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Chapel Bell Received

A locomotive bell, a gift to Bryan University for its Memorial Chapel from the Southern Railway System, was dedicated Tuesday, November 1.

The bell, finished in polished brass and scarlet, the University colors, was salvaged from an obsolete steam locomotive and is one of more than eighty such bells given to small churches in communities served by the Southern.

In a letter to Dean Ryther, Ernest E. Norris, president of the Southern, said, "Even though we have a large number of unfilled 'orders' on hand, yours is such a worthy undertaking that I am impelled to give it priority . . . I hope it will serve the young men and women of your college as faithfully in years to come as it has served the Southern in years gone by."—D.L.

A Silver Lining

Bryan University's campaign of Silver Dollars during November has made a smashing impression on the people of Dayton, for it has been brought home how the dollars that originate on "The Hill" percolate down into every strata of local business—statistics showing that the average dollar "turns" a minimum of five times before leaving the community for purchases made from wholesalers and suppliers.

Bryan sent out a folder last week explaining how those silver dollars originate—and practically all of them COME FROM OUT OF TOWN, either from supporters of the college who contribute to its operation, from the tuition of students (most of whom are from states other than Tennessee) or from the GI payments received by veterans attending the college.

The folder and the silver dollars have awakened a new interest in Bryan in Dayton, as evidenced by several talks made at the Lions Club Thursday, led by K. F. Johnson, vice-president and cashier of the Dayton Bank. It was proposed and quick approval was given to the idea that Dayton has been remiss in showing its appreciation for what Bryan means to us locally, and that some-

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Christmas

*"The world is too much with us:
late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste
our powers."*

In our mad rush for Christmas, we do well to heed these cautioning lines of the great poet, William Wordsworth. Ours are, indeed, times of "too much world" and of "getting and spending."

The world has made such inroads in our educational systems that Christ has become but a symbol of that which is weak and illiterate. It has permeated our religion until His name is but a formalism and a by-word of shallow piety and meaningless sentimentality. It has permeated our living until the almighty dollar is so large that the silver eagle overshadows the suffering Saviour, until the dollar sign is in every walk and talk of life more prominent than is the Cross. Yes, the World is "too much with us."

So have we turned to just plain "getting and spending" that our conversation and our living are tempered by but one question: "What do we get out of it?" And then, having got it, we think next of what we can spend it for. Truly, the material blessings of this life have become, in our worldly minds, the panacea for all ills, the sufficiency for all needs. Getting this and spending that—these are the order of the day.

May God grant that at this Christmas time we may see the Christ of Calvary, whose mission was not to get but to give and whose spending was not for self, but for others. Only as we see Him can we declare to the world our heart understanding of the day which memorializes His birth, our faith in His love and glorious self.

Then shall we say—

*"Christ is so much with us: late
and soon,
Going and serving, we display His
powers."*

COUNTY BUSINESSMEN OPEN CAMPAIGN TO BACK UNIVERSITY IN FINISHING LARGE MEMORIAL BUILDING

Hopes are high on Bryan Hill at this season of the year, when everyone generally is thinking in terms of Christmas and the making of gifts. With the church and civic leader, K. F. Johnson, vice-president and cashier of the Dayton Bank and Trust Company, as chairman, a committee of Rhea County businessmen are working to raise fifteen thousand dollars toward buying materials for the Bryan Memorial Building now under construction. The plan is to raise this sum before December 25th. Won't that be a nice Christmas present?

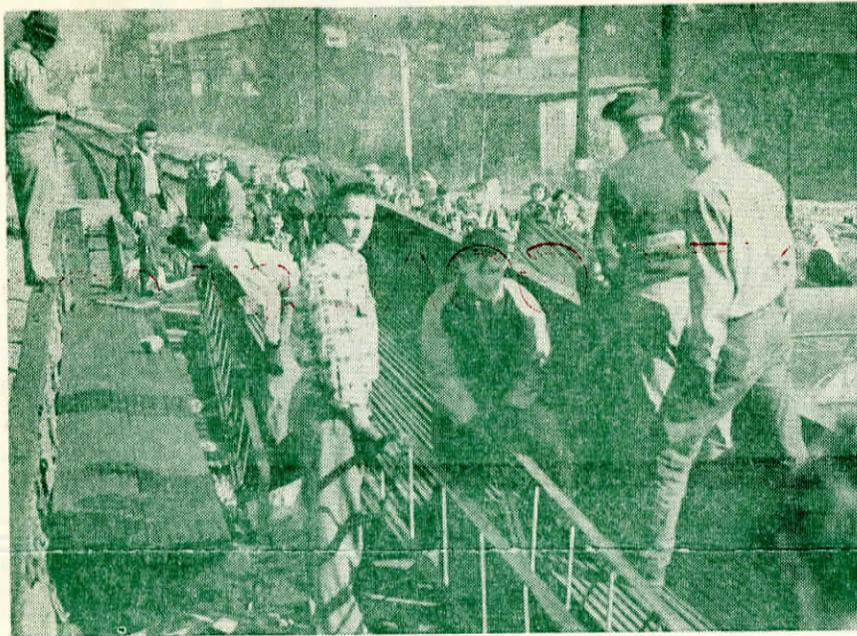
Businessmen Entertained

To become acquainted with the academic, cultural, and spiritual program and needs of Bryan University, a total of 63 members of the Lions Club and Jaycees of Dayton, and Kiwanis of Spring City met on the Hill on November 22 for dinner and a brief program.

The main speaker for the evening, Mr. Roy McDonald, Publisher of the Chattanooga News-Free Press, pointed out that as a prophet is not without honor, save in his own locality, so Bryan has received more recognition away from Dayton than at home. He went on to emphasize that the impact of Bryan on the cultural and spiritual life of the community was a challenge to the group to get behind and push for a bigger and better Bryan.

Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president of the University, opened the meeting with a welcome speech, which was answered by K. F. Johnson, vice-president of the Dayton Bank and Trust Company and chairman of the Lions Club committee to investigate ways of helping Bryan. Mr. Johnson

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Students unload the first car of steel to arrive in Dayton for use on University construction since 1929.

University Herd Growing

Five cows recently purchased give Bryan University a dairy herd of twenty-five head, mostly Jerseys, which supply milk for the entire staff and student body.

The farm, an unusual feature for a small college, is managed by Prof. Norman H. Uphouse and operated by students.

A 12' x 16' milkhouse has just been constructed to house the equipment for processing the milk. Included in this equipment is an electric milk cooler donated by Dewey Shaver of the local Ben Franklin store.—D.M.

SILVER LINING *Continued*

thing constructive should be done, and done NOW, to indicate that the community realizes the advantages which we all accrue from having the school here.

Briefly, the wheels were set in motion for Dayton to take an active hand in helping finish the building program now in progress at Bryan. This is a worthwhile undertaking and deserves the full support, in time and money, from everyone in Rhea County.

The economic worth of Bryan is being amply demonstrated through the silver dollars; the spiritual worth of the university has long been felt in the churches and schools; and the cultural value is being recognized through such programs as the Dayton Community Band.

It also follows that should Bryan grow to be double its present size, it would be worth DOUBLE to all of us in the various values it contributes to the community. Thus financial assistance advanced Bryan at this time would merely be an investment in the

CIVIL WAR REVIVED

Shades of the Blue and the Gray galloped once again as the rebel yell broke out into the clear starlit night on November 26th. Dimly heard from the other side of the field came the wails of the northern forces as they piled in reinforcements and urged their Yankee patriots on to greater deeds.

But to no avail! Brothers Don and Bill Monn, supported by the able toe of one Ian Hay, and well bolstered by the entire Southern "army" were just a bit too much as Captain Tex Williams led his forces well into northern territory and finally across the line of defense to score two touchdowns and an extra point.

And so the war ended. Though fought on a more friendly basis and on a football, rather than a wheat field, it was nonetheless hotly contested as the southern students on Bryan Hill ran up to the tune of 13-6 a touch football victory over the northerners.

Officials were Eddie Miller '45 and Ed Cockrill, a senior. future of the school and in Dayton and Rhea County.

A little help NOW and Bryan can possibly receive recognition from the state authorities and become an accredited college—opening a broad opportunity for our young people to be educated AT HOME, at a financial saving to their parents, and in the proper Christian atmosphere.

When the time comes—and it will come—when you are called upon to help with your time and your funds, let's all BACK BRYAN UNIVERSITY!

(Editorial from the Dayton Herald)

Silver Dollar Program Makes Associated Press

Along with the local benefits derived from the widely heralded "Silver Dollar Campaign" came the publicity of nation-wide extent accorded by articles issued through the Associated Press, and not only articles, but pictures too.

The interesting shot of the Ted Bricker family, trailerites from Ohio, purchasing their weekly groceries appeared in the Chattanooga News-Free Press, and the story went out over the A. P. channels.

When Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pflug, of Zelienople, Pennsylvania, welcomed a new daughter, Rebecca Lo's, into their trailer home, they "purchased" her by giving silver dollars to the attending physician, Dr. J. J. Rodgers. A photographer was on hand at the hospital to witness the transaction, and the resultant photo also made A. P.

But that is not all that happened. For example, there are the Kirtley brothers, Charles and James, students from Union Star, Missouri, who recently purchased a car and planked down the price in—guess what! You're right—silver dollars.

And so it went. Bills and purchases—purchases and bills. Whichever it was, it called for more cartwheels, and they kept rolling right along throughout the month, until something over 16,000 silver dollars had passed over the comptroller's desk at the University office.

We do not like to claim credit, but we find ourselves wondering at the coincidence that brought forth in the Chattanooga papers a drugstore advertisement that up to the amount of \$2,000.00, one bright silver dollar would be given to each of the folks who purchased goods amounting to \$10.00 or more. Then, too, there were the Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Optimist Club members who stood on the streets and presented silver dollars to the thousand most pleasant smilers who passed by. Do you suppose the idea was borrowed? We like to think so, even though we must confess—we borrowed it too.

BUSINESSMEN *Continued*

also urged the men to take a more active interest in supporting the school.

Following the program the men took a tour of the campus and buildings.—H.V.



From my heart to you

A prominent Dayton businessman impressed me greatly some months ago by saying with deep feeling that his attitude toward Bryan University had changed completely from what it had been years ago. Because tears came to the eyes of this man, not given to tears, I know that the testimony of Bryan University has meant much to him.

Even though I did not have a lengthy conversation with this Dayton friend, I know some of the things that God has used to change his attitude toward Bryan. Bryan University students and staff members have borne witness for Christ in churches, chapels, Sunday Schools and public schools. Tracts have been handed out and there has been personal witnessing. There have been Bible conferences, and child evangelism classes. All these could have but hardened hearts, had it not been for a demonstration of the power and love of Christ. The consistent testimony of the students and the faithfulness of staff members in staying on the job these twenty years in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles have been most impressive to our friends in Dayton.

In six months I have heard more about the value of Bryan spiritually to the community than in all of the previous years. The spending of the silver dollars during November has caused the people of Dayton and Rhea County to appreciate the economic value of the University as never before, but along with this increased interest has come an appreciation for all that Bryan is.

You, our friends who have stood with us so faithfully through the years, will share in the rewards of "that day."

Thankfully yours,

Judson R. Rudd

President



Students and staff show Dayton Bryan is on the move, as they parade the new steel joists through town.

ENDOWED

A college is not made of brick,
Nor cement, sand, and stone,
Nor heavy timbers strong and thick.
These cannot stand alone,
Except a spirit dwell within
To make the structure whole:
It must be undergirt with men—
With timbers of the soul.

Endow our colleges with men
Who seek God's will to do,
Who will not compromise with sin,
Whose characters ring true;
Let dire disaster take her toll,
If character remains,
A college has not lost its soul,
And spires will rise again.

—FRANK CLARK

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

We have been to lots of banquets, dinner meetings, and similar staid get-togethers — and frankly had halfway expected another Tuesday night when the businessmen of the community were invited to be guests at Bryan Univ.

But, brother, were we fooled. We can't remember when we have ever been present at such a dinner. From the moment Dr. Rudd welcomed the group to The Hill until the affair was closed there was an air of genuine good will and comradeship which could not be overlooked.

Mr. Johnson absorbed some good-natured ribbing from Mr. McDonald—and it might be that this was just what it took to get the group in one accord. The inspirational messages from the members of Bryan's staff, especially Dean Ryther's and Prof. Fish's were short, to the point, and packed a wallop. And Mr.

McDonald's easy manner of being "one of the boys" helped tremendously to get his points across.

We particularly liked the way he put across the facts that most of us do not appreciate what we have close to us all of the time—but if something should come up which threatened to take it from our community we would all strive to help keep the institution at home. Also the way he showed that if we wait until everything is in perfect order before trying to accomplish an objective, we never do anything. And on the other hand a lack of means often brings out the best in us since we have to use ingenuity and improvise.

What the future holds for Bryan Univ. no one knows—but it is safe to say that the large and representative group of businessmen caught a vision of what Bryan CAN mean to this county in the immediate future, especially if we all help a little.

Reprinted from The Dayton Herald

Archaeology and Christmas

Professor Howard F. Vos

The casual, sentimental reading of the Luke 2 account of Christ's birth usually does not reveal some of the problems faced by the research scholar who is interested in the historical and archaeological aspects of the story. However, to the one who tries to plumb its depths, many questions arise. He may ask, "Has any light been uncovered relative to the decree of Caesar?" "Was Christ really born in the year one as is commonly supposed?" "Has His birthplace been located?" "What are swaddling clothes?" "Can we be sure of the location of the field where the shepherds abode when the angel came to them?" Archaeology and related Near Eastern studies throw some light on many of these inquiries.

It is now known that the enrollment (This included taxation and census taking.) mentioned in Luke 2 was carried out every fourteen years at the decree of the emperor. Documents proclaiming enrollments during the reigns of several Roman emperors have been found. Three such decrees were issued by Caesar Augustus, who ruled 27 B. C. to 14 A. D. These date 23-22 B. C., 9-8 B. C., and 6-7 A. D. Obviously, none of these three is near to the Year One. The closest is the 9-8 B. C. date. Using this decree as a basis of operation, we call in the historian, who demonstrates that Herod died in the year 4 B. C. Scripture points that Christ was born previous to this time, perhaps a year earlier. The discrepancy between 5 and 8 B. C. may be somewhat eliminated by the belief that the enrollment probably occurred somewhat later in Palestine than in the rest of the empire.

The next question which arises relates to the location of the birthplace of Christ. In obedience to the decree of the Roman emperor Constantine to provide proper veneration

of holy places in Palestine, the church of the Nativity was begun in 326 over the spot then observed as the birthplace of Christ; the church has stood over this spot ever since, though it has since been altered. Presumably this same cave was the one identified by Justin Martyr in 100 A. D. as the birthplace of Christ. There seems to be more proof for the correctness of this identification than for many others pointed out in connection with the birth of Christ. In reply to the question, "Was, then, Christ born in a cave?" it may be said that a traveler in Bethlehem today may see many caves, with entrances at road level, which are used as stables. In most of them may be found stone troughs or mangers and iron rings to which animals are tied at night. Often small houses are built over the caves and approached by a series of stone steps.

Upon birth, Christ was wrapped in swaddling clothes. At birth, the Palestinian child of Christ's day was washed, salted, and sprinkled with the powder of dried myrtle leaves. Salt was thought to ward off disease. Then the baby was wrapped round and round with a narrow band, on the end of which was attached a large square of cloth. Thus the child was swaddled, looking very much like a mummy. Christ probably went through this same process.

In Luke 2:8-9, the announcement to the shepherds is mentioned. Of interest to Bible students is the fact that near Bethlehem, on the road to Jerusalem, was a tower known as Migdal Eder, or "watch tower of the flock." Here was the station where shepherds watched the flocks destined for temple sacrifice. It is very possible that this was the place to which the angel came, for what would be more logical to expect than that God was in this annunciation proclaiming the end of temple sacrifice at the coming of the All-Sufficient Sacrifice?

Christ Above All

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(MSM.....)	\$3.00
Total Gifts for November \$	4,585.03
Grand Total (6 Months)	\$20,340.47

