“Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift”

It was my first Bible Conference at Bryan, and the Lord was so good in sending to us this year the Reverend Mr. Harold M. Harper and Mrs. J. W. McKinney. Their messages were stirring and heart-searching; especially was the meeting of singing, testimonies, and prayer in the chapel on Wednesday evening a blessing to many of us, for there it was that covenants were renewed with the Lord.

How truly we can praise the Lord for His goodness!

—Lois Weyhe.

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—George Westrom.

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The Word of God has been opened up to me in a real way this week. Deep treasures were expounded which I had never realized were there.

How grateful I am that the Lord sent these two dear saints of God to reawaken me to the fact that the Bible is a mine of wealth and that prayer is a vital effective implement in the life of a believer.

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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTED

In order that the student body might be represented before the faculty, a student council is elected each year. The members of the council are a man and woman from each class, elected by student groups, represented from candidates nominated by the faculty. Representing the sophomores are Lena Mead and Earle Peer; juniors, Angie Garber and Bruce Rosenau; seniors, Betty Birch and Edward Miller. Edward Miller was elected president; Bruce Rosenau, vice-president; and Betty Birch, secretary. Representatives of the Freshman class will be chosen at the beginning of the second quarter.

BUY A BOND FOR BRYAN

Invest in government bonds and in young Christians by purchasing Victory Bonds. Make them out to Judson A. Rudd, President, William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee. If you wish, place your own name on the bond as co-owner.

On the campus

Quite a number of students have been blessed this year with a wonderful cure for homesickness, by having part of home here at Bryan. Mothers, dads, sisters, and brothers of students have been a blessing not only to them but also to all the rest of us.

Dr. Dew, Ruth's father, and Marjorie her sister, had just come from a Bible conference in Texas. His message in chapel on "prayer" was one which all of us needed and deeply appreciated.

Betty Birch, as well as her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Birch, was pleased to entertain her father, mother, and youngest brother, Douglas, as they visited on a return trip to Georgia from Texas. Mr. Birch's message in chapel gave all of us some very definite things to think about.

Mr. and Mrs. Rager were overjoyed to find that Mr. Rager's brother, who had just returned from overseas service in the army, had brought a whole carful with him when he came to Bryan. With mother, sister, daddy, brother, Garnet Budge, and John Teeter, who was already here, Mr. and Mrs. Rager had a regular Monday's Corner reunion.

Other visitors on the campus were Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Dew, Evelyn and Janice Goehring, and Mrs. Betty Garvin. Cpl. Virgil Sorge, alumnus of '44, literally dropped from the skies one morning and got right into the swing of things again by leading the song service in chapel the day he arrived.

Welcome everyone! We're glad to have all of you.

"How good is the God we adore, Our faithful, unchangeable Friend; Whose love is as great as His Pow'r, And knows neither measure nor end. "Tis Jesus the First and the Last, Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home."

Bryan University
THE TRUMPET CALL

In a recent letter to the Trustees and Advisory Council of the University, President Rudd presented a plan whereby a very positive need of the University might be met without undue burden to anyone. It was an appeal to donors and friends of the University to become regular in their giving. The University does not have an endowment; but, in a sense, regular gifts will take the place of an endowment income.

The plan would divide all regular givers into two groups: "Gideon's Band"—three hundred brave leaders of faith, who can and will give regularly $10.00 or more each month; a "Home Front Army"—3,300 strong, who will give $1.00 or more each month.

Dr. Rudd also presented this same challenge to the students and staff of the University.

The result, small as yet, is indicated below. (Names are used by permission.)

I. GIDEON'S BAND—$10.00 or More Each Month

1. A Friend 5. Judson A. Rudd
2. F. E. Robinson 6. D. W. Ryther
3. Calvary Baptist Church 7. Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Shirley
(D. E. Eastep, Pastor) 8. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish
4. H. H. Hulce

II. HOME-FRONT ARMY—$1.00 or More Each Month

1. Paul Zimmerman 11. Miss Rebecca Peck
2. Miss Janet Webb 12. Miss Jean Pulkin
3. Mrs. Louise Garber 13. Miss LaVerne Howland
5. Mrs. Ruth Morrow 15. A Student
7. Miss Esther Humberd 17. Elaine Christy
8. Miss Ann Wildern 18. Miss Alma Rader
9. Arne A. Ahlman 19. Miss Beatrice Batson
10. Prof. and Mrs. N. Uphouse 20. Miss Betty Birch

Total to date of regular gifts each month............. $234.00

Note: Newsette readers will soon receive a letter giving full details of the plan and inviting them to join either the Gideon's Band or the Home-Front Army.

PLANNING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD

"Suppose we planned in the light of God's Word and His gift! We have been told that the New Testament Christians out-thought, out-loved, out-lived and out-died the pagan world. We must try to get into that stride again. We must say goodbye to defeatism. We must refuse paganism the right to dictate to us. We must stick at it through thick and thin.

...the only cohesive power in the world today, providing an adequate center for our distracted humanity is Jesus Christ, our living, saying Lord. In this topsy-turvy life of ours, there is no alternative to Jesus."—E. W. M., London, England.

The Newsette

ALUMNI NOTES

At Stetson University, Deland, Florida, Anita Graham, '44, is pursuing her studies in music, conducting a choir in a local church, and, to add variety, taking lessons in aviation.

Cpl. Virgil Sorge spent several days of his furlough on Bryan Hill, renewing old friendships and making new ones. In a chapel message he spoke of his appreciation for Bryan in preparation for the testimony that the Lord has enabled him to give to his buddies in the Army.

Edward B. Paul, '40, calls attention to his new title of "Mr." since he has resumed civilian life in Baltimore, Md., after having served three years in the U. S. Army.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACULTY

Alma F. Rader

Because of her previous service in 1942-43 at Bryan University, Miss Alma Rader is not a new staff member, but she was welcomed to the Bryan family after an absence occasioned by her mother's illness and death.

Miss Rader has accepted the responsibility again this year as Dean of Women. She lives in the Octagon dormitory where she is in a position to share the problems and interests of the girls and to encourage and direct their activities and testimonies.

As she cooperates also with Rev. Uphouse in the Bible Department, Miss Rader is teaching a Bible class for freshmen and a course in Bible geography. Her assistance has been very helpful in the work of the Christian Service Association in which she has assumed the duties of Assignment secretary for the personal work program of the organization. She plans to study carefully the needs of each assignment and also to train student groups for the specific task to which they will be assigned.

Many former students and friends of Moody Bible Institute will recognize the name of Miss Rader as one who served on the staff of that school as registrar and secretary to the Faculty for eight years. She was also associated with the Y. W. C. A. work in Atlantic City, N. J., and in Butler, Pennsylvania, where as general secretary she had a firm testimony for the Lord. With this rich background of experience, Miss Rader has already been, and we know will continue to be, an effective instrument in the Lord's hands in moulding young lives and enriching the spiritual atmosphere of Bryan.

Are you planning to make a financial investment soon? Investigate William Jennings Bryan University annuities. Let your money serve others while it continues to serve you.
WHO'S WHO

The National Organization of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, a means of recognition for honor students and a definite aid to students and to business men who desire the best in students as potential employees, has added four Bryanites to its membership. There are three Seniors and one Junior in the list. Also included is Edward Miller, a Senior who was elected to the organization last year.

The Seniors are Elizabeth Birch, Eileen Miller, and Ann Wildern; the Junior, Elaine Kennard.

Qualifications for membership in this organization include outstanding character, scholarship, and leadership, and potentiality for future usefulness to business and society. It is a coveted honor among college students throughout the nation and an incentive to every student to do his best.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

(Improvements in buildings and equipment are being made right along, although we have not yet started on the larger building project. During October another room was enclosed and furnished for the use of a staff member. We are installing better laundry equipment in a new and much larger room so that improved service can be rendered on laundry for staff members. At a considerable saving of interest, the balance owing on the automatic printing press was paid in September. The percentage of general gift income deposited in the Building Fund each month should, in the long run, take care of the purchase of equipment.

REPORT ON RHULE CHALLENGE

Thirty friends responded to Dr. Rhule’s Challenge by promising to give $200.00 or more to the Building Fund. Some were already giving to this Fund apart from contributions for the general expenses.

These friends gave a total of $7,000.00 cash in definite response to the Challenge. Before and after we carried the Challenge in the Newslette they gave more than $27,000.00 extra cash to the Building Fund. In addition they have promised more than another $2,000.00 yet to be received.

PLANT AND PROPERTY FUND REPORT

(October)

Balance (October 1st) $11,496.20
Building Fund Receipts:
Nos. 47-53 144.50
1% of Gift Income 62.83
Total $11,703.53
Less expenditures 208.75
Balance on hand $11,494.78

GIFTS TO UNIVERSITY TAX FREE

A letter dated February 20, 1941, to President Judson A. Rudd from the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue definitely states that the University is exempt from the payment of Federal income tax. It further states that:

Contributions made to you are deductible by the donors in arriving at their taxable net income in the manner and to the extent provided by the Internal Revenue Code and corresponding provision of prior revenue acts.

In addition:

Bequests, legacies, devises or transfers, to or for your use are deductible in arriving at the value of the net estate of a decedent for estate tax purposes . . . to the extent provided by the Code.

It is, according to the same letter, true that Gifts of property . . . are deductible in computing net gifts for gift tax purposes in accordance with the Code.

This information will be of value to those on whose hearts the Lord has laid the ministry of financial help to the University. Bequests should be made in the following form:

I give and bequeath unto the William Jennings Bryan University, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee and located at Dayton, Tennessee, the sum of . . .

I direct that the release of the President or the Treasurer of the said University shall be sufficient discharge for my executors.

Sam’s Summary

Dear Folks:

Am I ever glad to be on the way up again after that downhill slide for the past three months! At least one foot went up, though somebody must have thought that I didn’t need money for building—did you see what happened?

This month will be a real time of Thanksgiving for me in praising God for His blessings and reminding you that I’m ever so grateful to all of you for your faithfulness to me.

Sincerely

Sam

Bryan University.