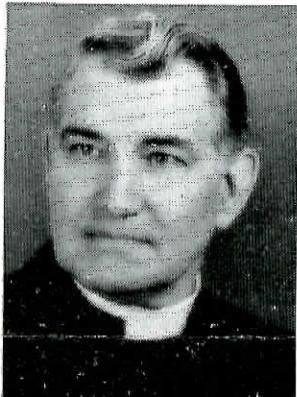


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Noted Authority on Communism To Lecture in Memorial Chapel

(Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, a noted Christian surgeon and psychiatrist from Australia, is slated for an Oct. 8 appearance as a chapel speaker.)

He is known for his startling and dramatic lectures on Communism, being known as an outstanding authority on the inner thought life of Communism. In addition to his chapel session, he is scheduled for a lecture open to the public Thursday evening, Oct. 11.

Dr. Schwarz is now on his fourth world lecture tour and has probed Communist minds for 18 years to find out what they believe and think, instead of just what they say and do.

The speaker concentrates on an exposition of the ideas and beliefs in the minds of the Communists and thus puts into true perspective their frequently puzzling actions.

He is a graduate of the University of Queensland Medical school and a former college professor in mathematics and science. He has familiarized himself with every basic text of Communism and many of their outstanding personalities.

Bryan Students to Hear Three Speakers

Three outstanding speakers will feed Bryan university students and visitors from the Word of God in three services daily at the twenty-sixth annual fall Bible conference Oct. 21-28.

They are Dr. George McNeely, pastor and prophetic teacher, Newark, N.J.; Rev. David E. Hoy, youth worker, Evansville, Ind.; Rev. Ian Hay, missionary, Nigeria, West Africa.

Dr. McNeely has been pastor for more than 50 years of the Elizabeth Avenue Baptist church. The history of the church goes back to 1769, and the official name of the church is the Elizabeth Avenue Baptist Meeting House of the church at Lyons farm.

Born in Ireland, he came to the United States at the age of 12. The guest speaker attended New York university and became curate in the Episcopal church in Elizabeth, N.J., where he lived.

As a prophetic Bible teacher, Dr. McNeely is a good friend of the well-known Dr. Haldeman of the First Baptist church of New York city.

Having graduated from Bryan university in 1950, Rev. Hay has served four years as a missionary with the Sudan Interior mission in Nigeria, where he was born to missionary parents. The missionary also graduated from the graduate school of missions of Columbia Bible college in 1951.

He has been doing general mission-

ary work in the Gwari tribe with an emphasis on evangelism and Bible teaching. The work includes going out to unreached areas and teaching the Christians with the hopes of grounding them in the Word, thus helping them to form a strong church.

He is the husband of the former June Bell, a 1951 Bryan graduate, and the father of two children.

Rev. David E. Hoy, an ordained Southern Baptist minister, will be the third main speaker. He is currently a

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Bryan Alumni to Arrive Soon for Annual Homecoming Weekend

For individual Bryan alumni there have been many homecomings, but October 12-14 marks the fourth annual fall homecoming sponsored by the alumni association. Graduates and former students now residing in Indiana, Ohio, Texas, South Carolina, as well as others including the closer Tennesseans, have indicated their plans to attend the three-day rally according to information received from alumni president Wayne Snider.

Alumni guests will share with students and faculty in a recital presented by the music department Friday evening under department head Gerald Woughter. An informal reception and get-acquainted hour will be held in the new lounge following the concert.

Saturday's program will call a-

lumni to breakfast and devotions at Johnson's bluff, followed by chapel with the students and an alumni business session. Coach Quinn is working out an afternoon program of special athletic events. Time will be allotted for a tour of the campus and buildings and those extra moments of fellowship.

The visitors will be special guests for the Saturday evening meal in the school dining room and will also share in the evening's social function planned for the entire school family.

With church attendance on Sunday at the local churches and dinner on the hill, reminiscing will be concluded as the travelers wend their way homeward to share the news of the hill top visit with alumni who remained at home.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Theodore C. Mercer



It is my hope that from time to time I may use this column to acquaint the friends of Bryan University more fully with the future workings of the college. It may be that some of

would wish to suggest topics you would like to see discussed in these pages. Please feel free to do so.

This time I shall tell you briefly something of the financial achievements and need of the school. First, however, I wish to say a word of praise for those, who in the past three years have injected new life and hope into our school, for in this time the brick work on the outside of the building has been done, the new areas of the library, lobby, business office completed, and the general overall financial picture brightened, specifically by the reduction of the accounts payable (euphemism for accumulated bills one is unable to pay) from \$55,000 to \$14,000. This achievement is remarkable. But it is not remarkable enough. When I first came to Bryan and began to study the financial picture I was cheered at the evident progress of recent years but also burdened at the thought that we begin this new year handicapped by unpaid bills, chiefly from last year. In late August, after much thought and prayer, I sent each of our creditors, more than a hundred of them, a memo apologizing for the delay in paying the account and saying that the bill would be paid in thirty days. That we have now done, but only by taking the money out of this year's receipts of tuition, fees, room, and board collected from the students at registration--money needed to pay this year's bills. This money must be replaced or we will face an even more serious shortage this year. It is absolutely imperative that Bryan get on a pay-as-we-go basis if it is to go forward.

Let me tell you how two groups of our friends have helped us financially in recent days. A pastor who has a radio broadcast in Muskegon, Michigan, was inspired by a visit of the Bryan musical ensemble, to sponsor a "Dollar for Bryan" week, which resulted in \$163 for Bryan from the people of that area. How we do thank

this kind pastor and the friends in Muskegon.

Only yesterday, two of our students from Beaumont, Texas, brought in a colorful pail with a face painted on it. Named "Mr. Clarence Can O'Pennies," this container had been placed in the Church of the Open Door in Beaumont this past summer, and some 2,000 pennies were dropped in it for the "Million Penny Drive." We say a hearty "thank you" to these in Beaumont and to the two students who made this contact.

A few days ago many of you received the final campaign mailing of the "Million Penny Drive" being conducted by the students to raise \$10,000 to help finance the construction of the Ironside Memorial Library. I want to commend this effort of the students to you and urge you to send in your contribution right away. If you did not receive this special mailing (some of our friends have asked to receive the **Newsette** only) you may simply mail your gift to Bryan University for the Million Penny Drive.

Since my previous column, Bryan has opened for its 27th year, with an inspiring convocation on September 13, participated in by members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, students, and local citizens of Dayton and Rhea county. It was a great encouragement to see the number of visitors who were present. Some fourteen persons, representing organizations and groups, brought greetings to the new students and the new administration. You will note elsewhere in this **Newsette** that we have enrolled 230 students this quarter. This pinpoints the need for an all-out admissions program this year. To this end, we solicit your prayers, your gifts, and your suggestion of names and addresses of prospective students.

We have already announced our enrollment goal for next year as 350. This increase in student body alone would go far in making it possible for the University to operate more efficiently in a financial way.

For the many of you who are praying for the work here, be assured that your prayers are being answered. Along with telling you of our needs we want you to know also there are great blessings. We shall be delighted to have any of you share these blessings with us on the campus whenever it is possible.

Typewriting Course added To University Curriculum

The addition of a college typewriting course to Bryan's curriculum this fall is the first step in the building of a business administration department for the school according to the expressed hopes of the new president, Dr. Theodore C. Mercer.

Although the class in typewriting is being offered as an introductory experiment, the enrollment of 13 students for the fall quarter promises a worthy beginning.

Miss Rebecca Peck, a graduate of Bryan with previous instructing experience in business subjects, is teaching the course.

She received advanced business training at Detroit Commercial college in Michigan. Three years of college level teaching added to several years personal experience in secretarial service will enable her to provide the students both the technical and experimental phases of the typing course.

Concerning the offering of a business course, Dr. Mercer commented, "The establishment of a reputable department of business to train personnel for secretarial positions is one of the objectives of the new administration and reflects one of the interests of the board of trustees."

Give Us Your Reaction

Among the matters being considered here on the campus is the possibility of changing the **Newsette** from a monthly to a bi-monthly publication. The suggestion has been made from time to time that possibly we send too much literature to our friends and that we might do well to reorganize the mailing plan. Consideration is being given to the possibility of sending the **Newsette** one month to all our mailing list and on alternate months to send the **Bryanette**, which is the alumni publication, to the alumni and as many other friends as would care to have this more intimate piece about Bryan graduates and families. At the October 12-14 homecoming the alumni will be asked to register their opinion in this matter.

As the heading indicates, those of us who are responsible for the **Newsette** here would be very pleased to have the reaction of our readers.



Pictured above are several members of the board of trustees and faculty as they greet two guests who attended the opening convocation and viewed the newly completed areas of the building. At the extreme left are Chancellor and Mrs. Glenn Woodlee and Dr. Irving Jensen; center, Mrs. Theodore Mercer and Mrs. E. B. Arnold; and right, President Mercer.

Dr. Mercer Relates Future Plans at Initial Ceremonies

Three hundred and fifty students was announced as the goal for next year's enrollment by Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, president, in his address at the opening of the school Thursday night, Sept. 13.

Before the new and returning students and a large crowd of visitors from the area, Dr. Mercer outlined his plans for expansion at the college in physical and educational improvements.

"Rome was not built in a day, nor can we expect Bryan to be, but there are many things that must be done," he stated. "The physical is the most obvious, but not the ultimate. The Administration building must be completed, not only for appearance, but for use. A new men's dormitory is necessary and a gymnasium."

The new president related that he hoped to establish a full-fledged teacher education department. He also explained that he would like for Rhea county teachers to be able to get summer work at Bryan as well as evening and Saturday classes.

He stressed the desire for better community relations and the hope that there would be a great increase in students from the local area.

"To borrow a scripture phrase, 'one man layeth a foundation and another buildeth thereon,' and may we also take the admonition,

'Let a man take heed how he buildeth thereon,'" Dr. Mercer said. This was part of his tribute to the men and women who had worked at Bryan before his assumption of presidential duties.

Accompanied by his wife, John Bartlett, dean of men, sang a baritone solo entitled "Jesus Only."

"Toccata (Sonata in A major)" was the piano selection given by Miss Florence Miller, dean of women and assistant professor of music. Miss Barbara Ridder, a junior from Lansing, Ill., was the organist for the occasion.

Many representatives of local civic, educational and religious groups extended greetings to the Bryan family. Dr. H. D. Long, chairman of the board of trustees, presided for the program.

Glenn W. Woodlee represented the board of trustees in the greetings, and Dr. Irving Jensen, head of the Bible department, extended the welcome on behalf of the faculty. Jack Grammar, president of the Christian Service Association, was the individual who represented the student body for the event.

Following the service a tour was conducted especially for the visitors. The tour included the new Ironside library, lobby at the main entrance, business office and the nearly completed student lounge.

PORTRAIT, PLAQUE TO BE UNVEILED IN DEDICATION

(The unveiling of a portrait of Dr. H. A. Ironside and a memorial bronze plaque will highlight the dedication of the new Ironside Memorial library at Bryan Thursday evening, October 25, during the fall Bible conference.)

Donating her late husband's portrait, Mrs. H. A. Ironside will be on campus for the special ceremonies. She is a resident of Thomaston, Ga.

Rev. John S. Ironside also expects to be traveling to Bryan from Manhattan, Kan. The namesake of the library willed his entire library to his son, John, who selected many books which were sent to Bryan as a personal gift.

Rev. A. H. Stewart of Racine, Wis., who was said to be Dr. Ironside's closest friend, will be coming. Other friends and members of the namesake's family also plan to attend.

An estimate for the entire library project is \$30,000, with \$16,000 being the approximate figure for the modern construction and \$14,000 for equipment.

This is part of the university development program which included, in addition to the library, the completion of the lobby at the main entrance, the business office and the new student lounge.

Dr. Ironside was a trustee of the university for 20 years and spoke at Bryan a number of times. As a result of action taken by the trustees in the fall of 1951, it was decided to name the university library in honor of this outstanding Christian leader.

Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, Bryan president, has urged visitors to attend this special event.

COMMONER STAFF REQUEST

The staff of the **Commoner**, the Bryan University yearbook, has requested that a notice be run in the **Newsette** to determine how many would be interested in purchasing a 1957 Commoner next spring. The cost of the yearbooks has been running about six or seven dollars. You will be asked to pay only what the book actually costs. If we are able to sell enough copies, we can get a better rate per book.

Bryan Gains First Athletic Director

For the first time in the history of Bryan University, there is a full-time physical education and athletic director on the faculty. He is James S. Quinn, a 1956 graduate of Wheaton college.

Jim claims a 6'1" frame with 220 pounds that were helpful in his four years as a tackle for the Wheaton varsity eleven which posted a record of 25 victories, four defeats and one tie during his four campaigns.

The former physical education major related that there will probably be some intercollegiate basketball this year. In addition, cross country and track will continue on the intercollegiate level, he reported, saying that the cross country schedule is currently being set up.

"We are going to play to win, without violating any Christian ethics, of course. We are going to practice like we want to win," coach Quinn stated during the conversation. He illustrated his attitude by saying that you don't pass tests at test time, but by studying previously.

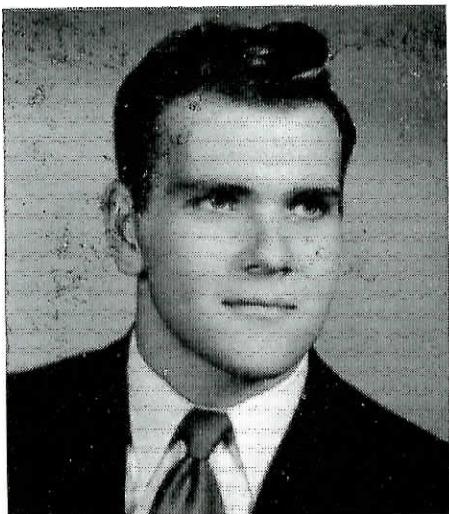
The athletic director, who also will instruct both boys' and girls' physical education classes, said that the intramural program "will continue to be at least as active as it has been and I hope more active. The current program includes volleyball, basketball, softball, touch-football for boys and speedball for girls.

Mr. Quinn served as assistant coach of track and physical education instructor during his student teaching at West Chicago Community High School.

At Wheaton he was a member of the "W" club, having gained three letters, and the phys ed majors club.

He participated in tours for three years as a member of the Wheaton men's glee club and was in the football Gospel team quartet his senior year. In addition to his vocal interest in music, he plays the cornet.

Another phase of his practical Christian education work included teaching a Sunday school class.



Coach James Quinn

ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTRY REPRESENTED ON CAMPUS

Two hundred and thirty students from points as far north as Maine and Minnesota, as far west as California and as far south as Texas and Florida have enrolled at Bryan for the 1956-57 school year.

Twenty-six states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries are represented. The foreign countries with one student each as their ambassador are Canada, Korea and Switzerland.

Michigan still holds the lead for the most students from one state with 30, but Ohio follows just a shade behind with 29. Pennsylvania is number three with 24 Bryanites, trailed by host Tennessee with 23.

Indiana and Wisconsin are tied for fifth place with 14 students each. Next comes Virginia with 11, followed by Illinois, Colorado and Minnesota, all with 10 each. Other states with more than five representatives are Kentucky and New Jersey, both having seven.

Other home states of Bryan students include Florida, Georgia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Iowa, New York, North Carolina, Kansas, Alabama, Texas, Missouri, Maine, Arkansas, and California.

The number by class is as follows: freshmen, 71; sophomores, 64; juniors, 45; seniors, 43; and special students, 7.

Additional Staff Appointments Made before University Opening

Four additional appointments completed the staff before Bryan opened for its twenty-seventh year of operation.

Mrs. Joy Brunner, a native of Oregon who resides in Dayton, was selected as official receptionist. She lives with Miss Mary L. Hanack, assistant professor of education, in one of the campus faculty homes.

Miss Rebecca Peck, a Bryan graduate who is experienced in secretarial work, was appointed as secretary to the president.

Mrs. Warren Allem, a Dayton resident, is the new dietitian and head of the boarding department while David Harmon, a 1956 Bryan graduate, is now the manager of the janitorial services.

Miss Ila Ruth Mahr resigned as secretary to the executive vice president and dean. She now has a job with the Prudential Life Insurance company in Atlanta, Ga.

Students Hear Speakers

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student in the Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He was formerly the youth director of the Calvary Baptist church in New York city and served as the assistant pastor of the East Side Baptist church in Evansville.

Rev. Hoy is the author of the book, *Magic with a Message*, published by Fleming Revell. The youth leader is an author of a number of tracts published by the American Tract society. One was on spiritism, based on his experiences of a personal investigation while in New York city.

The guest speaker has made two evangelistic tours to Europe and the British isles. He has also preached in Bermuda and throughout this country.

The university will be glad to arrange accommodations for those who desire to attend the conference.

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