

# The NEWSLETTE . Echoes from Bryan Hill

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## Where Are You Looking?

President Judson A. Rudd

The violence of war fills the earth. We are driven to look somewhere for deliverance. As in the case of the prophet Micah, we will look in vain about us for help, and with Micah we may well conclude, "Therefore I will look unto the Lord."

In the presence of Christ we may dismiss all fear of authority and circumstances with the words of the Lord Jesus before Pilate: "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." If we are inducted into military service, we still remain a Soldier to the Cross. In the face of death we can remember as did Paul that "to be with Christ is far better." If in prison, we are with Paul a prisoner of Jesus Christ. No chains hold us but the chains of His Divine providence.

Shall we retire from the field of battle and withdraw from Christian warfare because some of our activities for Christ are somewhat curtailed? We thank God that this question can be answered with an emphatic "No!" We still have marching orders. When the apostle Paul was confined to a Roman prison, he wrote the Philippians that classic expression of triumph: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Paul was a true servant of the Lord Jesus. He did what he could for Christ even when confined in a Roman prison. To such a victorious Christian we are indebted for the Prison Epistles.

When Elijah looked to the Lord, he found that he was not alone but that there were seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal. When Habakkuk looked to the Lord he saw beyond the intervening years to the time when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. Where are you looking? At the multitudes to be fed? At the few loaves and fishes? Or, are you looking at Christ?

Here at Bryan we have never dared look at circumstances. We have failed miserably when our eyes

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Pastor George Schmeiser  
Bible Conference Speaker  
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## GOD PAYS HIS WORKERS

*Who does God's work will get God's pay,*

*However weary be the way;*

*He does not pay as others pay,*

*In gold or land or raiment gay,*

*In goods that perish and decay.*

*But God's high wisdom knows the way;*

*And that is sure, let come what may,*

*Who does God's work will get God's pay.*

—An unknown author.

## BUILDING MUCH WITH LITTLE

Here is a phrase that will bear repetition—"Do the best you can with what you have." It is just that which we at the University have endeavored to do for the past ten years and more.

Most of our friends know that the Administration Building, as the center of campus interest, is planned on a large-visioned scale. This building, 440 feet by 60 feet, was begun 15 years ago as funds began to come in from the campaign to provide a University as a memorial to William Jen-

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## BRYAN UNIVERSITY FACES THE WAR PROBLEM

(For the past twelve years Bryan University has fought a consistently up-hill battle against depression conditions. Yet, during those twelve years definite and far-reaching progress has been made.) Opening in a second-hand high school building, deserted for better quarters by the county high school, the University is now housed on its own property and gradually building to meet the needs presented. It has been a test of faith, a test of perseverance, a test of real purposeful building. (Now, just when it begins to appear as though the storm has been weathered and smoother sailing is ahead, we come face to face with a world war such as has never been before.)

Bryan University accepts the challenge. That same faith with which the depression was faced must now be renewed and exercised in the face of war. That same determination which kept contributors and staff members at their posts in the face of biased reports, curtailed salaries, and restricted living conditions must be re-asserted and strengthened. That same God and Father to Whom we have so long looked and from Whom has come all that we have and are is yet on His throne, able and wanting to help us. Through Him the challenge will not only be accepted but answered.

In a time when the country needs well-trained men and women, we determine that our students shall have stronger bodies and to that end are this year requiring that all first and second-year students take two hours of physical training weekly. We shall endeavor to teach them how to conserve their physical strength, to encourage them in the matter of regular habits with regards to sleeping hours and eating. We shall continue to serve wholesome, well-prepared and served meals. We shall continue both to prohibit and to oppose the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

Nor shall the endeavors to go forward in the work stop with the physical. New courses will be added as conditions permit, courses which will

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—God Above All—

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## As a Good Soldier

The world is at war! A world cannot be at war without suffering the effects of war. Individuals, cities, states, countries, the world as a whole—all find it necessary to make certain adjustments to war conditions. And Bryan University is no exception.

We cannot expect businesses to give up employees, churches to give up pastors, wives to give up homes that the country might survive—we cannot expect these things to be with out expecting that Bryan University must also share the burden. We must expect teachers to leave, students to be taken, and supporters to be unable to contribute as before.

Students must realize that there will be sacrifices, in some ways at least, in school life. If charges for room and board are to be kept at their present reasonable level, some of the "extras" must be given up. It is not a matter of what we used to have, what we want to have, but of what we can have under existing conditions.

American soldiers on Corregidor did not have what they wanted, did not have even what they needed. But what they did have, they used and earned for themselves a place in the eternal heart of America. As good soldiers they made the most of the equipment at their disposal. It is too much to expect that we shall do the same? Are we to accept the fortunes of war as such, forging ahead as best we can, sharing alike the hardships and the testings? Or are we to waste our time in wishful thinking, demanding that which we cannot get, complaining because our demands go unrequited? The world is at war! Let us acquit ourselves as good soldiers.

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## The Shepherd's Interpretation of the

### TWENTY-THIRD PSALM (Continued from previous issue)

*Thy Rod and Thy Staff They  
Comfort Me.*

"About half way through the valley the walk crosses from one side to the other at a place where the two and one-half foot wide path is cut in two by an eight-foot deep gulley. One section of the walk is about eighteen inches higher than the other, so in their journeying down the valley, the sheep have to jump upward and across, while on the opposite trip they jump downward. The shepherd stands at this break and urges, coaxes, pets, encourages and sometimes forces the sheep to make the leap. As a result of slippery walkways, poor footing or tiredness sheep occasionally miss the jump and land in the gulley. The shepherd's rod is immediately brought into play. The old style crook is encircled around a large sheep's neck or a small sheep's chest and it is lifted to safety. If the more modern narrow crook is used, the sheep is caught just above the hoofs and lifted up to the walk. Many wild dogs lurk in the shadows of the valley looking for prey, and when they are encountered the shepherd's staff comes into active use. After a band has entered the defile the lead sheep may come onto a dog. Unable to retreat, the leaders Baa a warning and upon hearing this, the shepherd, skilled in throwing the staff, hurls it at the dog, often one hundred fifty feet away. In all but rare instances, he succeeds in knocking the dog down into the washed-out gulley, where it is easily killed. Climatic and grazing conditions make it necessary for the sheep to be moved through the Valley of the Shadow of Death for seasonal feeding each year so they have learned to fear no evil, for their master is there to aid and protect them."

*Thou Preparest a Table Before Me  
in the Presence of Mine Enemies.*

"This statement seems to convey a boastful, rather pagan thought of gloating over the hunger of others while those in the favor of Jehovah feasted. However, David's meaning is a simple one," said D'Alfonso, "when conditions on the Holy Land sheep ranges are known. Poisonous plants abound which are fatal to grazing animals. The most noxious is a species of whorled milkweed. It sinks

its roots deep down in the rock soils and its eradication during the centuries has been impossible. Each spring the shepherd must be constantly on guard as the plant is on some of the best feeding ground. When found the shepherd takes his awkward old mattock and goes on ahead of the flock grubbing out every stock and root he can see. As he digs out the stocks he lays them up on little stone pyres, some of which were built by shepherds in Old Testament days and by morrow they are dry enough to burn. In the meantime, the field being free from the poisonous plants, the sheep are led into the newly prepared pasture and, in the presence of their deadly plant enemies, they eat in peace."

*Thou Anointest My Head with Oil;  
My Cup Runneth Over.*

"This phrase has been interpreted many times as symbolic of fullness of reward for well-doing. Literally, however, it is the statement of a daily task of a professional shepherd in the most time-honored calling. At every sheep fold there is found a big earthen bowl of olive oil and a large stone jar of water. As the sheep come in for the night they are led along the side of the wall to the gate in one end. The shepherd lays aside his woolen robe and his staff, but rests his rod across the top of the gateway just higher than the backs of the sheep. As each passes him in single file he quickly examines it for briars in the ears, snags in the cheek or weeping of the eyes from dust or scratches. When such conditions are found, he drops the rod across the sheep's back and it steps out of line and waits until all the sheep have been examined. Out of his flock of two hundred fifty ewes, the shepherd may find one or a dozen needing attention," said D'Alfonso. "Each sheep's laceration is carefully cleaned. Then the shepherd dips his hand into the bowl of olive oil and anoints the injury gently but thoroughly and is never sparing of the oil. Along with the treatment of the shepherd's, 'love-words' are poured into the sheep's ears in sympathy. Then the cup is dipped into the large jar of water, kept cool by evaporation in the unglazed pottery, and is brought out—never half full but always overflowing. The sheep will sink its nose down into the water clear to the eyes, if fevered, and drink until fully refreshed. Then it is allowed to enter the sheep-fold and the next injured sheep is treated.

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"When all the sheep are at rest, the shepherd places his rod in the corner, lays his staff on the ground within reach in case it is needed for protection of the flock during the night, wraps himself in his heavy woolen robe and lies down across the gateway facing the sheep for his night's repose.

"So," said D'Alfonso, "after all this care and protection can a sheep be blamed for soliloquizing in the twilight—as translated into words by David."

*Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me All the Days of my Life: and I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever."*

## MUCH WITH LITTLE

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nings Bryan. What happened in 1929 is history now, but the result was that only the foundation and ground floor, of steel-reinforced concrete, had been poured when it became necessary to halt construction.

Although classes were begun in 1930—in a borrowed building—it was 1935 before construction was resumed. The few years preceding had brought the whole nation from a pseudo-prosperity to the depths of depression. The staff of that time had, in a sense, inherited a great plan, a large foundation. But the condition of the country seemed to block any possibility of bringing it to completion. No large gifts for building were forthcoming, or even in sight. But, these men and women were convinced that God had established Bryan University, and they purposed to back up their faith by their actions. Income was small, but they determined to begin building, even though it must be little by little, paid for by setting apart a portion of the income for that purpose.

That "little by little" has resulted, in the past seven years—by the grace of God and the giving, often sacrificial, of His people—in the enclosing in a permanent fashion of nearly fifty rooms, covering approximately 25,000 square feet of floor space.

These rooms, providing quarters for dormitory, office, faculty apartments, classrooms, library, laboratories, dining hall, kitchen, and printing shop, constitute a modern miracle—a miracle of faith. At the present average, the completion of the administration building will take about twenty years. If it be the Lord's

will that it be so done, the staff and administration will cheerfully continue the battle. If it be His will to put it in the hearts of some of those who are trusted with the world's goods to make possible a speedier progress, then they will rejoice at that.

The national emergency is at present setting limits to what may be done. But, the Lord willing, this summer will see the erection of nearly 3,000 square feet of tile to complete enclosure of the ground floor hallway, saving fuel and adding to convenience, comfort, and appearance. The University is using in this only tile, cement and sand, paint, and other non-critical materials. Cheerfully complying with the letter and spirit of government regulations, the University will continue to "do the best you can with what you have."

*"Therefore . . . be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.—I Cor. 15:58.*

## A PRACTICAL FAMILY GIFT

The following letter was received in August and suggests to Christians a way of giving which will serve not only as a means of giving to the Lord but of teaching younger members of the family to give systematically and regularly to the Lord's work.

*Dear Brother Ryther:*

*You dear ones there have been upon our hearts and we have remembered you definitely before the Throne of Grace.*

*I am enclosing a check for \$50.00 from the Hardin family for the University. We have adopted a program as a family to give approximately half of our tithe each month to some Faith Work such as yours and also Faith Missions, making twelve such contributions during the year.*

*It is my hope and desire that all of us, especially the children, through this means of contact, shall develop a greater knowledge of and interest in these types of Christian work, which I believe will pay the greater dividends spiritually and eternally under the blessing of our Heavenly Father.*

*Your Brother in Christ,*

W. L. HARDIN,  
Atlanta, Ga.

## FACING THE WAR

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help the students to satisfy the needs of a war-time world. More emphasis will be placed on mathematics and the sciences. Students will be encouraged even more to learn how to learn, to build into themselves both the ability and the desire to add to their knowledge, that education might not cease with graduation. It shall be our aim to lead the students into a systematic study of their own deficiencies and values, to make them appreciate their own needs and to meet and satisfy those needs. To be of use to himself and to others the student must learn to use the tools at hand, not to waste time weeping over those he does not have while someone else does the job. Talents, as much as is consistent with the standards and conditions, shall be put to work and made use of.

We are determined that our students shall be as physically fit as we can make them, as academically qualified as we can make them.

Finally, we recognize the desperate need of a sin-cursed world for men and women of character and principle, and we shall endeavor to so train our young men and women as to make them leaders whose social standards are high, whose moral characters are beyond reproach.

Because we fully realize that none of this can be accomplished outside of God, we shall re-emphasize the need of a knowledge of the Word of God, and we have already taken steps to insure that the study of the Bible shall be thorough and complete. The prime aim—to lead the student to know Christ—will not be de-emphasized, but the secondary aim—to have him know the Word—will be strengthened, that the student might not only know but as well make Him known. A system of outlines and questions which will require a definite personal study on the part of each student and a thorough analysis of the Scripture is being introduced this year. We believe that any student who successfully completes the Bible Course will be thoroughly versed in the Word and able to teach or preach Christ to others.

It is, we believe, through this three-fold plan of emphasizing the physical, mental, and spiritual growth of our students that we can best meet the challenge of a warring age. Already, we have set our hand to the plow, and, by the Grace of God, we shall not turn back.

## A LETTER TO SAM

Atlanta, Georgia,  
August 9, 1942.

Dear Statistical Sam:

You look so very small beside your big Victory "V". Maybe you are so short you can't reach the mail box, so I send this in care of Dean Ryther who . . . will either help you up to the box, or the letter down to you, I feel certain—if you really need help.

I am sending this tiny contribution direct to you who sit over by the treasury with your accounting quill. It is to be put into the bottom of your "V", and it may help a mite to get that bow out of your back as you peer over into the "V" not yet filled to your own diminutive height, or is it now?

Please tell the editors of NEWSETTE that I am grateful for the reproduction of the "Shepherd's Interpretation of the Twenty-third Psalm." I had a lovely copy (mimeographed, with border decorations—shepherd's crooks, etc.). I prized this copy very highly, but loaned it to one who forgot to return it. I shall keep these instalments very carefully until it is

concluded. You will ask, for me, that my name will surely get on a copy of each issue of NEWSETTE which carries it, won't you? Thanks.

Now, may your "V" grow fuller as your needs present themselves (in spite of a military war for victory which demands heavily of the nation's income) . . . "Your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are you not much better than they?"

Most sincerely,

ALLEYNE G. CURRENS.

### WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING?

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were taken from Christ. Right now we could find plenty of reasons—excuses—for discouragement. Instead, we are looking to Christ and planning how we may please Him more than ever before.

Our hearts have been encouraged as plans have been made for the coming year. In other articles appearing in the NEWSETTE we have tried to share with you the accomplishments being achieved and the prospects for the future. Your friendship, your prayers, and your gifts have been used of the Lord here for all that has been accomplished.

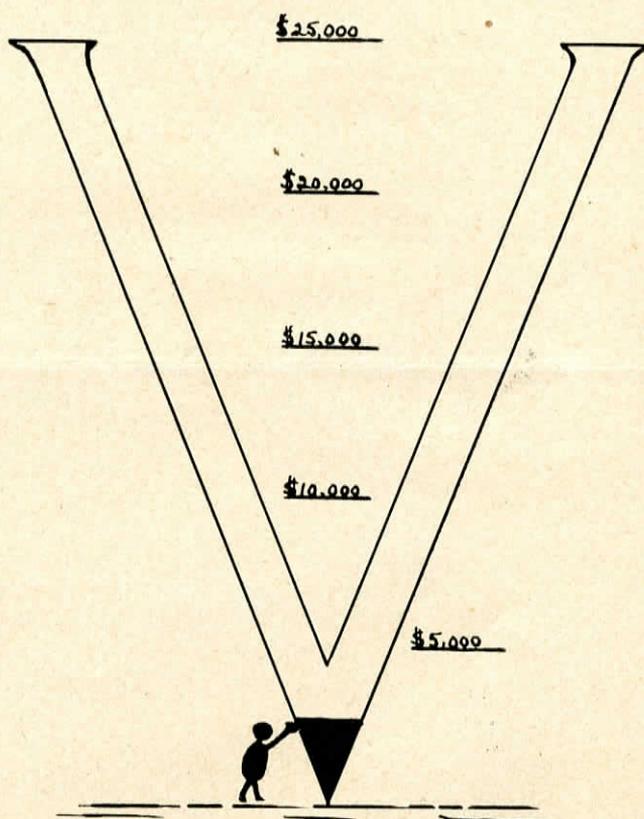
There is so much left that we can do that we are not worrying about not being able to serve the Lord. The gasoline and tire shortage will confine us to a more limited area, but there are plenty of souls to be saved on the streets, in the homes, and in the jail here in Dayton. There may be fewer young men students, but we look for more young ladies and several couples of married students. Under the spell of war-time zeal we should not only have better students of the Arts and Sciences but better students of God's Word. Living expenses are increasing so we will certainly have to pay our staff-members larger salaries, but our friends have greater incomes, and can and will make larger contributions if aware of the need. We cannot do much in the way of building, but we can make the most essential improvements and we can pay every cent that can be spared from expenses on the old debts that have hung over us for years.

Are you looking to the Lord with us in faith that all these things will be accomplished for Him? Will you do what you can to make the vision real?

## August Gift Receipts

274	5.00	329	1.00	383	6.00
275	1.00	330	12.00	384	1.00
276	5.00	331	8.00	385	1.00
277	1.00	332	5.00	386	12.50
278	1.00	333	10.00	387	28.60
279	3.00	334	5.00	388	2.00
280	3.50	335	10.00	389	1.00
281	1.00	336	20.00	390	1.00
282	.50	337	5.00	391	2.00
283	1.00	338	5.00	392	3.00
284	5.00	339	5.00	393	5.00
285	5.00	340	1.00	394	12.00
286	2.00	341	5.00	395	1.00
287	3.00	342	2.00	396	2.00
288	1.00	343	25.00	397	1.00
289	7.00	344	1.00	398	5.00
290	9.00	345	3.03	399	4.00
291	1.00	346	4.80	400	1.00
292	2.00	347	17.72	401	2.00
293	3.00	348	20.00	402	3.00
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296	1.00	351	23.50	405	10.00
297	4.00	352	3.00	406	1.00
298	2.00	353	25.00	407	2.00
299	5.00	354	50.00	408	4.00
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320	10.00	375	2.00	429	5.00
321	5.00	376	1.00	430	25.00
322	1.00	377	1.00	431	1.00
323	12.00	378	1.00	432	1.00
324	10.00	379	10.00	433	21.19
325	15.00	380	2.50	434	10.00
326	10.00	381	1.00		
327	2.00	382	1.00		
328					

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