Van Gorder to Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon; Mason Will Speak at Twentieth Commencement

Dr. Charles E. Mason, Jr., dean of Philadelphia Bible Institute, will speak at the twentieth annual commencement June 10. Besides his administrative capacity, Dr. Mason has had considerable experience as a pastor and has contributed to a number of religious magazines.

The Rev. Paul R. Van Gorder, pastor of the Colonial Hills Baptist Church in East Point, Georgia, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Commencement week begins Sunday evening, June 7, with the baccalaureate service, which will be held in the auditorium of the Rhea Central High School in Dayton. Program for the service is as follows:

Prelude—“Sonata No. 7 in D Major”...

Processional—“Grand March” from “Turandot” ...

Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ...

Invocation ...

Anthem—“Cherubim Song No. 7” ...

Announcements ...

Introduction of Guest Speaker ...

Sermon ...

Anthem—“Glorious is Thy Name” ...

Benediction ...

Meet the Class—“Coronation March” ...

Monday evening President and Mrs. Judson Rudd will entertain the members of the graduating class and their parents at the annual senior reception, and Tuesday (Continued on page 2)

Juniors Dedicate 1953 Commoner to Prof. Hoyt; Gould Named Editor of Annual for Next Year

“Genuinely devoted to his God-given responsibilities, he has not only proved himself outstanding to this university, but has also gained recognition from experts in his field. . . .” With this statement, the junior class dedicated the 1953 Commoner to Garner E. Hoyt, associate professor of French and linguistics. Alton Witter, editor-in-chief of the Commoner, presented a copy of the book to Mr. Hoyt at the chapel program April 23. The Commoners were distributed among the students later in the day.

Using the verses Philippians 4:13 and 14, the juniors centered the book around the theme “Pressing Toward the Mark.” Administration, classes, organizations, sports, activities, and scenery were included as major divisions of the 104-page book. The cover of the Commoner is white embossed with blue, and the flyleaves show a picture of the administration building.

The sophomore class has elected James Gould to head the Commoner staff for next year, and already the members are busy making (Continued on page 4)

Dr. Campbell Accepts Position As Assistant Bible Professor To Begin in Fall Quarter

Dr. Donald K. Campbell will be joining the teaching staff next fall as assistant professor of Bible. Dr. Campbell comes from Dallas Theological Seminary, where he recently received his Th. D. in Bible exposition.

Dr. Campbell graduated from Wheaton College with a B. A. degree in 1947, and received his Th. M. in theology from Dallas Seminary in 1951. He is a member of the National Social Sciences Honor Society and of the Scholastic Honor Society at Wheaton College.

Besides taking graduate work at the seminary, Dr. Campbell has served as pastor of the Pilgrim Chapel in Dallas and as a teacher in Dallas Bible Institute. Accompanying Mr. Campbell in his transfer is his wife and their two-year-old child.

Dr. Campbell is replacing the Rev. Roscoe Smith, who has been filling in this year as part-time instructor in Bible until a full-time teacher could be engaged.

37 Attend F. M. F. Conference; Maynard Elected Chairman

“Victory through Christ” formed the theme for the spring conference of the Southeastern Regional Foreign Missions Fellowship. The three-day session was held May 1-3 at the Lake Louisa Conference Grounds in Toccoa, Georgia.

Speakers at the conference, which began with dinner Friday evening, were Dr. Charles Seidenspinner, president of Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama; the Rev. J. Robertson Mc-
All over the nation there are developments of tremendous significance in the field of education. Those of us who are particularly interested in definitely Christian education should keep informed of what is going on in the field of general education as well as in the specialized training being offered by schools like Bryan University.

Educators are anticipating greatly increased enrollments in schools on all levels in the next five or ten years. At the moment there is a hull between the greatly increased college enrollments after World War II and the much greater enrollments which are certain to come a few years hence. As a result, colleges are having serious difficulty in balancing their expenses resulting from higher prices. Some authorities think that perhaps as many as 500 private institutions may be forced to close their doors in the next few years.

In the competitive struggle with tax-supported institutions many private schools have failed to offer an education in kind and quality which would enable them to compete effectively. These private schools have failed to attract not only students but also donor friends who would feel justified in giving for the support of such institutions. Because of this they are suffering doubly from uneconomical operation.

The majority of people seem to think that the results being accomplished in tax supported institutions are as good as those in the private schools. Then there are those who continue to support the private schools because they are against the concentration of so much power and influence in the hands of the state.

It is already evident to those with discernment that a select group of private schools will survive the competitive struggle and emerge greatly strengthened in material and spiritual resources because they have met the demand for a quality educational product. Teachers in definitely Christian colleges are aware of the developments, and many are taking steps (Continued on page 4)

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evening the graduates will present a vesper service.

Program for the commencement exercises, which will be held Wednesday morning in the Bryan Memorial Chapel, is as follows:

Prelude—"Prelude in E Minor" Bach
"Fantasia" Bantock
"O fiance de mon coeur" Gounod
Processional—"Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
"Lead On, O King Eternal" Invocation
"Fairest Lord Jesus"
Brass Quartet
"Faithful Lord Jesus"
Introduction of Guest Speaker
"America"
"Peace"
"Rock of Ages"
"Be Not Afraid"
"I Could Not Do Without Him"
"The God of ..."
"Heal Our Land"
"Praise the Lord"
Commencement Address
"I Am Officially Dedicated"
Dr. Clarence E. Mason, Jr.

Awarding of Prizes
"Scotland"
President Judson A. Rudd
"Spring Comes to Bryan" Senior Music Majors
"You Are My King"
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
"I, Give Thee" President Judson A. Rudd
"Lift Thine Eyes" Mendelssohn

Senior Music Majors Present Recitals; Woughter Sings

Musical activities during the spring quarter have been spiced with a number of recitals and concerts.

Mrs. Charlotte Rock, soprano, and John Martin, baritone, both music majors, presented a joint recital April 17. Their selections included sacred, semi-classical, and foreign numbers.

Gerald Woughter, assistant professor of music, presented a baritone recital May 15. Accompanied by David Heydenburk, also assistant professor of music, Mr. Woughter sang numbers from several early operas, German and American songs, and a group of sacred selections.

Fourth Grade Pupils Accept Christ When Car Trouble Detains Bryan Students

"You tell her." "No, you tell her." Joyce Johnson, a junior at Bryan and a member of the Christian Service Association, turned around and there stood two of the sixth grade girls from Carp public school. Finally, one of them screwed up courage to say: "Miss Joyce, we want to be saved."

A few minutes before, Joyce and the three other members of the Carp school group had left the building to return to Bryan. When they arrived at the car, it wouldn't start. Recess time came and the group was still there. It was then that the two girls approached Joyce about being saved. Soon other members of the class expressed the same desire, and before school was out for summer vacation, 11 had accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

This, and many other stories describe the way the Lord has led in Christian service this year. Regular assignments have included 20 public schools, 16 child evangelism classes, 8 chapels, and weekly street meetings, jail services, and hospital and home visitation. Over 175 people have made a profession of faith and the weekly contacts have averaged 3,000. In one child evangelism class alone, ten boys and girls have made a decision for Christ.

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Quilkin, headmaster of Ben Lippen School; and Cornelius Vanderbreggen, missionary to Europe. Each of their messages emphasis the fellowship with God that is vital to every successful missionary. Mr. Vanderbreggen, also showed slides depicting conditions in Europe.

R. E. Maynard, junior of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was elected chairman of the regional fellowship for next year, and Joyce Johnson, also a junior from Denver, Colorado, was chosen secretary-treasurer. Harold Ballard, a student at Columbia Bible College, completes the committee.

Thirty-five students and two staff members attended the conference and then reviewed in a chapel service the challenge they had received.
Senior Class President Tells Of Lord’s Blessing at Bryan

The following testimony was written by Ryland Rock, the senior class president. Ryland, better known as Pete, is a Christian Education major and is pastor of the Bakewell Federated Church.

“Bryan University made its first impression upon me in June of 1949. I arrived on campus with some friends on commencement day. We stayed only a few hours, but in that time of fellowship in the Christian atmosphere, I felt the Lord’s leading to come to Bryan for training.

“The four years of my life spent here have not been easy, but they have been wonderful ones. As I look back over them, I can see many times that the path seemed to be impossible, but the Lord always went before me in each difficult time and led in every step.

“I praise the Lord for the opportunity that has been mine, along with many others, to sit under the teaching of consecrated Christian teachers and to study each subject in the light of God’s Word and with a Christ-centered emphasis.

“My prayer for Bryan is that it will ever remain true to its Christian principles and keep at the center of its every activity the One who has become so precious to me, our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Juniors Entertain Seniors With Ferry Ride, Banquet

A busy afternoon and evening awaited the juniors the day of the annual Junior-Senior Banquet held April 21.

The caravan of 17 cars headed toward Chattanooga early in the afternoon with just a few knowing their destination. First stop turned out to be at the Chattanooga ferry, the Lake Queen II, on the Tennessee River. After a scenic voyage down the river for about four miles, the group returned to continue on its way toward Lookout Mountain and Pan-O-Ram Hotel, which overlooks the city.

“Harbored in Jesus” formed the theme for the formal banquet, which was emceed by Alton Witte. Dr. J. P. McCallie, head of the McCallie Schools in Chattanooga, challenged the group of 104 as he pointed out God’s perfect timing throughout the ages in the lives of individuals found in the Bible and of the Jewish nation.

Class of ‘53 Hurdles Comps; Anticipates June Graduation

Comprehensives and commencement have composed the most recent themes for the 31 students who make up this year’s senior class. The seminar comprehensive examinations were held May 12 to 16, and included material covered in the major field of each student. The class includes 9 majors in history; 8 in Christian Education; 3 in Bible; 3 in music; and one each in mathematics, zoology, and French.

Most of the members plan to enter full-time Christian work. Approximately one third are looking forward to the mission field; about five plan to take graduate work; and several have accepted positions for teaching and children’s work.

Senior day this year was April 25. Taking as their theme Philippians 1:20 and 21, the members of the class challenged the students in the morning chapel program by showing what the Lord means to them as they leave Bryan for further service. A mock graduation ceremony climaxed the day.

After comprehensives, the seniors retreated to Watts Bar Dam May 18 for a day of relaxation, fun and fellowship by Watts Bar Lake.
All-Star Softball Teams
Trounce Tennessee Temple

Bryan's all-star softball teams met the Tennessee Temple College teams in a doubleheader under the lights at the Dayton city school field, Saturday, May 9. The games marked Bryan's first intercollegiate softball competition.

Having had no previous night experience, Bryan, after allowing Tennessee Temple three runs in the first inning, went on to win the first game, 6 to 4. Darwin Neddo, pitching for Bryan, held Temple to just six hits, and Ronald Bergman, second baseman, hit a home run.

In the second game, Bryan trounced Temple 6 to 5 in an extra-inning game pitched by Herbert Friedreich. Home runs were by Bill Smals, all-star captain and short stop, and Ronald Bergman.

A return game with Tennessee Temple was scheduled for May 21 at the Warner Park field in Chattanooga.

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to further their own educations.

Four of our present teachers plan to pursue advanced training next year, and several others will spend this summer in school. One teacher, Miss Lou Rouch, will be returning after being in graduate school at the University of Tennessee the past two years.

In this issue of the Newssette we are announcing the coming of Dr. Donald Campbell, who is just completing his graduate work at the Dallas Theological Seminary. We trust that as new teachers are employed, we shall be able to secure those with the highest spiritual and educational qualifications. Bryan University has a reputation for high academic as well as high spiritual standards. God helping us, we propose to do even better work in the future than in the past.

Judson A. Rudd
President

Left: Ernest Francis and Calvin Jaynes remove a concrete casing for one of the new campus benches. Right: A finished bench.

Campus Gets Benches; Sports Field Progresses

Aiming to have at least 20 concrete benches on the campus by the beginning of the fall term in September, the maintenance department, under the supervision of Calvin Jaynes, has begun the work of constructing new campus benches.

Using cement left over from the building construction program for the ends of the benches and lumber obtained from trees cut down on the campus for the seat and back, the maintenance department is assembling the benches as rapidly as possible. One bench was placed on the campus early in May as an "experiment" and several more were expected to appear by commencement time. The seniors are sponsoring ten of these benches as a class project.

Leveling of the Bryan athletic field has been finished and gullies have been made to carry away drainage from the surrounding hillside. Measuring 250 by 400 feet, the field will be sodded this summer and should be ready for use next fall.

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Tracksters Capture 11 Events
To Win Over Berry 82 to 49

Taking first place in 11 of 15 events, the Bryan Liens trounced the Berry men 82 to 49 in a dual track meet April 18. The meet was staged at the Berry Schools in Rome, Georgia.

Ralfc Kaiser led the scoring spree with slightly over 15 points and Dean Koontz piled up an even 15 points. Stuart Meissner and Bill Smals also captured several points to help amass the total.