

# The NEWSLETTE

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## A Glorious Opportunity

The opportunity of a life-time is placed squarely before us, according to semi-official reports. Last summer we purchased, at a very reasonable price, a dormitory building at Watts Bar from the Tennessee Valley Authority, from which we have realized much scarce and valuable material, now being used in the construction of homes for staff members. (Next month NEWSLETTE will carry a picture of one of these homes.)

Now (May 16th) several larger buildings at Watts Bar are to be sold at public auction. We are particularly anxious to purchase the Community Building, (containing a nice gymnasium), the Cafeteria Building, three dormitories, and perhaps one other building, if offered for sale. Providentially, we are so situated as to give us a great advantage over buyers located at a distance and over most local buyers.

We ought, by all means, to buy all of the above mentioned buildings. The gymnasium, with few alterations, will make a marvelous addition to the Campus and life of Bryan University. At least one dormitory should be reassembled for dormitory purposes at once. Houses should be constructed for staff members and married students. Much of the lumber would be ideal for use in the forms needed in further construction on the main Memorial Building. (In the next NEWSLETTE we will announce the simple and most practical unit plan of construction for the completion of the Memorial Building.)

How many of these buildings we purchase will be determined by the funds available. It will cost to buy these buildings, to move them, and to reconstruct them, but in the strength of our God, we can expect to overcome even the impossible. This project must be

## Building Fund Report

(Thru March 31st)

RECEIPTS:	
Building Fund Receipts (Pink, No. 1 thru No. 75) .....	\$1,822.25
Gift Income Receipts (See explanation below) .....	2,947.74
Total Receipts .....	4,769.99
LESS:	
Expenditures .....	1,671.47
BALANCE (on hand) .....	3,098.52

The pink Building Fund Receipts have been used only since the first of November, 1944. Prior to that date and in some cases since then, the regular yellow gift receipts were used for gifts intended for the Building Fund. In transferring \$2,947.74 of regular gift income to the Building Fund, a mimeographed list of the receipts and the amounts involved has been prepared and copies sent to all friends concerned. Please notify us if at any time we send the wrong type of receipt and the error is not rectified promptly.

Coming TOGETHER is beginning:  
Keeping TOGETHER is progress:  
Working TOGETHER is success.  
Nuggets.

John Wesley once said—

"If I had three hundred men who feared nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, I would set the world on fire."

one factor in giving new life to Bryan University. It will hasten the completion of the Memorial Building. This is the time for enthusiastic praying and giving. Gifts sent for this purpose should be marked "For the Building Fund."

## Annuity Gifts Will Help

The University has never solicited annuity gifts, although a number have been accepted when the money could be invested to mutual advantage. Experience has demonstrated that buildings used for church and school purposes should not be built with borrowed money, even annuity money. Such buildings are not adequate security for more than a small fraction of the cost of building them. The market interest rate on safe investment securities is considerably lower than the rates commonly offered annuitants, so it is a problem to invest annuity funds advantageously.

We are certain that we can wisely invest a reasonable amount of annuity money in the construction of homes for our staff members on what is probably the best location for homes in or around Dayton, right in the heart of the great Tennessee Valley development area. By making such an annuity investment, you will be helping yourself and the cause of Christ here at Bryan University.

Rates vary with the age of the annuitant, 2.5% being paid to persons now 35 years of age or under, 4% to persons 50 years of age, 5.5% to persons 70 years of age, 7% to persons 80 years of age and over. Proportionate rates are offered to persons of other ages between 35 and 80 years of age. These rates are the same or very nearly the same now being offered by others accepting annuity money.

Nearly a year ago, we made a very fortunate investment in a nearly new building sold by the Government at Watts Bar, furnishing us with materials now being used for the construction of homes. Funds received before May 16th will, we believe, enable us to make a larger and perhaps as advan-

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## PLANS, PROVISIONS, AND PROGRESS

By faith we reckon on the Day of Prayer, March the 3rd, as the beginning of a new forward movement in the life of Bryan University. Not only is it the beginning, but the pattern for successful achievement. There have been previous beginnings which were more spectacular, but we are counting now on a gradual sustained progress which is God-given and God-sustained.

In an attitude of prayer, we are looking to God to unite us on His plans. With plans, on which we, as staff members and students, are substantially agreed as God's plans, we can expect a generous response from our friends in Dayton, in Rhea County, in Tennessee, and throughout the Nation. By prayer, God's will may be known and His provision supplied.

At this moment, we are in the process of exchanging ideas. We have some indications that God's will is to be made known through fortuitous circumstances. In recent weeks and months some annuity money has been received. It appears more likely that at least twenty individuals will meet Dr. Rhule's challenge by giving \$200.00 each to the Building Fund. One friend has just sent in a \$1,000.00 gift to be included in our April Report. Construction is progressing on the first of the homes for staff members. Government permission is being requested for the construction of the second. There are other signs that God is working all along that line.

Progress is dependent upon our responsiveness to the pleadings of God. This is a critical time when prayer is particularly needed that we will be agreed on plans and that more abundant provision will be made for progress. This is an opportune time to

## BRYAN NEWCOMERS

Truly the Lord does supply all our needs. What blessings He has given us, both in spiritual and material ways. Recently He has sent to us a new staff member, Rev. Paul Zimmerman, who will be assistant to Dr. Rudd in the promotion and extension work of the University.

Rev. Zimmerman, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, comes to us from Allegan, Michigan, where he served as pastor of the Allegan Bible Church. Prior to his work there, he had spent six years in missionary work in Kentucky and a great deal of time in city mission work.

We feel that Bryan has indeed gained a valuable asset in Rev. Zimmerman.

We can also praise God for Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Timmerman, who, of late, have come to Bryan from Hudsonville, Michigan. Mr. Timmerman, a man who has had much experience in construction work, is greatly interested in mission work, and has done much in various faith missions. He, likewise, has come to Bryan to share his talents "as unto the Lord." Both he and Mrs. Timmerman have been active in Christian work around Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Timmerman is supervising the construction of the homes in "Faculty Village," the first one of which will probably be completed in April.—D. B.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

On Sunday afternoon, March 25, Ruth Toliver, '40, exchanged marriage vows with Mr. Frank Wright, who is employed with the War Production Board in Birmingham, Alabama, where they will reside.

Albert Wyllie, '44, has been asked to assume temporary responsibility of the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Tennessee, and is residing in the men's dorm on Bryan Hill.

Anita Graham, '44, has accepted a position at the Government project in Clinton, Tennessee.

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encourage one another. How can we really pray unless we ourselves are responsive and yielded to God's perfect will? Results NOW will pay double dividends. Let us pray and let us work NOW.

## A SENIOR RECALLS FOUR YEARS OF PROGRESS

During four years at Bryan, we, the Seniors, have seen much progress in many ways. On entering the portals of Bryan University, we found an unfinished building of no beauty or grandeur, but it wasn't long until each one of us could see, even in the buildings, the beauty of the Lord and the grandeur of Christian fellowship through life in Him.

Although, on arrival, we found that the whole length of the building had a cement-floored hall, yet there were no rooms on the northeast side of the hall, save the dining room, kitchen, and a class room. Through the years, we have seen almost the whole northeast side enclosed, tile by tile, and room by room. We have seen an oven constructed on the side of the campus, a flagpole erected at the gate, fluorescent lights installed in the library, the construction of a fine recreation room for games and parties, a new heating system provided for the Octagon, the installation of an automatic paper folder and an automatic-feed printing press in the Print Shop.

Most recently, we have seen Professor Hartman's music studio transformed from a very plain room into a lovely two-toned studio. Many additions, such as drinking fountains, a vacuum cleaner, an electric saw and a milking machine have all gone to make life just a little easier here at Bryan.

Due to the war, our boys have answered the call to arms, and from our fellowship have left us one by one until, on returning this past autumn, we found so few men that the Hermits' Hall had been transferred to four of the rooms on the northeast side of the ground floor, all constructed since we entered Bryan four years ago. The former Hermits' Hall had been divided in two, half being used for the "Hermitesses" and half for married couples, leaving the "Octagonettes" with more space in which to breathe.

We, the class of '45, feel as if we did our bit for Bryan during our Sophomore year when we built, furnished and decorated a lovely prayer room where any one at any time may step aside from the cares of study to spend some time alone with God. We know that the time spent in that room has not been spent in vain. The Prayer Room is the heart of the Uni-

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### CLEO GRAHAM

Petite, dainty Cleo has more talents packed into a small space than one could possibly imagine. Her pleasant voice has taken us from dreamy southern plantations to Heaven's Gate in musical harmony. In dramatic speaking her poise and versatility is amazing, and we'll miss the many hours of entertainment which she has provided in years past.

Cleo's main activities during her stay here have been largely connected with music in the religious field, and with music and dramatics in secular lines. She plans to enter nurses' training upon graduation, in preparation for the mission field.



### GWEN HAY

Take a pint-sized container of vivacious energy and good humor, add an outstanding gift of elocution, and above all, a sincere desire to bring the Word of Life to those in Darkest Africa, and you have a glimpse of Gwen Hay, the "life" of the Senior class.

Foreign Missions Fellowship and Dramatics have been her chief activities in Christian and secular fields. Having been born in Africa, her one desire is to return and serve the Lord in the land of her birth. With a Christ-centered life, she should go far for Him.



### ANNA KETTENRING

One glance at Anna Kettenring reveals a charming face, but this inherent beauty with which the Lord has endowed her is further enhanced by a Christ-like sweetness which is rare indeed. Her artistry on the piano has brought many hours of enjoyment to each one of us. Perhaps her music has become to her a more eloquent way of speaking, since her natural tendency is to quietness.

Anna is an efficient dining hall hostess, and has been selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Her Christian work has been mainly with children.



### BEATRICE MORGAN

Beatrice, one of our twins, has won the hearts of the Bryan family by her radiant, glowing personality and gracious mannerisms—and is a good example of a rejoicing Christian. Beatrice has outstanding musical ability and it is always considered a special treat when she and her twin give a piano concert. They have had special musical training at Wheaton and Oberlin Colleges, and Beatrice plans to continue the study of music and make it her career. Her consecrated Christian life will assure her success in the use of her talent.



*The Newslette*

### ALICE NORTHRUP

In a quiet, unassuming way, Alice Northrup has won a very dear place in our hearts. Her dependability and efficiency in her work, as well as her high scholastic standing, have proven her fine character, and diligent application to the task at hand.

In Child Evangelism and Student Council she has shown excellent judgment and an earnest desire to serve the Lord in all things. She, too, has been selected to appear in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," and well deserves the honor. Although her "future" is now in the Army, she plans to serve the Lord in His place for her.



### DOROTHY MORGAN

Dorothy is one whose enthusiasm and vitality inspires all with whom she comes in contact. Dorothy, attractive in appearance and personality, blushing admits that a certain handsome Ensign will some day in the future separate her from her identical twin. "Dott" and "Bea" are proof that beauty and brains will mix, and when this is augmented with a generous portion of talent, one can easily see why they make such a charming pair.



### LILLIAN BORGARD PECK

From Florida, the land of sunshine, comes Lillian, shedding forth the radiance and glory of a life abiding in Christ. Her sweet contralto voice adds enjoyment and inspiration to the numerous occasions where she is called upon to sing. Many are her capabilities, and because of her trustworthiness, many responsibilities have been hers during the four years at Bryan. Lillian has managed the physical education classes with efficiency and serves in numerous clubs and activities. Her ability has been recognized by the faculty in that she was chosen for membership in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."



### JOHN QUIMBY

One of the most likable members of the student body is the Senior class President, John Quimby. Born in China of missionary parents, John is preparing himself for service on the foreign field. He was elected Vice-President of the Southeastern Regional Foreign Mission Fellowship, and holds many responsible offices on the campus. Our admiration for his excellent Christian service activities is well deserved and he is leaving many friends in the surrounding communities whose lives were touched by his ministry. Our prayers go with Johnny as he serves as an Ambassador for Christ.



## March Gift Receipts

1612	25.00	1673	100.00	1734	5.00	1795	1.00
1613	20.00	1674	25.00	1735	5.00	1796	10.00
1614	5.19	1675	10.00	1736	5.00	1797	1.00
1615	2.00	1676	1.00	1737	5.00	1798	2.00
1616	10.00	1677	1.00	1738	5.00	1799	1.00
1617	10.00	1678	4.00	1739	1.00	1800	12.00
1618	1.00	1679	5.00	1740	5.00	1801	2.00
1619	40.00	1680	3.00	1741	5.00	1802	1.00
1620	10.00	1681	1.00	1742	5.00	1803	2.00
1621	100.00	1682	5.00	1743	1.00	1804	1.00
1622	1.00	1683	1.00	1744	5.00	1805	2.00
1623	10.00	1684	5.00	1745	1.00	1806	20.00
1624	10.00	1685	2.00	1746	5.00	1807	2.00
1625	25.00	1686	10.00	1747	2.00	1808	5.00
1626	25.00	1687	25.00	1748	3.00	1809	15.00
1627	25.00	1688	5.00	1749	10.00	1810	1.00
1628	5.00	1689	5.00	1750	5.00	1811	1.00
1629	2.00	1690	100.00	1751	25.00	1812	2.00
1630	20.00	1691	10.00	1752	10.00	1813	2.00
1631	25.00	1692	5.00	1753	12.00	1814	5.00
1632	15.00	1693	2.00	1754	100.00	1815	10.00
1633	25.00	1694	1.00	1755	10.00	1816	2.00
1634	5.00	1695	2.00	1756	2.00	1817	1.00
1635	10.00	1696	1.00	1757	5.00	1818	5.00
1636	25.00	1697	5.00	1758	5.00	1819	5.00
1637	5.00	1698	10.00	1759	5.00	1820	1.00
1638	10.00	1699	5.00	1760	20.00	1821	1.00
1639	25.00	1700	5.00	1761	2.00	1822	5.00
1640	5.00	1701	5.00	1762	5.00	1823	3.00
1641	3.00	1702	1.00	1763	.25	1824	1.00
1642	5.00	1703	25.00	1764	10.00	1825	1.00
1643	2.00	1704	8.00	1765	5.00	1826	5.00
1644	5.00	1705	5.00	1766	10.00	1827	5.00
1645	1.00	1706	10.00	1767	10.00	1828	5.00
1646	2.00	1707	5.00	1768	5.00	1829	6.25
1647	10.00	1708	5.00	1769	1.00	1830	100.00
1648	5.00	1709	5.00	1770	50.00	1831	1.00
1649	1.00	1710	1.00	1771	1.00	1832	2.00
1650	5.00	1711	5.00	1772	2.50	1833	1.00
1651	1.00	1712	10.00	1773	50.00	1834	2.00
1652	25.00	1713	10.00	1774	5.00	1835	3.00
1653	30.00	1714	2.00	1775	10.00	1836	5.00
1654	15.00	1715	5.00	1776	5.00	1837	2.00
1655	2.00	1716	1.00	1777	5.00	1838	1.00
1656	15.00	1717	1.00	1778	1.00	1839	5.00
1657	2.00	1718	10.00	1779	14.00	1840	5.00
1658	15.00	1719	2.00	1780	10.00	1841	5.00
1659	5.00	1720	5.00	1781	5.00	1842	2.00
1660	10.00	1721	5.00	1782	5.00	1843	10.00
1661	3.00	1722	10.00	1783	1.00	1844	5.00
1662	4.00	1723	1.00	1784	5.00	1845	5.00
1663	25.00	1724	1.00	1785	5.00	1846	5.00
1664	1.00	1725	10.00	1786	5.00	1847	5.00
1665	3.00	1726	5.00	1787	25.00	1848	1.00
1666	1.00	1727	10.00	1788	10.00	1849	5.00
1667	25.00	1728	10.00	1789	10.00	1850	5.00
1668	20.00	1729	25.00	1790	113.70	1851	10.00
1669	5.00	1730	10.00	1791	1.00		
1670	5.00	1731	10.00	1792	75.00		
1671	15.00	1732	5.00	1793	5.00		
1672	25.00	1733	13.00	1794	5.00		

Total....\$2,445.89

## Annuity Gifts Will Help

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tageous an investment in build- ings no longer needed at the great Government power project. Annuity contracts will be sent promptly and funds will be returned to any not satisfied with the contracts when received.

## FORMER STUDENT GOES "HOME"

Sympathy on the part of former and present Bryan staff members and students is extended to the family of Bertha Brewer, ex-'44, who went to be with the Lord on March 16, 1945. After attending Bryan for a year, Bertha worked for a few months, but was stricken with heart trouble and was bed-fast for almost two years. In writing to tell of her death, a member of the family said, "Her suffering was great and she bore it wonderfully and passed away smiling. Bertha enjoyed her year at Bryan very much and has talked often of the many good times and fellowship that she had there."

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versity; a place where fellowship alone with God has been maintained in order to hold up the motto of our class, "To know Him, and to make Him known," and the motto of our University, "God Above All." J. Q.

## Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

My report is "up," and how fitting that it should be, in this anniversary month. We had a good time at the banquet on the 19th; wish all of you could have been there. Pray with us, won't you, for the Lord's guidance and blessing in the remaining weeks of the school year.

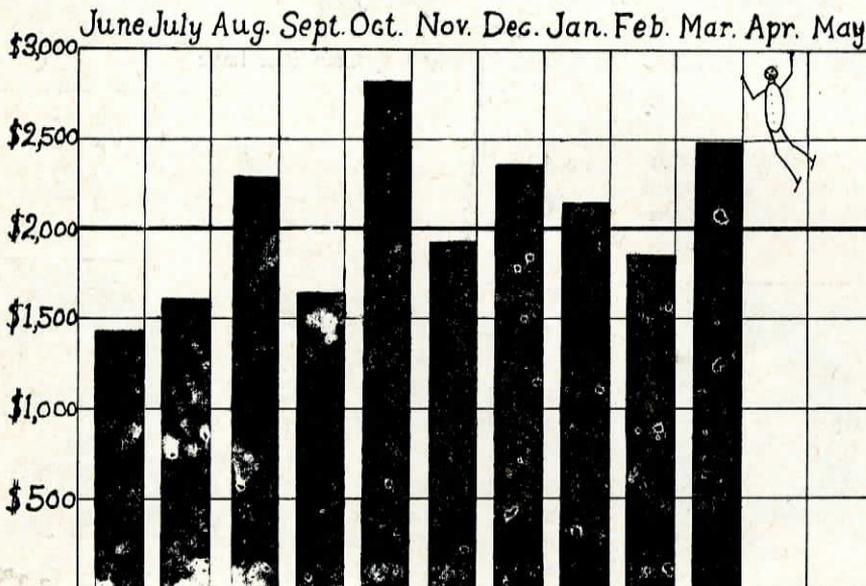
Thankfully,

*Sam*

## THE CHALLENGE

We, the following, each agree to put \$200.00 into the Bryan University Building Fund during 1945, provided that at least twenty others (\$4,200.00 total) contribute the same amount to the Fund.

H. H. Rhule  
E. Van Deusen  
F. E. Robinson  
Maj D. W. Ryther



Total receipts to date.....\$20,411.73

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England ---- Captain Thomas H. Llewellyn, 31, of 3210 Hemphill Park, Austin, Tex., has joined the 78th Fighter Group, an Eighth Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt group, commanded by Colonel Frederic C. Gray, Abilene, Tex.

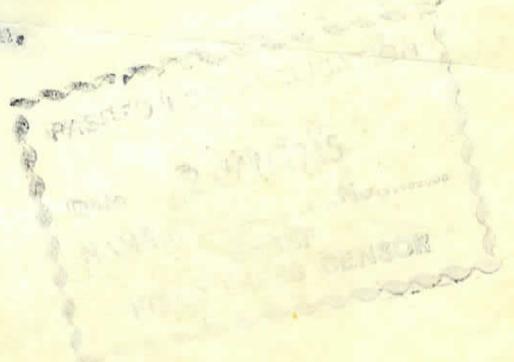
He was educated at Bryan University, in Dayton, Tenn.

He is adjutant for a squadron of ground specialists, and assistant personnel officer of the group. The group escorts heavy bombers attacking targets in Germany, and bombs and strafes Nazi bridges, airfields, and marshalling yards.

As adjutant of his squadron, Capt. Llewellyn issues all orders, keeps records and rosters, and conducts all correspondence relating to the squadron. He also assists the group personnel officer in seeing that specialists are available to fill the many jobs at the fighter base.

He has been overseas more than three and a half years, having served 18 months with a bomber group in the Caribbean Theater. In England he was formerly personnel officer for units giving final training to combat crews before they started missions over Germany.

His wife, Mrs. Martha S. Llewellyn, lives in Austin, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Llewellyn, live in Leechburg, Pa.



**A WORD OF APPRECIATION**

Sept - Oct  
*Jewish Life*

Much of the important work of the Mission is done by workers whose names are scarcely ever mentioned. They do their work so efficiently and so unobtrusively that they do not attract attention to themselves. This is true of two young ladies who have recently entered work elsewhere.

Miss Rebecca Peck has gone back to her Alma Mater, William Jennings Bryan University, as a teacher. She did a very valuable service in our Mission, especially in the radio department. She is one of the few Gentile girls who can write on the Yiddish typewriter, and can translate Yiddish into English. We wish her God's richest blessing in her present employment.

Miss Ruth Clement, who was a very efficient worker in the office, has taken a position with the Hampden DuBose Academy, formerly of Orlando, Florida, now in Zellwood, Florida, a very fine Christian boarding school. She is also a Bryan graduate and our contact with these two young ladies has given us a high regard for the work done by this eminently Christian institution.