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Oliver Graham, student council representative of Jacksonville, Fla., is shown checking in new arrivals (left to right): Arthur White, Brooklyn, N. Y., James and Richard Williamson, Bronson, Mich., and James Roeder, St. Petersburg, Fla. Overlooking the scene is the picture of the late Dr. Harris H. Gregg, professor of Bible, 1939-1943.

CONVOCATION OPENS 30TH YEAR

The 1959-60 school year officially opened with a convocation on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, at which Col. John M. Fain of Atlanta was the speaker. Students, faculty, and friends filled the college chapel to capacity as Col. Fain, a retired air force officer and realtor, gave a spiritual challenge based on Proverbs 14:25. Prior to the convocation, the faculty had met in its annual three-day workshop retreat at the U. T. Geology camp on Johnson's Bluff.

As this *Newsette* goes to press, the enrollment stands at 233 and represents 29 states and six foreign countries. Tennessee heads the list with 43 registrants, followed by Michigan (32), Ohio (20), Pennsylvania (20), Texas (14), Florida (12), Georgia (11), and Indiana (10). The six foreign students represent Japan, Free China, India, South Korea, Jordan, and Canada.

Curricular additions this fall include Tennessee history for elementary teachers, a general education natural science survey, analytic chemistry, and several

courses in philosophy, the latter occasioned by the return of Harold Franz from a year's absence for graduate study.

7TH ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The seventh annual Alumni Homecoming scheduled for October 23-25 will honor the graduates of the class of 1934 on their 25th anniversary. Highlighting the week end's activities will be the anniversary banquet in the college dining hall on Saturday evening. The classes of 1949 and 1954 will also be recognized on their 10th and 5th anniversaries.

On Friday alumni speakers will be featured in one of the two morning Bible conference sessions and an informal fellowship will be held for alumni following the evening meeting. The annual business meeting will be conducted on Saturday afternoon with morning events including an outdoor

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TRUSTEES, ALUMNI ARE SCHEDULED FOR CONFERENCES

The 29th annual fall Bible Conference scheduled for October 18-25 will feature a trustee of the college and alumni as speakers and musicians. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, a Bryan trustee since 1946 and dean of the faculty at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., will head the list of speakers. Missionaries George Birch ('48) of Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, Africa, and Bessie Degerman ('53) of The Evangelical Alliance Mission in Japan, will speak at the morning missionary hour, and the Rev. James Reese ('56), pastor of the Moline Baptist Church, Moline, Mich., will direct the musical program of the conference.

Dr. Hoyt will speak twice daily. In his morning series he will present an inspirational study concerning the believer's responsibility in this world. His evening series will deal with prophetic topics.

The use of Bryan alumni for the missionary messages follows a tradition established three years ago when Ian Hay ('50) of Sudan Interior Mission in Jos, Nigeria, Africa, inaugurated the custom. Other annual missionary speakers have been Solon Hoyt ('43) with the Foreign Missionary Society of the

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DR. HERMAN HOYT



The President's Column

Theodore C. Mercer

It has been some time since I have written this column for an issue of the **Newsette**, and I am glad to have the opportunity to share with you the aspirations of this new school year. We had a good summer here at Bryan. The summer school, though small in total enrollment as might be expected for this new venture, was a decided success. Both teachers and students were enthusiastic about the results; and for those of us working here it was pleasant to see people around and to hear the sounds of purposeful activity. The opening days of school were brightened by the presence of many parents and friends, including alumni. It was a special joy to have Rev. Morris Morgan ('51) of Douglas, Ariz., and Edward Amstutz ('55) of Orlando, Fla., who brought new students and prospective students to the campus.

The prospects for this present year are encouraging. In fact, I am more encouraged than ever about Bryan and its future. Our number of new students is above last year, which together with approximately the same number of returning students gives us a slight edge over last year in present enrollment. An interesting fact of the dormitory enrollment is that there are more men than women. Besides being a generally favorable indicator, this makes for a better social situation. The number of local students continues to increase and with it a wider base of support for the college, such as is manifested in the current Advisory Committee drive to raise \$15,000 for the operating budget.

The fact that just today we got the copy of the auditor's report for last fiscal year reminds me to tell you of the splendid thing that happened just as we changed from one fiscal year to another. In spite of all efforts during last year, it appeared that the budget deficit originally estimated at \$35,000 would amount to about \$20,000 anyway; but then the marvelous happened and a gift of \$20,000 meant that the final deficit of \$17,999.78 was covered. When this gift was made, the donor indicated that a balanced budget this year could well be the predicate for a gift of \$150,000 for the final completion of the main building.

You can understand then that our

aim in the business affairs of the college this year is to balance the budget, while at the same time not curtailing the quality of the services rendered to students. Last year's gift income was most encouraging, a total of \$90,000 of which some \$66,000 was in operating, nearly a third above the previous year's figure. The struggle against the deficit points up several factors—the increasing cost of all services everywhere including educational services, low charges which must be pushed up modestly, the need for a larger student body, and the efforts made to upgrade the salaries of our teachers.

You will be hearing more about the plans looking toward accreditation. One immediate need is to increase the endowment from the present \$150,000 to \$300,000. The trustees at the fall meeting at hand will consider this matter.

The tone of our faculty workshop is an assurance that the faculty and administration are united in the effort to render a quality academic service to our students. Spiritually we have accepted the challenge of carrying into the classroom teaching and thence into our everyday lives the Christian principles of our philosophy epitomized in the college motto, "Christ Above All." We are well aware that if we fail spiritually, we fail completely; and at the same time we recognize that there is no conflict among a true spiritual achievement, a first class academic program, and a sound business operation. Indeed, one without the other makes for an incomplete Christian educational program. At this point I am impressed with Paul's admonition from the long ago:

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:12, 13.

We need your prayers, your interest, and your gifts.

Rhea Countians Drive For \$15,000 Goal

The citizens of Rhea county conducted their second annual drive to raise funds for Bryan College the week of Sept. 19-26 with C. P. Swafford, Dayton attorney, general director of the campaign. A goal of \$15,000 was set, with the money raised going to the operating fund of the college.

The campaign was sponsored by the Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees, a group of Rhea county citizens, who organized two years ago. Officers of the committee besides Mr. Swafford, the chairman, are Russell V. Stansbury, vice chairman, and William Shaver, secretary.

The campaign featured a "Buy for Bryan" week sponsored by 70 merchants and business firms of Dayton in which cooperating merchants pledged donations of 1% of gross sales for the week.

The campaign had a public send-off Saturday afternoon, Sept. 19, with a parade in downtown Dayton led by the varsity band of Rhea Central High School and concluding with brief ceremonies on the courthouse lawn officially opening the drive.

Bryan College day was observed Sunday, Sept. 20, in a number of churches in the county. During the campaign week Bryan faculty and students used silver dollars in making purchases in Dayton. As this copy goes to press, the campaign is in full swing. Results of the campaign along with pictures will be publicized in the next issue.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

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breakfast and the homecoming touch football game. The final session of the week end will be a music festival on Sunday afternoon in which alumni will share the program with present students and faculty members.

Full details of the homecoming program have been reported to alumni in the recent issue of **Bryanette**.



PAULSON

In Memoriam

PHILIP PAULSON

son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Vernon Paulson, who completed his first year of college work at Bryan College in June 1959, died June 23, 1959 as the result of an automobile accident near Phoenix, Arizona.

College Receives \$10,000 For Memorial Fund

A gift of \$10,000 was received by the college in July for the establishment of a memorial scholarship fund, which is already operating effectively for a number of Bryan students. The gift was made by Mrs. Walter Williamson, of Dallas, Texas, whose late husband was born and brought up in Dayton. The fund has been named the Walter Williamson Memorial Fund.

The records of the college indicate that the late Mr. Williamson was one of the original subscribers in the founding of the institution which was then known as Bryan Memorial University. Mr. Williamson was living in Dallas, Texas, in October 1925 when this subscription was made. According to a statement by his widow, Mr. Williamson's interest in Bryan continued through the years and the gift has been made in recognition of this interest.

Dr. Mercer secured the gift on a visit to Dallas where he met Mrs. Williamson. Mr. Williamson, a building contractor, died three years ago in Dallas. He was a brother of the late E. M. Williamson of Dayton, who was one of the incorporators of Bryan College and gave part of the land on which the college is located. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williamson are recorded as founders of the institution.

Library Acknowledges Gift Books and Magazines

Several recent donations of books and magazine subscriptions have provided a worthy addition to our college library. The following is a list of the gifts and the donors:

A series of three volumes on the names and titles of Jesus Christ by the author, Dr. C. J. Rolls, of Overland Park, Kansas, published under the titles, **The Indescribable Christ, The World's Greatest Name, and Time's Noblest Name.**

A one-year subscription to **Christian Heritage** by Mrs. E. O. Wonderly of Mountain Lake Park, Md.

A three-year subscription to **Practical Anthropology** by Dr. William Wonderly ('36), Mexico City.

Several sets of religious works including the **Jewish Encyclopedia** from the library of the late Dr. Harris Gregg, former Bryan Bible teacher, as a gift from Mrs. Gregg.

The **Cambridge Miedaeval History** provided by the Bryan Alumni chapter at Dallas, Texas, and the **Encyclopedia** gift of the Upper East Tennessee chapter of Bryanites.

FACULTY STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMPLETED

The appointment of Miss Luella Loewen to the position of assistant professor of Christian Education and L. Donald Hill as assistant professor of education together with the return of Mrs. Lucy D. Sullivan completed the faculty for the 1959-60 school year.

Miss Loewen, who was editor of adult publications of the Gospel Light Publications of Glendale, Calif., has been appointed to succeed Dr. Dorothy Davies. Miss Loewen attended the Mankato (Minn.) State Teachers College for two years and received her bachelor's degree from Wheaton (Ill.) College. She also holds the master of arts degree from Wheaton and has done additional graduate work at the University of Oklahoma and Biblical Seminary in New York.

Prior to her connection with the Gospel Light Publications, Miss Loewen served for two years in China as a missionary and for seven years in the Philippines as a teacher in a Bible institute and seminary under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. She also has taught seven years in elementary grades in this country. Miss Loewen's varied experience eminently qualifies her as a professor of Christian Education.

L. Donald Hill of Nashville, Tenn., and St. Louis, Mo., succeeds Dr. Ruth Nixon in the department of education with responsibility particularly for the elementary education division. A kindergarten maintained by the college and taught by students in the department is under Mr. Hill's supervision.

Mr. Hill attended the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville and received his bachelor of arts from Trevecca College. He holds the master of arts degree from Peabody College with majors in education and psychology and has completed 30 additional hours toward the doctorate. He served two years in the U. S. Army in Korea and Japan and for one year was national director of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board and also a teacher in the Nashville City School system.

Mr. Hill's wife, Jean, who is an experienced bookkeeper, has been appointed to the position of assistant bookkeeper in the college business office. The Hills have a four-year old son, Mark.

Mrs. Sullivan, professor of English, who had resigned to return to graduate school, will continue on the faculty for another year while completing her plans to study Abroad.

Additional appointments to the col-



Profs. Jensen, Moore, Keefer, Bedford, Warwick, Van Meeveren and Hill are shown at the faculty workshop as President Mercer leads the session.

lege staff include Mrs. Nell Short, college hostess; Miss Shirley Whitener, college nurse; Mrs. Barbara McDaniel, secretary to the dean; Mrs. Barbara Ross, assistant secretary to the dean; Mrs. Sonja Holman, secretary to the dean of men; and John Hamil, director of the print shop.

Mrs. Short of Pomona, Calif., cousin of a trustee's wife, Mrs. A. M. Morgan of Dayton, began her duties the first of September. Miss Whitener took up her role as nurse with the opening of the fall term.

Mrs. McDaniel, the former Barbara Rooker of Columbia, Tenn., came to the college in June. She is a graduate of Tennessee Temple College and was secretary to the dean of the Bible school for four years and also taught in that school.

Mrs. Ross, the former Barbara Ridder, who graduated at Bryan with the class of 1958 as a music major, has returned to the campus with her husband, Larry Ross, an ex-Marine, who is a freshman at the college.

Mrs. Holman, of Dallas, Texas, is also assisting in secretarial work while her husband, Morris, pursues his college course as a freshman.

Mr. Hamil, of Muskegon, Mich., a former student and printer at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., has been working in the print shop since mid-August. He is also enrolled as a part-time student.

MISSIONARY AVIATION CLUB ORGANIZES

The Bryan Missionary Aviation Club, Inc., was organized during the past summer to provide a specialized activity for Bryan students interested in aviation. The club was initiated through the efforts of two faculty members, Charles Moore, a private pilot and president of the club, and Everett Boyce, a student pilot and coach at the college.

In its official charter as a non-profit welfare corporation in the State of Tennessee, the club has the following stated purpose: "This corporation shall strive to stimulate in young men and women an interest in aviation as an instrument in carrying out the Lord's work on the mission fields, and to provide for those interested, primary instruction in meteorology, navigation, and flight." Dr. John Anderson, Bryan professor, and two local pilots, C. P. Sawyers and Max Shaver, owner of the Dayton airport, serve with the two initiators of the club to make up the five charter members.

An Aeronca Defender plane, which is a two-passenger, dual control trainer, has been purchased by the club for the training program. Three student trainees, Everett Boyce ('56), Ralph Green ('56), and Lloyd Nelson ('61), have already soloed in the plane and Wayne Kiser, a senior student, will soon have completed preparation for his solo flight.

To join the club, student trainees pay an initial membership fee and an additional hourly fee for instruction and use of the plane. The club has been registered with the county clerk and carries ample insurance to cover the plane, its passengers, and property liability. No college credit is offered for the training program, but it has been carefully organized to provide high quality of in-

struction.

In cooperation with the active flight members, the club plans to have a missionary prayer band which will be open to all of the Bryan family who wish to unite with the club in prayer for the needs of missionary aviation.

Two Bryan graduates are now working in missionary aviation in South America—Paul Marsteller ('54), who serves in jungle aviation under Wycliffe Bible Translators in Yarinacocha, Peru, and Robert Lehnhart ('54) who just left the States for language school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, to serve under Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

SUMMER SESSIONS RATED AS SUCCESS

Both teachers and administrators were encouraged with the enthusiastic response on the part of the 22 students who were enrolled in seven courses in the two-semester summer school session at Bryan ending Aug. 7. Most of the students were residents of the local area and at least half of them are elementary school teachers in the county and city systems. Nine of the summer students are currently enrolled as regular students or have at some previous time taken work at the college. One of these, Mrs. Margie Smith Morrison, was a member of the first class to enroll at Bryan in the fall of 1930.

Summer courses included two elementary education courses, two literature courses, an elementary remedial reading course, and two science courses—botany and zoology. Mrs. Lou Rouch Woughter, Mrs. Lucy Sullivan, and Dr. Willard Henning—all members of the regular college faculty—were assisted by Carroll Dorsey and Mrs. John LeDu of the Rhea Central high school faculty, and Mrs. Lois Roberts, teacher at Dayton city school.

New Members Join Trustees For Fall Annual Session

The members of the Board of Trustees of the college will assemble for their annual fall meeting on October 5. Their business session will be interrupted for participation in the morning chapel service when trustees will be introduced to the student body and given an opportunity for testimony.

Three new members elected at the spring meeting to serve on the Board of Trustees are C. R. Bell, wholesale food distributor, Asheville, N. C.; Miss Ruth Huston, of Coatesville, Pa., and Hyden, Ky.; and Gettys Guille, owner of a builders' supply company, Salisbury, N. C. Mr. Guille is the son of the first president of the college, the late Dr. George E. Guille, and Miss Huston is a stockholder and director of the Lukens Steel Company and has served for over 35 years as a missionary in Kentucky in affiliation with the Scripture Memory Mountain Mission.

It is expected that a major item of business at the fall meeting will be plans for raising sufficient additional endowment to make the college eligible for Southern Association accreditation.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

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Grace Brethren Church in Argentina, and Edgerton Reid ('37), director of the Ohio Messianic Testimony, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Already known for his musical ministry, Mr. Reese made a record for Diodem Productions, Inc., which is having wide circulation.

This year the seventh annual alumni homecoming will coincide with the last three days of the conference. A special anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday night, Oct. 24, to honor Bryan's first graduates in the class of 1934 on their 25th anniversary and also to recognize the classes of 1949 and 1954 in their 10th and 5th anniversaries.

The conference will get under way on Sunday evening, Oct. 18, in the Rhea Central High School auditorium when Dr. Hoyt will speak on the subject, "The Trend and the End of This Present Evil Age," introducing his prophetic series. The conference will conclude the following Sunday with a joint college-alumni musicale. On the opening Sunday night a number of Dayton churches will cooperate by dismissing their services in keeping with a long-standing tradition.

Acknowledgment is made of the new masthead designed and presented to the **Newsette** by Lawrence (Bud) Schatz ('56), a student at the Dallas Theological Seminary.

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