

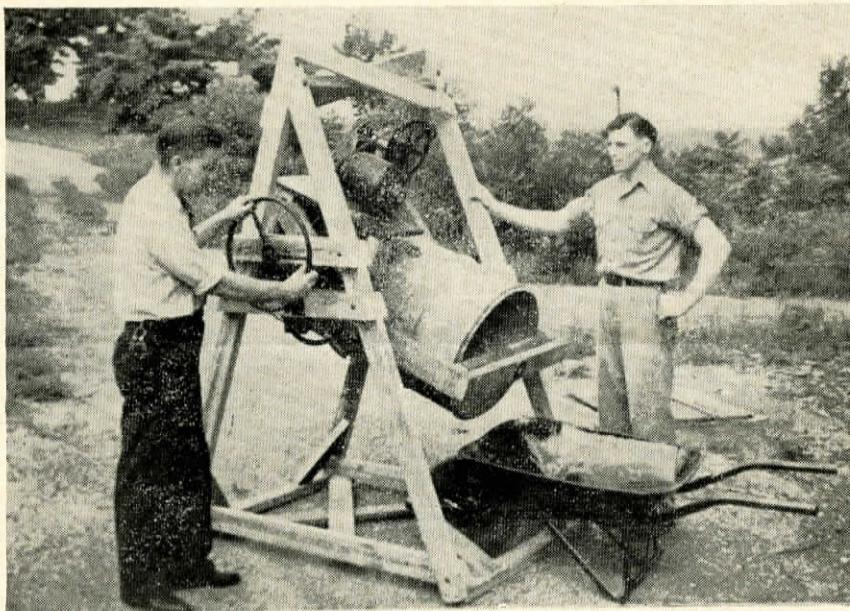
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# The NEWSLETTER. Echoes from Bryan Hill

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## Money Saver Built

Ingenuity has scored once again to save money for Bryan University and at the same time to make less difficult the carrying on of construction work by University groups.

For the last twelve years every time a few square feet of concrete had to be poured, it was necessary to borrow or rent a mixer. Work was held up for several days on more than one occasion, and other friends were inconvenienced in order that the mixer might be used here. Those days, we trust, are over.

After attempting to locate a satisfactory mixer at a second-hand price in Chattanooga, Prof. Fish combined brain and brawn, selected a few good two-by-fours, some nails, and an old steel drum and went to work, aided by one of the students, Lester Pifer.

### ATTENTION!

Are you a Bryan graduate wearing one of Uncle Sam's uniforms? Or are you a former Bryan student who has attended the University since December 7th, 1941, but who is now serving with the armed forces? If you are and you have not so indicated on the questionnaire sent out

The results are an electric concrete mixer large enough to handle most of the summer work generally carried on.

To the University this machine is, indeed, a money saver—a saver in the sense that there was no second-hand machine that could be purchased for less than five or six times the cost of building the one now ready for use, a saver in the sense that it will save time and trouble involved in borrowing a mixer and the cash involved in renting.

Might we add that the building of the mixer is typical of numerous displays of ingenuity on the part of Bryan staff members, who are always seeking ways in which to make the income go farther and accomplish more.

recently, please inform us as to the branch of the service you are in and your rank.

The University should have a service flag, and you should be represented on that flag. Send the information in at once, telling us of others who have recently "joined up."

**Buy Defense Bonds**

## Are You a Christian Going to College?

Are you a young man or woman who has been born again into the family of God? Are you going to college? If so, you have much to consider in selecting the school to which you are to go in search of education.

There are many secular institutions which make no claim to a knowledge of or a belief in God. In some cases they are indifferent to Him; in still others they are actively and militantly against Him. In the former, evolution may range from a possible theory to a probable fact. In the latter, evolution is fact, undeniably so, though even in these institutions the missing link still seems to be missing, and thoughtful students still ask unanswerable questions, to the embarrassment of the teacher.

In the English department in such institutions the Bible is usually an outstanding example of beautiful English literature, an interesting (some even call it "inspirational") collection of myths and folklore. In the history classes, it holds its own as a source volume, though "there do seem to be some rather questionable statements, and dates are sometimes contradictory." But "it is interesting to compare the Bible with the *real* histories by modern, well-informed writers."

And so it goes—these schools make no pretense of being Christian and offer to the student an education as the world knows it—sufficient to meet the every-day worldly needs, but devoid of eternal values and dangerous to saved and unsaved alike.

Still a second type of college is that which bears the name of a Christian institution, and which, indeed, when it was founded, more than likely bore a true testimony to Christ. But today, like the prodigal son, it has taken of its Father's wealth, has traveled down the wide way of modernism, and now saps among the corn husks—as yet unrepentantly ignorant of what it has left, inexcusably ignorant of the mission for which it was founded.

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—God Above All—

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## If I Were a Preacher...

We give here some striking extracts from an article by Rachel K. McDowell, Religious News Editor of the New York Times. The title of her article, published by the Presbyterian Publishing Co., is THE PRESS TABLE LOOKS AT THE PULPIT.

"If I were a preacher I would not waste my time preaching chaff when the people want the Bread of Life.

"Sensationalists in the pulpit do not last. Some preachers are so sensational that if they ever said anything otherwise it would be news.

"Neither would I announce sermon topics which were pointless or tame.

"If I were a preacher I would not announce 'yellow' subjects. From the sermons that are sent to me, Catholic priests' sermons are nearly always better than Protestant ministers' sermons. The priests stick to religion.

"Preachers should be more careful about the illustrations they use. Quote figures correctly. And bring them up to date. I heard an evangelist 18 years ago, and again recently. He was still using the same illustrations and stories.

"As a preacher I would be sure every person in the community knew where my church was located . . . But I would not let people call my church Dr. —'s Church, but I would call it 'Christ's Church.'

"If I were a pastor I would allow no money-raising by bazaars, luncheons, suppers, etc. Many churches even conduct gambling operations to raise their budget.

"If I were on a sick call, I would waste no time beating around the bush. A soul might be slipping into eternity . . . If I were a preacher I would resolve to be a man totally consecrated to Jesus Christ."

(Christian Victory).

## The Sheepherder's

### Interpretation of the

#### TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

(Continued from previous issue)

##### *He Leadeth Me Beside the Still Waters.*

"Every sheepman knows," said the Basque, "that sheep will not drink gurgling water. There are many small springs high in the hills of the Holy Land whose waters run down to the valleys only to evaporate in the desert sun. Although the sheep need the water they will not drink from the tiny fast flowing streams until the shepherd has found a place where rocks or erosion have made a little pool or else has fashioned out with his own hands a pocket sufficient to hold at least a bucketful."

##### *He Restorest My Soul; He Guideth Me in the Paths of Righteousness for His Name's Sake.*

"Holy Land sheep are led rather than driven in their wanderings in search of browse. They exceed in herding instinct the Spanish Merino or the French Rambouillet," according to D'Alfonso. "Each one takes its place in the grazing line in the morning and keeps the same position throughout the day. Once, however, during the day, each sheep leaves its place and goes to the shepherd. The sheep approaches with expectant eye and mutter little Baa. Whereupon the shepherd stretches out his hand and the sheep runs to him. He rubs its nose and ears, scratches its chin, whispers love words into its ears, and fondles it affectionately. The sheep, in the meantime, rubs against his leg or, if he is sitting down, nibbles at the shepherd's ear and rubs its cheek against his face. After a few minutes of this communion with the master the sheep returns to its place in the feeding line refreshed and made content by this personal contact."

##### *Yea; Though I Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death I Will Fear No Evil for Thou Art With Me.*

"There is an actual Valley of the Shadow of Death in Palestine and every sheepherder from Spain to Dalmatia knows of it. It is south of the Jericho road leading from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea and is a very narrow defile through a mountain range. It is necessary to go through this valley to get from the old-time feeding grounds of David and his tribesmen to those of Abraham and his descend-

ants. Its side walls are over fifteen hundred feet high in places and it is about four and one-half miles long yet is only ten to twelve feet wide at the bottom. The grade of the valley slopes from about twenty-seven hundred feet above sea level at one end down to nearly four hundred feet below sea level at the other. The valley is made dangerous due to its floor being badly eroded by waters from cloud-bursts, so that actual footing on solid rock is so narrow that in many places a sheep cannot turn around. Mules have not been able to make the trip for centuries but sheep and goat herders from earliest Old Testament days have maintained a passage for their stock. Gullies often seven and eight feet deep have been washed in many places. It is an unwritten law of the shepherds that flocks must go up the valley in the morning hours and down towards the eventide else there would be endless confusion should flocks meet in the defile."

*(To be continued in next issue)*

## UNIVERSITY GIVEN RECODER

Although quite a number of students had the pleasure of having their voices recorded and the public speaking students heard themselves talking quite frequently during the last three months of school, only those on the inside knew from what source a very fine R. C. A. Victor recording machine came.

For several years it has been the desire of the University to have some manner in which students of voice and speech could hear themselves as others heard them, for it is only through this self-hearing process that one fully realizes where change is needed. Recognizing this, representatives of three different classes of graduates determined that the class funds, consisting of small profits from the annual and concessions, should be diverted to the purchase of a recorder for the school. Through the kindness of Mr. Harold Hanen, local radio dealer, it became possible to acquire, at a very reasonable price, a portable model professional R. C. A. Victor Recording Machine. Results from the use of the machine have proved both the excellence of the reproduction and its value as a teaching help.

Those classes whose members voted that class funds be used to purchase the recorder are the classes of 1938, 1940, and 1941.

## Summer Developments

Students and friends will no doubt be interested in knowing what is going on at Bryan Hill during the summer. The answer to such a question must of necessity be that not one but many things are happening.

Of perhaps first importance is the fact that the road-improvement project is going forward. The University, as many of our readers know, is located about a mile from the city of Dayton proper. Leaving the city by State Route 30, the William Jennings Bryan Highway, as the Legislature has designated it, one turns to the left about a quarter mile from the city—to follow the Bryan Hill road to the campus. This road, about three-quarters of a mile long, has until recently been an unimproved dirt road. Some few months ago, through the good offices of the county road supervisor and other local friends, a road improvement project was authorized, and, after the delay incident to surveying and other preliminary work, actual construction was begun early this summer.

The first step after grading and necessary relocation of curves and

fills is the construction of concrete curb about two feet in width on either side of the road. Between the curbs a limestone fill, bound together with asphalt, is to be placed. Grati-fying progress on the concrete work is giving us a vision of the splendid road that we shall have when it is completed. Visitors and students arriving for the first time will have a far better impression as they drive to the Hill over the improved road than they received driving over the former dusty and sometimes bumpy route. The road, passing through Hill City, a suburban section of Dayton, will serve a considerable number of families there, as well as provide a splen-did approach to the campus. With all due respect and appreciation to the friends who have helped to make the road possible, we cannot but feel that, for our part, it is another ex-pression of the way in which the Lord has put it in the hearts of men, many of them His children, to do that which will be a blessing to the work which we are striving to do for Him here.

On the Hill proper, no major construction is possible at this time, both because of the restriction on materials and because only a limited amount of

money is available. The staff and students who are in residence on the Hill this summer are, however, busy. There is always a considerable amount of work in connection with maintenance of the property, care of the stock, and operation of the summer boarding department. Repair work is being done to fit the buildings and grounds better for the coming year. Two small projects, about which we cannot give details at this time, will delight the eyes of returning students and staff.

The University and those who are directly connected with the work are resolved that, God willing, the time of national emergency will not be a period to just mark time, but that in every way possible, turning to one avenue when another is closed, we shall consolidate our gains to date, and make the coming year better than any one yet. Despite the demands of the emergency upon students and staff, there are yet many who are free to come, anxious for a Christian higher education, so that we confi-dently expect a good student body and a good year. Students and other readers of *NEWSSETTE* are urged to join us in prayer and effort so that under God, this may come to pass.

and a hearty 'hello' to all the gang."

*June Kramer (Cleveland, Ohio)*— "I am working with my father in the mission. Right now we are giving away fifteen thousand Testaments to the Jewish people . . . I have just seen a few of the Bryan family so far—besides Milton."

*Gwen Hay (St. Louis, Mo.)*—"We finally got things packed up, but it surely took a lot of faith. I never knew four people could have so much luggage. . . . My address in St. Louis will be 3964 Washington Blvd."

*Miss Fay (Marantha Bible Conference, Muskegon, Michigan)*—"This week is the second music week . . . I am looking forward to the concert tonight, for Mr. Shufelt of the Moody Church, is directing it . . . acquiring such a beautiful tan . . . by the way, I am spending part of my time studying nowadays."

*Dick Langford (Clendenin, W. Va.)*—"Here in this plant they have fifteen twins or the equal of thirty 1,000-horsepower engines (some twins) and they have . . . a repair gang that goes over them with a fine-tooth comb . . . hard work, but, my, restful after a whole year of school . . . preaching tonight . . . out in a tent . . . souls are being reached for the Lord."

### SPLATTERS From the Ink Pot

*Al Wyllie (Baton Rouge, La.)*—"I'll do my best not to melt away, but you know how that sun bears down. I'm acquiring a deep tan and really feel fine."

*Leonard Winstead (Greenwood Hills, Pa.)*—"I have only a moment before a scheduled tennis match, so I'll write until I'm called . . . Greenwood Hills is fine, and I'm sure the Lord sent me here. My duties have been life-guarding, kitchen supervising, and ass'tant cooking."

*Hazel Waller (Lancaster, Pa.)*—"The weather is terribly hot here and frequent rains do not seem to lessen the heat. However, I do enjoy refreshing swims, canoeing, and row-ing."

*Joe Sullivan (Vicksburg, Miss.)*—"The material and spiritual blessings of the Lord have been given to me repeatedly. That He is making a way for me to return to our dearly loved

Bryan is another reason for praise unto Him, an important one too! Hard at work on a dredge boat now."

*Virgil Sorge (Altoona, Pa.)*—"I was accorded the privilege of occupying the pulpit of our home church in the absence of pastor . . . spoke to June Lykens today in town, and we are going to try to arrange a meeting in the Gospel Tabernacle to show the 'Bryan slides.'

*Richard Mowrey (Collingswood, N. J.)*—"Saturday, while at Atlantic City, Jean and I saw Louise Post and Becky Peck . . . I was fortunate to get the rating of a second-class fireman. (joined navy, July 29th) . . . Needless to say, my two years at Bryan had a lot to do with it."

*Sam Hemberger (Atlantic City, N. J.)*—"Have had opportunity to speak several times . . . Draft board seems quite favorable about my return to Bryan. Here's a cool ocean breeze

## ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN GOING TO COLLEGE?

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The Bible here? Oh, yes, it is God's Word, but, of course, it was not exactly inspired and, therefore, "we find that there are a number of contradictions, scientific impossibilities, and a great deal of picture language." Its prime message is the golden rule; its prime virtue, the urge to make the world a better place in which to live. It is a social service handbook, so to speak, and well worth reading—but one must be able to discern between allegory and truth, or he will show himself to be credulously simple.

And who is Christ? Well, surely a good man with a great mission. And, by all means, the world's greatest teacher. "But one needs to be careful about claiming He is God, for there are those in the congregation, you know, who . . . well, even ministers must have employment."

Finally, there is the truly Christian college, and we praise the Lord that there are still those which hold true to the Word, preaching and teaching it as being His own—not mythology, not beautiful English, not a source of historical information, but the Word

of God, inspired and, in the original, inerrant.

In these schools evolution is a theory, not to be avoided as an impossibility, but to be disproved through the combined study of God's Word and science.

Christ is "the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the world's greatest teacher; He is the world's good man; He is the comforting social worker; He is the great physician, but only because He is first and foremost the Son of God—the Christ. And this is the teaching of the faithful Christian college.

Again we ask the question: Are you a young man or woman who has been born again into the family of God? Are you going to college? Perhaps you believe God would have you continue your education. But! Would God lead a child of His into a Godless institution? There are Christian schools available, where students enjoy a fellowship that builds for stronger, more effective Christians. To name those with which the writer is personally acquainted, Wheaton College, Bob Jones College, and Bryan University. There are others, no doubt. But they are very few. Choose your college as

you would choose your church—because of what it can do for you, both of temporal and eternal value.

### SAM'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

As I sit here at my desk, I see a sticker of Old Glory looking me in the face from the front of my typewriter, and it just reminds me that we're in this war to stay until we come out victorious.

And we're going to come out victorious, too, because every red-blooded American will soon come to realize that he has to pay the price of victory or suffer the terrible cost of defeat. What are we doing about it?

We, as Christians, are in another battle, too, and Bryan Hill is one of the training camps. Munitions (prayer and funds) are needed to carry the battle on. The enemy looks mighty strong in the face of the income for the last two months, but that only means more fighting. Just as we need men in the front line now, we shall need Christian leaders in the years to come. Your gifts help train these leaders. Get behind me and let's win the victory!

Yours for His work,

*Sam*

### July Gift Receipts

124	\$ 1.00	176	5.00	226	1.00
125	47.85	177	3.00	227	1.00
126	1.00	178	5.00	228	5.00
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