WHERE BIBLE BELIEVERS ARE PROPAGATING THEIR FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD AND IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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HEAVEN SHAKEN

In Luke 21:26 we read, "For the powers of heaven shall be shaken." The Greek word for heaven is ouranos. (Twe ouranwn—the genitive plural.) Hershel named his planet Uranus in 1781. Uranium the ninety-second element, was isolated by Pefigot, and named after Uranus. Jesus actually said, "The power of the Uranium shall be shaken." The language of the Bible is becoming the language of science, and the language of science becomes effective in religious usage.—The Correlator.

FRESHMEN PRESENT NEW SIGN

(No more need visitors to the University to wander about the foot of Bryan Hill, wondering which of three possible roads to take to reach the campus. A large, full-color sign, with the University shield in the center, has been so placed as to be easily read by travelers approaching from any direction. It gives both the direction and the approximate mileage to the main campus.)

The University administration, represented by President Rudd, expressed appreciation for the gift in a recent chapel service, when the president of the class, Richard Tevebaugh, presented it to the University.

THE BUILDING IS IMPERATIVE

Little has been said lately about the building program, but plans have not been changed, nor are we discouraged. We dislike to see the building fund spent almost as rapidly as it comes in and on small-scale building operations. But before we will turn away any of the students who are applying for admission in September, we will spend all of the nearly twelve thousand dollars in the fund now, going as far as we can with construction on the building.

Such “brick-by-brick” progress is slow and costly. We must pray in the $50,000 cash needed to start construction in an orderly, economical way, under the supervision of those who can do the work in a professional manner and with sufficient funds to purchase materials at quantity prices.

JUDSON A. RUDD, President
GIFT TO EUROPE

Reverend Douglas Stewart, guest speaker in chapel on January 14, stirred the hearts of every listener as he told of his experiences and observations in Europe while he was a prisoner of Germany during the war. Mr. Stewart has come from Scotland to represent the European Evangelistic Crusade.

In his lively brogue he made us realize that we are as free-born Americans gripe too much. What a shame that our people defined this common word so well for him! Simple word pictures brought clearly before us that we have a great many things which we take as though we expected them, and we fail entirely to be truly thankful for our daily blessings that so many in Europe do not have.

It was a group of thoughtful and devoted Christians who left the chapel. At the freshmen class meeting it was evident that the impressions of the chapel service were yet trenchant, for when the question arose as to the proper disposal of freshmen funds, it was suggested that we send a gift to Europe for needy families. At length the class decided to take up an offering for this purpose. The idea spread rapidly, and the combined student body and staff sent a gift of $127.50 to be used in the Lord's work on the other side of the Atlantic.—J. H.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

I want to say very emphatically that I have no sympathy with the doctrine of universal brotherhood and universal Fatherhood. I don't believe one word of it. If a man lives in the flesh and serves the flesh, he is a child of the devil. That is pretty strong language, but it is what Christ said (see John 8:44). It brought down a hornet's nest upon His head, and helped to hasten Him to the cross. Nevertheless, it is true. Show me a man that will lie and steal and get drunk and ruin a woman—do you tell me he is my brother? Not a bit of it. He must be both of it. He must be born into the house of faith before he becomes my brother in Christ. He is an alien; he is a stranger to the grace of God, he is not a friend. Before a man can cry, "Abba, Father," he must be born from above, born of the Spirit.—Dwight L. Moody.

WHO'S WHO AWARDED GIVEN

Awards to students winning a place of honor as members of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges were made recently by President Rudd. Election to the honor is determined by faculty vote and is based on academic, social, and spiritual standing and on general leadership and character.

Students elected were Elaine Kennard, a senior, from St. Augustine, Florida, automatically elected because of having held membership the preceding year; Florence Monick, a senior from Philadelphia; Earle Peer, a senior from Dayton, Tennessee, and Helen Gow, a junior from Columbus, Indiana.

These students have consistently taken an active part in student life in the University and have proved themselves to be worthy of the mark of distinction the honor has given them.

BASKETBALL BEGINS

All work and no play makes Lyman and Harold dull boys. You see Lyman Goehring and Harold Goehring are the respective captains of the Scarlet and Gold basketball teams.

The University has been given time each week on the basketball floor at the local High School, and each practice indicates the boys are getting into condition for a colorful contest between the two rival groups.

The increased number of men in the University this year makes possible good teams with plenty of substitutes. Several of the men previously played on first teams at their home High Schools, and it appears that the brand of playing will be good, the games hard fought.

Thus far, no report is in on the lassies, but we have reason to believe that we shall be hearing from them also before long.

DONT!

The work is solemn—therefore don't trifle; The task is difficult—therefore don't relax; The opportunity is brief—therefore don't delay; The path is narrow—therefore don't wander; The prize is glorious—therefore don't faint.

—D. M. Panton

Bryan University
1947 COMMONER IN MAKING

"Well, what about the introductory page? We want something really good and different?" remarked Helen Parden.

"And the photographs—pictures," Vivian McBride added, "are awfully important in an annual."

"Yes, that’s right. Now, anybody else have any suggestions?" questions Jerry Teeter, editor-in-chief of the Commoner. This sort of conversation might be heard at almost any meeting of the members of the junior class, who are packing to put out this year’s annual. The annual is the contribution of each year’s juniors to the University.

The Commoner staff is headed this year by Jerry, with Lois Weyhe as assistant editor. Edgar Lieb is business manager; Catherine Marshall, as secretary-treasurer, is kept busy jotting down notes and keeping accounts; photography is in charge of Vivian McBride; and Ella Lee Hall and Gloria Cloer are responsible for the art work. Helen Parden is circulation manager.

Most of the group and individual pictures were taken early in January. The Commoner “dummy” has been made, and the Commoner Staff, along with the other members of the junior class, are assembling writing, proofing material, and choosing snapshots in order to put out the annual as early as possible. The Staff is determined that the volume shall not only represent Bryan University well, but shall also make known that on Bryan Hill Christ is above all.—J. T.

EVOLUTION HAS NO ANSWER

What is man? From whence did he come and what is the cause of his present sorrowful condition? Whither does he go? Evolution has no satisfactory answer to these questions, but the Bible narrative has, and it remains unarnished and unbroken amidst all the assaults. It courts no favor and has nothing to fear from the wisdom of men. It tells us of man’s fallen condition, throws on the screen the dark picture of sin and its result, tells what depraved intellects lead to (Romans 1:21-23), and warns of impending judgment (Romans 2). With it all, love makes a way of escape and provides a Saviour in order that man may be brought into a place of fellowship with God with all the blessing and power which accompany and grow out of that fellowship.—Christian Life and Times.

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Religious movements have always been cyclical and fluctuating in their extremes. Apart from God-sent revivals the trend of humanity has always been downward. God has always had His messengers for each stage in the religious experience of human society. God raised up Wesley, Finney, and Moody when the time was ripe. The same can be said of the great missionary movements. It would have been foolish to send Wesley, Finney, and Moody much sooner or much later. Many Old Testament prophets gave God’s message in God’s power and yet saw no spiritual awakening in their day. However, they were sent of God as a testimony to prepare the way for what was to follow. Fundamentalism was God-sent protest against Modernism. Should the Lord tarry, succeeding generations will recognize Fundamentalism as a movement which led up to God-sent discipline and revival.

For years we have sensed that Bryan University had a distinctive ministry of combining Grace with TRUTH for the movement following Fundamentalism. We do not claim for Bryan Christ-like perfection in the combination of Grace and Truth, but from the beginning, we have had more than an iron-clad charter with a strong fundamentalist statement of belief. God has taught us the twin truths of the essential unity of the one body of born-again believers and the pre-eminent need of love among the members of that one body, and God has kept us humble. We do claim that already we have fruit to prove the beneficial results of our distinctive ministry.

God is calling and training young people in our day, and from among them He will raise up leaders for His people in the days to come. We confidently predict that the distinctive ministry of Bryan University will play a large part in the lives of tomorrow’s Wesleys, Finneys, and Moodys, as well as in the lives of those who will support them and the most far-reaching missionary and evangelistic movement yet seen.

"History teaches us that it is with divine revelation of the Scriptures as was the divine revelation in nature; the Scriptures are an inexhaustible mine of precious ore, with tiny nuggets for everyone, but with large veins of wealth even more rich and rewarding for him who delves deepest and the most persistently with the best instruments." — Professor Alfred Cave, Introduction to Theology.
THE STORK REPORTS
AGAIN

The stork has reported once again with "bundles for Bryan," the bundles this time being as follows:

Jay Dean Tucker, born in Hayseville, Ohio, January 16, the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay D. Tucker. Mr. Tucker is a veteran and a student at Bryan.

Jeanne Eileen Weniger, born in Dayton, Tennessee, January 23, to Professor and Mrs. Delbert Weniger. Prof. Weniger is in the science department, Mrs. Weniger, a member of the music department of the University.

NEWSETTE extends hearty congratulations to parents, a warm welcome to the bundles.

FAITH

"Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to impossibilities, knows nothing but success. Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, lays hold of Him who has all power in heaven and on earth. Faith makes the outlook good, the inlook favorable, the future glorious." — Prairie Overcomer.

PLANT AND PROPERTY FUND

Balance (January 1st) $12,933.89
Building Fund Receipts:
Rec. No. 256-300 1,405.08
5% Gft. Income 119.87
Total 1,524.95
Less expenditures 1,458.84

Balance (January 31st) 11,966.65

The University's "war flag" has been hauled down for the last time, having served faithfully in letting the world know that Bryan University was not shirking the obligations of war, giving her share in men and time. Though we confess to parting with that particular flag, with some regret, we rejoice to see the brilliance of a new Old Glory, unfurling herself against the clouds.

NEW FLAG

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The financial agreement under which the singers serve usually includes meals, lodging, and a free-will offering.

Itineraries are now being planned, so an early request will be necessary.

WOE IS US!

Dear Folks:

Thanks again—we almost did it, didn't we? Do you suppose that this month—and it's a short one, too—will find me way up on top, looking down to where I am now? That would be great. And say, don't forget that building fund, will you? If we don't get busy pretty soon, there will be a lot of young folks disappointed next year.

Yours for Him,

Sam

The Newsette