Is There A Reason?

Is there, you ask, a reason for Bryan University? Are there not enough religious colleges? Are there not, in fact, too many to justify the sacrifices, the effort, and the lives involved in building another? Is there, after all, a reason for Bryan University? Are there not other sound Christian colleges in which our young men and women can be trained?

There are enough religious colleges, too many, in fact. However, Bryan University is definitely not a religious college. A religious college, like a religion, may represent anything from the rankest idolatry and heathenism to the worship of a mere man. It may, in a sense, lack even the "form thereof" and have not even a semblance of what you, the reader, may call religion. Yes, there are too many religious colleges, teaching and preaching "other gospels" and denying the "faith once delivered to the Saints." But Bryan University is not a religious college.

And there are other sound Christian colleges, though their number be small, indeed, during these days of open apostasy and modernism. These colleges fill a great need and are providing for as many of His young people as they can. But they are also turning away thousands each year for lack of space. This is reason enough for another Christian college.

Yet, there should be some definite need that goes beyond this, some mission which Bryan University is able to fill in a way that other Christian colleges cannot.

There is need for a liberal arts college that meets the financial needs of the average home and that enables worthy young men and women of moderate means to obtain the education which will equip them, spiritually and mentally, to live and serve in our present-day world. With the total charges for room, board, tuition, and regular student fees for the year at slightly less than $400.00, we believe that Bryan meets this need as few, if any, other colleges are meeting it.

There is a need for a college which is enough pioneer in character to

TIME IS URGENT

All summer long the staff members and students on Bryan Hill have labored strenuously to prepare for a larger "Bryan University Family." They have been spurred on by the consecrated Christian young people begging for admission. The pictures in this issue of the Newslette tell the story of what we are trying to do. Because we are so limited financially, it is urgent that our friends help, even though it means a sacrifice on their part.

FACULTY CIRCLE

Pictured in this issue are views of the homes constructed or being constructed on Faculty Circle, a smaller hill that is a part of Bryan Hill. Friends who have given to the University annuity fund should feel a certain joy in knowing that their gifts are making it possible for the University to accommodate more staff members comfortably and, at the same time, to make more room for the many students seeking admission to the dormitories.

The houses being built are attractive, modern, well constructed, yet comparatively inexpensive; and, as is usually the case with the University, little money has been made to do much for Him.

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A SUMMER'S SUMMARY

Earl Williamson
Comptroller and Instructor in Bible

Wading through flood waters and mud last June, a determined 14-year-old boy came to our apartment one Saturday afternoon, in a southern Iowa town, where we were holding evangelistic meetings. He had purposed in his heart to surrender his life to Jesus. This young man had already begun to evaluate the wages of sin: his father was then undergoing a severe alcohol cure in an institution. He had witnessed the weakening effect that alcohol was producing in his father, physically and morally. He realized his need of One who alone could save him from sin's devastating power. After confessing his sins, and accepting God's proffered mercy and atonement through the blood of Jesus Christ, this boy went home rejoicing in his Saviour and friend.

That same afternoon, a 14-year-old girl came to us and asked to be forgiven for having disrupted her class so frequently during the Vacation Bible School sessions. The full impress of the Lord's conviction upon her conscience was more clearly evidenced when she followed her apology to us by asking, "How can I make things right with Jesus?" Assurance was given her from God's Word, containing in I John 1:9, and after a season of prayer she went out with a load lifted from her heart.

One hot July day, on a farm twenty miles from where we were holding meetings in a central Nebraska town, a 16-year-old boy was driving a tractor. The Lord spoke to his heart. As he described the incident later, the Holy Spirit urged him to come over to the meeting and "go to the altar." Before the first line of the invitation song was finished he was at the altar crying before the Lord.

These, and several young people, whose lives were surrendered to the Lord during the summer meetings, furnish a refreshing contrast to the otherwise apparent resistance to God's claim upon the lives of the others.

Unfortunately, complete reports from the three groups are not available at this time, but that you might know just what is involved in such a tour, we give you the figures representing a summer of service for the Ladies' Quartet:

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It would be difficult, indeed, to estimate the number who heard the testimonies, for congregations ranged from 33 to 1,200, not including radio listeners. Though the singers are sent out to make the school known, the message is Christ-centered, and its chief purpose is to bring the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ.

The University administration extends thanks to the many pastors and other friends along the way who made the trips possible and who made the singers comfortably at home, both in the church and in the homes.

Prof. and Mrs. Delbert Weniger will be at home in this attractive house during the present year.

DIFFICULTIES . . . A LIFE'S WORK

Someone has said that he used to look on difficulties, problems, and untoward circumstances as hindrances to the carrying on of his life work, until he realized that the way in which he met those difficulties was his life work!
BRYAN BANQUET AT WINONA

When Bryan folks get together, "a good time is had by all." And this was the case on the evening of August 25th, when some fifty or more Bryan students (former, present, and future) faculty and staff members, and friends of the University gathered around the tables in the Winona Lake Hotel for a delicious dinner—prepared by Bryan students employed for the summer by the conference ground administration.

Special music was provided by the members of the Ladies' Trio of the University Gospel Singers, Lee Moreland, Virginia Oakley, and Susie Miller. The Conference was their last stop after some nine weeks on the road. They were ably accompanied by Dottie Stoll, from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Chairman for the occasion was Dean Ryther, who arrived with Nita King, Jackie Howell, and LaVerne Howland of the Ladies' Quartette, which had just concluded its summer tour in Detroit the preceding night. Other Gospel Singers present were Frank Brill and Ian Hay.

A number of special friends of the University of long standing were at the table, including Dr. Harry Ironside and Dr. Louis Bauman, both of whom made brief talks, Dr. Herman Hoyt and his brother, Garner, and others too numerous to mention. Former students who gave brief testimonies to the value of Bryan in their lives were June Kramer, Jesse Humbold, and John Harper. And so this could go on, giving name after name of members of the far-flung Bryan family. It was a goodly gathering, a delicious meal, and a precious fellowship. A generous portion of thanks to friend Eddie Miller, whose usual zeal for an old-fashioned get-together made the meeting largely possible.

The Pump

At last—more water pressure! Albert Levengood and Professor Fish installed the pump.

MISS WEBB RESIGNS

Miss Janet Webb, until recently librarian and art instructor in the University, has resigned to accept employment in the "Open Door Children's Home" at Hazard, Kentucky. A graduate in the class of 1939, Miss Webb returned to the University as a member of the faculty in 1943 and has rendered a valuable service in that dual capacity since. A successor has not yet been announced by the administration.

WILLIAMSONS loose

Shortly after leaving Bryan Hill for a series of evangelistic meetings in the Middle West, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, staff members, and their daughter Carol, a student, wrote back of having lost considerable clothing from their trailer.

On their return trip, Chicago proved to be another place of loss, for their car, parked before a hotel, was broken into, and most of Mrs. Williamson's and a great deal of the ladies' clothing, and an expensive accordion were taken.

WHAT GREAT MEN SAY ABOUT THE BIBLE

Moses: "Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord!"

Lincoln: "It is the best gift which God has given to man."

Washington: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

Moody: "The Bible is the only newsbook in the world. The newspaper tells us what has taken place, but this book tells us what will take place!"

The Pump

Where Dean Ryther will be at home

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older people who attended the services. However, it was a joyous occasion when an old man, past eighty years of age, accepted the Lord during an altar call one night.

In the face of rising moral decadency in our nation it is apparent that what the church does it must do quickly if this tide is to be turned. In our travels this Summer several incidents—indicative of the trend of the times—crossed our path: the brazen near-nudity on the part of shameless women in public places; the common use of obscene language by boys and girls on the streets (first heard uttered by parents and other grown-ups on the streets and around the homes). In Chicago we experienced the touch of the looter's hand, where a countless number of car owners have suffered great losses this year. One of the most tragic things observed this summer was that of the attitude of a woman boathouse attendant at Yellowstone Lake, and the laughing response of her male assistants. A large crowd had gathered on the wharf, anxiously awaiting word concerning a young man's father, and his fishing companion, who were reported as drowning a few miles off shore. Within the son's hearing, and that of most of us who were standing by, she loudly called to another, "What do these people think this is—a mourners' bench?"

What with the demonstration of God's saving grace on the one hand, and the fact of the world's deplorable condition on the other, I am encouraged in the work of the Lord and at the same time sobered by the great challenge the world presents. Bible Institutes, Christian colleges and universities, and sound (not sound asleep) seminaries are instituted of God for the purpose of turning out well-equipped graduates to meet this challenge. Young people are clamoring for admission, but most schools are already bulging due to inadequate accommodations. One cannot but wonder if some of God's stewards are doing all that is possible to relieve the situation.
ROSENAUS AFRICA BOUND

A letter from Bruce and Wilma, Mr. and Mrs., Rosenau, tells of their acceptance by the Mid-Missions Council as candidates for Africa. Though they will not be required to have further education in this country, they will go to France for six months to a year to study French.

We praise the Lord for this word from these members of the Bryan Family.

CONGRATULATIONS

A son, Virgil Wayne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sorge on August 22, at Longview, Texas.

On Bryan Hill, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Westrom, arrived a daughter, Gloria Lynn, on August 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sullivan announce the arrival of a daughter, Linda Kay, on August 29, in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

A daughter, Diana Elizabeth, arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wylie, July 18, in Nigeria, British West Africa.

SUMMER FAMILY PICNICS

"A little higher next time, and you’ll get it for sure." "Huh! You hit way up in the tree: I saw the leaves fall." "Bay, plumb center. That’s the way to hit ‘em!"

These and other remarks flew thick and fast when part of the summer family faced an imposing array of two tin cans and tried, with moderate success, to knock them from their perches with a Colt .45 pistol. Without saying anything about the ammunition that did not hit, let it be known that out of the six people shooting, only two failed to find the mark.

But the hot dogs, beans, punch, and cherry pie hit the spot without a miss. The moonlight hike home that five of the group enjoyed capped a pleasant and restful outing.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND

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A G.I. Drilling

But this time it is rye and clover for the rapidly growing herd of cows.

 presents a challenge to young people to take something less than "the best," to inspire them to become a part of the college, a part that will through the years benefit other young people. There is a need, in this day of plenty and loafing, for a college in which a young man or woman will learn that the solutions to life’s problems come not from a world-wide and ever-present silver platter, but from a conscientious, determined effort on their part and a faith in God that will not be denied. Yes, there is a need for such a college—and Bryan University meets that need.

There is a need for a Christian college which provides for all who seek in it a Christian education which lays emphasis on serving, as well as on knowing, Christ. And that school must not only meet that need, but it must also present to the student an opportunity for a realistic training and a challenge to make use of that training. The work of the Christian Service Association, which sends students into the mountain and valley communities weekly to preach, teach, and sing the Gospel, the weekly street and jail services, the child evangelism work, and the other phases of Christian activity on Bryan Hill—these provide training and are in themselves a challenge which has sent Bryan graduates and students into China, Africa, Mexico, South America, and other fields at home and abroad.

Yes, there is a reason for Bryan University. It is further testified to by the fact that staff members have labored faithfully under trying conditions throughout the past eighteen years, accepting salaries far below those they might have had in the world’s institutions, choosing, rather, to serve the Lord. It is further testified to by the steady, sound growth of the institution and the increase in the number of students who have come into its doors to gain what they believed the Lord would have them to have—a liberal arts education centered in a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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