scripture-verse signs, until one Saturday he was brought to a full realization of his need of Christ. Since then, he has served the Lord, both in the armed forces, where he has spoken to countless service men, and in his civilian life as well.

With Colonel Fain in the chapel program was another military man, Major General Paul Jordan, commander of the Tennessee National Guard 30th Armored Division. General Jordan has been, not only a military leader, but a spiritual leader of the men who serve under him as well. In addition to his military duties, he owns a hardware store and a lumber company in Red Bank, Tennessee, and is pastor of three Methodist churches in the Sequatchie Valley area near Chattanooga. General Jordan gave a brief testimony when he was introduced by Colonel Fain.

Anton Marco, until 1951, was the leading baritone of the San Carlos Opera Company, perhaps the oldest company of that type in the world today. He, too, heard the voice of the Lord one day, realized his need for a Saviour, accepted Christ, and has since that time been singing for

Gospel meetings across the country. His singing of "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" was a testimony in itself and preceded the morning message by Colonel Fain, who challenged his hearers to meet their responsibilities as "goers" and "preachers" for Christ.

FROM MY HEART TO YOU

Having accepted classroom responsibilities this year, I am unable to call on you and other friends personally, as I had anticipated. Since we are unable to have a face-to-face conversation, won't you let me tell you here what I would like to say to each one of our friends?

Through the years we have considered ourselves in partnership with you in doing the Lord's work on Bryan Hill. Those of you who have prayed and have given have been those who have had a vision of a very definite need and have graciously responded. You have seen the field of today's young people as "white unto harvest" and have prayed for the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the harvest field. You have supported those workers with your prayers and your gifts. We could not otherwise carry on.

As ministers of the grace of God we are called upon to pray, to work and to give. As individuals we may be called to some specialization in one or more of these ministries, but most of us can and should work and give as well as pray.

In speaking to the disciples about their relationship to our Heavenly Father Christ says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Matthew 7:7) Then He states positively that there will be definite outcomes when we ask, seek, and knock: "For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Matthew 7:8) How wonderful to know that we can obey these laws of the spiritual realm with assured results.

Not long before the Christmas vacation God stirred some of our hearts here on Bryan Hill with a sense of the need for prayer. The members of the student council took the initiative and arranged several prayer

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students at Bryan have the opportunity to take a number of basic education courses required for certification in their home states. All states have written into law specific requirements which must be met for certification by those desirous of teaching in the public schools. Specific courses to fit the basic certification requirements of many states were carefully chosen to offer Bryan students a well planned, but specialized selection.

Foundational education courses offered this year have centered mostly on the preparation of elementary teachers, although some of the courses may be applied for either elementary or secondary certification. A course in the history of education gives a background and appraisal of distinctive characteristics of American education, whereas the course in philosophy of education places the emphasis on criteria of evaluation and implications of theories in teaching experience. Equally helpful to either the elementary or secondary teacher is "Guidance and Counseling," a course which gives a general survey of guidance programs in the public school. Also of importance in the teaching of a wide variety of age levels is the course in educational tests and measurements which includes the principles of the construction, use and interpretation of various tests used in the public schools.

Courses particularly centered about teaching techniques in the elementary schools for the various subject areas include those in the teaching of reading, arithmetic, science, arts and crafts, and physical education. "Personal, School, and Community Health" and "Methods and Materials in the Elementary School" are other essential courses. "Educational Psychology" presents the study of principles and conditions of learning situations in the classrooms and the application of the principles of educational psychology to specific school subjects. A study of the child from infancy through adolescence is presented in the course "Child-Adolescent Psychology."

One primary objective of the ed-

ucation department is to stress the integration of our specialized education courses into the entire liberal arts curriculum so that our prospective teachers will graduate with a broad general background as the basis of higher standards in the teaching profession. Compulsory education laws make it even a greater responsibility for us to encourage only the best qualified students to undertake positions of leadership in teaching our youth. How much more important for these leaders to be Christians!

Where can one find a greater challenge than is found in the teaching profession? It has been aptly said that the core of a nation's philosophy is to be found in that nation's philosophy of education, for it is what the educators do to the minds of young people in school today that ultimately decides the success or failure of the statesman tomorrow.

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—of these young people can be satisfied with "taking a walk" or just "doing something" to get exercise that is needful to both their health and success as a student. Only through regularly attended classes under the supervision of a trained physical education teacher and the availability of an adequate building and proper equipment can this need be met. The armed services have recognized this in the provision of required recreational time; large industries the country over have seen fit to provide large recreational centers for their employees and to encourage athletic activity. It is good business because it brings good returns. The educators have been aware of this and have made provision to meet the need.

With considerable interest we noted the recent report of the five-hundred-million-dollar gift of the Ford Foundation to "accredited" colleges and other institutions. Are we presumptuous in suggesting that some of the Lord's money might well be channeled into such a need as is mentioned above, that Bryan University might be able to meet adequately and soon this serious need of its students?

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meetings, which were scheduled at meal time.

God has been hearing our prayers, especially for financial needs. I am satisfied that many of our friends out over the country have been moved to pray. Students and staff members have been more aware of need for prayer. We had been several thousand dollars behind in receipts in gift income for the corresponding period of last year, but by the tenth of January we were about even again. We thank God for His faithfulness in hearing and answering our prayers.

Before long we will be sending out another Bryan Birthday letter. I do not know just how this letter will read nor what the appearance will be, but I am sure that there will be a definite appeal to our friends to help with our continuing financial needs.

In closing this personal conversation with you today I want to be as definite and urgent as possible in asking you to pray for Bryan University, its ministries and various needs. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain." (Ps. 127:1) Apart from prayer and God's answers to prayer, Bryan University will either not survive or it will be just another college. Join us in the special day of prayer on March 6th and remember us before the Lord as you are reminded to do so in the meantime. The fact that my successor as president of Bryan University has not yet been named is evidence of the need to pray that the trustees will soon be led to the Lord's chosen one for this responsibility. May I count on your prayers?

DECEMBER GIFT INCOME

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