



WORK RESUMED ON MEMORIAL BUILDING

D. W. Ryther named Executive Vice-President



TRUSTEES IN ENTHUSIASTIC BOARD MEETING

Trustees of the University, coming from seven states besides Tennessee for the Annual Meeting of the Board on Tuesday, June 7th, heard President Rudd's report of accomplishments during the past year and enthusiastically adopted a plan for progress. With every trustee in hearty agreement, a motion was passed authorizing resumed construction on the Main Memorial Building of the University and committing the Administration to the completion of the building without any further interruptions. It is hoped that construction can be completed by the end of the 1950 Anniversary Year.

D. W. Ryther, Vice-President and Dean, was designated Executive Vice-President so that President Rudd can concentrate on the raising of funds for the completion of the Building. Lloyd E. Fish, Vice-President and Treasurer, was charged with direct responsibility for actual construction. The cooperation of our many friends to give us an outstanding year of financial progress puts the University in line for this forward step.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

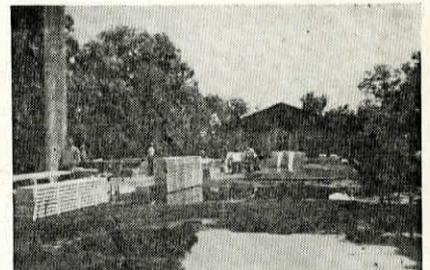
On June eighth over four hundred people, including about ninety out-of-town guests, parents and friends of the graduating class, attended the Sixteenth Annual Commencement of William Jennings Bryan University held in the Memorial Chapel.

The commencement week began with the Baccalaureate service on Sunday night, June fifth, at which Pastor J. B. Thornton, of Hope Church, St. Louis, Missouri, brought a message reminding the seniors of the new responsibilities they will face, challenging them to carry out those responsibilities for the Lord's glory, and showing them how their training at Bryan will stand them in good stead as they go out into all parts of the world.

At the commencement exercises on Wednesday, the Rev. C. E. Bacon, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church,

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Trustees who have attended the Board Meetings for years were agreed that this Board Meeting was by far the best meeting in the history of Bryan University. Every trustee was anxious to know the facts and to get the business done even if it meant the missing of meals. Out-of-town trustees attending the meeting were Roy Adams, Sale Creek, Tennessee; O. A. Carnahan, Syracuse, New York; C. H. Dentler, DeLand, Florida; D. B. Eastep, Covington, Kentucky; William L. Hardin, Atlanta, Georgia; C. E. Hartschuh, Akron, Ohio; Herman Hoyt, Winona Lake, Indiana; Harry C. Johnson, Athens, Tennessee; H. D. Long, Chattanooga; and J. B. Thornton of St. Louis, Missouri. Dayton trustees attending were F. E. Robinson, Chairman; A. M. Morgan, Secretary; J. M. Abel, Mrs. E. B. Arnold, and Mrs. J. S. Frazier.



Constructing forms for columns and beams for the new unit of the Administration Building.

CONSTRUCTION RESUMED

A simple devotional service, with President Rudd reading and commenting on an appropriate passage from God's Word and others leading in prayer, marked resumed construction on the main memorial building which was started more than twenty years ago shortly after Mr. Bryan's death at the close of the historic Scopes Anti-Evolution Trial. A unit of construction providing 9,000 square feet of additional floor space is scheduled for the summer's building program, but the plan calls for completion of the entire building, a project costing three or four hundred thousand dollars, during the 1950 Anniversary Year.

The work is being done under the direction of experienced builders, Professor Lloyd E. Fish, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Mr. Archie B. Keffer, Associate Superintendent of Construction, with supervision by the architects, Hunt, Caton, and Associates of Chattanooga.

NEW ALUMNI OFFICERS

At the annual alumni meeting the following officers for the Alumni Association for 1949-50 were announced: President, Beatrice Batson, '44; Vice-President, Lois Weyhe, '48; Secretary-Treasurer, Grace Levengood, '42.

Class of '49

CLAIR E. BRICKEL, B. A.

Rittman, O.



A veteran of the European combat area, a winner of the coveted "Who's Who" membership, the presidency of his class and of Pastor's Fellowship, and the position of Mayor of Vetsville—these begin the honors Clair has had while in Bryan. Leaving Bryan for the army,

he returned following the war to continue an active ministry in the C.S.A. and as an assistant pastor in a nearby community church. Grace Seminary comes next, then, the Lord so leading, a pastorate.

I praise the Lord for the Christian education that Bryan has supplied for me. I am trusting Him to lead as I prepare further for Christian service.

WILLIAM A. BISHOP, B. A.

Another World War II veteran, and from Greenville, S. C., Bill has been active as a class officer, as a member of the Student Council, and, especially so, as a student pastor in two churches. Bill also looks forward, with Mrs. Bishop, to service in Africa, but not until he completes his work at the Dallas Theological Seminary, which he enters next fall.



Philippians 3:8—"Nay, I even reckon all things as pure loss because of the priceless privilege of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." (Weymouth) I praise God for the unsearchable riches which have been afforded me in Christ Jesus, and for the opportunity which I have had for preparing for His Service at Bryan.

MARJORIE A. MILLER, B. S.



From Winona Lake, Ind., to Bryan. Then into nursing school to graduate with considerable honor, and back to Bryan to lead her class and receive her degree *Magna Cum Laude*. That is Marjorie, who, despite her duties as one of the University nurses,

found time to share in her class activities and to help carry the gospel to the county school children. The future holds further education in preparation for teaching chemistry.

Praise God for His wisdom and the understanding He gives us of the true relation between the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God.—James 1:5.

MARY FRANCES KENNEDY,

B. A.

Clarksburg, W. Va.



Petite, efficient, and faithful, Mary Frances will be missed from her ministry as hostess in the dining hall, as president of the archery club, and from her fruitful work in the child evangelism classes and county school testimony. All of

this has been good training for one who looks forward to the harvest fields of Africa. This is a far call, but a worthy one, from home in Clarksburg.

He abideth faithful, praise His name, and I pray that my all may be spent for Him in taking the Light to those lost in heathen darkness.

WANDA R. LAUTZENHEISER,

B. A.

Coming from Celina, Ohio, Wanda entered Bryan late one year. Despite the resultant handicap, she has found time to be Vice-President of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, to serve as the F.M.F. representative on the C.S.A. Council, and to share actively in the child evangelism and county school ministry. She will be at Gull Lake during the summer, probably away for more training next year, with China as her ultimate goal in His service.



I praise God for His love and faithfulness, and I know He will direct my steps. "Faithful is He who calleth you, who also will do it."—I Thess. 5:24.

JANE SUTTON, B. A.



Evans City, Penna., her home—Brazil her destination. This is Jane, whose academic record speaks well of her ability and justifies her name in "Who's Who." Forensic Union, Camera Club, Student Council, Commoner Staff—these are a few of the honors.

They have left time for the Lord's work in the country schools and the local Methodist Church. July seventh is the date—then she and Ed Lieb, another graduate of Bryan, begin deputation work for a life of fellowship in Him.

I praise the Lord for saving me, giving me a life of joy and peace, and giving me the privilege of serving Him in Brazil.—II Cor. 2:14.

LYMAN L. GOEHRING, B. S.

Zelienople, Pa.



If it's a camera, Lyman is interested. With many student offices listed on his record and many a jail service and Sunday School class meeting as memorials to his service to Him, Lyman looks forward to Bible School or Seminary, then off to the mission field in South America.

Psalm 40:17—"I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me."

ROYAL U. GROTE, B. S.

Cranford, N. J.

One of those who left their books during the war to take to the air, Royal, returned to make a three-point landing on the academic field, from which he now looks forward to a position in the rubber industry. A resident of Cranford, N. J., Royal, Dottie (Mrs. Grote—also a Bryan Graduate), and little Roy will leave a vacancy in the Bryan family.



II Cor. 2:14—"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."

L. NELL PEARSON, B. A.

From Reagan, Texas, she came to Bryan to complete her last three years of college work, made a good job of it, with time to carry the Gospel to some of the fifth and sixth graders in the county schools, and now awaits the Lord's call to the business world, to the teaching profession, or to the mission field. Our prayers go with you, Nell.



I am thankful to the Lord for guidance and blessing thus far, and for the future trust His promise that "the Lord is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

JOHN S. TEETER, B. A.



Quiet, but determined, John, better known to us as Jack, has faithfully done his school work, helped in the jail ministry, at street meetings, and in a mountain church. When he next leaves his home in Nanty Glo, Penna., it may be for additional training, or it may be for his ultimate goal—the mission field.

Christ is my life, therefore the passion of my life is to obey this command: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

NOLA G. BOOKAMER, B. A.



"Bookie" to us, but Nola during those few short days which it took to come to know her, hails from Irvona, Penna. She has been most active in forensics, yet has had plenty of time for the Lord's work in one of the grade schools and in other children's work. Her

desire is to teach.

It is so wonderful to know that just as God has led me to Bryan and kept me here these four years, so will He continue to lead after my departure from here and grant me new experiences and blessings in Him.

WILLIAM W. BRECKBILL, JR. B. A.

Altoona, Penna., is his home, but Bryan has claimed him for the past four years, and, we might add, his musical ability at the piano. The State Training and Agricultural School for Colored Boys has occupied him each week-end, as he has preached Christ to the young fellows in that institution. What comes next? Teaching, perhaps, but surely what He leads to.



He has quickened me who was dead in sin and has given His life within. He has promised to guide always. I'm glad He's mine.

GEORGE E. CONE, B. S.

Danville, O.



Some three years in the service of his country were not enough to divert George from his determination to complete his college work and then on into Grace Seminary for further training. Though the future seems as yet unrevealed, George's proficiency in linguistics

and his interest in the Lord's work have great promises.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."—II Thess. 5:18.

JANE L. HELMICK, B. A.

East Cleveland, O.

Full of fun, but with unchanging testimony for her Lord, Jane has found time for studies and for the Lord's work in the county schools and in teaching a class of colored children. On top of this she has been most active in forensic activities and in her class organization.



Hailing from E. Cleveland, Ohio, she now looks to the Lord to place her where He will in the teaching profession.

Prov. 3:5, 6—I praise the Lord for His wonderful grace that saves us and for the marvelous way He directs our steps if we only trust in Him.

JOSEPHINE E. JENKINS, B. A.



New Castle, Penna., is her home, travelling with the Gospel Singers is her present occupation, and teaching awaits in the future. Her lovely soprano voice and her name on the pages of "Who's Who" lead one to anticipate success for Jo, who has found time for the Lord's

work and her studies while here on the Hill.

Lamentations 3:25—"The Lord is good unto them that wait upon him, to the soul that seeketh him." My heart praises Him for His great faithfulness.

JEAN M. PULKIN, B. A.

Enthusiasm for the Lord is the keynote of Jean's life at Bryan, where she has served in jail services, bedside ministry, visitation work, and Sunday School. Her home is in Hialeah, Fla., but her future, the Lord continuing to lead, lies in the mission field.



It is my desire to serve the Lord wherever He wants me in His great harvest field. I am trusting Him to show me that place.

A. CLYDE SIMMONS, B. A.

Spencer, Tenn



Clyde Simmons, the only representative of Tennessee in the class, has lived quietly in Vetsville, where he and Ruth, also a Bryan graduate, have been a testimony to His saving grace. Clyde is another of Bryan's graduates who looks forward to serving the Lord as a teacher.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."—Psalm 91:1.

HENRY R. MOELLER, B. A.

Henry's days in the army spoke to a heart already centered in Christ and found fertile ground for a missionary appeal. His offices in the Camera Club, F.M.F., on the Commoner Staff, and as President of the senior class have all added to his usefulness. A regular Gos-



pel ministry has also been his. This summer he joins the staff at the Institute of Linguistics, to be followed by graduate work at Wheaton. It is a far call from Mason City, Iowa, to the mission field—but we believe Henry and Mrs. Moeller will make it.

The Lord has taught me much here at Bryan, spiritually as well as academically. I praise Him for making my course here possible.

WANDA L. BURCHAM, B. S.



Coming to Bryan from New Castle, Penna., Wanda has had a year of service on the Student Council. Studies have left time enough for child Evangelism and Sunday School classes, also for sharing in the county school ministry. This summer it's Gull Lake for Wanda, then the Lord's will regarding further training, and then on to the mission field.

Phil. 1:6—"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." This verse has been a source of strength to me and I praise the Lord for His performance in my life.

LAURINE E. KOLDERUP, B. A.

Suring, Wis.

Two years at Bryan were enough to establish Laurine as a permanent member of the Bryan Family. Working with Child Evangelism groups, doing home visitation work, and sharing in the testimony of the street meetings have added to her Gospel treasures, to be spent, the Lord willing, on the foreign field of His choice.



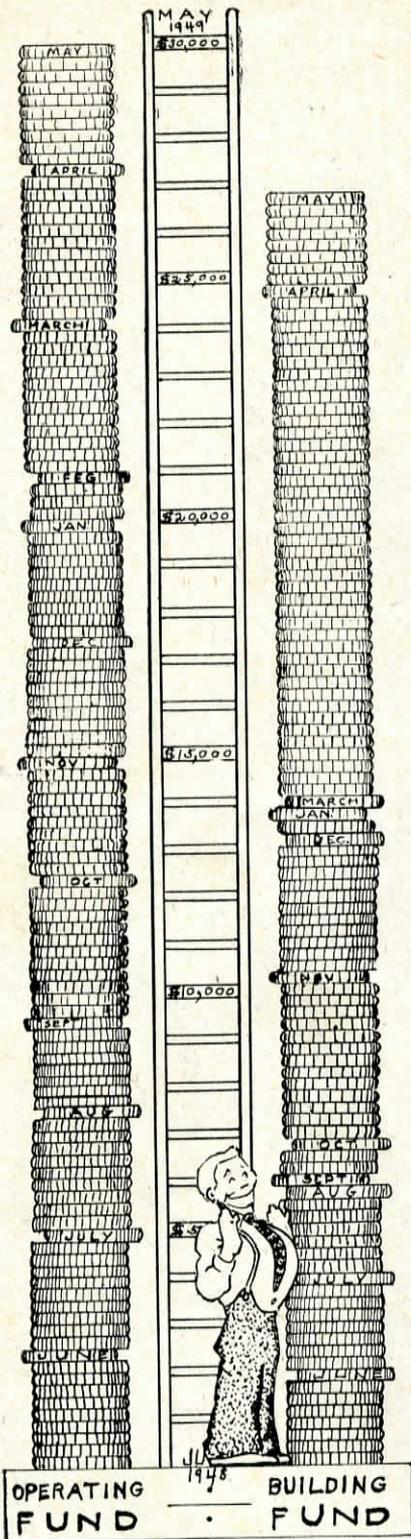
I rejoice in the Lord, my salvation, for His faithfulness, His constant presence, and the surety of His promises He is become my song. Isaiah 12:2.

NORMA J. KONVES, B. S.

Cum Laude—read her degree—and that means success as a student. Norma, from Mansfield, Ohio, has shared the ministry in the county schools, has been active in her class work, and has won a reputation for being a good friend and a good student. She is well adapted and qualified to her chosen profession—teaching.



Knowing that His Grace is sufficient, I can trust Him for those tomorrows which are full of promises because He said, "I will never leave thee."



(Each coin represents \$250.00)

"Unto thee, O God,
do we give thanks."

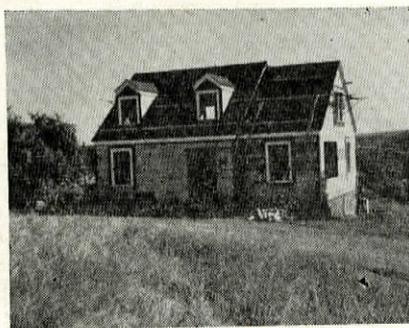
MAY REPORT

M. S. M.....	\$ 1,039.40
Other	3,428.12
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Total Gifts for May.....	\$ 4,467.52
To Operation.....	2,500.00
To Plant Fund.....	1,967.52

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Cash Gift Summary Report Fiscal Year:

Total to Operation (12 mos.)	\$30,000.00
Total to Plant Fund (12 mos.)	26,711.53
Total Cash Gifts (through May and end of Fiscal year)	\$56,711.53
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Total Gifts through M.S.M. for the year.....	\$11,586.55



Construction proceeds on another Faculty home.

Work on House No. 3, interrupted by war-time restrictions, is now being rushed to completion. (Houses No. 4 and No. 5 have been completed in the meantime.) Friends, desiring a safe investment that would at the same time help in the Lord's work, have furnished the funds on Annuities for the construction of these homes in Faculty Circle. Two attractive apartments for staff members, and a basement are included in this structure.

Christ Above All

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DEDICATION OF THE COMMONER

The 1949 Commoner arrived just in time for the students and staff members to take them home with them. At the time of the dedication, which was immediately following the dinner hour on Monday, June sixth, Mr. Harold Goehring, Editor-in-Chief of the Commoner, read the dedication, which was to Miss Alma Rader, Dean of Women and Instructor in Bible. The Commoner is the college yearbook and is the annual class project of the junior class. This year's edition has several new and interesting features.

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Buffalo, New York, gave a timely address, his main exhortation being especially to the seniors to become as well acquainted with God the Holy Spirit as they are with God the Father and God the Son, and to depend on Him to make their lives powerful for the service of the Lord.

Topping last year's graduating class by one, twenty-one seniors, the largest class Bryan has graduated, received their degrees, six receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science and fifteen that of Bachelor of Arts. Four of the seniors graduated with honor; one, Miss Marjorie Miller, receiving her degree *magna cum laude*; and three, George Cone, Norma Konves, and Henry Moeller, receiving their *cum laude*.

Following the Commencement address and preceding the conferring of the degrees, the following prizes and honors were awarded:

SENIOR PRIZES (\$10.00 each)

P. A. Boyd Prize for Men—Clair Brickel.

Similar Prize for Women—Mary Frances Kennedy.

Scholarship Prize—Marjorie Miller.
Faithfulness and Loyalty Prize—Jane Sutton and Henry Moeller.

Achievement Prize—George Cone.

CLASS HONORS

Freshman Class—
1. Richard McIntosh 2.311
2. Ross King..... 2.185

Sophomore Class—
1. Charles Taber..... 2.540
2. Carl Wonderly..... 2.409

Junior Class—
1. Ian Hay 2.387
2. Gordon Carlson 2.287

Senior Class—
1. Henry Moeller 2.655
2. Marjorie Miller..... 2.484

WHO'S WHO in American Colleges and Universities—Clair Brickel, Josephine Jenkins, Henry Moeller, Jane Sutton.

Total scores for the Scarlets and Golds were also announced:
Golds..... 250 Scarlets..... 183