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TRUSTEES HAVE

IMPORTANT MEETING

The University Trustees attending the Regular Annual Meeting of the Board on June 7th heard President Rudd read a most encouraging report of the year's accomplishments. In spite of a "business recession" of serious proportions, the cash income of the University continued to increase, being more than \$7,000 greater than for the previous fiscal year. This larger cash income, with a reduction in expenditures for building and equipment purposes, made possible a considerable increase in the cash allowances paid to University staff members and a large reduction in debts owed by the University. Although reduced, still more than \$1,800 was invested in building and equipment during the year and allowances to staff members, that had fallen in arrears since 1933 under the pro rata agreement, were brought practically up to date, according to President Rudd.

Material blessings seemed to be but a reflection and a natural consequence of spiritual blessings. Undoubtedly the students and staff members have shown greater interest and activity in getting out the Gospel Message than in any previous year.

Adjourned Meetings

Adjourned meetings of the Trustees are being held during the summer to help formulate plans for the building program that is in progress to provide quarters on the Campus to take the place of the Cedar Hill Dormitory, recently vacated. In the Trustees' meeting held June 14th, Mr. Lewis Llewellyn, one of this year's graduates, was elected a staff member with responsibilities in printing and other promotional work. In the June 23rd meeting it was voted to organize a "Thousand Dollar Club" to consist of those residents of Rhea County contributing to a Building Fund of \$1,000 per month, it being thought that, on the average, one thousand people would give \$1.00

BUILDING IS UNDER WAY

In the nearly four weeks which have passed since the close of school, intense activity has marked the preparations for and the beginning of actual construction of dormitory, dining-room, and kitchen space on Bryan Hill. Over a week was required to complete the moving from Cedar Hill; many of our friends who have moved the contents of a five-room house will be able to appreciate the problem of moving the contents of our thirty-room home. The job done, however, and the furniture stored in classrooms, work began in earnest on plans for building. After drawing up tentative plans, it was decided by the trustees to set as a goal the enclosing on the ground floor of a room 75 x 22 feet as a dining hall, a room 45 x 22 feet as a kitchen, and on the main floor erecting columns, walls and roof for about half of the length, a space 200 x 60. This will allow completion of twenty rooms, each 15 x 20, which will provide dormitory space for forty to fifty young women and some faculty members.

Blueprints for the building, detailing its complete construction, are in the University's possession. Many hours of work have gone into a careful study of them, and the laying out of plans for the present construction with a view to the future has been completed. Only those of our friends who have had experience with construction will be able to appreciate fully the multiplicity of detail involved in the coordinating of work—with the reinforced concrete, tile, plumbing, heating, electrical work,

carpentry, tile laying, etc., required. The University has on its staff members who are prepared by reason of previous experience to do this planning. We are really finding the meaning of some of God's "gifts" to us. Just as truly as you would, we would be happy and relieved greatly to turn the whole responsibility over to a contractor; but we are compelled to make dollars count, and so we are glad that the Lord has provided among us those who are qualified to shoulder this burden; your prayers are earnestly needed to sustain in this heavy task.

The list of material and labor which has been prepared has enabled us to estimate with considerable definiteness the cost as approximately \$8,500.00. One thousand dollars was on hand to begin; with this, purchases have been made and construction begun. A carload of cement is stacked by the office door, sand and gravel stand in large heaps nearby, and reinforcing steel is ready to be placed. Pick and shovel are being busily plied as grading progresses, a cement-mixer is rumbling, concrete being poured.

We are saying with the hymn-writer "one step enough for me," and, using what the Lord has given us, we are trusting His promise to supply that the "barrel run not out." When this \$1,000.00 is used, will a second thousand be there for the next step? Perhaps the Lord would use you to this end—will you answer him?

each, per month, for building purposes. Mr. William Daugherty, another 1938 graduate, is working on the organization of this club. A "Nation-wide Thousand Dollar Club" is also planned. Further information about this will be found in the pictorial supplement accompanying this issue of NEWSLETTE.

"We need to spend less time in studying the ages of the rocks and more time in studying the Rock of Ages"—Bryan

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— God Above All —

**GOSPEL SINGERS ON TOUR
ARE WELL RECEIVED**

The Bryan University Gospel Singers, now on an extended tour of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and neighboring states, have been presenting the Gospel message in song and testimony, along with a description of life and work at Bryan, to large audiences everywhere. The group which started on June 19, continuing until July 15, consists of the Young Ladies' Sextette, the Male Trio, Dean Ryther, and Miss Yancey. After the middle of this month the tour will be continued by the Young Ladies' Quartette. The Male Trio and some of the young ladies will leave the party, going to their homes to enjoy the rest of the summer vacation in a less strenuous way or to work so as to have the funds needed for the next college year.

Reports invariably state that the folks who entertain the singers have been most hospitable. This is deeply appreciated both by them and by us who have stayed behind. It is a great joy to know that, wherever we go, there is always a kind Christian friend with a warm heart.

Several hundred feet of moving picture film, "shot" on the campus, express better than mere words ever could what it is like to be a member of the Bryan family. As a result the office is flooded by requests from prospective students, their parents and others for additional information. Says President Rudd, "Unless we are able to complete the projected construction of dormitory space before school opens in September it may very likely be necessary to turn away some students we would like very much to admit."

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WHAT BRYAN IS TO ME

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When, in 1932, the Lord led me from Kane, Pennsylvania, to Dayton, Tennessee, as a student to William Jennings Bryan University, it was the beginning of a succession of events of which I could never have dreamed.

I had been here a week when in answer to a scoffing remark I said to a fellow-student, "I had rather have my degree from Bryan, with all that it means in the way of a God-honoring background, than from the largest university in the land when it forgets and denies Him." My statement was deliberately made; I have never had cause to regret or change it.

Though I did not foresee it at the time, for a number of years the Lord had been preparing me, through opportunities to serve in church, Sunday School, young people's society, and choir, for usefulness in this very place. I must pass hastily over the very important happenings of undergraduate years, Commencement, and on Commencement day, marriage to my classmate, Mary Lois Hodges, who has been a God-given helpmeet; though I could wish that I might tell you how amazingly God has opened for us a door of opportunity in His work here. Because it has been used of Him to give me college education, to point me to unlooked-for depths of spiritual truth, to bring together two who might join hands and hearts in the Lord's work, and now to be the God-directed field for our service, I love Bryan; do you wonder why?

For my fellows of the faculty and staff, for President Rudd, for all who labor here, I know that I speak when I say that we are gladly sinking personal benefit for His glory. The work of the school—classes, printing, study hall, office, library—all, for the past three years, has been carried on in the ground floor, less than half of which is enclosed. We are asking the Lord to give us, in the nine weeks which remain before school opens, a

dining hall, a kitchen, twenty dormitory rooms. This will mean the enclosing of a fourth more of the ground floor, and the raising of walls and a roof on approximately half of the main floor. I wish you could enjoy with me the glorious thrill of planning—foolishly, the world might say, for our needs far exceed our means, yet in full confidence that He who hath begun this work will perform it. Today, as I stood above, on the concrete floor of the main floor, and looked four hundred and forty feet to the far end of the building, and across its sixty foot width, in mind's eye I could see the walls rising before me, the building completed, a memorial to one who was not afraid to "contend earnestly for the faith," a testimony to the faithfulness of God to honor where He is honored. Surely "our vision must exceed our grasp."

I believe, with all the earnestness of my heart, that God will raise up in the hearts of His people a will to build this school as a testimony that they desire this to be in a special way a place where their sons and daughters may have opportunity for an education that is thorough, but most of all, that recognizes the One "in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

May I personally appeal to you that as the Lord lays it on your heart, you will multiply the effectiveness of our lives here, by having a part in providing more rooms, for more usefulness to more young people?

**TENNESSEE LICENSES
EXTENDED**

Students and faculty members who plan to drive their automobiles during the next school year will be interested to know that the state of Tennessee has extended the expiration date of the 1938 driver's licenses to July 1, 1939.

Bryan University

BIRTHDAY PARTY REPORT

Friends of the University, and particularly those that responded to the appeal, will be glad to know the results of the 1938 Birthday Party which was repeated this year on the occasion of Mr. Bryan's Birthday Anniversary on March 19th. In March, April, and May a total of \$1,066.00 was received in cash besides gifts of accounts, this total exceeding the total of last year, with gifts continuing to come in. One large unsolicited gift, not included above but received on March 21st, was reckoned an answer to prayer so that our goal was more than reached. The result is that staff allowances, from the beginning of the pro rata agreement in 1933 to the present, are practically paid up to date. Also the deficits in our Debt Reduction and Building Funds are wiped out and the new fiscal year, beginning June 1, was started with a \$1,000.00 balance in the Building Fund available for the building construction now under way. With the back salary allowance reduction, there was an additional reduction in outstanding University debts by cash payments and gifts of creditors, so that our total indebtedness decreased around \$4,000.00 during the fiscal year. Surely God has blessed the University richly in a material way during 1937-38.

NEW EDITION OF CATALOG-BULLETIN SOON TO BE READY

Outside the office and the printing room, the scraping of shovels is heard as ground is prepared for concreting. The rattle and bang of the cement-mixer adds to the confusion of noises incident to the construction of dining-room and dormitory facilities. Inside, the scraping is made by pencils and pens and the rattle and thump is supplied by the printing-press as the catalog-bulletin for the next school year is prepared. It is expected to be ready to mail within the next few days. Future students and others who wish to receive copies of this publication should write the office soon.

Dressed in an attractive blue cover, this year's bulletin will contain a number of new pictures as well as some that appeared in last year's edition. Full information will be given as to courses offered, expenses, and other matters of interest.

The Newsette

When Ye Pray

Rev. G. Allen Fleece



(Continued from last month)

With an eye single to the kingdom purpose of our Father, we are now taught to ask for personal needs. "Give us day by day our daily bread." That God means for His child to pray for physical needs is the clear import of these words, and happy is the simple-hearted believer who has learned to live daily out of the Father hand of God. But we may also be sure that our Father would not supply our physical needs and neglect the supply of our even more important spiritual needs. There is a great secret here. We are not to live today on yesterday's blessing. To do so spells failure in Christian life and testimony. The manna that was kept over until the next day was found to be full of worms. We must go *day by day* to the Lord for living bread. The reason that many Christians are defeated today and joyless is that they are trying to live on past blessings, instead of seeking His face *day by day* in Bible study and prayer. Let us never start a single day until we have our daily bread.

In the parable of Luke 11:5-10, our need for daily bread is further indicated. Is not every person with whom I come in touch during the day simply "a friend of mine come to me in his journey?" And for each such one on the journey of life I have absolutely nothing of myself that will satisfy, but there is no need that the Lord cannot meet. There is bread

and to spare in our Father's house. If we have gone to Him, as the man in the parable, asking for our daily bread, then we will have words of life and blessing for journeying friends all the day long. Daily bread blesses us, and makes us a blessing. In teaching us to pray, our blessed Lord knew so well the necessity of our prayer-life being nourished day by day with living bread.

In our study thus far we have noticed the basis of prayer, which is the family relationship of Father and child; the attitude of prayer, expressed in the words, "Hallowed be Thy name;" the great objective of prayer, being the establishment of the will of God in the earth as it is in heaven; and the strength of prayer, which comes from feeding day by day upon the Bread of Life in God's Word. This brings us now to the condition of prayer: "And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us." Please note carefully that this is not the condition of forgiveness between God and the sinner, for that condition is fully met by the Blood of the Cross, but it is the condition of prayer between the Father and the child. We must say as David, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." On the other hand, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Thus fellowship is restored and prayer is heard. The essence of all sin is selfishness. Isaiah speaks of sin as "our own way." The unforgiving spirit is a selfish spirit. When we make an end of the wretched spirit of self-seeking in all its subtle expressions, we will rejoice in forgiving every one that is indebted to us. The Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of His resurrection, can set us free from self and sin, and keep us in the place of prevailing prayer.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

To strengthen the faculty this year it is planned to add three new members. While not much information can be given at this time, NEWSLETTE is glad to inform her readers that one of the new faculty members will teach French and Spanish, another will offer training in in-

strumental music, also serving as director of any groups of instrumentalists that may be formed, while the third will have the responsibility of assisting Dean Ryther in the English department.

Look for more detailed information in the August NEWSLETTE.

Page Three

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Third Article of a Series

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In Article Three of our Statement of Belief the following affirmation appears: "We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ; that He was born of the Virgin Mary and begotten of the Holy Spirit."

The first promise of deliverance made to our fallen race is recorded in Gen. 3:15. It declares that "The Seed" of the woman, not of the man, shall bruise the serpent's head. Our Lord's genealogical line is traced through Shem, Gen. 9:26, and Abraham, Gen. 12:3; and Judah, Gen. 49:10, and David, 2 Sam. 7:16, and a virgin, as yet not named, Isa. 7:14. The place of His birth is also foretold, Mic. 5:2. His family tree appears in Matt. 1:1-17, where, as Son of Abraham, He is shown to be the One through Whom all the families of the earth are to be blessed, Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 26:4; Ps. 72:17; Ac. 3:25; Gal. 3:8, 9-16. As "Son of David," Mt. 1:1, His royalty is fully authorized.

I. THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE ANGEL GABRIEL, Lu. 1:26-33.

1. This announcement was made to Mary, who was truly a virgin, Lu. 2:27, 34.
2. Gabriel plainly stated that Mary's Son would be "The Son

of God," Lu. 2:35, and assuredly announced, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Lu. 2:37.

3. In the case of John Baptist's miraculous birth Gabriel made the announcement to the father of the unborn child, Lu. 1:5-25. Had Jesus been the son of a human father, announcement of His birth would have been made to him. The announcement was made to Mary, Lu. 2:26, 27.

II. JOSEPH BELIEVED MARY'S SON WAS BEGOTTEN OF THE HOLY GHOST.

1. He was so informed by an angel of God, Mt. 1:18-20.
2. Joseph was instructed to call the child "Jesus," Saviour, Mt. 1:21. He would also be known as "Emmanuel," which means, "God with us," Mt. 1:23.

III. MENTION IS MADE IN PSALMS 69: 7, 8, OF "HIS MOTHER'S CHILDREN."

1. If he had been begotten by a human father, the natural reference would be to His father's children.

IV. GOD EXALTS JESUS CHRIST AS ONE TO BE WORSHIPED

1. He commanded "All the angels of God" to worship the babe in the manger at Bethlehem, Heb.

1:6. God would never call upon angels to worship any man, and certainly not one who was regarded by His enemies as an illegitimate, Jn. 8:41.

2. God would never call upon anyone to worship any but Deity, for it was written by God's own Divine hand, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," Ex. 20:3. Jesus was God's own and only begotten Son, Jn. 3:16. He was "made of a woman," Gal. 4:4, but very God, Jn. 1:1-3.

V. JESUS BEARS WITNESS OF HIMSELF.

1. As sharing the Father's glory, Jn. 17:5.
2. He declared He came "from above," Jn. 8:23.
3. That He "came down from heaven," Jn. 6:38, proceeding from the Father, Jn. 8:32.
4. He declared, "I and My Father are one," Jn. 10:30.

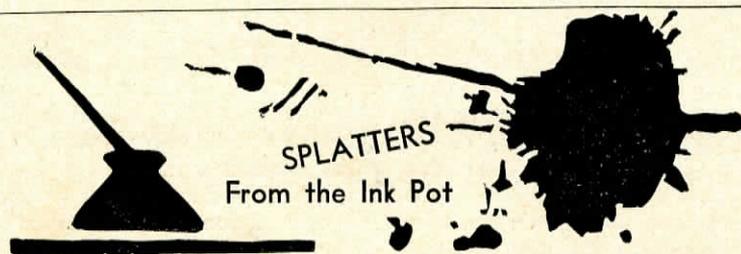
VI. GOD'S WITNESS TO THE FATHERHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

1. "This is My beloved Son," Mt. 3:16, 17; 17:1-5; Mk. 1:10, 11; 9:1-8; Ps. 2:7.

VII. JESUS WAS GOD MANIFEST IN FLESH, 1 Tim. 1:16.

1. He was in the "likeness of sinful flesh," Rom. 8:3, but He was ever "Holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners," Heb. 7:26.

For these and other reasons we believe and teach that Our Lord Jesus Christ was the "Virgin-born Son of God."



Ty Pray—Having a wonderful time so far. Everyone lovely to us . . . I am praying that the Lord will give you all strength for the work this summer . . . Keep on praying for us.

Margaret Lowe—So far we've had a very lovely trip. For the past two days the weather has been dreary, but we have sunshine in our hearts . . . Saw the zoo today and, believe it or not, they let us out . . . Saw Louise and Perk.

Mildred Kuntz—Thank you so much for the copy of the "Newsette" you sent to me . . . It was like receiving a letter from home . . . The Lord has answered prayer as to my going to Camp Wycliffe for six weeks' training for my work among the Indians in Arizona.

Harold Fuss—Rain! Rain! Rain! . . . I started working on the 13th of June and have worked every day since . . . Is anyone going to Morgantown on Sundays?

Dr. Currens—I am desperately interested to know what has happened since June 8th . . . Do we have any light from on high as to our future? . . . (In a more recent letter): I am rejoicing that we expect to pour concrete at once . . . Keep looking up! . . . Love to all.

Mrs. Coutts—Mrs. Blackburn gave us fried turtle! Aren't they dear!

Miss Yancey—Staying in a tourist camp tonight . . . At Columbus one boy was saved at the meeting . . . I talked to a man and his wife until 2 o'clock in the morning. He accepted the Lord. Last night at Lockland one young man accepted Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Eastep were there last night, also the Reids . . . Don't forget to water flowers.

Mrs. G. V. Rudd—Blessings on all at Bryan.