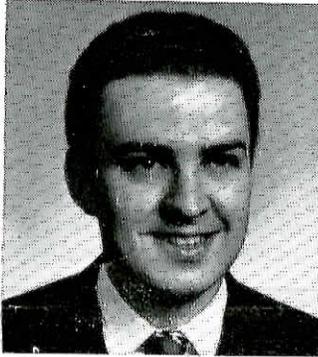


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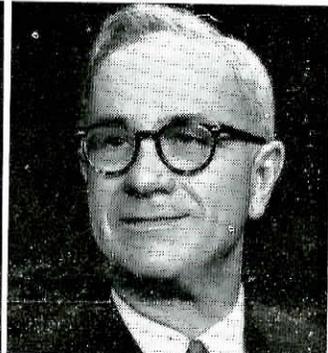
Rev. Paul R. Van Gorder



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Dr. Homer Hammontree



Dr. Graham Gilmer

## DR. GILMER TO OPEN FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE; EVENING MEETINGS TO BE IN DAYTON AUDITORIUM

Opening service for the fall Bible conference will be held in the Bryan Memorial Chapel October 25 at 3:30 p. m. with Dr. Graham

Gilmer, pastor of the Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, as speaker.

Continuing through the following Sunday, the twenty-third annual conference will also feature Dr. Homer Hammontree, the Rev. Paul Beckwith, and the Rev. Paul R. Van Gorder.

Throughout the week, two morning services will be held in the chapel, the first at 9:30 and the second at 10:15. Evening meetings have set for 7:30 in the Rhea Central high school auditorium.

Dr. Gilmer, a Bible teacher and evangelist, as well as pastor, has been minister at the Rivermont church for 30 years. He testifies that he was first started in definite Bible study by Bryan's first president, Dr. George E. Guille.

Veterans of both the Billy Sunday and Mel Trotter evangelistic teams, Dr. Hammontree and Mr. Beckwith have recently formed their own party and are now working together on a permanent basis. Known as the singing evangelist, Dr. Hammontree is both a preacher and a musician. During both world wars he worked with servicemen in army camps. After the first world war, he and Mel Trotter formed the Trotter-Hammontree evangelistic party, which continued several years. From 1936 to 1942 he was head of the

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## Raffa Is Dean of Men, Student Work Coordinator; Mrs. Frey Is School Nurse

As dean of men and coordinator of student employment, Joseph T. Raffa joined the staff in August to complete the administrative line-up for this year. Besides his regular duties on the staff, he is also teaching some social science and education courses.

Dean Raffa received his A. B. from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and his M. A. from the Teachers College, Columbia University. He also holds the professor's diploma from Columbia. He served a period of internship at Shelton College as assistant to the dean of men before accepting the post as men's dean at Florida Christian Academy at Boca Raton, Florida.

Mrs. Emil Frey, the former Cleo Graham, has been employed as university nurse. Mrs. Frey is a registered nurse. A graduate of Bryan with the class of 1945, she spent some time in Nigeria, West Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission, until she had to return to this country because of ill health. Her husband, a native of Switzerland, has enrolled as a student at Bryan this year.

## Fall Enrollment Totals 279; Tennessee Students Increase

As in the past several years, Bryan continues to have a preponderance of students from the north central section of the country. This year, in a total enrollment of 279, Ohio leads with 43 representatives, Michigan has 38, and Pennsylvania has 24. Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin are also well represented.

This year marks an increase in the percentage of students from Tennessee. Twenty-three Tennesseans, well above last year's figure of thirteen, are enrolled. Florida with 17, West Virginia with 9, and Virginia with 8 also help give the South a good showing.

To complete the list of 31 states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah.

Venezuela and Bolivia in South America, Canada, French Equatorial Africa, China, India, and Switzerland are listed as home for six Bryan students.



## From My Heart to You

The young people arriving on Bryan campus to start a new school year have many inspiring stories to tell of answered prayer and strengthened faith that would thrill your heart. I relate one story to you.



A senior girl who has no one to look to but the Lord came back to school this year even though she had been unable to earn and save much money during the summer vacation. She was most eager to complete her preparation for service and to graduate with her class of more than fifty students, the largest graduating class in the history of Bryan University. Her predicament was related somewhat reluctantly to the business manager, Mr. Adams, as she applied for student employment. Prayer was made to God immediately and others were asked to pray. She began her student employment without any definite promise of other financial assistance.

A farmer, from whom the university purchased some hay, heard of this girl and gave \$60.00 for her account. More recently a \$100.00 check has been received from her home church. We are looking to the Lord and to his stewards to continue to supply the needs of this young lady, the needs of other students, and the needs of the university.

As I think of how God has answered prayer in providing for our students and for the university itself during the years that it has been ministering to these godly young people, I am convinced that we are not far removed from the early Christians and their experiences. Those who sold lands and houses and laid the proceeds down at the apostles' feet undoubtedly trusted that God would in some way care for their own future needs, and God did provide for them. Today He continues to provide even though we may use more or less formal agreements among Christians.

Dr. H. A. Ironside once related to me how the great Moody Memorial Church building in Chicago

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## BIBLE CONFERENCE

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music course at Moody Bible Institute.

When quite a young man, Mr. Beckwith was introduced to evangelistic work as a pianist. After serving the Lord with both the Sunday-Rodeheaver and Trotter-Hammontree teams, he attended Dallas Theological Seminary. For the next 11 years he worked among college students under the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Expressing a very versatile personality, Mr. Beckwith has been affiliated with a number of Bible conferences, is editor of "Hymns" the Inter- varsity hymnbook, and has written for several Christian magazines.

Mr. Van Gorder, who was speaker at the baccalaureate service last spring, is pastor of the Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Under the auspices of the Pocket Testament League, he recently spent two months in Japan and Formosa. In the spring of 1952 he was guest evangelist in a city-wide campaign sponsored by the Latin American Mission in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Each year he directs the Colonial Hills Bible and missionary conference.

To climax the week-long conference, two services will be held at the high school Sunday, November 1. A mass music program is scheduled for the afternoon with a city-wide evangelistic meeting in the evening. Dr. Hammontree will be the speaker for this closing rally, at which several local congregations will be cooperating.

## Archie Mason Elected New Mayor of Trailerville

Population count in Trailerville, Bryan's "city within a city," reveals 72 residents this year. Twenty-six families are presently residing in the trailer village located behind the administration building.

Archie Mason, senior of Van Wert, Ohio, has been chosen mayor of Trailerville this year. Working with him are his brother Richard, junior, and George Haberer, junior of Hillsdale, Michigan, as councilmen. Donald Roberts, senior of Garden City, Kansas, is fire marshal.

## W. G. Lewis Sets up Course In Dentistry at Bryan; To Operate Dental Clinic

Perhaps one of the most unique ministries in the field of Christian service is that of W. G. Lewis of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Lewis, who is a businessman as well as a dentist, devotes nearly all his time to training missionaries and missionary candidates in dentistry completely at his own expense.

This year Mr. Lewis will be conducting his one-year course on Bryan Hill for a small group of his own students. Those enrolled will spend the entire year studying a very thorough course, which includes instruction, both theory and practice, in extractions, fillings, X-rays, and making dentures. As part of the program, Mr. Lewis plans to operate a dental clinic which will enable Bryan students to receive necessary dental attention free of charge.

Upon completion of his course, each student is able to give a careful visual examination, take X-rays, make a correct diagnosis, and proceed with the needed work. Mr. Lewis helps to equip each graduate of the course with necessary dental tools for practicing full-time dentistry on the foreign mission fields.

For nine years Mr. Lewis, alongside his business as president and manager of The Lincoln Hatchery in Lincoln, Nebraska, has practiced dentistry for the benefit of Christian workers, students in Bible schools, and missionaries on the field. He has traveled to Africa, Formosa, Japan, Argentina, and other lands to give free service to missionaries in need of dental care. Mr. Lewis estimates that his work has already added some thousands of years to missionary service. Ten of his trainees are in Africa, India, the Philippines, and Borneo.

Mr. Lewis holds his master's degree in physics from Chicago University. He also has a B. S. in education from the Teachers College, Columbia University, and has taught in state normal colleges in Illinois, Kansas, and Missouri. Before coming to Bryan he gave the course in connection with Ft. Wayne Bible Institute in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

## Annuity Gift Plan Brings Dividends to Investors

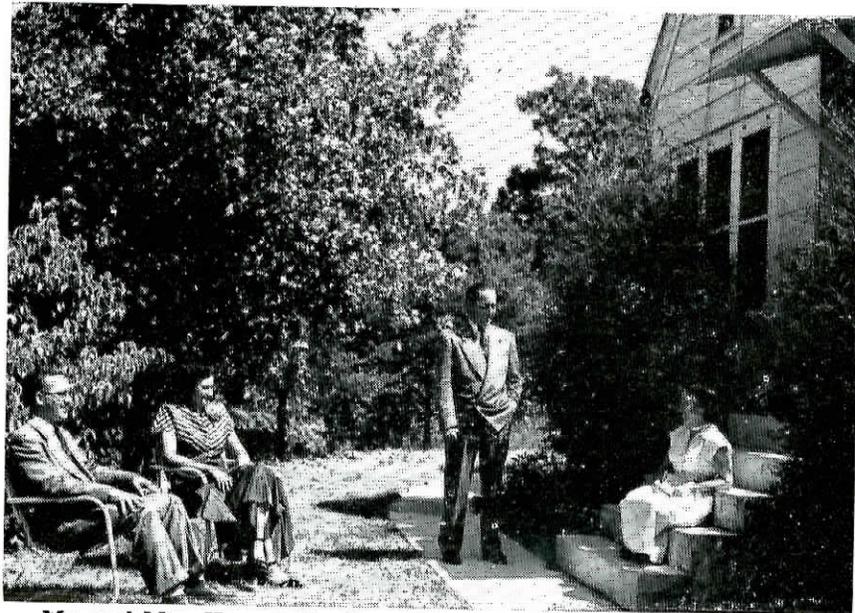
The William Jennings Bryan University annuity gift plan is a legal contract by which the university, in consideration of a gift of money for its work, agrees to pay to the donor a fixed amount of return each year as long as he lives. This method of gift-investment has provided a means by which Christian men and women can use their capital to provide facilities for the training of young people for Christian service, and still draw an income from it as long as they live.

A fine example of the soundness of the annuity gift plan is the case of Bryan's first annuitant, Mrs. Amelia McClintock. When interviewed recently at the Fairview Rest Home in Canton, Ohio, Mrs. McClintock said, "I am very well pleased with my relationships there." With the next payment of income she will have received a one hundred percent return on her original investment and she will still continue to receive the same interest payments.

Annuity funds are used to provide faculty housing at Bryan. This is a great need and one which continues to be a problem as the school increases in size and scope. The splendid location of these homes and their fine appearance make them a very good asset to back up the annuity gift plan.



This snapshot, taken two years ago, shows Mrs. McClintock before her Wilmet, Ohio, home. It demonstrates that she carries well her 95 years.



Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Zopfi and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marston relax in front of their two-apartment home which was made possible through annuity gifts.

## 1953 GRADS IN CHRISTIAN WORK, FURTHER TRAINING

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death."

With this verse before them the 31 members of the 1953 graduating class left Bryan University last June, each with the determination to fulfill that testimony in his own life.

Three members of the class are planning now to leave for the foreign mission field in the near future. Bessie Degerman of Bemidji, Minnesota, is preparing to leave for Japan as a missionary under The Evangelical Alliance Mission. John Edleston of Bloomsbury, New Jersey, has been appointed to France by the Child Evangelism Fellowship as a children's worker. Translation work is David Huey's chosen field as he leaves this winter for a mission training camp in Mexico as a candidate under Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Betty Smetters of Chicago is taking further studies in preparation for her work as music director of a Bible Institute in Guatemala. Another missionary candidate, Norma Sweeney of Hampton, Florida, is attending the Child Evangelism Institute in California. Norma expects to serve the Lord in Brazil.

Mildred Snavely of Shelby, Ohio,

and Lenora Dickens of St. Louis, Missouri, are teaching at Grey-stone Christian Grade School in Mobile, Alabama.

Mary Grover Naff and David (a member of the class of 1952) are at the Baptist Institute of the Ozarks in Bentonville, Arkansas, as members of the staff in this Christian high school.

Engaged in public school teaching this year are Ellora Caudill of Hollybush, Kentucky, and Ruth Thompson of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Four young men of the class are enrolled in seminary this fall. Dean Koontz of Crown Point, Indiana, is at the Conservative Baptist Seminary in Denver, Colorado; Ryland Rock of Roanoke, Virginia, is studying at a similar institution in Portland, Oregon; Donald Walker is at Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and David Wisthoff is attending Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago.

Taking graduate work at the University of Tennessee is Luman Gesford of Montrose, Pennsylvania. Howard Addleman is continuing as pastor of the Brayton Baptist Church near Dayton, and Dean Piper is student assistant to the director of the boarding department here at Bryan. Dean is enrolled as a post-graduate student.

## University Publishes Winners Of Tuition Scholarships

To help worthy students secure a college education, Bryan University has available a number of tuition scholarships. Although such aid is necessarily limited, several awards are made each year there are acceptable applicants.

Established in memory of the university's first president, the George E. Guille scholarship has been awarded to Richard Ruble, a freshman student of Collingdale, Pennsylvania. This scholarship, which permits attendance at Bryan for four consecutive years without payment of tuition, is based on the student's high school record, his Christian character, leadership potentialities, and definite need for help.

Six freshmen qualified this year for the valedictorian scholarship, a two-year, tuition-free grant which is offered to those who ranked first in their high school graduating classes. Those receiving the scholarship are Hilmer Gaard of Holt, Florida; Mrs. Seymour Ashley of Phoenix, Arizona; Judy and Martha King of Knoxville, Tennessee; Catherine Painter of Buena Vista, Virginia; and Ann Ross of Whitwell, Tennessee.

Ranking second in their respective graduating classes, Franklin Henley of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Ramon Palmer of Backus, Minnesota, were awarded the salutatorian scholarship, which equals tuition costs for one year.

Ola Faye Simpson of Spring City, Tennessee, received the one-year scholarship offered to a graduate of Spring City high school.

## OPENING ACTIVITIES EMPHASIZE GETTING ACQUAINTED; YEAR'S PROGRAM REVEALS TRADITIONAL, NEW EVENTS

Another year has begun on Bryan Hill, and the opening-of-school activities are quickly becoming history. Parties, programs, and the chapel programs for the first several days were all geared to help everyone become acquainted.

R. E. Maynard, a senior of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was master of ceremonies for the reception September 17 when the new students were formally introduced to the staff and faculty. Mary Wig-

gans of Glendale, Arizona, was chairman of the sophomore committee in charge of providing dates for the new students, and Darwin Neddo of Mishawaka, Indiana, as president of his class, he led the committee of seniors assisting with the introductions.

Special events for the remainder of the year have been announced as follows:

### FALL QUARTER

- Oct. 9-11 . . . . . Toccoa Falls missionary conference
- Oct. 23-25 . . . . . Alumni Homecoming
- Oct. 25-Nov. 1 . . . . . Fall Bible conference
- Nov. 8 . . . . . Open house
- Nov. 26 . . . . . Thanksgiving holiday and banquet
- Dec. 7 . . . . . Christmas banquet
- Dec. 15-18 . . . . . Fall quarter examinations
- Dec. 19-Jan. 3 . . . . . Christmas holidays

### WINTER QUARTER

- Jan. 4 . . . . . Registration
- Jan. 5 . . . . . Classes begin
- March 2 . . . . . Sophomore testing program
- March 15 . . . . . William Jennings Bryan birthday banquet
- March 16 . . . . . Day of prayer
- March 23-26 . . . . . Winter quarter examinations
- March 27-29 . . . . . Spring holidays

### SPRING QUARTER

- March 30 . . . . . Registration
- March 31 . . . . . Classes begin
- April 24 . . . . . Senior day
- May 11-15 . . . . . Senior seminar examinations
- May 15 . . . . . Field day
- June 4-8 . . . . . Spring quarter examinations
- June 5 . . . . . Alumni banquet
- June 6 . . . . . Baccalaureate Sunday
- June 7 . . . . . President's reception for seniors
- June 8 . . . . . Meeting of the trustees
- June 8 . . . . . Senior vesper program
- June 9 . . . . . Twenty-first commencement

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was financed. Naturally, some large gifts came from members of the church. Other supporters, including some of limited means, loaned out of their savings the balance that was needed for construction. The borrowed funds were repaid over a period of years. Like the apostolic Christians the needs of the Lord's work and the Lord's people were met in a spirit of mutual helpfulness coming from hearts full of love for the Lord and a sense of obligation for the needs of fellow Christians.

As I see it, the Lord's work is being carried on today at Bryan and in other Christian enterprises with modern adaptations of early Christian financing methods. The plan varies according to what is being done and where it is being done. Faced with the necessity of caring for the young people that the Lord is sending Bryanward in increasing numbers, we are using a combination of loans and annuities to supplement gifts.

JUDSON A. RUDD  
President

	OPERATIONS	BUILDING FUND
Gift budget per month . . . . .	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Gift budget deficit, July 31 . . . . .	1,789.96	3,290.00
Currently needed in gifts . . . . .	\$6,789.96	\$8,290.00
Gift income for Aug. . . . .	3,876.89	888.50
Gift budget deficit, Aug. 31 . . . . .	\$2,913.07	\$7,402.50

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