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Echoes from Bryan Hill

WHERE BIBLE BELIEVERS ARE PROPAGATING THEIR FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD AND IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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By Faith

Because Bryan University was founded for the DEFENSE OF THE FAITH we need not be surprised to have FAITH tested. Not given to self-pity, we have always been reluctant to mention the odds that have been against us and the terrific strain that there has been in going on. We have hesitated to mention the terrible Satanic opposition encountered, lest some take it to mean that Christ is not adequate for every battle. We are stating plain facts and not excusing nor defending ourselves when we say that, all things considered, our progress and accomplishments have been phenomenal and supernatural. This is a strong statement, but we mean to say reverently that God has accomplished the impossible through us and that He will justify this claim in the Judgment. By US, I mean every friend that has stood by in prayer and/or with financial support.

Most of you know that, in standing for Christ and the Bible, we are in an uphill business, and against the World, the Flesh and the Devil. God-fearing teachers were a primary essential, so one battle line has been to secure and hold qualified staff members. That we have held this battle line, without completed buildings and reasonable salaries, is a miracle.

Adequate buildings, because generally considered so essential, have constituted the second line of battle. Now that fewer people scoff at our buildings, we have had several suggestions that we move elsewhere for better buildings. This is a serious matter, because our testimony and the PLACE of our testimony are so closely identified. As much as we would enjoy more comfortable quarters, we do not care to weaken our testimony for Christ and the Word of God.

IT COSTS TO BE TRUE TO CHRIST! GOD accomplishes something by TESTING OUR FAITH! Of the Heroes of Faith we read that they "out of weakness were made strong." God does have a very worth-

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Progress

Under various headings we are giving our friends the facts as to summer progress. We believe that this is the time to tell the unvarnished truth so that our prayer financial supporters can best judge what the Lord expects of them in the way of sacrifice. Progress costs money. Progress costs in time and energy.

THE ARMY CHAPEL

Moving and re-erecting the army chapel has from the beginning been considered a student enterprise. Not only have the students pledged the money to pay the purchase price but several have felt a responsibility for the actual physical effort required to put the building on the campus as a memorial to the Veterans of World War II. These men, with Vice-President Fish, worked from daylight until dark on taking the building apart, piece by piece. They remained in the building twenty-four hours a day, except for the morning and evening meals, until no place remained for their beds.

Others have unloaded the truck, hauling the materials to the campus, no matter what the hour of day or night. The basement is being constructed on contract but in a few days the students will be busy, again from daylight until dark, re-erecting the chapel very nearly in its original form.

It is hoped that former students and graduates, and their friends, will furnish the funds still needed for this much needed building. In chapel services last year, chairs and folding seats were used in every bit of available space, with no place left for visitors. An enlarged dining-room will take most of the room heretofore used as a chapel.

As indicated above and also in last month's NEWSLETTE, there are to be rooms under the entire chapel. On the side of the hill, overlooking Dayton, these rooms will be light and cheery. The plan is to use these rooms for the music department but for the coming year we must use them as dormitory rooms.

1947-1948 Prospects

Registration for the coming school-year is already far beyond the one hundred and fifty-plus figure for the year ending in June. Until students are attending classes we cannot count noses too accurately. We have cash reservations deposits for more than one hundred and seventy, but many more are waiting our word to send in their deposits. We are contacting references, evaluating transcripts, writing about student employment terms, and making every effort to expedite business with prospective students.

Some will drop out at the last minute, how many we cannot predict. Nor can we anticipate at this time exactly how many can be accommodated in the buildings under construction. With so many more wanting to come than we can possibly provide living quarters for, it is quite evident that our enrollment will be greatly limited by our capacity. If our friends had to write these letters to those being put on a waiting list, they would better understand how pressed we feel to provide more room. Just as we wrote these words, in walked three young men from New Jersey who came all these miles to search for living quarters.

Some of our friends may think that these students, wanting to attend Bryan University, are average young people who apply for admission here after having been turned down at some state supported institution or modernistic denominational college. Let us assure our readers that there is a revival on among American youth and that these young people are a select group. They are seeking entrance to Bryan University because Bryan University is becoming better known for definitely Christian and spiritual training.

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BIBLE CRITICS EXPOSE IGNORANCE

By William Jennings Bryan

Next to belief in God I would place the acceptance of the Bible as the word of God. I need not present arguments in its support; its claims have been established—the burden of proof is upon those who reject it. Those who regard it as a man-made book should be challenged to put their theory to the test. If man made the Bible, he is, unless he has degenerated, able to make as good a book today.

When one's belief in God becomes the controlling passion of his life; when he loves God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength, he is anxious to learn God's will and ready to accept the Bible as the word of God. All that he asks is sufficient evidence of its inspiration.

Judged by human standards, man is far better prepared to write a Bible now than he was when our Bible was written. The characters whose words and deeds are recorded in the Bible were members of a single race; they lived among the hills of Palestine in a territory scarcely larger than one of our counties. They did not have printing presses, and they lacked the learning of the schools; they had no great libraries to consult, no steamboats to carry them around the world and make them acquainted with the various centers of ancient civilization; they had no telegraph wires to bring them the news from the ends of the earth, and no newspapers to spread before them each morning the doings of the day before. Science had not unlocked nature's door and revealed the secret of rocks below the stars above. From what a scantily supplied storehouse they had to draw, compared with the unlimited wealth of information at man's command today! And yet these Bible characters grappled with every problem which confronts mankind, from the creation of the world to eternal life beyond the tomb. They have given us a diagram of man's

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ELECTRIC KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

More than a year ago, new electric commercial ranges and ovens were purchased for use by our Boarding Department. They were needed for the larger enrollment but could not be used because the City could not secure the necessary three-phase transformers. All year long this electric equipment has been stored and we have continued to use the large hotel coal range. One who has not had the responsibility of serving so many meals cannot possibly appreciate the problems of our dietitian, Mrs. Garber, during rationing and post-war food shortages.

All year long we continued the fruitless search for transformers. Now that the City has the transformers and will soon provide three-phase current, we have the responsibility of erecting our own three-phase power lines to the various buildings on the campus. Most of our friends are too far away to send a creosoted pole, but perhaps some will want to help buy them.

THE PUMP AT LAST !

MORE WATER! and MORE PRESSURE! was the daily cry of Bryan University students throughout the 1946-47 school year. Soap in the eyes with no water to wash it out, can be very tantalizing. Just as soon as we anticipated a larger enrollment for last year, we started efforts to provide both more water and more pressure. For more than a year we were unsuccessful in locating pipe, the pump, and the pressure tank, but now all are in sight.

Plenty of good clean water is provided by the city of Dayton but the Bryan University Hill is nearly as high as the hill on which is located the city reservoir and filtering plant. Our own pumping plant is the only solution. At last we secured a new centrifugal pump of more than adequate size from the private company formerly furnishing water to the City of Pikeville, Tennessee.

To provide water for the new chapel required about four hundred feet of two-inch pipe. To supply the houses in the faculty village with water under increased pressure requires an additional six hundred feet of two-inch pipe and more than four hundred feet of one and one-half-inch pipe. Now we have all of the two-inch pipe needed, but we are still looking for the one and one-half-inch pipe. The tank is promised in thirty

FACULTY HOUSES

During each of the two previous years a house was built for staff members. Last summer, because we could not get a government permit for building, we had to be content with covering over the basement of House No. 3, making it habitable for Professor Shirley and his family. This year we have had Houses Nos. 4 and 5 under construction, both with upstairs apartments. House No. 4 will soon be finished downstairs, and we hope to have House No. 5 far enough along to be used when school opens in September.

Friends having offered us annuity money for investment, it was decided that a faculty village would provide more commodious quarters for staff members and at the same time relieve congestion in crowded dormitories. The large increase in enrollment last year was made possible because dormitory rooms had been vacated by staff members.

Building these homes for staff members has not been a simple matter. To economize on scarce building materials we have bought green lumber, stacked it until seasoned, sorted it and had it finished for the various special uses. Only one who has attempted the construction of a home can appreciate the cost in time and energy for these very nice although modest homes. Recently we were unsuccessful, in several hardware and in all the large wholesale supply houses in Chattanooga, trying to locate such a common thing as a half-inch galvanized "Tee." Much credit for these faculty homes should go to a staff member, Mr. W. F. Timmerman. God willing, we hope to construct several more, for all married staff members.

WANTS MORE COPIES OF THE DUEL

from Vancouver, B. C.

"Your splendid letter received, containing a copy of 'The Duel,' for which please accept my warmest thanks. The brochure is wonderfully unique and splendidly worded. Please find enclosed another mite. Send a few more copies of 'The Duel' for some young college friends."

days.

Pipe, pump, electric motor, pressure tank, and installation charges will cost around (\$2,000) two thousand dollars. This is a big, but permanent and most worthwhile investment. Do you want to help furnish water to those who will give the Water of Life to thirsty souls?

Bryan University



Dear Bryan Family:

Greetings in the name of our Saviour.

I suppose that you have all been very busy since June 13th. I certainly have been.

The first two weeks that I was home, I was the superintendent of the beginner and primary departments of our Daily Vacation Bible School. Besides being superintendent each day, I led the singing, gave a flannelgraph story, taught the memory work and acted as treasurer. All that was really a task.

The last day of Bible School the children wanted a picnic. I did not care very much for the idea, but since the children in the older departments were going to have a picnic, the younger ones wanted one too. We had a picnic.

Altogether in our Bible School, we had an average attendance of fifty-five boys and girls from the age of four through ten.

I hope that you are all well and happy in your work. Until we meet again—continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2.

Yours in His service,
Della Huck ('50).

LET HUMAN NATURE HAVE ITS WAY

An earnest student of child psychology, also a parent, firmly believed that children should be given everything they asked for, thinking that if the child was early appeased the Ego would develop properly later. The poor man, faithful to this theory, tried it on his daughter, who refused her food at lunch one day. "Well, dear," he said, "what would you like to eat?" "A worm out of the garden, please, Daddy." Faithful Daddy brought a worm out of the garden. "But, Daddy, I want it cooked." The worm was cooked and served again. "Oh, but Daddy, I want you to eat half." Daddy, concealing his nausea, swallowed half a worm. "Daddy," said the child, you ate the half I wanted".

—The Harvester.

The Newsette

ARMY PAPER COMMENDS BRYAN GRADUATE

We are glad to quote the following from *The Army Airliner*, published weekly by the Atlantic Division, Air Transport Command. The article is concerning Lt. Leonard Winstead '43, now stationed at Harmon Field, Newfoundland.

NAVIGATOR PINCH-HITS AS CHAPLAIN
...*Harmon Field, Nfld.*—Despite the temporary absence of a Protestant chaplain at Harmon Field, services for military and civilian personnel of that faith were held regularly, thanks to Lt. Leonard Winstead, navigator and weather officer of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

Although not an ordained minister, and without any practical experience as a pastor, Lt. Winstead volunteered to conduct services. His offer was accepted, with the result that he proved himself gifted with exceptional ability seldom found in one not a member of the clergy.

With the arrival of Chaplain John L. Brown last December, Winstead was relieved of his brief ministry. In an interview later he stated that he had derived great satisfaction from the preparation of services from the Bible, adding that he had once contemplated studying for the ministry, but that he had been unable to do so due to the demands of military service.

Lt. Winstead aided in the achievement of the "Pacusan Dreamboat" non-stop flight from Hawaii to Cairo through his weather reconnaissance activities. Flying a reconnaissance ship in inclement weather, well in front of Colonel Irvine's "Dreamboat," he radioed the Colonel the most advantageous altitudes to fly in order to escape adverse weather elements.

Lt. Winstead entered the Army July 16, 1943, and completed navigation training at Selman Field, La.

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

Another booklet by Mr. E. Van Deusen, "The Deity of Christ," is now available without charge to interested friends. This is an excellent and most forceful presentation of the arguments for the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many requests have been received for copies of Mr. Van Deusen's booklet, "Truth—Versus a Hoary Speculation," but copies of this article are still available. Address all inquiries for these booklets to Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee.

BLESSED BY SINGERS

from Kentucky . . .

"This is just a brief expression of our appreciation of the ministry of the Male Quartet of the Bryan University Gospel Singers when they were in our midst June 15-17. We all felt that the singing of the quartet was the finest of its kind that we have ever heard and that it made a rich addition to our tent meetings. We were strongly impressed with the deep spiritual caliber of every one of the entire party as manifested in their personal work, public witness, and general bearing. Please convey my warm personal regards to each of the quartet."

from Pennsylvania . . .

"I recently heard the Girls' Ensemble along with Dean Ryther's extraordinarily inspiring message in connection with the colored slides from his Army travels. That kind of a message will ALWAYS bring glory to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ."

from Missouri . . .

"A few lines to let you know how much we enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Collitt and the Girls' Trio. They are fine Christian young people. Sing well. Have real testimonies for the Lord Jesus Christ. Also deport themselves as Christians should. Mr. Collitt gave a fine description of Bryan, along with the nice pictures. They left a good taste in the mouths of our people. Mrs. Collitt's part of the program was well done, and she is a splendid Christian character. All told, it was worth while to have them with us, and we hope it will influence some of our young people to turn their steps toward Bryan. Your school has done us much good through their coming. May God bless them, and you, and Bryan University, in your testimony for the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus."

Said the glass of beer to the bottle of gin:

"I'm not much of a mathematician, but I can and do

ADD to a man's nervous troubles,
SUBTRACT cash from his pocketbook,

MULTIPLY his aches and pains,
DIVIDE his property with liquor sellers, so that

FRACTIONS only remain for him.

Moreover, I
TAKE INTEREST from his work, and

DISCOUNT his chances for health and success."—Signal Press.

existence from the cradle to the grave, and they have set up warnings at every dangerous point along the path.

Who will estimate the Bible's value to society. It is our only guide. It contains milk for the young and nourishing food for every year of life's journey; it is manna for those who travel in the wilderness; and it supplies a staff for those who are weary with age. It satisfies the heart's longings for a knowledge of God; it gives a meaning to existence and supplies a working plan to each human being.

To the young man who is building character, I present the Bible as a book that is useful always and everywhere. It guides the footsteps of the young; it throws a light upon the pathway during the mature years, and it is the only Book one cares to have beside him when the darkness gathers and he knows that the end is near. Then he finds consolation in the promises of the Book of books, and his lips repeat, even though his words are inaudible, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me"; or, "I go to prepare a place for you. . . that where I am, there ye may be also."

POWER LAWN MOWER

At the annual meeting of the alumni association, when it was voted to help finance the new memorial chapel, action was also taken to purchase a new power lawn mower. Mr. Logan Rector, a member of our first graduating class and a Pikeville, Tennessee business man, arranged to furnish this equipment at cost. The gift of the power lawn mower was an expression of appreciation to Professors Shirley and Uphouse and others in their efforts to provide larger and finer lawns.

God helping me, I shall so conserve all my powers of body and soul, and so dedicate my life to purposes high and noble, that I may render the maximum of service to my fellowmen and be content to draw from society a reward that is in keeping with the service I may render.—William Jennings Bryan.

while purpose in chastening us. Not only is God blessing us individually in testing our faith, but He is building His life and character into Bryan University.

"WHEREFORE LIFT UP THE HANDS WHICH HANG DOWN, and THE FEEBLE KNEES." Our friends have given sacrificially. The members of our staff have strained every nerve and muscle. The future calls for continued sacrificial giving and effort. Some may feel their weakness at this moment, but let none of us "fail of the grace of God."



CONGRATULATIONS!

A daughter, Carol Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Miller on July 31, at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rosenau, missionaries in French Equatorial Africa, announce the arrival of a son, Douglas Eugene, on June 25.

A daughter, Sarah Frances, arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Walker on July 6, in Richmond, Kentucky.



Sam's Report

GIFTS

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| | Operating | Building |
| July | 3,377.29* | 471.00 |
| *Includes \$2,343.05 offerings received by Gospel Singers. | | |

PLANT and PROPERTY FUND

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| Balance July 1st | 8,514.28 |
| Building Fund Gifts: | |
| Rec. 19-41 | 471.00 |
| Dividends | 50.37 |
| 5% Gift Income | 168.86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 9,204.51 |
| Less expenditures | 1,481.99 |
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| | 7,722.52 |

NEW and BETTER ROADS

One of the biggest changes that returning students will notice on their return in September will be the roads that have been hard-surfaced and the new driveways in the Faculty Village.

During the days of WPA, before the war, work was begun on the road from Dayton, through Hill City and around the University Circle. The concrete curbs erected at that time aggravated the problem of keeping the road to Bryan Hill from washing. All too often the road has been rough and rocky, making it hard on both shoes and tires.

Mr. Denton, of the County Highway Department, in cooperation with the State Highway Department, has about solved the difficult problem of maintenance by application of an asphalt surface. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation. The University did considerable work on campus roads or streets in preparation for the asphalt surface. The new tractor with mower attachment makes possible a great improvement in the appearance of the approaches to the campus.

A large diesel tractor bull-dozer was used for one day in laying off new driveways in the faculty village. University equipment is being used for finishing, grading and landscaping.

MORE and CHEAPER MILK

During the days of war-time rationing, the University depended heavily on our own herd of dairy cows to furnish plenty of milk for use in the Boarding Department. A larger herd and higher feed prices have brought about increased dairy expenses. This problem is being solved by a program of pasture improvement. Scrub timber is being removed, soil is being sub-soiled, lime and fertilizer are being applied. Now student workers are busy getting ready to plant for winter pasture.

Mr. Roy Adams and Mr. Roy McDonald of the McDonald Farms, have helped us in getting started with registered Jersey dairy cows. Careful records are kept and we hope to build a herd of valuable, high producing dairy cows.

With a larger herd there is always the problem of pasture fences. Not only have fences been rebuilt but an electrically charged wire has been added much of the way, thus reducing the problem of the students taking care of the cows.