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Junior-Senior Banquet

Beautiful Riegeldale Tavern in Trion, Georgia, was the setting of the annual Junior-Senior Banquet on the evening of April 16. The somewhat colonial style dining room gave an appropriate background for the theme, "Songs of the Old South." At Riegeldale Tavern, the sale or use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden.

Toastmaster John Harper presided over an interesting program, consisting of an instrumental duet, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," by the Hoyt brothers; ladies' sextette, singing Lola Goehring's arrangement of "Old Folks at Home"; group singing, "I Dream of Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair" and "Standing in the Need of Prayer"; reading, "The Road Not to Be Taken," by Hazel Waller; bachelors' quartet, "Steal Away" and "Deep River"; and an address by Rev. W. G. Foster, Jr., pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga.

Miniature combination burlap and cotton bales were given to each one present as a souvenir.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL

On the evening of May first, faculty and students gathered around the May pole to crown the Queen of the May. The party was held on the hillside overlooking the lake, on an ideal, moonlit evening.

Under the direction of Mrs. Lewis Llewellyn, the program and games carried out the May Day theme. Special music was furnished by Gloria Hartman and Carl Zytowski.

The climax was the coronation of Leona Wilson, senior, as May Queen. As the procession entered the circle, heralds Blake Ingraham and Solon Hoyt announced the queen's arrival. Miss Wilson was attended by Helen Harrison and Grace Levengood, seniors, honor attendants, and eight others from the freshman and sophomore classes. Little Dorothy Ann Owensby, granddaughter of Professor McMurphy, was crown bearer, and Mrs. Rudd placed the flowery crown on the queen's head.

The wrapping of the May pole by a group of girls was a gala close for the evening's festivities.

Victory Through Christ

Probably the most popular word in the English language today is "Victory." And well it may be.

But while we think of military victory, let us not forget that the greatest and most lasting victory can be assured only through Christ. At a time such as this, it is more than ever important that we who know Christ keep reminding others of the victory that there is in Him.

It is for this purpose, as well as for the purpose of encouraging some new contributors to join in the support of God's work here, that we make the offer which follows. During the month of May, a sheet of 100 "Victory through Christ" stamps will be mailed to everyone contributing \$1.00 or more toward the operating expenses of the University. If a larger gift is sent and more stamps are desired, we will be glad to send as

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Eight to Graduate

(On June tenth eight more Christian men and women will leave the portals of Bryan University and step into the various fields of service for the Lord—be it in the military, commercial, or religious fields, it may yet be a service for Him.) These young people have for the past four years been preparing for a greater work, but during their period of preparation, they have not failed to preach, teach, and sing the Gospel, and many, among the mountains, in the town, and at the school, have heard the Word through their ministry. Our readers are invited to read the character sketches in this and the April editions of NEWSLETTE, that they might know more of the graduates.

Those who were granted the B.A. degrees in Bible are Warren Oliff, Washington, D. C., and Robert Thompson, Butler, Pennsylvania.

B.A. Degrees in English were granted to James Doud, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania; Helen Harrison, Evensville, Tennessee; Lowell Hoyt, Winoona Lake, Indiana; Grace Levengood and Mark Levengood, Dayton, Tennessee; and Leona Wilson, Brunswick, Ohio.

Lee and Viser to Speak At Commencement

The ninth annual commencement exercises will open with the baccalaureate service on the evening of June seventh, with the Reverend Edmund Dillahunty Viser as speaker. Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Cleveland, Tennessee, Brother Viser is one whose ministry has been a blessing to many, both in his Cleveland church and in the mission church nearby which is under his care. The Lord has continued to use this man of God in evangelistic and pastoral work.

Friends who find it possible to attend the commencement exercises on the morning of June tenth will hear one of the South's best-known and loved orators. As pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, of Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Robert Greene Lee has built up a church and a Sunday School known throughout the country for the effectiveness of their ministry. In addition, Dr. Lee is called to all parts of the nation as a conference speaker, Bible teacher, and evangelist.

The University authorities rejoice that these two Christian leaders are to be used of God in the closing exercises of the year.

OPEN FORUM

In several open forums sponsored by the public speaking class, students have been given opportunity to express their opinions on subjects of current interest and importance.

The most recent question for discussion was, "What can the students do to help build Bryan University?" A number of pertinent points were revealed, as various students stated ways in which they could aid the University on the campus, in Dayton, and throughout the states during summer vacation months. General opinion seemed to be that students should feel more responsible individually for the University's growth, by being strong, consistent "boosters of Bryan."

Chairman for the open forum was Joe Sullivan, sophomore.

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—God Above All—

Clearing the Decks for Action

By PRESIDENT JUDSON A. RUDD

The order of the day is "Prepare for Battle." With haste, and yet deliberately, the plans carefully worked out long before are carried out to rid the decks of the great naval vessel of every vestige of furniture and furnishings. Much that contributed to the ease and comfort of the sailors and officers is recklessly thrown overboard. No particle of wood must remain for enemy shells to sliver into dangerous splinters, which might bring death instead of comfort to the men on board. To try to save a life of ease is the surest way to bring death. Such decisions are not so hard to make when we see that a life and death struggle is involved. God grant that the life-and-death struggle of our armed forces for the survival of our nation may teach Christians that there is a life-and-death struggle in the spiritual realm.

Why wait until the judgment seat of Christ to be rid of the wood, hay, and stubble? Why should we wait for the fire to try every man's work of what sort it is? Why barely be saved—yet so as by fire? Why not judge ourselves now, and why not get rid of the less important things occupying our time and attention?

I challenge every Bryan University staff-member, I challenge every student and every former student of the school, I challenge every friend and supporter of the school, I challenge every one who reads these words, to examine his work and works even as I am examining mine. I challenge you to join me not only in putting first things first but in casting overboard the unessentials, the things of luxury and ease, the things that we have used to pamper the self-life. Let's strip our lives for action, even if it means giving up all that we have held dear.

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The Treasurer Speaks

To each one of the good friends represented by the impersonal numbers in the tabulation of gift receipts, I want to say again a heartfelt "Thank you." Your graciousness — your thoughtfulness — your sacrifices for the Lord's work here — it is by these that, under God, we literally live as an institution. Many other friends whose gifts are not recorded during this particular month have been recent helpers, too.

But to the other thousands of NEWSETTE readers, may I write a word? The message of many, many of the letters which come to my desk is this: "I'm sorry I can send only a small gift—wish it were more," and "I don't know whether this dollar I enclose will be enough to do any good, but my prayers are with it." Perhaps you have been one to wonder whether your gift would be too small to help. I am sure that the financial report will show you how real a help it can be.

Because it is the Lord's work, not mine or that of any of the staff, I am bold to fervently urge every reader of NEWSETTE, every lover of the Lord, to do one, two, or all three of these things, as God leads you:

Tell others of Bryan and its work for young people;

Pray, and ask others to pray, definitely and earnestly;

Share of your means, little or much, as the Lord has prospered you.

I have written plainly, and I feel keenly, that we ought in faith to claim God's promises. Let us have the rejoicing together, all of us, as we see Bryan University made into a mighty salient, shoulder to shoulder with all who contend on the battlefront of Christian faith.

—Lloyd E. Fish.

To accomplish our God-given commission it will be necessary that we give up or get along without many things commonly thought essentials. We must give up the good things if we are to have the better things. Elsewhere in this NEWSETTE, you will find the story of an untrained pilot who flew a patched-up flying fortress 1300 miles. He became a hero in a flight that was largely characterized by "withouts!" Will you be one of the heroes of faith, showing your faith by paying the price to get others saved and established in the faith?

"Withouts"

From Melbourne, Australia, comes the following thriller of the air via International News Service, by Lee Van Atta.

Master Sergeant Harry M. Hayes, USA, had never piloted a plane before.

With Cherry Mission, an American volunteer flier in the Chinese Air Corps, who was in Bandoeng with his wife, he went to the airport where four wrecked American bombers lay abandoned—one B-18 and three flying fortresses.

Hayes, who has a lot of mechanical ability in addition to his ample ration of courage, went to work on the B-18 and had it ready to fly in two days. All the passengers were on the field ready to leave when a flock of Japanese Zero planes roared low over the runway and strafed, the precious bomber, destroying it.

Mission knew nothing about a flying fortress. Nevertheless, Hayes went right to work on the other ships.

After a few minutes of puttering around he decided that by stripping two of the fortresses the third could be patched up.

He moved all his possessions to the fortress and lived there for five days without sleep while he directed a hastily recruited group of sixty Dutchmen in the job of repairing the wrecked plane.

In three days the motors were ready to turn over. But the wings were in tatters so the crew turned attention to them. There were no wing flaps—Hayes and Mission prayed softly they would not be needed.

The tail had to be rebuilt, too, and the interior had to be stripped to make room for the full passenger load.

Hayes decided it was an all or nothing venture so he tossed out everything not actually needed to get the plane into the air—radio, parachutes, rubber boats and seats.

At dusk the refugees clambered aboard. Everybody knew Pilot Hayes had never guided a plane through the skies, but everybody was confident the mechanical genius which had enabled him to put the plane in working order would see him through the ordeal ahead.

Somehow the plane wobbled into the air and nosed out towards the sea. Because of the excess weight its patched engines were carrying, the ship rarely was able to climb above 3,000 feet.

There were no maps, no instruments. Pilot Hayes was heading for Australia by intuition or sense of smell or what have you. He got there, too, bringing his crippled ship down on a big safe airport even though he had no wing flaps to cut down the landing speed.

Not a soul aboard was even scratched in the landing.

Hayes said: "It wasn't dangerous really. As a matter of fact, I kind of

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FORMER STUDENT SINGS

Carl Zytowski, of St. Louis, a former student, was a guest at the University the last week of April. On Thursday, April 30, he presented a concert in the University Chapel with Beatrice Morgan as accompanist.

Bryan University

Will Sam get Home?

Dear Folks:

This is from me to you, because I believe you are interested in what I represent—a bunch of worth-while young men and women in a college that is fighting with the faith of our fathers for the "faith of our fathers." If we don't get behind that college during these trying times, who will? If it is not our responsibility—yours and mine—to support those institutions that honor God in the face of a Satan-controlled world, whose is it?

With just one month left to complete my journey, the budget goal is \$10,651.00 away, and that means I am exactly that many miles from home. Did they set the budget too high? Not on your life! It takes money to operate a college, especially if that college is trying to keep students' expenses down so that the average boy or girl can enter. Even with teachers faithfully serving for less than half salaries, with every effort being made to curtail expense and to save the pennies, it is an impossibility to operate without sufficient income.

Pray earnestly about it. Then give as God directs, for the need is definite, the responsibility clear cut, the blessing sure.

Sam

April Gift Receipts

1829	15.00	1887	5.00
1830	10.00	1888	2.00
1831	5.00	1889	10.00
1832	5.00	1890	2.00
1833	2.00	1891	2.00
1834	5.00	1892	1.00
1835	5.00	1893	10.00
1836	2.00	1894	5.00
1837	1.00	1895	5.00
1838	5.00	1896	2.00
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1852	10.00	1910	.50
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1869	10.00	1927	1.00
1870	3.00	1928	2.00
1871	2.00	1929	6.00
1872	10.00	1930	5.00
1873	5.00	1931	1.00
1874	25.00	1932	5.00
1875	1.00	1933	1.00
1876	1.25	1934	4.00
1877	25.00	1935	2.00
1878	25.00	1936	10.00
1879	5.00	1937	43.38
1880	5.00	1938	1.00
1881	3.00	1939	5.00
1882	5.00	1940	3.00
1883	1.00	1941	3.00
1884	1.00	1942	1.00
1885	5.00	1943	5.00
1886	1.00	1944	1.00

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

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many as requested, up to 100 stamps for each dollar received.

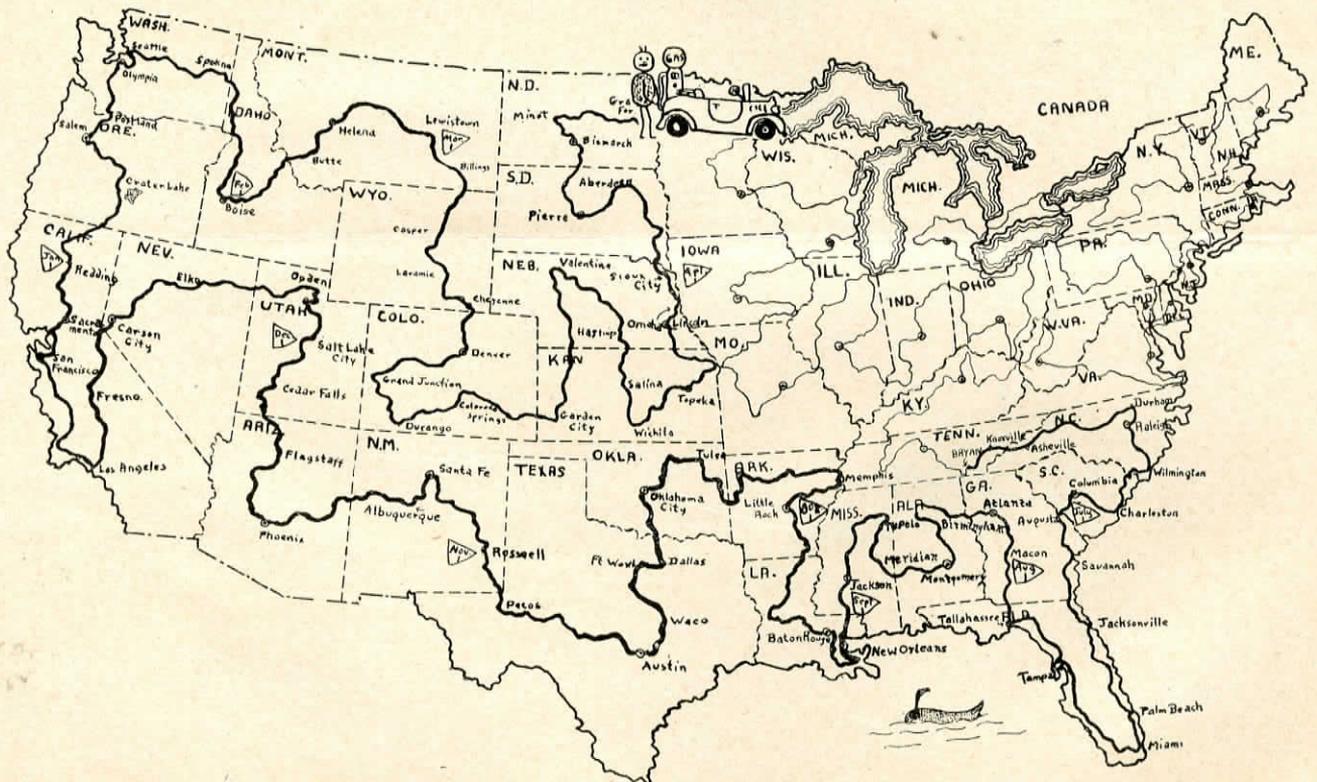
So far, the financial program of the University is far from "victory." Less than \$15,000 has been received, whereas the budget calls for \$25,000. And the fiscal year ends on May 31.

If you want to help in the work of the University and, at the same time, get 100 stamps like the one on the front page of this NEWSLETTE, just send in your dollar (or ten dollars, or a hundred, or more) now. If the moderate budget of \$25,000 is to be met, there will have to be an average of a little over one dollar from each one who regularly receives the NEWSLETTE.

Let us join forces in an effort to "stamp" into the consciousness of the world the truth that the only genuine, lasting victory is "Victory through Christ." Use a "victory" stamp on every letter you mail.

1945	1.00	1957	10.00
1946	25.00	1958	10.00
1947	21.66	1959	5.00
1948	10.00	1960	1.00
1949	10.00	1961	2.00
1950	25.00	1962	1.00
1951	2.50	1963	3.10
1952	1.00	1964	1.00
1953	12.00	1965	5.00
1954	5.00	1966	1.00
1955	1.50		
1956	25.00	Total	\$916.56

Receipts to April 30.....\$14,349.03



JAMES THOMAS DOUD



Coming from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, James Thomas Doud has been at Bryan University four years, during which time he has won a large number of friends, both in Bryan and in Dayton.

"Jimmie" is a fun-loving senior who is quite often the "life of the party," but four years' associations have shown his spiritual depth and seriousness. He belongs to the Student Pastors' Fellowship and takes an active part in local church work, especially in young people's groups.

One of Jimmie's particular interests is debating and parliamentary procedure. He is a member of the Forensic Union and the Debate Club. His major is English, with a Bible minor.

Many of the walls at Bryan have received coats of kalsomine as a result of Jimmie's work. He has also worked in the kitchen.

Jimmie's plans for the future are not definite, but he expects to enter some type of Christian service work.

LEONA MAE WILSON



Leona Mae Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson, is a senior from Brunswick, Ohio, who has made her mark in practically every type of work and activity during her four years at Bryan.

An active member of the Lay Ambassadors and the Forensic Union, Leona holds office in both, and has also been on the Student Council for two years.

Leona sings second alto in the choir and is alto soloist. During the past two summers she traveled as a member of the Ladies' Quartette. She also has domestic talent, having prepared many tasty meals in the University kitchen. A Dean's List student, she is vice-president of her class. Her biography appears in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Leona's smiling testimony has been a blessing to her associates. She is majoring in English and expects to enter Christian service after graduation.

ROBERT THOMPSON



"Bobby!" shouts the President. "Bobby!" sings out the business manager. "Fix this sink." "Where's the key to the tool shop?" "Who had that saw last?" "There's a leak at the Octagon." These and other more or less urgent requests have become everyday fare to Robert (Bobby) Thompson during his four years at Bryan.

And to his many friends have become equally commonplace—"Why can't they take care of that plane? Won't he ever learn to bring his tools back? Everybody should be taught the value of a tool—it's worth a lot and should be treated right." These words are Bobby's advice to his fellow-students.

But it has not been tools alone that have captured the mind and heart of Bobby, for, as a major in Bible might well indicate, he has spent at least a portion of his time in active service, being faithful in the Lord's work, preaching and teaching the Gospel. God has used him. Can we say more?

MARK LEVENGOOD



Who? That fellow over there behind the drawing brush, with all the charcoal, crayons, and paint beside him? Is that the one you mean—the fellow with the pleasing smile and the cheery word? Oh, yes, you know him. Why, he's been here for four years now, studying away to get his B.A. in English, yet finding ample time to take part in numerous activities, even to set up type and to run the press. That's the truth—he probably printed the very paper you're reading now, if he wasn't making one of those attractively interesting posters to advertise the forensic meeting or some other outing.

What's he going to do? Well, I don't just exactly know, but if Uncle Sam doesn't call him, I have a hunch he'll be serving the Lord somewhere. He's another one of those preacher's sons that's going to make good use of his talents.

Oh, I'm sorry. Here I am talking away about him like a blue streak, and I haven't even told you his name. Mark—that's it—Mark Levengood.

"WITHOUTS"

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enjoyed it. Guess I'd like to be a full time pilot some day. It really was routine—it just had to be done. I guess there's gonna be a lot of things done in this war that never have been done before. Maybe this was my turn."

It was "an all or nothing venture" for the eighteen passengers as well as for pilot and copilot!

Consider the faith the American, British and Dutch officers—also the women and children—had in this untrained pilot!

That which gave them confidence in him was, as the reporter said, "the mechanical genius which had enabled him to put the plane in working order."

Confidence in the pilot personally—not in his flying experience—enabled them to take their places in that battered, bullet-riddled flying fortress, even though it was without radio, without air speed indicator, without oil or gas gauges, without navigation instruments, without wing flaps, without parachutes, without rubber boats and without seats.

The flight was largely characterized by "withouts!" Confidence in the pilot himself—not in safety devices—was the secret of their action in getting into that plane!

There is another Pilot—who cannot be referred to as "untrained"—for He is perfect and so is His work. This Pilot longs to take His creatures on a safe, happy and prosperous flight through life to glory, but so many are unwilling to trust Him.

He is our Creator, He knows all about our bruised, battered and sinful condition. He became our Redeemer and shed His precious blood for the remission of our sins.

He has manifested His power over death and the grave by His glorious resurrection. There is every reason why implicit faith should be placed in Him personally.

But so many persons insist on putting their confidence in extraneous things instead of in Himself. They do not relish His "withouts." They seem far more interested in their own safety devices than in the Pilot personally.

This Pilot—the Lord Jesus Christ—is deserving of all the glory and honor of salvation, therefore if He saves anyone, it is "without works" (Rom. 4:6), "without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28), "without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1), without ceremonialism (Col. 2:16-17), without righteousness (Titus 3:4-7), and without waiting (2 Cor. 6:2).

Right now someone, like Peter, wishes to contradict and say, "Not so, Lord." To justify their contradiction they will even quote James 2:20 "that faith without works is dead" forgetting or ignoring as they do it, that it is only a person who is in the first instance saved by grace through faith without works that can so live and act as to be "justified by works."

Are you willing to waive your imagined goodness, accede to all His "withouts" and trust Him, saying: "Jesus Savior, pilot me"?

He is your only certainty of a "happy landing" in Eternity! —NOW.