

The President's Christmas Letter

Beloved of God—Friends of Bryan University:

At this Christmas, in a world at war and filled with violence, we do well to comfort one another with the facts of our mutual faith. The beloved physician, Luke, wrote that we might know the certainty "of those things which are most surely believed among us." I call your attention to a special part of the Christmas story as recorded by Luke:

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary . . . thou . . . shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called THE SON OF GOD.

The words of the angel are confirmed and amplified throughout the Scriptures. We believe God, that it shall be even as it was told us, although men in a rebellious world have said through the centuries, "We have no king but Caesar." We believe that He shall reign; we believe that of His kingdom there shall be no end; we believe that the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne.

I trust that every friend of Bryan University is fortified by the conscious presence of Christ, knowing that He, who came as a babe in a manger, is and shall be triumphant. Christmas will not mean much to you unless this is so. Giving and receiving, apart from the giving and receiving of Christ, makes of Christmas a hollow mockery. Without Him there is every reason to despair. With Him we "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

It is for us, who have faith, to be strengthened in our faith unto every good work. It is for us who have seen Him in His glory to tell of His glory. It is for us who have received the gift of eternal life to support with our prayers and our substance God's work in this present evil world.

To each of you we extend Season's Greetings. As a group, you have manifested the Spirit of Christ during the entire year. We thank you in the Name of Him who loved us and washed us in His own precious blood.

Yours, looking for that blessed Hope,

JUDSON A. RUDD, President.

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—God Above All—

OUR FRIENDS WRITE...

Being a few excerpts from the daily mail

"For some little time now your NEWSETTE has been coming to me. Your October number is most enlightening and interesting to anyone who loved or admired William Jennings Bryan. How I loved to hear him talk! How glad I am you are perpetuating the memory of the Great Commoner, God's Nobleman. A little poem in the October number wins my heart. It expresses so beautifully our union with Him. I shall carry it with me. I am sending you a little gift of \$5.00. I wish it were \$500.00, but He who multiplied the loaves and fishes can use it for His own glory through you." (New Jersey.)

"I am enclosing check for \$10.00 to assist in the maintenance of your school, which I have faith to believe is teaching the Word of God. May you continue to stand loyal to the Truth in these days of apostasy." (Pennsylvania.)

"Many thanks for the catalogue and other literature which have given me insight to what you are doing at Bryan Hill. Was especially interested in the listed gift receipts in the NEWSETTE and surprised and gladdened that such an institution could be run on such small gifts. Praise the Lord! Now I know mine will be acceptable." (Vermont.)

"Bryan University is on my prayer list, you may be assured, and my heart is made glad at every forward step she makes and every victory gained, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (Alabama.)

GREAT MEN ON THE GREATEST BOOK

I esteem the Gospels to be thoroughly genuine; for there shines forth from them the reflected splendor of a sublimity proceeding from the person of Jesus Christ of so divine a kind as only the divine could have manifested upon earth.—Johann von Goethe.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVED

Thursday, November 27th, was a day of special thanks at Bryan University and was observed in the old-fashioned way—a little longer sleep in the morning, a delicious mid-day dinner (duck, instead of turkey), a praise service and a musicale after supper.

With the young ladies vying for honors in decorating the most beautiful table in the dining hall, to which each was to invite as guest one of the men students, variety and originality were the theme of the day. Decorations included pumpkins, candy turkeys, leaves, ribbons, a small pilgrim scene, open Bibles, and other decorations appropriate to the occasion.

The attractively served and delicious menu included roast duck, cranberry sauce, dressing, candied yams, Brussels sprouts, hot graham rolls, fruit salad, pumpkin pie, and coffee or tea. During the meal a lovely background of music was provided through the playing of Dvorak's Quintet for strings, recordings.

At 7:30 faculty, students, and visitors met in the chapel for a message from Rev. W. G. Foster, which was followed by a concert of recorded music, including such favorites as "The Blue Danube Waltz," "There Is No Death," "Humoresque," "The Lord's Prayer," and others.

CHAPEL COMPLETED

After standing without doors, windows, or chinks between the logs for several months, the "chapel" at Hairpin Curve is now almost completed and ready for winter services.

Work on the building was started early last spring, with University students doing a great deal of the labor. Services were held during the warmer months, but to meet there in such unfinished condition became impossible as fall advanced. All rejoice that now regular services can be held regardless of weather conditions.

Hairpin Curve is one of the outposts of the Christian Service Association.

COLORED CHOIR SINGS

It was the pleasure of the University group to have at a special meeting of the Christian Service Association early in the month the colored choir from the Watt's Bar Dam Community. Showing every evidence of having been well trained and offering a program of varied and familiar numbers, the choir was well received by the listeners.

November Gift Receipts

794	\$ 2.43	896	3.00
795	5.00	897	5.00
796	2.00	898	10.00
797	5.00	899	1.00
798	1.00	900	3.00
799	3.50	901	5.00
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828	4.00	930	2.00
829	1.00	931	20.00
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839	5.00	941	6.00
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846	1.25	948	21.15
847	1.00	949	3.35
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850	3.00	952	2.00
851	1.00	953	15.00
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866	5.00	968	1.00
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871	5.00	973	1.00
872	10.00	974	2.00
873	10.00	975	1.00
874	1.00	976	2.00
875	1.00	977	1.00
876	3.00	978	5.00
877	1.00	979	5.00
878	1.00	980	5.00
879	5.00	981	5.00
880	25.00	982	1.00
881	5.00	983	1.00
882	5.00	984	1.00
883	5.00	985	1.00
884	5.00	986	1.00
885	5.00	987	1.50
886	5.00	988	1.00
887	1.00	989	2.00
888	1.00	990	1.00
889	1.00	991	2.50
890	1.00	992	5.00
891	1.00	993	1.00
892	5.00	994	5.00
893	5.00	995	5.00
894	3.00		
895	5.00		
			Total\$1,213.78

Receipts to Nov. 30.....\$6,894.94

Sam Receives a Letter

The other day, a very interesting letter came to me in the mail. Thinking you might be interested, I've had it printed here. Think it over, pray about it, and—I'll be looking for your dollar.

Sam

Here's the letter:

Greenwood Hills,
Fayetteville, Pa.

Dear Statistical Sam:

It seems a long while since I last saw you touring the country, but perhaps that is just because I keep wondering what all of you are doing down there in Tennessee. Anyway, it's about time I began to practice what I preached the three years spent at Bryan. Maybe you never heard me on that subject, so here is the gist of it!

How many folks get the *NEWSETTE* regularly? I've lost track, but the last I heard there were around 6,000 on the mailing list. Suppose we subtract 1,000 as going to prospective students and others who are not in a position to give—more than that, did you say? Well, all right, say 2,000. Even at that, there are 4,000 left, and the people who know told me that an effort is made to have but one copy sent to a family, so there must be

many more than 4,000 reading your column each month. I guess they are thinking as I would have thought before joining the Bryan staff: "What can a lonely dollar do, anyway? When you send money to a college you should be able to send at least \$100."

When you first made your appearance, Sam, it made me very happy, because it did seem that the publishing of the amounts received would surely prove that one does not have to be wealthy to help; but somehow folks don't seem to understand even yet! Quite likely each of the 4,000 names of which we are speaking represents a group of three to five persons. Five cents a week for four weeks makes twenty cents, and if there are five in a family, there's a dollar. And 4,000 times \$1 makes \$4,000, and twelve times \$4,000 makes \$48,000 in a year. My! what couldn't Bryan do with that?

So here's my dollar and I am planning to send at least that much each month, just to let you know I haven't forgotten the wonderful fellowship and pleasant times at Bryan the past three winters. Maybe if all the folks who read about you could spend a few days visiting with you, they would remember, too, to send you a

"BRYAN BAND" PLAYS

At the Thanksgiving game between the local Rhea High School and their greatest rival, Spring City, the University Brass Ensemble quite suddenly became the "Bryan Band" and entertained the crowd with several lively numbers.

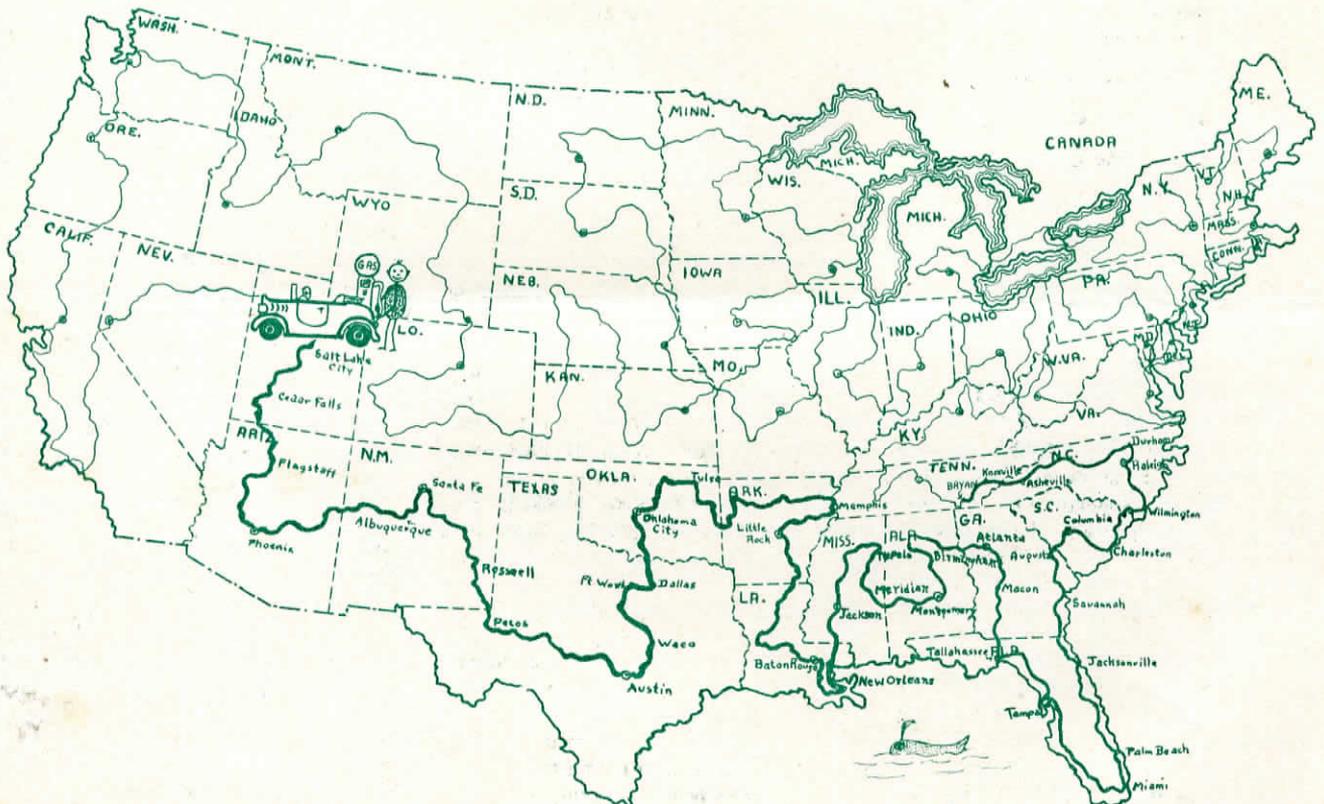
As a part of the dedicatory exercises for the Rhea High School football field, the band played the Alma Mater. The field was named after Coach Gabbert, whose work of teaching to the young men under his direction has been most successful from the standpoint of game scores, and, in the opinion of this writer, even more successful from the standpoint of developing a sense of fair play and real sportsmanship. Our country could well use more coaches, high school and college, whose honor and sense of fair play are more cherished than is the final score.

dollar a month, because then they would understand how carefully the dollars are used and what a lot of good is accomplished with them.

With very happy memories, I'll sign off until it's time for another edition.

Sincerely,

ERMA W. HILL.



Voice Recital

On the evening of November 29th a pleasing number of the University "family" and other friends were delightfully entertained at a recital of the vocal students of Prof. J. W. Hartman, head of the music department. This, the first of similar recitals to be given during the year, was well received and indicated considerable talent on the part of the singers. The program, opened with a piano duo, "Country Gardens," played by Dorothy and Beatrice Morgan, contained a large percentage of the old favorites.

PROGRAMME

Country Gardens.....	<i>Grainger</i>
Dorothy and Beatrice Morgan	
Roses of Picardy.....	<i>Wood</i>
Warren Oloff	
I Love You Truly.....	<i>Bond</i>
Norma Rankin	
Just A-Wearyin' for You.....	<i>Bond</i>
George Hale	
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....	<i>Rathbun</i>
Henry Moeller	
It Was for Me.....	<i>Blount</i>
Leona Wilson	
Out of the Dusk.....	<i>Lee</i>
Robert McCormick	
Enchanted Glade.....	<i>Parker</i>
Ruth Clement	
Deep River.....	<i>Burleigh</i>
Theodore Mellow	
Somewhere a Voice Is Calling.....	<i>Tate</i>
Kathryn Hirschy	
Seek Ye the Lord.....	<i>Lynes</i>
Clyde Brogan	
Morning.....	<i>Speaks</i>
Eileen Hartschuh	
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen.....	<i>Burleigh</i>
Robert Harper	
Mighty Lak a Rose.....	<i>Nevin</i>
Richard Mowrey	
By the Waters of Minnetonka.....	<i>Lieurance</i>
Leona Wilson and Gloria Hartman	
A Prayer.....	<i>Hamblem</i>
Lola Goehring	
Lullaby.....	<i>Brahms</i>
Ensemble	
Accompanists:	Mrs. L. E. Fish
	Miss Lola Goehring
	Miss Beatrice Morgan
	Prof. J. W. Hartman

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

With Rev. W. G. Foster, Jr., as the speaker of the evening, faculty and students gathered in the chapel for a special Thanksgiving service. The program, having as its theme, "The Grace of God," included a selection by the Ladies' Quartette, expressions of thanksgiving by several students and visitors, and a brief testimony by President Rudd.

Brother Foster, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, spoke from Titus 2:11-15, telling of God's grace which is matchless in its provision, its training, and its hope.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Many of our friends remember the Lord's work here each year with a Christmas gift. Our special Christmas letter has served as a reminder to some of these friends. This year the Christmas letter is included in the *NEWSLETTE*, so that it can be printed in colors. At the same time we save both the time and the money incident to mailing a mimeographed Christmas letter. Christmas gifts are gratefully received and "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

REV. ROSCOE SMITH SPEAKS

For three weeks Rev. Roscoe Smith, pastor of the Open Door Bible Fellowship of Knoxville, has been taking the place of Dr. Gregg in the regular Friday morning Bible classes.

Rev. Smith was a Bible Conference speaker two years ago, and those students and faculty members who were in attendance then were glad to welcome him back to the University. Many have expressed their appreciation of his messages in chapel and his class studies in Matthew and in Hebrews.

Mrs. Smith and members of the family were also welcome visitors to the campus.

GOLDS TRIUMPH

A touch football game on a recent Monday afternoon officially opened the season's contests between the Scarlets and Golds, intramural teams.

After an exciting first half with neither side scoring, Gold Captain Leonard Winstead took a pass from Bob Harper and ran sixty-five yards for the first score early in the third quarter. A short pass over the center won the extra point.

Despite good blocking, passing, and hard playing, the Scarlets were unable to score; and after another touchdown in the fourth period by Dave Kerr, the game ended with a 14-to-0 victory for the Golds.

Besides one more football game, the year's events include basketball, softball, tennis, ping-pong, badminton, debate, dramatics and poetic readings, impromptu and after-dinner speeches, a spelling contest, and other athletic and forensic activities.

Alumni Notes

Rebecca Peck, '40, and Louise Post, '41, have had short vacations, visiting their relatives and friends in Elyria, Ohio, and have returned to their work at the Y. W. C. A. in Atlantic City, N. J.

We regret to learn of the illness of James Furman, '41, forcing him to leave his studies at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., to recuperate at his home in Northumberland, Pa.

Mabel Arnold, '40, continues as office secretary at the Robinson Manufacturing Company in Dayton.

S. D. Hodges, Jr., '36, who has been associated with Dun and Bradstreet in their Chattanooga office for several years, was inducted into the U. S. Army at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., on November 25th, and is now stationed at Fort Eustis, Va.

Recent campus visitors were Mary McPherson, '38, who lives in Dayton and teaches in one of the county grammar schools, and Ruth Toliver '40, who is employed at the International Harvester Company in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Thanksgiving Guests

The University, and especially those of the families represented, were happy to have join the Thanksgiving fellowship a number of visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Max Lykens and young daughter, Maxine, visited their daughter, June, a member of the freshman class, from Altoona, Pa.

Miss Anna Kettenring enjoyed a visit from her sister, Miss Jean, from New London, Ohio. Mr. Virgil Sorge, also of Altoona, welcomed his younger brother, Ronald, into the fellowship of the school.

A former student from Dayton, Ohio, Miss Ruth Harn, was the guest of Mr. Albert Wyllie, member of the sophomore class.

Thanksgiving dinner guests were friends of Miss Alma Rader, Acting Dean of Women; Mrs. Bess McAnlis, Miss Julia Nichols, Mrs. Louise Ely, all of Chattanooga.

The day after Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yeater and Beulah and Kenneth Koger, brother and sister of Miss Rachel Koger, a freshman, came from Livingston, Tenn., to visit Rachel and the University. With them was Mr. Roy Brown.