

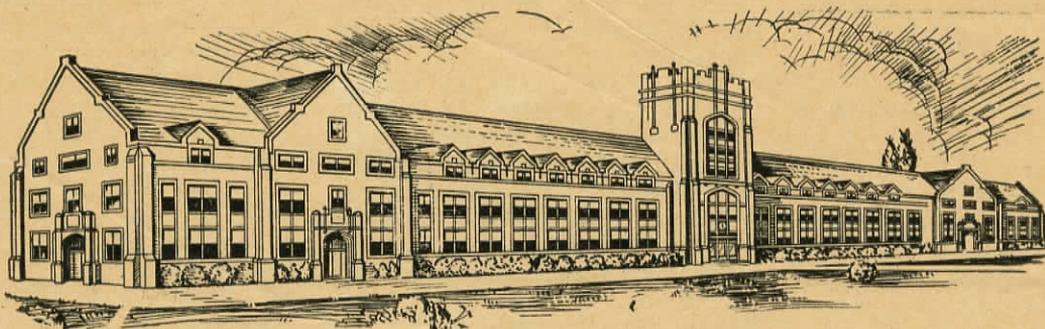
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Staff Members

As we begin another school year, we can again praise the Lord for His marvelous answers to our prayers, not the least of these being the addition of several excellent faculty and staff members.

In the Commercial Department we have Miss Rebecca Peck, B.A., magna cum laude from Bryan in 1940. After graduating Miss Peck was for a time associated with the Y. W. C. A. at Atlantic City, and then with the Hebrew Christian Mission in Detroit from whence she comes to take the position as teacher of commercial subjects here at Bryan.

Miss Beatrice Batson, B.A. cum laude from Bryan in 1944, has been appointed to the English and History departments. In the short time since classes have begun, Miss Batson has proven herself to be an excellent teacher and a real blessing to both faculty and students.

Heading the Bible Department is Dr. E. Carter Morgan, Th.M., Th.D. from the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. Dr. Morgan was born in China of missionary parents, and in the past has been engaged in missionary work in Louisiana and other southern states. More recently he has been connected with the Chauga Heights Bible Center, Westminster, S. C., where he was associated with his father, Dr. E. L. Morgan, in the work of the Center. Dr. Morgan has already shown himself to be a useful and valuable asset to the univer-

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LET'S COMPLETE THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—NOW

By LLOYD E. FISH

Treasurer and Business Manager

NEWSLETTE readers have received during the past few days a letter from President Rudd with the theme of "NOW." In his letter, President Rudd stressed the urgency of the present and immediate future opportunities for Bryan University, and the challenging necessity to be ready for postwar days. And, in particular, he wrote of plans for completion of the Administration Building as an outstanding goal. Here in this article we desire to share with you a definite account of accomplishments and plans.

First of all, Bryan University is a place of *Christian* higher education. We seek to know and to do the Lord's will, and to be ever mindful of the fact that buildings and equipment, vital as they are, are valuable only as they contribute to the basic purpose for which Bryan University exists.

But we shall need these physical facilities. The long-range plan of the administration is to develop on Bryan Hill a Christian university accommodating a maximum of 750 young men and women. Central to the campus is the boldly-conceived Administration Building which, completed, will adequately care for the classroom, laboratory, library, office, dining hall, and auditorium needs of this number of students. And in

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Small, But Great

By ROBERT W. HAMBROOK
Special Representative of the President

The most significant and most valuable contributions to education today are being made by the small Christian colleges and universities.

This fact has been borne upon me more emphatically recently since I have been associated with the William Jennings Bryan University, where there is now being carried on one of the finest programs of Christian education.

It was my lot to attend four universities, ranging in enrollment from 750 to more than 10,000. I look back with keen satisfaction to the first two years of my college work, which were spent in the smallest of the institutions, because there I knew the president, every professor, and each individual student. Although it was a denominational school, and the standards of morality were high, it could not be called a Christian college, for the majority of the students and professors knew not Christ.

Through my attendance at the larger universities, and through my association with colleges and universities during my sixteen years with the U. S. Office of Education, I have come to the conclusion that the college or university which adds nothing to an individual but information, abilities, and some social polish, has contributed little to the individual or the nation. On the other hand, the

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God does not need our money, for
"the cattle upon a thousand hills"
are His, the heavens and the earth
also are His. (Ps. 50:10) (Ps. 89:
11.) But he wants our money, that
through our money He may bring
great blessings to our hearts. God
gave us money that by giving it, we
might be blessed.

SMALL . . . BUT GREAT

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secondary schools, academies, colleges
and universities, the objectives of
which include teaching the Bible as
the infallible Word of God and the
leading of students to the acceptance
of Christ as Redeemer and Friend,
along with the urge to live separated
lives and render service, full time
and otherwise, to their Lord and Mas-
ter, provide the hope of the individual
and of the nation.

It is my frank belief that this na-
tion has forsaken God and is in its
present distressing condition largely
because colleges, universities and even
our high schools have stressed mere
gaining of knowledge and success as
the ultimate and most desirable goals.

Our nation has left the impression
on the world at large that our major
interest lies in material wealth. A
young lady who is studying music
just for music's sake and who has
shown unusual ability in music, was
asked recently by her instructor how
soon she would make it a means of
livelihood. He appeared somewhat
chagrined when she seemed surprised
that such a question should be asked.
Today it is quite common for those
who offer their services to churches
to give the impression that such ser-
vice should be compensated for by
money.

Our smaller colleges maintaining
the Christian motive prepare individ-
uals for making a livelihood as well
as for living, but are turning out
young men and women whose joy
comes from service and not so-called
worldly success.

I am not exaggerating when I say
that I would like to see universities
like William Jennings Bryan Univer-
sity duplicated hundreds of times over
the United States, so that regardless
of home location, young people of
college age might have the privileges
accorded students now attending
Bryan.

Those who have attended a small
Christian college will appreciate the
following statements sent in by
former students and parents of stu-
dents of Bryan:

"I wish it were possible for me
to give my diploma back and start
all over again. . . . Bryan has in-
delibly influenced my life."

"I have felt for a long time that
the teaching and Christian guidance
Carl received at Bryan have meant
much in the shaping of his life. . . .
We have not had one instant of con-
cern about his personal conduct since

THE FRESHMEN SPEAK

Helen Baldwin, Watersmeet, Mich.

Although I am a Freshman with
only three weeks' standing, Bryan
has won my deepest affection and
trust.—It is my school, and I am its
student. Having had a year of
nurses' training, I know the teachings
of the modern world. I know that
a world without Christ is sinful and
harsh. I cannot help but notice the
personalities and smiles of my friends
here—that they are richer, sweeter,
and deeper than those of the world.
There is a warm spiritual atmos-
phere at every turn. When I hear
the science lectures of Dr. Cole, as
he so convincingly explains the truth
of God with nature, I could pour out
my heart in song or let my eyes be
filled with tears—so deep, profound,
and marvelous is the Truth of God.
While listening to lectures which
were atheistic or indifferent to God,
given by distinguished doctors and
teachers, God gave me the promise,
"You shall know the Truth, and the
Truth shall make you free." I have

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he went away, and I feel that this
is in a large measure due to the
splendid environment and teaching
he received at Bryan."

"I wish those friends could visit
Bryan. Perhaps then they could
realize what Bryan means to those
of us who have studied there."

"One of those afternoons was spent
entirely taking classification I. Q.
tests. They would not tell us our
exact grades, but I do know that I
came out with the top few—thanks
to Bryan and the algebra and physics.

. . . Tests are just about a daily
occurrence—my average for the past
week was 92 per cent. . . . Daily I
am more certainly convinced that
Bryan offers one of the best balanced
educations to be had. I've been put
beside graduates of many big univer-
sities of the country and I have found
that my background puts me to ad-
vantage very often."

"We did not take every advantage
offered while at Bryan. Hence, in
the years that have passed since we
left Bryan, we have grown to love it
and admire the work that is being
done there more than ever before."

Those who have the Lord's tithes
and gifts to distribute can do no
better than to put these funds into
the training of young people in a
university that stands for the infal-
libility of the Word of God and the
doctrines essential to this stand.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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addition, the fourth floor provides a dormitory housing 150 students. A Physical Education Building, Music Conservatory, and additional dormitories will be constructed on the other sides of the campus quadrangle to keep pace with the growth in the student body.

Now, the Administration Building itself. Planned as a "C"-shaped structure, the main section is 440 feet in length, and the north and south wings are to be 106 feet long. First step in the construction, shortly after the founding of the association planning the university as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan, was the pouring of reinforced concrete footings, columns, and first floor. Massive, but unusable without outside and partitioning walls and interior finish, the building stood thus for several years. Then, in 1935, approximately a fifth of the ground floor—eight rooms, with a floor area of 4,000 square feet, was floored, enclosed, and put in use. In 1937, two rooms, 1,500 square feet, were enclosed; in 1938, two rooms, 2,200 square feet, on the ground floor, and in addition, 22 rooms, with an area of nearly 10,000 square feet on the floor above. At present, these latter rooms are in use as dormitory and faculty quarters. In 1939, two more rooms, 1,000 square feet, were enclosed; in 1941, seven rooms, 2,500 square feet; in 1942, four rooms, 1,200 square feet; in 1943, one room, 900 square feet; and in 1944, three rooms, 1,800 square feet. Incidental enclosure of stairways, halls, and storage rooms brings the total enclosed area to approximately 30,000 square feet of floor space.

This construction has resulted in completion of nearly one and one-half floors of the projected four-floor building. The remarkable, the faith-strengthening part is the fact that all this has been done in these difficult years largely by the spartan process of deliberately setting aside for building a definite yearly percentage of the modest gift income.

Now, we face the present and the future. And in faith, believing that this is God's time, we propose a large step. Although the dollars have been made to stretch far, building on a small scale and in small steps, as we have done during the past nine years is not the efficient way to build. For the time, it was necessary,

and we thank God for His faithfulness, and for the generosity and the prayers of the many friends who made it possible. But we have come to a time when, if we are to meet the challenge of the days just ahead, we must build largely. And so we propose the bold step of completing now the full four floors of the main section of the Administration Building. We mean to keep our minds and hearts receptive to God's leading, but as we see it now, the plan will be to pour the balance of the reinforced concrete pillars and floors, to erect the permanent roof, and to enclose the entire structure with the necessary outside tile walls and steel casement windows, in accordance with the blueprint plans. This will solve at one stroke many of the problems which arise in partial building. It will be permanent construction contributing toward the finished building. As we see it now, the interior work—erecting of partitions between rooms, finishing walls, floors, and ceiling, and furnishing the rooms—can then progress over a period of several years, keeping step with the increase of the student body and with needs as they arise. In similar manner, construction of the North Wing, containing faculty apartments and added dormitory space; and of the South Wing, containing the auditorium—and, on the fourth floor, additional dormitory rooms—can be begun in due time. But to have now the basic main portion of the Administration Building, enclosed, and to its full height, will be a forward step of incalculable value to the girding of Bryan University for large-scale usefulness in its God-given task.

How much will it cost? President Rudd, in his letter, wrote: "NOW, we are going to have the architect's blueprints brought up to date. NOW, we are going to secure a contractor. NOW, we are going to go just as far as we can, and just as fast as we can." We hope to have for our friends, soon, a contractor's estimate of the cost of this project; keep watch of NEWSETTE for this.

But there will be a cost! For those of us on the faculty and staff, it is measured in terms of time, and prayer and service. But many of you, our friends because you have an equally vital interest in this work, this opportunity for and through young people, will be sharing the cost too. We urgently seek your prayers, your in-

fluence, your continuing support. There will be some who read these lines who can give largely to make this building possible. May the Lord give them a challenging vision of their opportunity to invest generously in the lives of youth. There will be very many who read these lines who can have a generous part in the work at hand. There will be some who can but pray. If your heart is stirred, if the Lord lays on you the desire to see this step of faith translated into reality, join with us, with *all you can do* to bring it to pass, NOW.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

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sity, and we are looking for a year of blessing under his teaching.

To the Language and History departments has come Prof. Arne Ahonen, A.B., M.A., from Wheaton College. Mr. Ahonen was formerly at Stony Brook School for Boys on Long Island, N. Y., and has become a very interesting and delightful member of the teaching staff.

The Lord has been good to us, not only in supplying teachers, but in giving us Mr. N. O. Brooks of Yakima, Washington, as an accountant. The work of the office is essential in the proper functioning of the university, and we do praise the Lord for supplying our need in that respect.

In the Octagon, which houses most of the women students, Mrs. Louise Garber is serving as Women's Counsellor. Mrs. Garber is understanding and capable in this capacity, and has already won for herself a place in the life of the university.

We know that without the prayers and help of the many friends of Bryan University these new faculty and staff members could not have been secured, and we rejoice in the marvelous answers to prayer which the Lord has given. We are looking forward to an abundant year of blessing with these new members of the Bryan family, and we can only say with joy, "Oh sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvelous things."—F. C. M.

The Scripture gives four names to Christians, taken from the four cardinal graces: Saints, for their holiness; believers, for their faith; brethren, for their love; disciples, for their knowledge.—A Fuller.

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found that Truth at Bryan.

Laurel Summers, St. Paul, Minn.

Retired from the army, refused by the R. C. A. F. due to existing regulations and turned down by the Merchant Marine because of injuries! The Lord had closed every door of my earthly ambition.

And now, although He called me many years ago and I had refused

to obey His voice, He was opening up the way that I might be trained for full-time service for Him. I began to search for a school where I might receive His best for my life, spiritually first, and then scholastically.

After considering a number of schools, Bryan University was brought to my attention one evening at a service in which I was taking part in a little mission in Minneap-

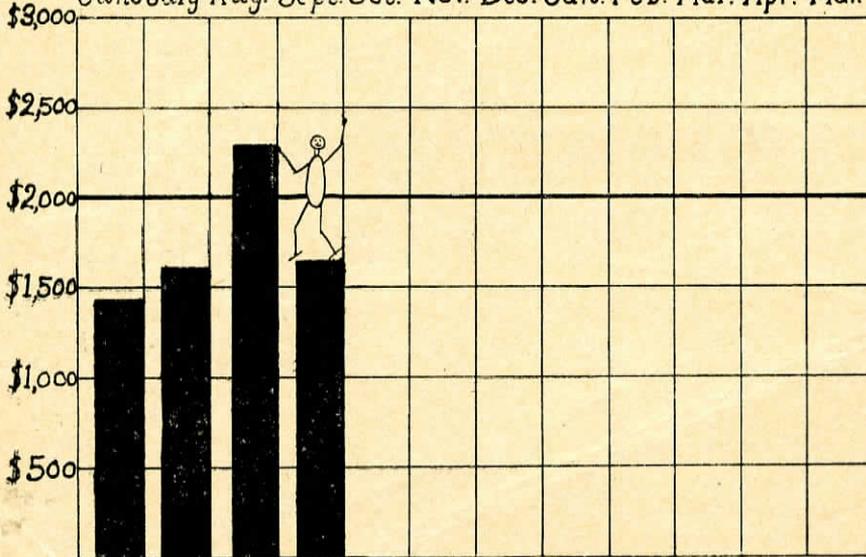
olis, Minnesota. From that time on, I realized, due to the literature that I received and the correspondence with President Rudd, that God truly was placed above all at Bryan. With this realization and the leading of His spirit, I enrolled at Bryan University. (Lt. Summers was recently honorably discharged from the army because of injuries and is now training for full-time service.)

August - September Gift Receipts

327	2.00	375	1.00	423	1.00	471	5.00	517	10.00	565	10.00
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355	2.00	403	5.00	451	25.00	498	2.00	545	5.00	593	101.92
356	1.00	404	10.00	452	15.00	499	1.00	546	1.00	594	40.00
357	1.00	405	2.00	453	1.00	500	25.00	547	25.09	595	50.00
358	20.00	406	10.00	454	1.00	501	1.30	548	1.00	596	3.00
359	10.00	407	5.00	455	10.00	502	2.00	549	5.00	597	5.00
360	40.00	408	15.00	456	1.00	503	5.00	550	10.00	598	10.00
361	5.00	409	95.84	457	1.00	504	1.00	551	10.00	599	5.00
362	15.00	410	1.00	458	1.00	505	1.00	552	5.00	600	2.00
363	100.00	411	50.00	459	1.00	506	50.00	553	2.00	601	5.00
364	1.00	412	10.00	460	1.00	507	25.00	554	2.00	602	5.00
365	5.00	413	50.00	461	3.00	508	10.00	555	5.00	603	10.00
366	10.00	414	5.00	462	5.00	509	25.00	556	1.00	604	50.00
367	5.77	415	1.00	463	50.00	510	5.00	557	8.00	605	5.00
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369	1.00	417	2.00	465	10.00	512	2.00	559	1.00	607	5.00
370	5.00	418	1.00	466	8.00	513	1.00	560	321.39	608	2.00
371	2.00	419	1.00	467	10.00	514	5.00	561	50.00	609	3.00
372	5.00	420	1.00	468	25.00	515	45.00	562	1.72		
373	25.00	421	3.00	469	10.00	516	1.00	563	5.00		
374	1.00	422	5.00	470	.10			564			

Total ..\$3,937.44

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Total receipts to date.....\$6,973.98

Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

This opening rush of school has about swamped me . . . but I'm up and going again. With more young people this year than last, I must work harder than ever at my job of telling people and making friends. I do thank all of you on the "home front" who are making possible the good work here at Bryan.

Sincerely yours,

Sam