Historian Addresses Founders' Banquet; President Honored

The annual formal banquet commemorating the birthday of William Jennings Bryan and honoring the founders of the college was held on Saturday evening, March 19, which was the exact anniversary of Mr. Bryan’s birthday. The Founders’ Day address, entitled “The Recovery of Foundations,” was given by Dr. Gregg Singer, professor and chairman of the department of history of Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the college concert choir, directed by L. Daryle Worley, and by Mrs. Jonathan Tobelmann of Vienna, West Va. Mrs. Tobelmann is the former Jean Sentz ’60, who was prominent in the musical activities during her student days and who traveled for a number of years with the summer teams. A special feature of the evening’s program was the formal public acknowledgement of the Howell Slide Collection, given by Mrs. E. V. Howell, Winston-Salem, N.C., in memory of her late husband.

Dr. Singer

Dr. Singer did his undergraduate work at Haverford College and holds the Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He has served as chairman of the department of history at Wheaton College, Salem College (N.C.), and Belhaven College before going to Catawba in 1958. His summer teaching activities have included the Young Life Summer Institute in Colorado. He is the author of numerous articles and of the volume TOYNBEE in the Modern Thinkers Series of the International Library of Philosophy and Theology.

Howell Collection

The Howell Slide Collection numbers approximately 750. It includes botanical and zoological series on wildflowers and cultivated flowers, flowering shrubs, trees, birds, insects, and scenic pictures of the seasons and of famous natural wonders, such as the Grand Canyon. The Collection has been arranged into series to increase their utility for instructional purposes in the science courses and also to make them available in manageable units for programs of an informational and entertaining nature for clubs and similar groups.

The late Dr. Howell was a long-time friend of Bryan College, influencing many students to attend Bryan, including two of his own daughters. At the time of his death in early 1964, he had been pastor of Elsmere Baptist Church of Erlanger, Ky., for eleven years. Photography was one of his several hobbies; and his slides, accumulated over many years, reflect his wide travels and keen interest in nature. Part of the work in sorting out the gift collection was done by Sandra Sorrell ’63, who was a member of Mr. Howell’s church and who, along with her two sisters, are honor graduates of Bryan College.

Dr. and Mrs. Mercer and sons (l. to r.) Ted, John, and David

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

May 29—Baccalaureate
May 30—Trustees’ Meeting
May 31—Graduation

As a surprise climax feature of the Founders’ Day Banquet, Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Mercer were honored for their ten years of service at the college. Dr. Karl Keefer, dean, presented to the Mercers a purse from the faculty, students, trustees, and alumni with the suggestion that it be used for a trip to the Billy Graham Crusade in London and as much of Europe and possibly the Holy Land as the size of the purse and time will permit.

In his expression of appreciation, Dr. Mercer acknowledged his keen interest in making such a trip and admitted having studied a number of brochures describing various tours.

The following list of accomplishments represents the progress of the college during the ten years under Dr. Mercer’s administration:

1956—Ironside Memorial Library
Lobby, Lounge, and Business Office
of Administration Building
1957—Established membership in Council
for the Advancement of Small
Colleges
Organized Rhea County citizens
committee which has raised over
$80,000
1958—Renovation of Dining Room and
south hall of main floor
Change of name from University to
College
Endowment fund established by
Trustees to meet minimum South-
ern Association standards
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PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

There is a saying that you can’t tell a book by its cover. Neither can you tell the content of an article by its headline, as I found out rather uncomfortably recently. When it was known that Bryan would participate in the W. J. Bryan commemoration in Miami recently, one of the Miami newspapers called for a telephone interview. I had been told that the interviewer was a Christian man. Consequently, I felt relaxed in discussing the college with him. As usual, the talk got around to that well-worn subject—evolution. When I saw the article, I found the information to be substantially correct; but the headline was misleading—“Named for a Bitter Foe, School Teaches Evolution!” As is usual in newspaper work, one person does the copy and then it goes on to a headline writer who is supposed to have some skill in writing a headline which will reflect the content of the article. In this case, and often the case where the Bible is involved, the headline seeks to titillate the jaded imagination of a world order which values the sensational and the lurid. If any of the friends of the college saw the headline, it is hoped that they read on to the end of the article!

Three Encouraging Signs

An encouraging thing happened to Bryan during February—two churches have informed us that they have put Bryan into their budgets for annual gifts. Without organic connection with any religious denomination, Bryan serves a Bible-believing constituency across the spectrum of evangelical Christianity. This situation has some decided strengths and some disadvantages, one being that there is no fixed constituency of churches which the college can approach. We are grateful to those churches which find it possible to include Bryan in their regular giving and we say, as was said of Ben Adhem, “may their tribe increase.”

Another encouraging sign is the decided increase in matching gifts received last year. Christian people everywhere who work for business firms and corporations ought to inquire whether their companies have a matching gift program. This is a way to multiply your giving and to do what these companies want to do

FINANCIAL REPORT SHOWS IMPROVED STATUS

By Edward M. Steele, Director of Public Relations

The 1965 gift income record indicates that slightly more than 1,200 donors contributed a total of $151,451.51, an average for the year of approximately $125 per donor. The Gifts-for-the-King contributions in December totaled $21,169.38, topping the $20,000 goal to underwrite the college scholarship program for the 1965-66 academic year.

Gift income from practically every source was up in 1965. Significant increases in giving were noted in the record of alumni and businesses and foundations. Alumni giving was up 70 per cent over last year, and business and foundations increased their giving by 63 per cent. Businesses—support higher education in a well-defined plan which is spreading to more and more business concerns.

Elsewhere in this issue is a report on the twenty-three Bryanites who have become missionaries or approved candidates in the last year. Bryan, as other Christian colleges, has not been immune to the downward trend in the percentage of graduates going into Christian work. This trend, though explainable, has been disturbing to many of us. This present report is a very encouraging turn of events. This is not said for the praise of any person, for “... neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” Nevertheless we are thrilled. God-speed to each of these twenty-three!

PRESIDENT HONORED

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1959—Lionette established by student project
1960—Renovated north half on main floor of Administration Building
1961—Men’s Lounge
1962—Installment of 10-station modern language laboratory
1963—Established 10-year development program
1964—Completed and occupied two new dormitories
1965—Constructed new music building
1966—Student project set to raise $10,000 for biology laboratory
1967—New Service Building
1968—Constructed new Service Building
1969—Gifts-for-the-King contributions in December totaled $21,169.38, topping the $20,000 goal to underwrite the college scholarship program for the 1965-66 academic year.

The only significant drop in giving in 1965 was in the area of wills and bequests, which underscores the importance of the College’s deferred giving program in which information is offered to friends concerning tax savings which may be gained by making certain gifts to Bryan College, the benefit of which is chiefly “deferred” until after the donor’s death. Complete information on these deferred giving programs is available from the College Development Office.

Bryan, like most small colleges, is greatly dependent on gift income to close the gap between operating income and expense, called by some “the cost of educational opportunity” —the difference between what the student pays and what it actually costs to provide the student’s educational opportunity for the year.

Bryan College is also dependent on gift income for capital improvements and expansion. The current capital expansion project is the conversion of the third floor of the administration building from dormitory to instructional facilities. Planning for the maximum utilization of this area is now being carried out under the leadership of Dr. Orin B. Graff of the School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee. This area contains approximately 25,000 square feet of floor space, an area adequate to provide classrooms, laboratories, and faculty offices for all of the instructional programs except those in music and physical education.

Initial planning indicates a cost between $150,000 and $200,000 to renovate and equip this area. It is hoped that by the time the detailed plans are completed, sufficient funds will be on hand to begin construction immediately. The first step toward this goal was made when the 1965-66 student body launched their Million Penny Drive to equip the botany-zoology laboratory. The students are pushing their campaign with enthusiasm and have raised approximately $2,000 through various projects and solicitations. The Bryan Women’s Auxiliary has also voted to raise $1,600 to purchase 10 microscopes for the science department.
Musical Groups Plan Easter Vacation Tours

The Concert Choir pictured above will be on tour during spring vacation, April 2-10, under the direction of L. Daryle Worley, with appointments in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. Five pre-tour concerts were given in Tennessee: Chattanooga, Dayton, Knoxville, and Gatlinburg.


Third row: Laurette Smith, Sornerville, Tenn.; Marylee Davis, Dayton, Tenn.; Faye Smith, Dunedin, Fla.; Russell Porcella, Miami Springs, Fla.; John Stone, Hazard, Ky.; Randall Bell, Pompano Beach, Fla.; Philip Ashworth, Kettering, Ohio; Friciliza Greener, Pearis, Ill.; Rosemary Withers, Roanoke, Va.; Pott Vigg, Nucela, Colo.


Gospel Messenger Itinerary

Saturday, April 2 — 7:30 p.m.
Greensboro Youth for Christ
Coliseum Town Hall
Greensboro, North Carolina

Sunday, April 3 — 11:00 a.m.
Marshall Baptist Church
5739 Old Rural Hall Road
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Sunday, April 3 — 5:00 p.m.
Gift Road Baptist Church
Durham, North Carolina

Sunday, April 3 — 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood Baptist Church
2109 Chapel Hill Road
Durham, North Carolina

Monday, April 4 — 8:00 p.m.
Roanoke Union Service
Fleming Chapel
132 Maple Avenue, N.E.
Roanoke, Virginia

Tuesday, April 5 — 8:00 p.m.
Abbot Memorial U. F. Church
Bank Street at Highland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Wednesday, April 6 — 7:45 p.m.
Immanuel Baptist Church
Monument Avenue at Thompson
Richmond, Virginia

Thursday, April 7 — 8:00 p.m.
Goodwill Baptist Church
8701 Hungar Springs Road
Richmond, Virginia

Friday, April 8 — 7:45 p.m.
Cherrydale Baptist Church
Military Road and Cormac Lane
Arlington, Virginia

Saturday, April 9 — 7:30 p.m.
Peninsula Youth for Christ
4211 Victoria Boulevard
Hampton, Virginia

Sunday, April 10 — 8:30 a.m.
Armsong Memorial Presbyterian Church
150 Kempsville Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Summer Bible Conference

A mountain-top experience, both physically and spiritually, awaits vaca- tioners who share in the third annual summer Bible conference scheduled to begin at Bryan on Saturday, July 23, and continue through Friday, July 29.

Dr. J. Allen Blair, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, N.C., will be the Bible teacher throughout the week. One of Bryan’s graduates, the Rev. Ian Hay, ’50, the missionary emphasis speaker, will give his first message at the Sunday afternoon rally.

Services will be held each morning and evening Monday through Friday and include special sessions for children and youth under the direction of Alan Winkler, head of Bryan’s Christian education department.
Bryan Alumni Respond to Call of Foreign Missions

The call of the Lord to the foreign mission field has found a response in the hearts of at least twenty-three Bryan graduates or former students during the past year as they have made their way to the field or been accepted by a mission board for definite service.

The appeal of Wycliffe Bible Translators to give the Bible to tribes who have no written language has found the greatest response of any single mission. Glenn '58 and Dorothy (Bean) '54 Graham arrived in the Territory of New Guinea on the Australian side of West Irian just a year ago. With their two small children they have settled among the Amanab tribe of some 2,500 people.

Three single girls have recently been accepted by Wycliffe. Marilyn Laszlo '59 is in Jungle Training Camp in Mexico; two who have completed this training and are making further preparations for the mission field are Naomi Glock '61 who is teaching in Baltimore, Md., and Margaret Denner '63 in her home area of Philadelphia, Pa.

Edwin Svætestad '57 with his wife and three children went to Bogota, Colombia, last summer as a member of the Jungle Aviation and Radio service branch of Wycliffe. Ed took aviation mechanics training in California and continued working as a mechanic during the years since his graduation from Bryan.

Two other approved Wycliffe candidates, Daniel x'64 and Shelby (Skinner) '61 Harrison plan to teach missionary children in New Guinea. They are living in Irving, Texas, while Dan pursues a master's degree at North Texas State University along with teaching sociology at the Southwestern Medical School, and Shelby is teaching biology high school. They expect to teach in Wycliffe's Summer Institute of Linguistics and then be ready to go to the field in the fall. They have one daughter, Paula.

Three Bryanites have gone to Alaska in recent months. Robert '65 and Robin (Seaver) '65 Crane are serving under the Slavic Gospel Association in Perryville. Agnes (Wood) Lee '61 and her husband, Robert, who is a Dallas Seminary graduate, are missionaries with Central Alaskan Mission. Agnes was a Christian education major at Bryan and has had several years teaching experience while living in Texas before going to Alaska.

Traveling in the opposite direction, two recent students have found their missionary ministry near the equator. Hope Warner '65, a Spanish major at Bryan who taught in a Ft. Lauderdale school one semester, went to Lima, Peru, last fall to be associated with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Christiansen in a ministry of making gospel records for the various tribes of Peru. Hope had spent the summer of 1964 in Lima and now continues this work as a missionary without a mission board affiliation.

In September Robert Zobel x'67 went to Bonaire, Netherland Antilles, to serve with Trans World Radio as a diesel engine mechanic. He and one other mechanic are responsible for two sixteen-cylinder diesel engines that provide power for the most powerful medium wave radio transmitter in the western hemisphere and one of the largest shortwave transmitters in the world.

David '63 and Phyllis sp'64 Whitney are accepted candidates with Trans World Radio and plan to serve at Bonaire as soon as support is completed for them and their two daughters.

Also in the south is Nancy Akins '61 who became a student last fall in the Spanish Language Institute of Costa Rica as a missionary of the Central American Mission. Nancy has occupied her post-college years as a school teacher and child evangelism worker.

The continent of Africa has attracted Robert '44 and Alice (Tucker) x'47 St. John, who flew to Kenya, East Africa, early in September to serve under the Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Bob is teaching in the Bible school and helping in the local churches, while Alice works with the women and children and helps in the hospital. Their oldest son, Robert, has qualified for Officers Candidate School in the U. S. Army, and their daughter, Tamara, also in the States, is interested in nursing. Two children, Becky and Ned, attend boarding school in Africa.

James Claycomb '64 is a new recruit for Asia as she has spent nearly a year in Korea studying the language and preparing for her work with Korean orphans under the United World Mission.

Evelyn Robinson '62, who has served in mission schools in Tennessee and Arkansas, has been accepted by Worldwide Evangelization Crusade as a teacher candidate for Liberia where there is an opportunity to teach Bible in the public schools. She is temporarily detained by the critical illness of her father.

James x'61 and Barbara Fickley, who are accepted candidates with Greater Europe Mission, are engaged in the training program of Missionary Internship as they assist at the Knox Presbyterian Church of Detroit.

Marilyn Talmage x'66, a French major at Bryan, is taking a year's leave from her studies to work in France as secretary to Nate McGee, director of Youth for Christ. The YFC program includes monthly rallies in Paris, editing a French youth magazine, and producing a French film. While at Bryan, Marilyn was instrumental in reorganizing a YFC group in Dayton which is still very active in its club meetings and quiz practices.

The most recent departure for the foreign field is that of Lee '60 and Irene Temples, who were booked to sail on March 19 for Venezuela under the New Tribes Mission. Their field address is Puerto Ayacucho, T. F., Amazonas, Venezuela, S.A.

These recent recruits for foreign missionary service bring the total to more than 160 Bryan graduates and former students who are serving in

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXPANDS

The Christian Education Department at Bryan College is expanding the curriculum this year with plans for offering a Christian education degree by June, 1967, under the direction of Alan Winkler '60, assistant professor of Christian Education.

The chief purposes of instruction in Christian education are to train the students to serve as directors of Christian education in the local churches, to equip future missionaries for the major task of missions, and to offer electives in other fields to majors who wish to prepare themselves for a more effective Christian testimony.

The requirements for a major in Christian education include courses in personal evangelism, educational work of the church, principles of Biblical exposition, the Christian home, and Christian education of children which are being taught this year. Courses on the program for next year will include history and philosophy of Christian education, missions, Christian education of youth and adults, audio-visual aids, teaching methods of Christ, and Christian education seminar.

Several of the freshmen and sophomores this year have chosen Christian education as their major since receiving the announcement of the expansion of this department. Plans are being made to edit and publish books on the various phases of Christian education as developed by students in their term papers. These books will be published as a product of the department and each chapter will bear the contributing student’s name.

Another vision of the department is to conduct Christian education conferences in churches within reasonable driving distance of Bryan. Classes will be taught by mature students from the department. For the summer, an internship program is also being planned whereby students will be available to assist churches in youth work, vacation Bible schools, visitation and other outreach services held in the county jail, home visitation for persons in need of visitation, and Christian education seminar.

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The classroom training and opportunities for practical experience provide a strong combination to prepare Bryan graduates to help meet the need for trained workers. Several students now in the Christian education department have indicated their desire to participate in the internship program this summer as well as to serve in a full time capacity after they complete their college courses. Pastors interested in securing the assistance of a student this summer may direct their inquiries to Alan Winkler.

Representatives Share in Bryan Commemoration

Eight representatives from Bryan College took part in the second annual commemoration honoring William Jennings Bryan at the First Presbyterian Church, Miami, Florida, February 12-13. This was the home church of Mr. Bryan in his Florida years. It was here he served as an elder and taught the famous Bible class which later moved to Bayfront Park where thousands attended each Sunday. Those taking part from Bryan were Dr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Mercer and a musical team of six students pictured above.

Activities included a Saturday night youth rally with young people from seven Presbyterian churches in the Ft. Lauderdale-Miami area; participation in Sunday School; the preaching of the Bryan memorial sermon by Dr. Mercer on the text, II Timothy 3:16-17; an afternoon fellowship hour for alumni and friends; and an evening meeting with music, slides, and information about the college. A special feature of the activities was an exhibit of some fifty items from the college archives relating to Mr. Bryan.

First Presbyterian is the oldest congregation in Miami, having been organized in 1896. The present pastor is Dr. Henry Dahlberg, Jr. The physical plant of this church is impressive in size, the beauty of architectural design, and its utility. Most impressive of all was the spirit and faith of the congregation signified by the following statement carried on the front of the church bulletin: “Affirming the unchanging and infallible Word of God, we proclaim the virgin-born, crucified, resurrected, and returning Christ as the only way of salvation.”

ALUMNI RESPOND TO MISSIONS

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Seniors Honored by WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS

Six senior students were chosen by the faculty for membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students are selected on the basis of outstanding citizenship and scholarship during their attendance at Bryan.

Daniel Amsler, Warren, Ohio, transferred to Bryan after graduating from Moody Bible Institute and is majoring in history. He is president of the senior class, a student assistant in the men's dormitory, and coordinator of the Christian Service Association. He has participated in the musical program of several student teams representing the college and has consistently maintained a dean's list academic standing.

John Eastman, Pompano Beach, Fla., a Greek major, is Student Council president and holds membership in the Foreign Missions Fellowship, the Bryan Ministerial Association and the Christian Service Association. During his junior year, he was class president and won the P. A. Boyd Prize for exemplary citizenship.

Bonnie Hubert, Atlanta, Ga., is secretary-treasurer of the Student Council and a member of the Christian Service Association and the Foreign Missions Fellowship. She was class secretary during her sophomore year and edited the school yearbook as a junior. Bonnie is majoring in history and maintaining a high average.

David Llewellyn, Sebring, Fla., is an honor student majoring in English. He has had an active part in the intercollegiate sports of track, soccer, and basketball. He is vice-president of the senior class and has sung in the college choir and other musical groups each year. During his junior year, Dave was a member of the Student Council.

Janet Miller, Miami, Fla., is an elementary education major and has participated in the Bryan choir, the Spanish Club, and was a member of a Gospel Messenger team that traveled in Florida during one spring vacation. In both her sophomore and junior years, she was a member of the Student Council and this year is a student assistant in the women's dormitory.

Vicki Paulson, Bemidji, Minn., is also an elementary education major. Her activities have included membership in the college choir, the Foreign Missions Fellowship and the Citizenship Committee. As a junior, she was a member of the Dorm Council and spent this past summer as accompanist for a team of college musicians who conducted an eight-week tour in the midwest. She is now teaching a weekly Bible class in one of the Rhea County schools, which is part of the Christian Service Association program of the college.

Lions Close Basketball, Enter Baseball Season

The Bryan Lions played the best basketball game of their 20-game season with Tennessee Temple College before an audience which included more than a hundred high school visitors at Bryan on February 12. The Lions avenged two earlier losses to Temple with a score of 86-80, despite 52 points scored by Temple’s hard-hitting Bob Murr.

The season record was 7-13 which reflects a lack of height to meet the advantage held by the competing schools. David Gerard, a freshman from Greensburg, Pa., led the Lions as top scorer with a total of 302 points.

Coach Jack Wells would be glad to hear from student prospects who combine an interest in athletics with a desire to have a Christian education. Scholarship aid is available to qualifying applicants.

The spring baseball team is in training for its 21-game schedule with nine different schools. The schedule is as follows:

March
26 *Lincoln Memorial Univ. (D)
31 *Olivet College

April
13 Hiwassee College
16 *John Marshall Univ. (D)
20 *Maryville College
23 Tennessee Temple
26 *Berry College
30 *Covenant College (D)

May
4 Univ. of Tennessee (Frosh)
7 Berry College (D)
10 *Covenant College
14 *Temple and UT Frosh (D)
16 *Hiwassee College
18 Maryville
21 John Marshall Univ. (D)
* Home Games
(D) Double-header

SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS
June 6 - July 8
July 11 - August 12