COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES SPELL FULL WEEKEND FOR BRYAN

Bryan's twenty-seventh academic year culminated in four days of commencement activities, which included the traditional baccalaureate service and graduation exercises for the 46 members of the graduating class. Other activities included an alumni outing in honor of the seniors, the meeting of the board of trustees, a musical concert, and the president's reception. Several hundred guests visited the campus during commencement weekend. Because of the overflow of guests, a number of people in the town of Dayton opened their homes to the visitors.

Alumni Day

Alumni Day, Saturday, June 1, featured a motorcade outing to Fall Creek Falls. Dr. Lloyd E. Fish, graduate of '35, was the speaker.

Baccalaureate Service

At the baccalaureate service, held in Rhea County High School auditorium, Dr. P. W. DuBose, founder and president of Hampden DuBose Academy, Zellwood, Fla., gave a sermon on "Discipleship." Participating in this service also were the Rev. R. C. Angers of Neenoch, Wis., the Rev. S. A. Johnson of Milwaukee, Wis., and the Rev. R. D. Smith of Chicago, Ill. Each of these visiting ministers had a son or daughter in the graduating class.

Meeting of Board of Trustees

The annual meeting of the board of trustees was held on Monday, June 3, beginning with a breakfast in the dining room at 7:00 a.m. Seventeen of the nineteen members were present. The business of the day included the appointment of next year's faculty, the approval of the graduating seniors for their degrees, the nomination of four additional members to the board, the approval of the formation of a local advisory committee to be made up of Rhea County citizens, and the passing of memorial resolutions in honor of F. E. Robinson. The nominees to the board, one of whom is an alumnus, are not announced until after their acceptance and final election at the October meeting.

Musical Concert

The Monday night musical program in the chapel consisted of the traditional senior vespers and a concert by the music department. Appearing on the program were the two Gospel Messenger teams now on tour.

President's Reception

Following the musical program, President and Mrs. Mercer received in the main lounge in honor of the seniors. More than 200 seniors and commencement guests were present.

Graduation

Going back to an old Bryan custom, the graduation exercises were held out of doors. From the pavilion of earlier days, the service was moved to the triangle under the trees. Dr. J. P. McCallie of McCallie School of Chattanooga gave the commencement address on "Recollections of William Jennings Bryan," after which degrees were conferred on 46 seniors, including three in absentia. Prizes and awards are announced elsewhere in this issue.

Catalogue Gets Face Lifting

By the time this issue of the Newsette reaches its readers, the 1957-58 catalogue will be off the press. This year's bulletin, completely new in format, has been changed to the standard six-by-nine size. The cover—a heavy-weight, plastic-coated paper—is printed in black and white and green, and features a photograph of the front entrance and tower of the main building. The content of the catalogue has been rewritten with the prospective student primarily in mind. Dr. Mercer was responsible for the format of the catalogue, with the art work for the cover and general editing being done by the Newsette editor.

A new feature of this catalogue is the inclusion of several pages of photographs. All press work was done in the Bryan print shop under the supervision of Gene Anderson.

Editor's note: Due to lack of space we have had to omit the article by Beatrice Batson, professor of English, which was scheduled for this issue. It will appear in the next issue of NEWSETTE.

A true life is at once interpreter and proof of the Gospel.—Whittier
Since I wrote this column last, the days have seemed unusually busy, with not much time for thought and reflection. The spring term closed on June 4 in a graduation convocation on the triangle under the trees, and the fall semester will open on September 4. The number of returning students is above that of the previous year and the number of new students is running consistently about 46 per cent ahead of last year. We shall take nothing for granted, however, until every bed in the dorm is filled.

The faculty for next year is complete with the exception of final appointments in three departments—chemistry, music, and history. We have good prospects in all these and it may be reasonably expected that the next Newsette will bring announcement of these appointments.

On the financial side, I must share with you quickly the wonderful fact that a $10,000 gift was received to help us through the difficult summer months when income is lowest. With the reasonable expectations from normal summer income, we still need some $15,000 to get through the next three months in a satisfactory manner.

"Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" is one of the very old verses in the Bible but one, however, for which some of us find a modern fulfillment when we consider the spiritual reconditioning brought about on Bryan Hill by the influence and power of the Holy Spirit in the closing weeks of the school year.

Join us in prayer for a triumphant summer, one lived in the light of all expectations for the future in complete dependence on God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Send us your gifts as you can, recommend to us prospective students, and let us know of academically competent Christian teachers whom you can recommend for consideration as we seek to build a strong, dedicated faculty. A good summer to each one of you!

Example is contagious behavior. —Charles Reade
BENEFITS OF A CHRISTIAN LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

A Student Council Survey

(Editor's note: It is the purpose to devote space in each issue of the Newslette to an article sponsored by the student council.)

A freshman recently remarked, "It's a Christian's privilege—and joy—to learn about the world which God has made."

To learn of this world and its past and present occupants in the light of God's Word and purpose is a worthwhile pursuit. To illustrate the advantages of this type of study, the student council asked several seniors to comment on the topic, "How a Christian Liberal Arts Education Has Benefitted Me."

Norma Jenkins, from Pennsylvania, made this comprehensive statement: "My liberal arts education has dealt primarily with the best which has been thought and said through the ages. In the study of literature I have seen the heights which man can attain in his search for truth as well as the degradation which exists within the heart of the unregenerate. Thus, my understanding of human nature has increased, while my heart has become more burdened for those to whom I might present Jesus Christ, the truth, on their level of understanding."

Malcolm Bradshaw of Virginia learned valuable lessons: "...God's truth must be handled with the utmost accuracy. Sometimes I have noticed a preacher—and I have been guilty of it myself—twisting Bible truths, or the fads of history, to fit a sermon he outlined or a thesis he is trying to prove. And I have noticed that we very often let glaring inconsistencies, which are a result of careless study, slip into our literature and preaching."

Wisconsin's Ardis Johnson says, "Like many freshman, I had an immature and hazy idea what the liberal arts meant. Gradually, as I was introduced to the history of human events, of men's thoughts and his creative expressions, I became aware that such study was of a peculiar value which I had overlooked before—a personal introduction to mankind. A knowledge of man and his ways, coupled with a knowledge of God and His ways, will be of lasting worth in any occupation."

Bryan Honors F. E. Robinson

The late Mr. F. E. Robinson, closely identified with Bryan University from the very beginning in 1925, was honored at the twenty-fourth annual graduation convocation on June 4 by the reading of memorial resolutions which had been adopted by the University Board of Trustees in their annual meeting on the previous day.

Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president emeritus, who was long associated with Mr. Robinson in the work of the University, publicly expressed his personal appreciation of Mr. Robinson and, after reading the resolutions, presented a copy of them to the son, Wallace C. Robinson, as representative of the family. Mrs. Craig Gabbert, a daughter, was also present at the convocation.

Mr. Robinson, owner of drugstores in Dayton and Spring City, and affectionately known throughout Rhea County as "Mister Earl," died in his sleep early Friday morning, May 3. A civic-minded citizen, he had served the community in many ways during his half century in business and was always among the leaders in any project for the betterment of the county. A wholesome personality, Mr. Robinson saw life as an integrated whole and believed that Christianity should permeate all life's activities, during the week as well as on Sunday.

The text of the memorial resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees is as follows:

WHEREAS it has pleased God to take from us a beloved fellow trustee, Mr. F. E. Robinson, and

WHEREAS The William Jennings Bryan University is a direct result of the world-famous Tennessee evolution case of 1925 which originated in Mr. Robinson's drug store, and

WHEREAS Mr. Robinson was one of the incorporators of the Bryan Memorial University Association in 1925 and also of The William Jennings Bryan University in 1930, and

WHEREAS Mr. Robinson served continuously as president of the predecessor corporation and chairman of the board of The William Jennings Bryan University until 1953 when he was elected "honorary chairman of the board for life," and

WHEREAS Mr. Robinson always gave devotedly, generously, and sacrificially of his time, energy, and material substance for the welfare of The William Jennings Bryan University as the Lord's work, be it therefore,

RESOLVED that we publicly recognize the outstanding contribution of Mr. Robinson to The William Jennings Bryan University, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that we express to the members of the family our deep appreciation for the leadership of Mr. Robinson, and also our sense of loss and feeling of sympathy in this time of bereavement.

Those who love with purity consider not the gift of the lover, but the love of the giver.—Thomas A. Kempis

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. —Emerson

Harry Goehrings, from Pennsylvania, expresses himself more fully on the meaning and benefits of a Christian liberal arts education. He says, "A liberal arts college is an institution which has the responsibility of developing within an individual a foundation of basic knowledge and then laying upon this foundation that 'cornerstone' of learning which is in the individual's chosen field. This involves a process of learning how to learn, and assimilating those things which will aid us in our daily life.

"The word 'Christian' adds meaning and worth to the college as an institution. Now it must teach the liberal arts in such a way as to graft into the individual the real truth, governed explicitly by the Word of God."

"As a science major, I truly have appreciated learning not only of God's physical creation of the heavens and the earth but also of His purpose in each of us: that of glorifying Him with our entire beings. Classroom and other activities with a true Christian emphasis have deepened my fellowship with Christ and fulfilled the purpose of 'college' to me."
2. Ruth Aggers .......... Neenah, Wis.
3. James Barth .......... Poland, O.
5. Willis Brownlee .......... Dayton, Tenn.
8. Lyrlie Cue .......... West Chicago, Ill.
11. Emil Frey .......... Zurich, Switzerland
13. Kenneth Hanna .......... Saskatchewan, Canada
15. Franklin Henley .......... Knoxville, Tenn.
21. Shirley Jurliss .......... Mansfield, O.
22. Raymond Karr .......... Dayton, Tenn.
24. Martha King .......... Knoxville, Tenn.
26. David Marsteller .......... Struthers, O.
27. Quentin Mathes .......... Mansfield, O.
28. Carol Miesel .......... Sturtevant, Wis.
31. Vernon Palmer .......... Van Wert, O.
37. Shirley Smiley .......... Englewood, Colo.
41. Edwin Svedburg .......... Lenby, Minn.
42. Bertha Vogt .......... Tribune, Kans.
43. Melvin Wick .......... Cedaredge, Colo.
Editor's note: Shown above are the two Gospel Messenger teams now in the midst of their summer tours. We hope that many of you will be able to hear one of these groups as it comes to your area.

| July 15 | First Baptist Church  
| Alto, Michigan |
| July 16 | Lincoln Ave. Baptist Church  
| Ionia, Michigan |
| July 17 | Holt Baptist Church  
| Holt, Michigan |
| July 18 | Calvary Bible Church  
| Adrian, Michigan |
| July 19 | Maple Grove Bible Church  
| Marshall, Michigan |
| July 20 and 21 | Gull Lake Bible Conference  
| Kalamazoo, Michigan |
| July 22 | Clayton Presbyterian Church  
| Clayton, Michigan |
| July 23 | Memorial Baptist Church  
| Pontiac, Michigan |
| July 24 | First Baptist Church  
| Hazel Park, Michigan |
| July 25 | Moline Baptist Church  
| Moline, Michigan |
| July 26 | Incomplete |
| July 27 | Maranatha Bible Church  
| Wyandotte, Michigan |
| July 28 | Ross Memorial Bible Church  
| Port Huron, Michigan |
| Court St. Baptist Church  
| Port Huron, Michigan |
| July 29 | Incomplete |
| July 30 | Wellington Church of Christ  
| Wellington, Ohio |
| July 31 | Emmanuel Baptist Church  
| Marion, Ohio |
| August 1 | Emmanuel Baptist Church  
| Mt. Vernon, Ohio |
| August 2 | Christ Memorial Church  
| Columbus, Ohio |
| August 3 | First Baptist Church  
| Zanesville, Ohio |
| August 4 | First Baptist Church  
| Medina, Ohio |
| August 5 | First Baptist Church  
| New London, Ohio |
| August 6 | Barrett's Chapel  
| New London, Ohio |
| August 7 | Bible Community Church  
| Mentor, Ohio |
| August 8 | Baptist Church  
| Richburg, New York |
| August 9 | First Baptist Church  
| Waverly, New York |
| August 10 | Braidwood Baptist Church  
| Laceyville, Pa. |
| August 11 | First Wesleyan Methodist Church  
| Syracuse, New York |
| Immanuel Baptist Church  
| Utica, New York |
| August 12 | (Sunset Drive-in Church)  
| Chittenango, New York |
| August 13 | First Baptist Church  
| Warrensburg, New York |
| August 14 | First Baptist Church  
| South Glen Falls, New York |
| August 15 | Horicon Baptist Church  
| Brant Lake, New York |
| August 16 | St. James U. P. Church  
| Ridgwood, Queens, New York |
| August 17 | Fairfield Reformed Church  
| Caldwell Twp., New York |
| August 18 | First Baptist Church  
| Bloomfield, New York |
| August 19 | Gospel Center Tabernacle  
| Wilkes-Barre, Pa. |
| August 20 | Pomeroy Community Church  
| Pomeroy, Pa. |
| August 21 | Calvary Bible Church  
| Phoenixville, Pa. |
| August 22 | The Blue Church  
| Springfield, Pa. |
| August 23 | Jonesville Bible Church  
| Jones, Pa. |
| August 24 | Youtharama  
| Altoona, Pa. |
| August 25 | Memorial Baptist Church  
| Altoona, Pa. |
| Independent Bible Church  
| Altoona, Pa. |
| August 26 | Incomplete |
| August 27 | Incomplete |
| August 28 | Good Year Hghts. Com. Church  
| Akron, Ohio |
| July 16 | Worthington Baptist Church  
| Worthington, Pa. |
| July 17 | Grace E. U. B. Church  
| Hagerstown, Md. |
| July 18 | Alexandria Y.F.C.  
| Alexandria, Va. |
| July 19 | The National Tabernacle  
| Washington, D. C. |
| July 20 | Alum Spring Baptist Church  
| Culpeper, Va. |
| July 21 | Temple Baptist Church  
| Richmond, Va. |
| July 22 | Camp Bethel  
| Wise, Va. |
Wanted

GOOD PIANOS AND ORGANS
There is a need for more pianos and for the replacement of some of the University's old ones because of the expected increase in enrollment this fall. If any of our readers has an instrument—a good concert piano or an electric organ—that has outlived its usefulness in the home, and would like to contribute it to Bryan, a gift receipt will gladly be issued for it. This receipt may be used as a legitimate deduction on income tax.

July 24
Jollett Hollow Mt. Mission
Elkton, Va.
July 25
Natural Bridge Baptist Church
Natural Bridge, Va.
July 26
Grace Presbyterian Church
Lexington, Va.
July 27
Incomplete
July 28
Incomplete
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, N. C.
July 30
Church of the Open Door
Spartanburg, S. C.
July 31
Asheville Bible Church
Asheville, N. C.
August 1
Liberty Church
Cosby, Tennessee
August 2
Incomplete
August 3
First Baptist Church
Jacksboro, Tennessee
August 4
Incomplete
August 5
Incomplete
August 6
Gospel Tabernacle
Tullahoma, Tennessee
August 7
Incomplete
August 8
Third St. Baptist Church
Cordele, Georgia
August 9
Incomplete
August 10
Youth for Christ
Atlanta, Georgia
August 11
Incomplete
August 12
Bethany Chapel
Augusta, Georgia

Bryan Commencement

PRIZES AND AWARDS GIVEN

The following prizes and awards were announced at the 24th annual commencement of Bryan University. Graduation honors cum laude (minimum grade point average of 2.25) went to Ruth Aggers of Neenah, Wis., Florence Smith of Lester, W. Va., and Ardis Johnson of Milwaukee, Wis.; graduation honors magna cum laude to Lora Lee Spurlock of Royal Oak, Mich., and Ann Ross of Whitwell, Tenn. Graduation honors are based on the last three years of a student's college work and are determined as follows: cum laude, 2.25 out of a possible maximum of 3; magna cum laude, 2.5 out of a maximum of 3.

Ann Ross, in addition to being graduated magna cum laude, has achieved the highest average in the graduating class for her entire college career. The students taking the highest honors in the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes were Nola Jahnke of Milwaukee, Wis., Joyce Hughes of Greenville, S. C., and Mary Ellen Bolinger of Perdue, Ind.

Faculty prizes
Each year a prize of $10 is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the faculty, has contributed most in faithfulness and loyalty to the welfare of the college. The 1957 prize went to Larry Fehl, president of the senior class. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalmer Fehl of Renfrew, Pa.

A faculty prize was also awarded to Virginia McCranie of St. Petersburg, Fla., who, by the vote of the faculty, was selected as the Bryan senior who achieved the most progress in her four years at the school.

The Rogers senior awards, endowed by Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers of Dayton, are given annually to two members of the graduating class: one, a music emblem, to a student who has made outstanding contribution in the field; the other, a Bible, to a senior looking forward to the Christian ministry and chosen for his facility in the use of the Bible. The music emblem was won by Judith King of Knoxville, Tenn. The Bible award went to John Rogers Havird of Savannah, Ga.

The Boyd prizes, five in number, are endowed by Mr. P. A. Boyd of Bloomfield, N. J. Two are awarded to seniors and one each to the lower classes. These prizes are awarded to the students whose powers and attainments of body and mind and whose principles and character have secured for them the highest degree of influence over their fellow students. Candidates for these prizes must manifest nobility of character, fearlessness, and self-sacrificing devotion to the ideals of a purposeful life, and an active identification in constructive work for the best interests of student life in the University. They went to Harry Goehring of Callery, Pa., Lois Ringler of Johnstown, Pa., Jack Grammar of Augusta, Ga., Glen Lehman of Pekin, Ill., and Nancy Goodman of Mentone, Ind. Glen Lehman also won the prize last year as a freshman.

The Christian Herald Award for Christian Leadership was won by Harry Goehring. This annual award, new at Bryan this year, has been established in a number of colleges by the Christian Herald magazine.

Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, Bryan president, announced that the senior class had made a gift of money to pay for the erection of a sign at the entrance to the campus, the stone engraving of the main entrances to the library and the administration building, and the purchasing of a number of books for the library.

The Testimony and Influence Prize went also to Harry Goehring, three-time winner of awards. This prize has been awarded annually since 1952 by an anonymous donor.

All monetary prizes are $10 each.
Sophomore's Win
"Most Athletic Class" Title

The sophomores proved that they were the most athletic class on Field Day, May 18, by copping first place in both the boys and girls events. The fellows totaled 89 1/2 points and the girls were responsible for 46 1/2 markers of the 136 total.

The other classes scored as follows: freshman—girls 38 1/2; boys 32 1/2; junior—girls 36, boys 11; senior—girls 0, boys 10.

Five new records were set and one was tied. Charlene (Sorrell) Ryle, a sophomore, cut her own record down to 13'10" in the running broad jump for another high mark. Ellen Barnes, a sophomore, cleared 4'4 1/2" for a high-jump record. An additional girls' record was made in the two-lap relay by the freshman contingent of JoAnn Kuether, Greta Sorrell, Mable McLeod and Ruth Phipps.

In the boys' events the freshman crew of Paul Cousins, Bill Jennings, John Rynders and Paul Shepherd established 1:41.0 as a new time in the 880-yard relay. Bill McKinley, a sophomore, tied the time for the 100-yard dash by running it in 10.6 seconds.

Advice may be wrong, but examples prove themselves.—H. W. Shaw

Outing Brings Wedding Announcement

The destination for the junior-senior outing and banquet on Saturday, May 11, was Topoco Lodge in North Carolina.

The grand surprise of the evening (and crowning achievement of the year for the junior class) was the announcement of the engagement of Gerald Woughter to Lou Rouch. Mr. Woughter, sponsor of the junior class, is associate professor of music; Miss Rouch, associate professor of biology. They will be married on August 31.

The Rev. Lester E. Pipkin, president of the Appalachian Bible Institute, was the speaker.

Trackmen Maintain Spoilless Home Record

The Bryan track team captured its three home meets while losing four away events.

The thinclads conquered Tusculum 90 1/3-40 2/3 in their first home match. They were eager to make up for a walloping received at the hands of Middle Tennessee State in their first meet of the season.

Bryan again gained a victory on the home cinders against Berry, 79-52. But Berry was eager for revenge when Bryan traveled to the Georgia track. They squeezed out a narrow 67-64 victory.

The third home victory was over Tennessee Wesleyan, 73-49. However, the season ended with a defeat to Emory at another Georgia site. Emory was able to gain enough points in the late stages of the meet to win, 77 2/3-53 1/3.

Applications Desired for New Hospital Staff

Medical care will be more readily available for Bryan students, faculty, and residents of Dayton and Rhea County when the Rhea County Hospital opens its doors for patients in October of this year.

The thirty-nine-bed hospital, constructed with the aids of federal Hill-Burton funds, will be needing trained personnel. Mr. Ferrell B. Driskell, recently appointed hospital administrator, desires applications from people qualified in the following technical areas:

- general staff nurses (R.N.)
- licensed practical nurses
- registered laboratory x-ray technician
- medical records librarian
- maintenance engineer
- dietitian

There will be an opportunity for some nurses to attend Bryan while working part time at the hospital.

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Ferrell B. Driskell, Administrator, Rhea County Hospital, Dayton, Tennessee.

Alumni Plans Discussed at Meeting

The alumni executive committee, headed by Richard McIntosh, president, met June 3 to formulate plans for the fall homecoming and discuss the association. The possibility of taking on the direct support of an executive secretary who would give about half time to the association is one of the forward steps being weighed by the committee and being presented to the local chapters for discussion.

The current alumni project of providing reference works for the Ironside Memorial Library has reached a total of more than $700 since introduction of the project in March. Alumni are also contributing toward the expense of the alumni newsletter, Bryanette, and toward the fund for revising the Alumni Directory.

Miss Alma F. Rader, instructor in Bible, being presented with a copy of "Easter Alleluia," which was written by Gerald Woughter, associate professor of music, and dedicated to her.

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