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Gospel Singers Touring Eastern States

Vivian McBride, Marguerite Walker, LaVerne Howland, Irma O'Neal  
Miss Rebecca Peck

## "GO AHEAD" SAYS UNCLE SAM

In the face of what are undoubtedly the most stringent restrictions our government has ever placed on building activities, Bryan has recently received the "go ahead" sign from Washington. This, we firmly believe, is a direct answer to the prayers of many who are reading this article.

Following several weeks of waiting for action on a petition to reopen the construction of the administration building, it was learned that the application had been forwarded to Washington for action in the main office of the Veterans Housing program.

President Rudd and Mr. W. C. Caton, of the R. H. Hunt Company, Architects of Chattanooga, Tennessee, immediately left for Washington, where with the help of Congressman Estes Kefauver, they were able to consult with the authorities.

When the application for permission to continue the work was first denied, it was suggested that, because

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## BUILDING CONTRACT SIGNED

In an adjourned meeting held on the evening of July 6th, the University Board of Trustees voted to sign a contract with the Mark K. Wilson Company for the completion of the present Administration Building. This important step of faith, taken to meet an ever-increasing demand from Christian young people for a thoroughly Christian college education, will come as an answer to prayer to many of the University's friends and supporters.

Architects for the building are the R. H. Hunt Company, well-known firm of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and architects for some of Chattanooga's largest buildings, including the Hotel Patten, Hamilton National Bank, Power

## The Slate Is Clean

Friends who have heard so much of "The Old Debts" or the "Obligations Incurred Prior to 1933" will heave a sigh of relief with the announcement that the University is at last clear of these obligations. Year after year we struggled with the old obligations, trying to retire them without incurring new ones, and at last we have completed the struggle.

Year after year payments were made on these obligations. Some creditors made generous settlements for cash, and within the last year two staff members settled for annuities. Since the first of June the last of these old obligations has been settled for cash. The slate is clean, and now that the slate is clean, this seems to be a good time to review the accomplishments since 1933.

During the years when liabilities of more than thirty thousand dollars have been wiped out, the investment in buildings, equipment, and library

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Board Building, and others. They were consulting architects also for the million-dollar United States Post Office Building.

The Mark K. Wilson Company, also of Chattanooga, have established a reputation for reliability and efficiency during their many years of service in this section. Among their larger projects have been the East Lake Courts Housing Project, the Medical Arts Building, the Power Board Building, the Red Bank High School, and the Central Presbyterian Church.

Actual construction work will commence as soon as the necessary materials can be assembled. Orders are being placed as rapidly as specifications come from the architects.

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## A GROWING BRYAN IS A CROWDED BRYAN

Bryan University, along with hundreds of other colleges in the country, is experiencing a new growth, with many more students than can possibly be housed seeking admission this coming September. Already room reservations have been received from more than 140, and signed applications have been received from better than a hundred *new* students. With the capacity of the dormitories limited, even with crowding, to 130, and the government allocating only twelve trailers for married veterans, a waiting list has already been established, and applicants are finding it necessary to apply elsewhere or await the chance that some earlier applicant may withdraw and leave an opening.

Plans are being made for the staff apartments on the first floor of the administration building to be vacated and the entire floor to be turned over to the young ladies, who will vacate the Octagon in favor of the young men. Other plans are under way to care for the staff members.

One need think but for a moment to see the desperate need for additional dormitory space. Nor need one think longer to realize the problem of feeding the greatly enlarged Bryan Family in the present dining hall.

To meet the needs—and they are very definitely present, and not future needs—means the purchase of beds, chairs, tables, dressers, dishes, cooking utensils, a larger and more efficient kitchen stove, and countless other articles necessary to make a home for the students. Add to this the even greater need of additional dormitory space, and one begins to realize how tremendous is the need for ready funds, for building materials, for priorities, and for other equipment.

The need can be met, through Him. If Bryan University is to serve its God-given mission, the need must be met at once. *NEWSLETTE* takes this opportunity to invite, even more, to urge that readers accept these needs as a regular burden for prayer.

## ANNUAL PRIZES AWARDED

The conclusion of the 1945-46 session, so well climaxed by heart-directed messages from the Rev. Henry Clay Geiger, baccalaureate speaker, and Dr. Harry A. Ironside, commencement speaker, marked the end of the sixteenth year of the history of Bryan University. It marked also the day of reward for those students who had proved themselves worthy of special honors because of academic standing and other attainments. The following were honored:

Miss Ann Wildern, Dayton, Ohio: the P. A. Boyd Prize of \$10.00, awarded annually to the senior young lady student "whose powers and attainments of body and mind and whose principles and character shall secure for her the highest degree of influence over her fellow-students."

Also to Miss Wildern went the faculty prize of \$10.00 for contributing most to the University in loyalty and faithful service.

Mrs. Eileen Miller, a senior from Winona Lake, Ind., was awarded a prize of \$10.00 for having the highest academic average during her attendance at the University.

Mrs. Martha Brickel, a senior from Rittman, Ohio, was awarded the faculty prize of \$10.00 for having made the greatest progress during her four years at Bryan.

Academic honors within the various classes were as follows, grades, unless otherwise noted, being based on the first five half quarters of the current session:

Senior Class: Four-year average	
Mrs. Martha Brickel, Rittman, Ohio .....	88.33%
Mr. Edward Miller, Winona Lake, Ind. ....	88.14%
Senior Class: Senior-year average	
Mrs. Eileen Miller, Winona Lake, Ind. ....	89.91%
Miss Ann Wildern, Dayton, Ohio .....	89.25%
Junior Class:	
Miss Elaine Kennard, St. Augustine, Fla. ....	92.18%
Miss Angie Garber, Leon, Iowa	88.97%
Sophomore Class:	
Miss Lois Weyhe, Gary, Ind. ....	91.91%
Miss Catherine Marshall, Lorrain, Ohio .....	91.34%
Freshman Class:	
Mr. George Westrom, Elbow Lake, Minn. ....	92.53%
Miss Norma Konves, Mansfield, Ohio .....	92.48%

Certificates of Recognition for having been elected to the national organization of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" were awarded to Miss Betty Birch, Macon, Ga.; Miss Elaine Kennard, St. Augustine, Fla.; Mr.

## CLASS PROJECTS

Class projects for the past year have been most interesting and of such a nature as to contribute materially to the fulfilment of needs faced by the University. Tradition places into the hands of the Junior Class the arduous task of publishing the annual, *The Commoner*. Though post-war problems have seriously delayed the publication of the volume, its receipt is anticipated with considerable expectation and pleasure.

Following four years of seeing the speakers stand with exposed knees and feet behind the makeshift pulpit, the seniors have done something about it and have left to the University a very lovely, staunchly-built oaken pulpit of modern design.

Also delayed by post-war problems, the sophomore project is yet to arrive but will serve a very useful purpose when it is installed. A time clock, it will relieve several of the responsibilities of seeing that class bells, rising bells, and meal bells are rung on time. The clock should be in service in September.

It did not take the freshmen who visit the Octagon frequently long to see the need for a walk, nor were they long in putting into material form the wish of many for the past several years. The winding brick walk between the main building and the Octagon has already served a useful purpose and should continue to serve for many years.

Former students and graduates of the University have also joined to meet a pressing need and have presented to the University an electric drinking fountain, replacing the inadequate and unsightly fountains that have been in service for all too long.

What these various projects mean to the University can be shown only by the continued and appreciated use they will have as they contribute to the comfort and happiness of staff and students throughout the coming years.

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Edward Miller, Winona Lake, Ind.; Mrs. Eileen Miller, Winona Lake, Ind., and Miss Ann Wildern, Dayton, Ohio.

Forensic honors for the year went to the Golds, whose colors will first adorn the new trophy plaque.

## WHAT WE DO

Who does what during the summer? For the benefit of the curious, here's a check list.

President Rudd, now back at his desk, has been hobnobbing with the powers that be in Washington—and successfully.

Prof. Fish, when he isn't changing clothes to suit his job, has his hands in the usual quantity of duties, on the Hill, down at the house, in Atlanta to talk trailer business with Uncle Sam's office, and so on.

Mrs. Fish has been checking to see that the auditor makes no errors.

Mrs. Garber, Mrs. Rager, and Anna Lee keep us happily and well fed.

Miss Peck labors away on *Bryantette* or the quartette, in the latter of which Vivian, La Verne, Irma, and Marguerite play so necessary a part—they are singing most of their time away.

Ila Ruth, Ann, Zelpha (Russell), our amanuenses, keep the typewriters hot and play right-hand helper to the dictators.

Mr. Zimmerman, when not writing to schedule the singers, is trying to find non-insulated pigs that an electric fence will hold in place.

Earl and Adam, fixer-uppers *par excellence*, go about their duties as usual, with Earl trying to put the singers' trailer into shape and Adam dividing his time between psychology and his regular work.

Dale is still making good impressions in the print shop, having completed the catalogue.

Lois was seen aimlessly wandering around a table the other day, picking up pieces of paper—but don't be alarmed, she's gathering and putting together the catalogues, when she isn't operating the folding machine.

Mrs. Uphouse has turned modiste and has dressed the singers up as pretty as you please.

Mrs. Birch is holding her own, acknowledging room reservation fees and gifts, and keeping George busy at his studies.

George is building a home—for Prof. Fish—but takes time off each morning for three hours of schooling under Prof. Uphouse and Prof. Fish.

Mrs. Peer is keeping us all neatly dressed up and cleanly turned out while Dorcas gets acquainted with her new play pen.

Bruce is chief bottle-washer and head kitchen man, keeping us all in hot water.



## FAMILY PICNIC

Students and staff members who have eaten supper to the melody of Richland Creek rushing over the rocks and to the fragrance of the mountain woods will understand when we say "lovely—and delicious!" And even the need for a bit of first aid on Georgie Peer's "bottled" foot (the bottle was in the wading pond) did not dampen the enthusiasm with which were eaten cheeseburgers, done to a perfection by chefs Mead, Rose-nau, and Ryther; luscious scarlet tomatoes, snappy potato salad, and delicious ice cream and cake (it was Ronnie's birthday) prepared by the more experienced Mrs. Adam Rager, Anna Lee Drake, and others, under the supervision of Mrs. Garber.

The writer of this article was too engrossed in culinary duties to watch the horseshoe contest, but frequent "Watch-out's!" and an occasional stray shoe led him to conclude that President Rudd and Dean Uphouse were no longer the country's champs.

Lois Weyhe led the race home but came pretty close to giving out on the last long pull up Bryan Hill, where most of the others had already arrived by car. Eating honors went to a lady named Ann, who downed three cheeseburgers and enough tomatoes to supply Bryan for some little time—well, it looked that way, at least.

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Ronnie is clean-up man and is frequently seen and heard dragging the vacuum cleaner down the main hall.

Ed Lieb has "gone West, young man," and is now a cowboy deluxe, keeping us in fresh milk and the makings of a supply of butter that would turn most of you green with envy.

Dean Uphouse is somewhere in Ohio about his "Father's business."

The Shirleys have just returned from a visit home.

Me—I sit around and write this kind of stuff to keep you informed.

## CHILDREN'S CAMP

Sponsored by the Children's Bible Mission, seventy-five boys and girls from Loudon and Monroe Counties enjoyed the week of July 1-7 on Bryan Hill. In order to earn the week at camp, the children had each memorized 300 Bible verses.

Assisting the Rev. E. D. Vining, director of the camp, were sixteen counsellors and workers, who were in charge of the children.

Not only was it a time of recreation in swimming, playing baseball and other games, but there were periods of Bible study, missionary stories, and campfire services, which proved of spiritual blessing to all.

## CATALOGUE PRINTED

Just off the University press is the 1946-47 catalogue, with its wealth of information about the school, courses of study, expenses, regulations, and history. Copies have already been mailed the members of last year's student body and staff.

An item of especial interest to incoming and former students will be the new grading system recently adopted by the faculty and to be put into operation this coming session.

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the building had been begun prior to March 26, 1946, and a certain amount of construction had been carried on since then, the construction process had not stopped, and the building did not come under the restrictions of the Veterans Housing Program.

In the light of this possibility, President Rudd took the matter to Mr. Matthew Hale, Assistant General Counsel for the CPA, who, following a thorough hearing of the matter, ruled that in his opinion the building was actually in the process of construction on the date of the issuance of the housing control order and that construction could be completed on the building without being in violation of the order.

This does not give us priority on materials, but it does give us Uncle Sam's "go ahead." Plans are now being made to do just that. That the task is tremendous—surely in our own strength and wisdom impossible—needs no saying. That it will require sacrifice on the part of all concerned is equally clear. But no fact is so undeniably true as is the need for sound Christian education for young men and women in a country that is day by day drawing away from God.

## STAFF CHANGES

New faces will be seen among the faculty and staff personnel for the coming session, and familiar faces will be missed.

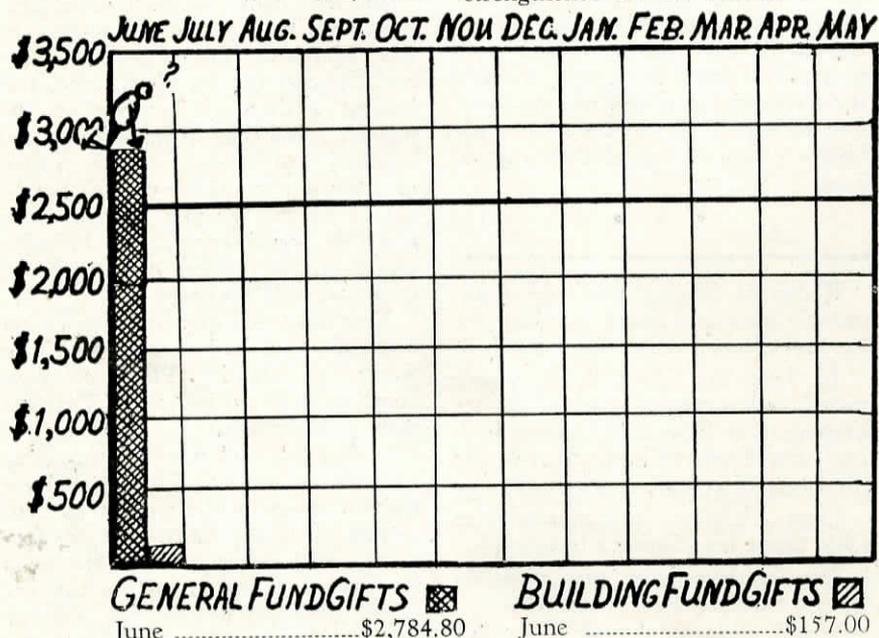
Prof. Arne A. Ahlman will leave the states sometime this summer to begin his new teaching duties in Ethiopia, where Dr. R. W. Ham-brook, a former member of the Uni-versity Staff, is Educational Advisor of the Ethiopian government under Haille Selassie. Prof. Ahlman has served on Bryan Hill for two years as teacher of English, history, and French, and, prior to Dean Ryther's return, as Acting Dean. With him to a foreign country will go the best wishes of his former associates and students.

Miss Beatrice Batson, a member of both the English and history depart-ments, now on official leave of ab-sence, has already enrolled in Wheat-on College to pursue her graduate studies. She will continue those studies during the coming regular ses-sion also.

Additions to the faculty and staff will be announced in the next issue of NEWSETTE.

## PLANT AND PROPERTY FUND REPORT

Balance (June 1st).....	\$12,390.12
Bldg. Fund Receipts:	
5% of Gift Income.....	139.24
Rec. 1-17.....	157.00
	\$12,686.36
Less Expenditures.....	266.31
	\$12,420.05



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capital has increased more than forty thousand dollars. The total surplus or Fund Balances doubled to increase from about one hundred ten thousand to about two hundred twenty thousand dollars. Back in those days we had a hard time keeping as much as a one-hundred-dollar bank balance. Now the cash in the various fund bank accounts is counted in terms of thousands or tens of thousands of dollars. However, it must be remembered that we continue the same old struggle to keep *cash* in the "Operating Account." With a greatly accelerated building program it will take an even greater effort to keep cash in the "Building Fund."

Well do we remember the "depression years" and even better the "war years" which have kept us constantly dependent on a never-failing Lord to supply our daily needs. Truly, the supply has been in accordance with the need. From our records we note that our total cash income from all sources twelve years ago just barely exceeded fifteen thousand dollars. Last year about this amount was received from students, and more than twice this amount was received in gifts. Twelve years ago we had practically nothing of our own in the way of class rooms and dormitory quarters. Now we still have relatively nothing compared to the need arising from a nearly doubled enrollment, but we have much as compared to the "pioneer" days of 1933.

As we praise God for His blessings of the past, our faith is greatly strengthened for the future.

## MISSIONARIES HOME

Ralph and Rebecca Toliver, with their two daughters, Ruth and Sylvia, have recently arrived in this country from China, where the Tolivers have been serving the Lord under the China Inland Mission for something more than seven years. Married to Ralph in China, Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Haeger, of Miami, Florida.

Graduating from the University in 1937 and 1938, respectively, Ralph and Rebecca were Bryan's first foreign missionaries and are at the present time the only missionaries to China from the University. They are staying with Mrs. C. E. Toliver, Ralph's mother, in Dayton, and are under orders from the C. I. M. headquarters to take three months of complete rest, following which they will very likely take up deputation work in the states for the remainder of their furlough. Backed by seven years of war-time service in China, theirs will be a challenging call to young people who seek the will of the Lord.

## JOE F. BENSON

With sincere regret we announce the death of Mr. Joe F. Benson who went to be with the Lord on June 12th, in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Benson was one of the organizers of the University and for many years has been Secretary of the Board of Trustees. His faithful, helpful guidance will be sorely missed.

## Sam's Summary

We're off to a fresh start—it's a good one too—and a clean slate for the new year!

I know you are glad to hear the news from Washington and that means we are going to have to do something about that building fund. Have you any good ideas?

I know your gifts and prayers will do the work.

Sincerely,

Sam

Bryan University