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Year's End.

SUMMARY OF 1942

FISCAL YEAR

Contributor friends, and particularly those who contributed the last month of the fiscal year, probably anxious to know how we came out financially. As reported in the June NEWSLETTE, we were more than \$5,000 short of our \$25,000 budget. We did do about as well as last year. We were unable to pay staff members as much as we wanted to, nor were we able to pay as much on old debts, as we had hoped before 1933, as we had hoped.

More than \$7,500 was paid to staff members in cash besides board and other concessions. This represented not only an increase in cash payments, but considerably more payments to individual members and a smaller staff. Cash salaries and other expenditures are made in accordance with a sliding-scale percentage budget. Regular cash payments were made to staff members at two-week intervals throughout the year. Cash, accumulated during the last month or two, enabled us to make payments to staff members, amounting to about two-fifths of the cash salaries already received, during the last few days of the fiscal year. We thank our contributor friends for making this possible.

Capital expenditures on building and equipment amounted to more than \$1,100. Payments to creditors amounted to more than \$1,400. We had no current liabilities outstanding. Our indebtedness was all incurred before 1933 and is less than half of what it was then. Our total cash income was \$37,186.28, or about \$2,600 better than last year. The loss of students to the army resulted in a smaller income from students. We ended the year with a much better cash balance than at the beginning. As indicated elsewhere, we have a few bonds and other assets as good as cash.

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Summertime at Bryan is a time of planning and working. No sooner is the school year closed than progress of another sort begins. To be sure, there is always much to be done in maintenance of essential activities, such as the office, printing work, the boarding department, the dairy, and in repairs of the property; but there are also improvements to be made. Limited by a smaller than usual group of summer staff and students, and by government restrictions on the amount of construction possible, there are nevertheless definite changes planned.

It seems possible at present to complete the laying of floors and the enclosure of the balance of the ground floor of the administration building. Many good things can be accomplished by this. There will be a saving of fuel and more comfort in the north end of the building. And the additional room will provide space for a commodious laundry—even though only a limited amount of equipment for this is now avail-

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IN THE SERVICE

God is working among the men in the service here and abroad. As an encouragement to those who have been praying for Bryan University and for our students who have been taken for military service, and to stimulate prayer for all men, saved and unsaved, who are in the service of our country, we quote two letters received from students inducted recently.

June 16, 1943.

Dear Mr. Rudd:

"I publicly accepted the call to the ministry in whatever capacity He sees fit. The call had been felt more and more ever since entering the service till last Wednesday, while preparing a talk for prayer meeting, I finally realized that it's useless to keep dodging issues when He speaks.

"On Sunday last the pastor of the local Baptist Church gave me the opportunity of giving my testimony to that effect and what a blessed time we did have! When the right hand

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undertake it. Ten years is too long for these obligations to hang over us. It will honor God to retire them, even at this late date.

Elsewhere are mentioned the summer improvements. They are needed and will be made.

PRE-INDUCTION COLLEGE TRAINING APPRECIATED

Parents of young people about to enter military service, or who may accept employment in war factories, should seriously consider giving them a few months training, as possible, in a Godly Christian environment. Bryan students who have taken for military service are grateful for the training received here, even though they were able to stay a quarter or two. But, they appreciate the spirit of training, which not only enables them to stand amidst temptations, but to be of service to their fellow soldiers. Then they appreciate academic training, particularly in Mathematics and Science, which enable them to advance much faster when they are inducted.

Normal times a student should complete high school training before entering college. Christian Colleges and Academies are doing a most commendable work in preparing young people for service to God and country. Good many colleges and universities are now taking students when they finish their High School so that the transition to industrial employment and military service will not be so abrupt. There is a definite benefit in such a program where youthful students are prepared spiritually for the transition to civilian and military wartime service.

There are a number of possibilities available for a student to enter Bryan University without graduating from high school. Conditioned Freshmen, those who have only 14 acceptable units, have one year to remove the condition. A few Special Students of suitable age and ability may be admitted by presenting satisfactory letters of recommendation. Also, our catalog provides for the admission of Superior Special Students.

SUPERIOR SPECIAL STUDENTS

We quote from the new 1943-44 Catalogue:

"A limited number of special students of satisfactory age who have had less high school training than is normally required for entrance may be admitted to the University without regular entrance examinations on the basis of aptitude and achievement tests. They will not be admitted to

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ments, both religious and scientific. Let us proclaim the truth.

Our spiritual and academic program also provides for those students who are now particularly interested in courses in mathematics, languages and secretarial work. Backed up with your prayers and joined with a fervent evangelistic spirit, this program will produce results. We have tried it and we know it works.

The spiritual and academic program is related to the financial and material program. Teachers must be paid and there are other expenses. This year we propose not only a \$24,000 gift budget for the year, but a \$2,000 gift budget for each month. A definite monthly budget will provide, we believe, for the needs with much more certainty. Let us not fall behind this year.

We are trusting God for the entire liquidation of the old debt, incurred before 1933, during the 1943-44 school year. More than the \$24,000 gift budget may be needed for this, but it can be done and we must

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engaged in a war industry, she should be preparing for services in the home, in the church, and in the community. Furnish us with her name or have her write for a catalogue. As indicated elsewhere in the NEWSETTE we make special provision for gifted students and for those who want the training but are not working for a degree.

Everyone on our mailing list should be helping in some way. If you can't give, you can at least pray, and you can pray for guidance as to how you can best help.

CATALOGS READY

The 1943-1944 copy of the Bryan University catalog will soon be completed and ready for distribution. The new catalog contains several changes, including new courses of study.

Catalogs will be mailed to prospective students and to present students. Others desiring a copy of the catalog may secure it by a request to the University office.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mabel Arnold, '40, became the bride of Rev. Arthur Walker, Baptist minister, in a quiet but impressive ceremony on July 11th at the Salem Baptist Church near Dayton. The best wishes and God's blessings are here expressed in behalf of all Bryan alumni and friends to this young couple, who are seeking to serve the Lord together.

Born, to Ralph, '37, and Rebecca, '38, Toliver at the Baptist Mission Hospital at Ipin (Suifu), China, on June 16th, a daughter, Ruth Jeanette. With the announcement of the birth of the first child to our Bryan missionaries in China go our very best regards and congratulations.

Recent news from Louise Post, '41, indicates that she is now living in Lancaster, Penna., working in a war factory and attending Brother Torrey's Church.

For the summer, Warren Oliff, '42, is pastor of a church in Milan, Quebec, Canada, and is planning to enter Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago in the fall.

S. D. Hodges, '36, has been recently promoted to First Lieutenant and is now located with the army at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Out-of-town alumni who have visited the Bryan campus in recent weeks are Robert Thompson, '42, who is working in Butler, Penna.; Rebecca Peck, '40, who is serving with the Hebrew Christian Mission in Detroit; Mark Levensgood, '42, who is in the U. S. Navy in Key West, Fla.; and Logan Rector, '34, who is employed by the Standard Oil Company in Chattanooga.

In a recent letter from Howard Kee, '40, we are glad to read of his ministry among rural people in the New England states.

William Wonderly, '36, writes of his activities in Mexico and more recently of being an instructor at the Summer School of Linguistics in Oklahoma.

J. Holmes Smith, III, graduated from the Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Ga., in June and is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Thibodeaux, Louisiana. Jack is to be ordained sometime in July.

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candidacy for a degree until they have satisfactorily completed two years of college work."

If parents and prospective college students desire further information along this line they should write for a catalogue.

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During 1942-43 we received 2,559 individual gifts as compared to 2,213 for the previous fiscal year. This increase is encouraging because no Gospel Singers were traveling for the University during the past year. We received no really large gifts or bequests during the year just closed, so that the average gift amounted to \$7.21 instead of \$7.57 for the previous year. June, the first month of the fiscal year, with a gift income of \$757.66, was our poorest of the year, and May, the last month of the year, with gifts of \$2,875.61, was best. Our average gift income was \$1,538 instead of the goal of \$2,000 each month.

THANKS FOR BOND GIFTS

A number of our friends are purchasing bonds for our account and having them sent direct to us by the Federal Reserve Bank of their district. One friend sent the money for us to purchase a bond. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for two anonymous gifts in the form of bonds, having a maturity value of \$25.00 each, received from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York during the month of June. The regular gift receipts, such as are recorded in the NEWS-ETTE each month, are not issued except where gifts are sent in cash. Another form of receipt, which can be used in claiming exemption for gifts under the income tax laws, will be forwarded when we know the name of the donor of a bond. If a receipt is wanted, notify us that a bond is being sent.

For the benefit of friends interested in purchasing United States Savings Bonds for the account of the University we make these suggestions. Have the bonds made payable to The William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee. Purchase the Series F bonds, payable to Corporations and provided especially for clubs, classes, schools, etc. Interest is compounded and is equivalent to 2.53 per cent a year, so that \$18.50 will increase to \$25.00 in 12 years. Other denominations, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00, \$5,000.00, and \$10,000.00 bonds maturing in 12 years, can be purchased at similar discounts.

Friends who are following a definite bond investing program and who desire to help the University, too, in a post-war building program, will find their banks and the Federal Reserve Bank of their district ready to cooperate in the purchase of the right

MEN IN SERVICE

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of fellowship was extended, practically all the older women present were in tears as well as numbers of the men. The pastor, a Rev. Arnold, then publicly invited me to fill his pulpit my last Sunday night here.

"I have little doubt that the wonderful training received at Bryan has had a great deal to do with the way things are going for me now, not only the religious but the academic subjects as well. Through the able teaching of both Math and Physics I was able to skip nearly half of the five months' work here, which deals primarily with the two subjects just mentioned. I'm sure He has some purpose in it all and just praise and thank Him for having led me to Bryan, and the countless blessings that accompanied my attendance there.

"The Lord is graciously blessing my efforts in service here and the people seem to appreciate my willingness to help out. So much so, in fact, I have more invitations to Sunday dinner than I have Sundays left to stay here.

"Please remember me in your prayers.

"Yours in His joy.

"George Birch."

Rom. 1:16-17

June 23, '43.

Dear Mr. Fish:

"Praise the Lord, He certainly has been faithful. I did fairly well in my service school exams, receiving a 92 in the general classification test and a 99 in the mechanical aptitude. These are the two that counted most in my line. I asked for Aviation Machinist Mate after praying much about it. My interviewer said that he felt sure I would be accepted for that school. The Lord certainly was with me as I took my tests. He is always faithful.

"Each night as I kneel I remember dear old Bryan U. in my prayers. I know that He is blessing all of you there. I only pray that some day, if He should tarry, I will get to return and start in where I left off. His will be done.

"In Christ,

"Kenneth Marken."

bond properly made out. The government will accept personal checks. Perhaps the most convenient method for most of our friends is the purchase of a book of War Savings Stamps from the Post Office, and the mailing of them to us by Registered Mail.

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June Gift Receipts

1	28.00	65	2.00	129	3.00	193	2.00
2	3.50	66	3.00	130	3.00	194	1.00
3	1.00	67	5.00	131	3.00	195	3.00
4	10.00	68	5.00	132	5.00	196	1.00
5	25.00	69	5.00	133	5.00	197	1.00
6	3.00	70	5.00	134	10.00	198	50.00
7	25.00	71	3.00	135	2.00	199	1.00
8	1.00	72	5.00	136	10.00	200	1.00
9	1.00	73	1.00	137	3.00	201	5.00
10	1.00	74	5.00	138	5.00	202	5.00
11	1.00	75	2.00	139	10.00	203	5.00
12	1.00	76	12.00	140	10.00	204	1.00
13	1.00	77	1.00	141	20.00	205	10.00
14	1.00	78	1.00	142	1.00	206	1.00
15	2.00	79	3.00	143	100.00	207	.50
16	2.00	80	5.00	144	5.00	208	1.00
17	1.00	81	1.00	145	5.00	209	1.00
18	10.00	82	10.00	146	15.00	210	5.00
19	25.00	83	2.00	147	5.00	211	1.00
20	2.00	84	15.00	148	3.00	212	.50
21	5.00	85	.25	149	16.17	213	1.00
22	1.00	86	1.00	150	5.00	214	2.00
23	10.00	87	5.00	151	1.00	215	1.00
24	25.00	88	10.00	152	.50	216	10.00
25	12.00	89	10.00	153	1.00	217	5.00
26	1.00	90	2.00	154	1.00	218	2.00
27	1.00	91	5.00	155	1.00	219	30.00
28	5.00	92	10.00	156	.25	220	2.00
29	1.00	93	5.00	157	1.00	221	2.00
30	2.00	94	5.00	158	2.00	222	3.00
31	1.00	95	1.00	159	1.00	223	5.00
32	1.00	96	1.00	160	2.00	224	5.00
33	1.00	97	5.00	161	1.00	225	2.00
34	2.00	98	10.00	162	2.00	226	2.00
35	1.00	99	61.50	163	1.00	227	10.00
36	1.00	100	5.00	164	1.00	228	10.00
37	1.00	101	5.00	165	.25	229	10.00
38	1.00	102	5.00	166	1.00	230	1.00
39	1.00	103	15.00	167	1.00	231	1.00
40	.25	104	2.00	168	.50	232	1.00
41	1.00	105	1.00	169	1.00	233	10.00
42	1.00	106	15.00	170	10.00	234	5.00
43	1.00	107	10.00	171	10.00	235	24.00
44	1.00	108	25.00	172	1.00	236	1.50
45	1.00	109	1.50	173	1.00	237	12.00
46	4.00	110	1.00	174	1.00	238	5.00
47	2.50	111	1.00	175	1.00	239	5.00
48	50.00	112	1.00	176	1.00	240	25.00
49	45.00	113	5.00	177	1.00	241	10.00
50	10.00	114	6.00	178	2.00	242	5.00
51	15.00	115	5.00	179	1.00	243	1.00
52	25.00	116	5.00	180	1.00	244	1.00
53	2.00	117	2.00	181	1.00	245	1.00
54	3.00	118	1.00	182	1.00	246	1.00
55	5.00	119	5.00	183	1.00	247	1.44
56	3.00	120	3.00	184	1.00	248	1.00
57	5.00	121	3.00	185	1.00	249	1.00
58	1.00	122	5.00	186	1.00	250	1.00
59	1.00	123	5.00	187	2.00	251	5.00
60	25.00	124	3.00	188	1.00	252	1.00
61	5.00	125	1.00	189	1.00	253	7.50
62	10.00	126	2.00	190	.50		
63	5.00	127	5.00	191	3.00		
64	5.00	128	2.50	192	5.00		

Total.....\$1,452.17

SUMMER OBJECTIVES

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able, space for a much-needed tool and supply room, and another room, usable either for classes or students, as needed.

Location of the tool room in the main building will release the present tool room, located some distance away, to be converted into a poultry house. This, in turn, is part of a larger program of making possible a supply of dairy, poultry, and farm products to meet a time of more and more difficulty in securing needed foodstuffs. On a larger scale, it is the University's "Victory Garden."

Other improvements of a more minor nature are planned, the whole contributing to the steadily cumulative total of advancement that is year by year giving the University more to offer to students who come for a Christian higher education.

Happy New Year!

Dear Folks:

This is New Year for me. . . .

You see, I'm Statistical Sam, and the beginning of a fiscal year is my birthday.

President Rudd has given me as my job this year the responsibility of showing to you month by month how the University is progressing financially. He says that we need an average monthly gift income of \$2,000, a total of \$24,000 for the year. And he is concerned that we keep it up month by month. If a month does fall below the average—and to my sorrow, June has done just that—he says that we must work and pray and give to bring the average to date as soon as we can.

A new kind of report, a chart, will be my way of showing you what each month has done, and the total to date.

Because I know you folks believe in the necessity of this important work here at Bryan, I do not hesitate at all to urge you to pray, to tell others, and to give, just as the Lord leads you. It's not for any of us; it's for Him. . . .

Yours, with great expectations,

Sam

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