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Shown above is the college choir, which will present a program of Christmas music in area high schools in early December, sing the *Messiah* on December 15, and make a tour next spring, March 22-31.

Christmas Banquet Features World's Fair Planner as Speaker

J. Marshall Miller, of New York City, planning consultant, late professor of Columbia University, and an early planner for the Protestant Center of the 1964-1965 World's Fair, will be the speaker for the annual Christmas banquet Saturday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Miller will use for his topic, "Jesus Christ, the Light of the World," which is the theme of the Protestant Center for the Fair. Mrs. Miller will accompany Mr. Miller to Bryan.



Mr. Miller

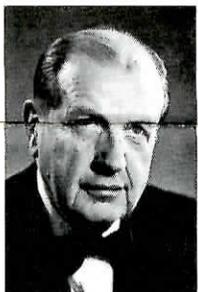
Mr. Miller is director of Miller Associates, a planning consultants firm, and of Books International, which circulates significant publications on urban development throughout the world. Representatives of Books International, which is described as "a private enterprise dedicated to international public service," are to be found in major cities in Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America. Twin Parks, a new community being developed along Interstate Highway 71 between Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, is a creation of Miller Associates. This revolutionary concept in highway service features America's first two interstate parks. *Lake Europa* is Mr. Miller's latest publication in the field of planning and is a description of a proposed new capital for a United States of Europe.

Christmas Vespers

The annual Christmas vespers and Gifts-for-the-King service on Sunday (Continued on page 2)

Scholar, Evangelist Heads Bible Conference

Dr. O. E. Sanden of the "New Awakening Campaigns" with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., will be the principal speaker at the annual Bible conference scheduled for January 26-31, 1964. Dr. Sanden will speak at the January 26 opening meeting of the conference in the high school auditorium, when many churches in the local



Dr. Sanden

area will combine with the college for a union service in the evening. Three services have been scheduled daily—9:00 and 10:15 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. All sessions except the opening meeting will be held in the college chapel.

A man of many scholarly and Christian achievements, Dr. Sanden is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas; graduate of Columbia and Austin Presbyterian

Seminaries; ordained a Presbyterian minister; served as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts of the Northwestern Schools and more recently concluded a ten-year ministry as pastor of the Warrendale Presbyterian Church of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Sanden is a Fellow of the Texas Academy of Science; a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and a member of the Victoria Institute of Great Britain.

He is a former Moderator of the Presbytery of St. Paul and Chairman of Evangelism for that body.

The Synod of Minnesota made him a member of its Executive Council and its state-wide Evangelistic Committee.

Dr. Sanden has enjoyed an unusually varied ministry, and brings to his task the combined experience of his years as evangelist, pastor, educator, author, and lecturer. His messages combine a fascinating scholarship with a simple, forthright evangelistic

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President's Column



Dr. Mercer

Relevancy is a necessity in education, and in Christian education this relevancy must be like the biblical two-edged sword. In refreshing my own mind as to the meaning of the term *relevant*, I find that "bearing on the matter at hand; to the purpose; pertinent, applicable, germane, suitable" (ACD) are given in definition. In terms of current experience, it must be demonstrated in the Christian college that the gospel has very much to do with life right now and life as it appears to be in the making for the foreseeable future. This facing-up to contemporary life, however, must be solidly grounded in the biblical revelation, else the relevancy we seek is without any real substance and foundation to give it enduring value.

In certain Christian circles today one gets the impression of a "tongue-in-cheek" approach to the Bible which says in effect that the Scriptures, for whatever they are worth, are not truly relevant to 1963. It is implied that the Bible record is not authoritative and trustworthy, that its message is limited, and that the obvious meaning of the text is not to be accepted as the real meaning; instead it is alleged that to really find out what the Bible is saying we need the explanation of certain initiates who have found the true meaning hidden under the obvious meaning. An aura exists that somehow true intellectuality and academic competence cannot go hand in hand with total acceptance of the Bible as the Word of God written.

This was brought home to me very vividly in a recent conversation when a man of considerable educational accomplishment and a genuinely contemporary man of affairs expressed surprise when he discovered that I really did believe in creation by God as taught in the Bible.

In four chapel messages recently, some of the important foundations of our Christian faith were examined by four members of the faculty. I repeat below a thumbnail introduction to each of these messages which will be printed in pamphlet form for distribution at an early date.

What Is Meant by Inspiration?

Dr. Karl E. Keefer, *dean*

The inspiration of the Bible is at the heart of Bryan College's testimony as a Christian college. Should this ever be lost, Bryan would have lost its spiritual dynamic. What is meant by "inspiration"? We mean that God so moved upon the men who wrote the various portions of our Bible that they accurately and unerringly expressed exactly what God intended for them to express. They retained their humanity, as evidenced by the clearly discernible differences in style, historical, cultural backgrounds, and the like. But they were divinely led, as evidenced by fulfilled prophecy, demonstrable historical accuracy, as well as the existential witness of Scripture to the human heart. Our Bible, divinely inspired, affords us a sure and certain guide through these troubled times.

What Books Belong in the Canon?

Thomas Eckel, *instructor in French, Bible, and philosophy*

The term "canon" is applied to the inspired Scriptures as a standard of divine authority both qualitatively and quantitatively. We have not always had Scripture, and all writings of men of God are not Scripture. Jesus said that all the Scriptures are about Himself (Luke 24:27, 44). So, beginning with Moses, God invests select persons with authority, validates them by miracles and/or prophetic utterance to provide continuity, and consummates the process in the Incarnate Son and the apostolic delineation of Him. Hence, we have a limited body of written, divine authority, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, which we call the Canon.

Reliability of the Old Testament Text

Dr. Irving L. Jensen, *head of the Bible department*

The question, "How reliable is our Old Testament text?" arises because we do not have any of the infallible original Old Testament manuscripts. Our present Old Testament may be said to be wholly reliable because it is substantially pure. A faith that believes that God plenary inspired the very words of the manuscripts also believes that God would preserve the transmitted copies so as not to jeopardize the Bible's eternal teachings. Perhaps the strongest factual evidences confirming such divine pres-

ervation are the Dead Sea scrolls—some dated around 150 B.C.—which have demonstrated by comparison that the Old Testament text of today is essentially the Old Testament text of Jesus' day.

Reliability of the New Testament Text

Dr. John Anderson, *professor of Greek and Hebrew*

The question of the reliability of the New Testament text may be answered by a consideration of the evidence. In contrast to the classical literature of antiquity, the New Testament has 4500 manuscripts, many Ancient Versions, selected reading portions, and writings of the church fathers attesting its accuracy. Within these sources, there are many variations due to the handcopying of the text. The science of textual criticism through established principles has given us a text that is admitted by all to be very close to that of the original. Less than one and one-half per cent of the text remains in question and no essential doctrine is involved.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

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day, December 15, will feature a community choir of students, faculty, townspeople and visiting soloists in the Christmas section of Handel's MESSIAH at 2:30 p.m. in the college chapel under the direction of Prof. Daryle Worley, chairman of the music department. Visiting soloists are Mildred Perry Miller, soprano; Jo Anne Henry, mezzo; and Ted Stapleton, baritone, all of Chattanooga. Mr. Worley will sing the tenor solos.

Gifts for the King

This year, as in the past two years, the Gifts-for-the-King offering will go to support the scholarship program of the college. This year 104 students are being assisted with scholarship grants totaling \$38,000 for both semesters. An up-to-date report will be announced on the gifts received through the annual mail solicitation and through a special offering to be taken at the vesper service.

Candlelight Service

On Tuesday, December 17, the college choir will present an evening candlelight carol service as the last all-college activity prior to the Christmas vacation which begins December 19.

Pastor Norman Hirschy Called To Higher Service

A beloved pastor and long-time friend of Bryan, the Rev. Norman Hirschy, of Evans City, Pa., entered into the presence of the Lord on August 25.



Mr. Hirschy

Mr. Hirschy died in his native Berne, Ind., three days after he and Mrs. Hirschy celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Hirschy will be remembered by a wide circle of Christian friends for a long and productive ministry as pastor, evangelist, Bible teacher, and missionary promoter. After a ministry in Michigan and Ohio, Mr. Hirschy went in 1927 to Evans City as pastor of the First Baptist Church where he remained for thirty-five years until his retirement in 1962. Through his evangelistic ministry a church was organized at Worthington, Pa. A total of sixteen missionaries were sent out from the Worthington and Evans City churches; and others who entered full-time Christian service under Mr. Hirschy's ministry raised this number to fifty.

Following his retirement, Mr. Hirschy was a missionary in the West Indies, served as chaplain on a New York to Buenos Aires run of the Moore McCormack S. S. Lines, and most recently was appointed general director of the Source of Light Mission of Madison, Ga. In failing health since March, he became seriously ill in June and shortly thereafter he and Mrs. Hirschy returned to Berne, where they had been reared. Mr. Hirschy was of American-Swiss descent; his ancestors were of the earliest settlers of that section of Indiana. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hirschy were graduates of Fort Wayne Bible College.

Of the six Hirschy children, four attended Bryan; and of these, three are missionaries. One other daughter is also a missionary, giving the family two representatives in Africa and two in South America. One granddaughter, Karin deRosset, daughter of Joyce '40 (Hirschy) and Edward '39 deRosset, is a senior at Bryan this year. Over the years Mr. Hirschy influenced numerous students to attend Bryan.

Alumni Set New Goals; Elect Officers

The Bryan Alumni Association at its annual business meeting in October voted to complete as early as possible the current project of providing support for the alumni field representative. The group also voted that when this \$10,000 goal has been reached the Association would embark on a \$10,000 endowment fund from which the income would provide for the expenses of bringing to the campus each year a spiritual life speaker, preferably an alumnus of the College.

The new alumni president, Rev. Raymond Childress, presided at the meeting. Mr. Childress, a graduate with the class of 1955, is president of Southland Bible Institute in Pikeville, Ky. Other officers elected for the new year are: vice president, Howard Park '55, Dayton, Tenn.; secretary, Sarah Davis '56, Atlanta, Ga.; treasurer, Edward Payne '53, Dayton, Tenn.; chairman of the committee on elections, Thomas V. Taylor '54, Philadelphia, Pa.; additional election committee members, Mrs. Judy King Barth '57, Poland, Ohio, and Mrs. Faith Allem Williamson '61, Dayton, Tenn.

A revised constitution voted on by a mail ballot prior to the meeting was made effective immediately after the business session.

At the homecoming banquet Howard (Mickey) Park, the vice president and new field representative, gave the address with emphasis on the homecoming and missionary conference theme, "Sharing Our Godly Heritage."

Missionaries on furlough and other alumni who attended the conference or registered for homecoming include the following who are listed according to their classes:

1936: Agnes (Copeland) deRosset

1937: John deRosset, Juanita Pendergrass, Emily (McMurry) Owensby, Louise (Godsey) Johnston

1938: Zelpha Russell

1940: Ben White, Rebecca Peck

1942: Paul Levensgood

1947: Ruth (Kuhn) Simmons

1948: Helen Lord

The Hirschys visited the college twice in recent times, in 1961 (a picture in the fall *NEWSLETTE* records this visit) and in February of this year when he spoke at chapel.

1949: Josephine (Jenkins) Payne, Clyde Simmons

1952: Joyce (Cooper) Levensgood, Albert Levensgood, Doris Bunch, Ruth (Bunch) Hookey, Allen Jewett

1953: Ellora (Caudill) Lockhart, Mary Catherine (Hunter) Doss, Edward Payne, Fred Donehoo

1954: Paul Campbell, Armond Fritz, Dorothy (Bean) Graham, Reita Hall, June (Hively) Neddo, Darwin Neddo, Paul Marsteller, Beverly (Reed) Sharp, Jim Sharp, Arthur Pflug, Margaret Pflug, Betty Joy (Rankin) Horne

1955: Ray Childress, Martha (Wiggins) Campbell, Richard Cornelius, Mickey Park, Mary Roselyn (Hall) Talbot, Robert Horne

1956: Sara Davis, Norbert Kier, Mary (Wiggins) Marsteller

1957: Donna (Black) Cornelius, James Barth, Judy (King) Barth, Martha (King) Park, Lois Ringler

1958: Glenn Graham

1959: Ann Frazer, Robert Stanger

1960: Richard Williamson

1961: Nancy Akins, Carol Cureton, Faith (Allem) Williamson

1962: Jane Barnes, Tseng-Min Hsu

1963: Tom Beal, Maurice Allen, Margaret Denner, Roland Fleck, Peggy Neece, Rachel Paulson, Everett Garmon, Sandra Sorrell, Joanne Worley, David Whitney

1964 and later—not now enrolled: Arlene (Von Busch) Beal, John Hillyer, Carol Barth, Don Black, Len Huffman, Helen Metcalf

Honorary Members: Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers, Dr. and Mrs. Rudd

BIBLE CONFERENCE

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appeal, woven together with a distinguished and eloquent platform style. He will speak twice daily during the conference period.

C.B.M.C. Speakers

One service of the daily sessions will feature testimonies by members of the Christian Business Men's Committee. This part of the program will be headed up by Mr. Harry Johnson, trustee of the College and an active C.B.M.C. member.

The Bible conference has been scheduled this year between the two semesters of the academic year. The afternoons of the conference week will be utilized for second semester registration, orientation of new students, and faculty and student workshops.

Second Semester Begins

JANUARY 25

New dormitories will be ready for occupancy.

Space Still Available —
Rush Your Application.

Oliver Announces 1963-64 Hardwood Hopes, Schedule

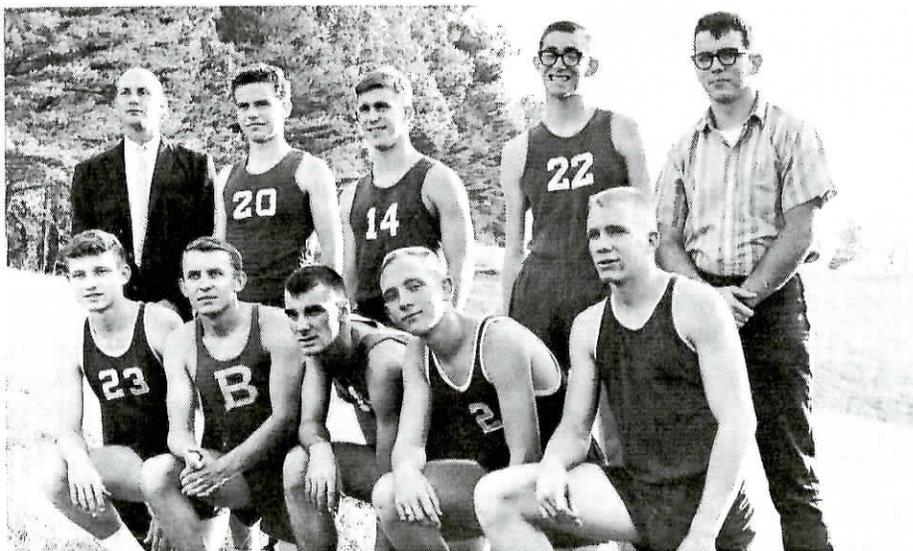
Three starters from last year, backed by a number of veterans with experience give new Coach Cleve D. Oliver reason to be optimistic as the 1963-64 basketball season approaches. However, with a rugged 28-game schedule, lack of height, and the necessity of adjusting to a different system of basketball, the optimism must be tempered with some realism.

Six-foot, three-inch Captain Frank Mercer, Co-Captain Wayne Dixon, and Oscar Perry lead the short-of-stature but high-spirited Lions as they prepare for the current season. Mercer holds the school record for most foul shots made in one game (23) and is considered one of the outstanding centers in this section of the country. Dixon, the only senior on the team, holds the school record for most field goals in one game (20).

Others battling for a starting berth include: Ryland Donald, Roy Eldridge, Ralph Heath, Ernie Hubbard, Don Klees, George Liner, Lon Marcum, Jerry Robison, Lonas Stubbs, Tom Temple, Larry Wilkins and several promising freshmen.

1963-64 Cage Schedule

November	
16	Campbellsville
18	*Berry
21	Tennessee Wesleyan
25	*Lincoln Memorial
30	*Belmont
December	
2	University of Chattanooga
6	Milligan
7	Lincoln Memorial
9	Tusculum
12	Maryville
14	*Jacksonville State
17	Howard
January	
3, 4	West Georgia Tournament— Shorter, Berry, and Bryan
6	*University of Chattanooga
9	*Milligan
11	*Campbellsville
13	*Maryville
18	John Marshall
24	Tennessee Temple
25	Berry
February	
1	*Tusculum
6	*Howard
7	Jacksonville State
13	*Tennessee Wesleyan
15	*Mars Hill
17	*Tennessee Temple
22	*John Marshall
	* Home Games



Pictured above are members of the Cross Country team, front row left to right: Ray Ferriman of Miami, Fla.; Gene Barchuk of Chicago, Ill.; Floyd Dilling (captain) of Idaville, Ind.; Wayne Hamilton of Miami, Fla.; James Bath of Chicago, Ill.

Back row left to right: Cleve D. Oliver, coach; John Hills of Toronto, Canada; John Stone of Hazard, Ky.; Mac Browning of Arlington, Texas; Gene Cowden of Dayton, Tenn., (manager).

Missing from the picture is Robert Pettus of Greenville, S. C.

Curriculum Laboratory Cross-Country Team Aids Student Teachers Finishes Winning Year

The newest addition to the Bryan library is the Florence B. Hayden Curriculum Laboratory. This new laboratory serves as a subsidiary of the Ironside Memorial Library and is a materials center for student teachers, education majors, and all faculty and students desiring materials catalogued in the education division.

The laboratory room, adjacent to the Library, was decorated as a result of a gift from a former staff member, John Bartlett, in memory of the late Florence B. Hayden, a long-time friend of Bryan and a former public school teacher from Columbus, Ohio. The furnishings in the room, including two conference tables, two file cabinets, book shelves, stack chairs, and drapes, were a gift of the graduating class of 1963.

Over 200 volumes of texts used in public schools have been obtained for this new education center. It will also have numerous pamphlets, teaching machines, and other teaching materials available. The dedication and opening of the curriculum lab is expected in the near future. Planning and ordering of materials has been directed by Donald Hill, assistant professor of education and Dr. J. F. Miller, registrar and head of the education department.

The 1963 Bryan Cross-Country Team ran its record to six wins in eight outings with a 25-30 victory over David Lipscomb College in Nashville on November 2. Captain Floyd Dilling and crew have reaped the deserts of hard training with victories over Berry College (2), David Lipscomb, Shorter College, and Tennessee Temple (2). The two losses came at the hands (or rather legs) of Cumberland College of Ky., and Tennessee Tech.

Of the top five men, four have finished first for the Lions at different times which accounts for much of the success of the team. The prospects for the future seem to be bright since the team is comprised of two sophomores and six freshmen; none of the frosh had any cross-country experience prior to their enrollment at Bryan.

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