Merry Christmas!

In behalf of all of the staff members and students of Bryan University, I extend to each of our friends cordial Greetings in the Name of Christ.

We deeply appreciate the fellowship we have had with Christ and with our contributing and praying friends in doing His work during the past year. The people of the world will make much of Christmas, but they cannot enter into the joys of real Christmas nor can they understand genuine fellowship with Christ. May the abounding joys of this fellowship be yours at this Christmas time.

President Rudd.

NEW MASTHEAD

Of interest to our readers may be the information that the masthead used for NEWSETTE is made from an actual photograph of Bryan Hill, taken from the Double-S road. It includes the back part of the campus, with a section of Lake Chickamauga to the left and Highway 30 winding its way around the Hill and on into Dayton. NEWSETTE is indebted to the S. Hugh Paine Advertising Service for this realistic and attractive heading.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

When a scheduled hour-and-a-half praise and prayer service failed to meet the time demands, it was extended some fifteen or twenty minutes to give everyone who desired an opportunity to express his thanks to the "Giver of all good gifts." Praise (Continued on Page 4)

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION FROM PRESIDENT RUDDA

God loveth a cheerful giver, so let's not allow high prices to spoil our Christmas joy. It isn't Christmas without giving to Christ, and to the friends and relatives that He has given us. The way to beat 'Old Man Inflation' right at the start is to budget our giving to include remembrances for our friends and relatives, and also the gifts for the Lord's work.

Limited incomes and rising prices created a problem for my family at Christmas-time in 1926. My sister, Inez, and others with her in college, remained with my Uncle George, rather than spend money for the trips to distant homes. Just out of college and having received only three months' salary, I also decided to spend Christmas at Uncle George's. Thus there was a large gathering of friends and relatives for the exchanging of Christmas gifts.

We solved the problem by exchanging very inexpensive gifts and also by putting beneath the Christmas tree packages of things already belonging to those present. Sister Inez received the six or seven compacts she had so recently received for graduation from high school, and, to increase the fun, several more belonging to others of the gathering.

Imagine Uncle George's surprise and delight when he opened a package containing the Mackinaw that he had been unable to find that morning, but which he had already worn for two or three winters. The first package opened by Inez contained a well-worn compact, which she recognized as belonging to her roommate. She was overcome with emotion because she assumed that straightened finances prompted her roommate to

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New Year's Day is the special day to pray for Bryan! Will you pray?


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CONSOLIDATED GIFT REPORT
November 1947

Operating Gifts $1,620.57
Building Fund Gifts 273.00
Chapel Fund Gifts 1,334.00

Grand Total $3,227.57

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND REPORT
Balance (September 1st) $7,559.17
Building Funds Receipts:
September Rec. $8870... $160.00
October Rec. 71-76... 70.00
November Rec. 77-97... 273.00
5% of Gift Income
September 77.70
October 77.72
November 81.03
Sale of equipment 1,126.80
Interest income 12.68
Credit from Chapel Fund 900.00
(Transfer of Purchase Price)

$10,346.70
Less expenditures $4,307.05
Balance (November 30) $6,039.65

A REPORT ON THE NEW CHAPEL
As listed in the report on Chapel Fund Gifts, $13,636.72 has been expended on the Chapel construction through November 13th. This cost is divided approximately as follows:
- Purchase price at site, Camp Forrest $900.00
- Cost of dismantling $900.00
- Trucking materials to campus $850.00
- Foundation and ground floor $6,000.00
- Re-erection of main structure to date $4,986.72

After the building was purchased, thought and prayer led to the decision to make certain changes as it was re-erected. Chief among these was the decision to construct a ground floor dormitory of fourteen rooms and a shower room under the main structure. The room for additional students was urgently needed, and could be made here at far less expense than in any other manner.

The second decision was to construct two small apartments, one above the other, on the rear of the building. In its original construction, the Chapel had an attached one-story structure housing the boiler room. The modification permitted the boiler room and shower room on the ground floor, with the two apartments above, all under the same roof, a definite economy in construction. These decisions explain the $6,000.00 item listed as "Foundation and ground floor," and for the apartments, about $1,000 each, included in "Re-erection of the main structure."

The major part of the building is now under roof and rapidly progressing toward the time when the dormitory rooms can be occupied. Even though the construction of the Chapel has temporarily delayed resumption of construction on the administration building, the gain of an adequate chapel auditorium, apartments for two staff families, and dormitory quarters for thirty-two students—at a cost that will be much less than half of their value—seems the clear course of wisdom, and the definite leading of the Lord.

GIFTS TO CHAPEL
November To Date
Staff $900.00 $489.00
Students 83.00 1,194.59
Alumni 110.00 554.16
Friends 1,132.00 2,842.00
Total $1,334.00 $5,079.75
Deficit (from other funds) $8,556.97
Cost (through Nov. '47) $13,636.72

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It is understood that Ralph will be used on the faculty of the Chungking Seminary for the training of Chinese Christian workers.

Though sorry to have the fellowship broken again, we rejoice to see Chinese Christian workers.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Arthur I. Brown, referred to in the article in this paper written by Rev. W. C. Bennett, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Brown's testimony lives on in his and many other lives!

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Just recently word has been received that Bryan's first missionaries, Ralph and Rebecca Toliver, will return to China with their three children sometime in January. Though they had anticipated being in the States for several months longer, the China Inland Mission headquarters recently informed them of the need for an almost immediate return to the land where they spent seven and a half years serving the Lord.

OPENING RECITAL PLEASES

The first of three or four to be held during the year, the opening voice and instrumental recital was held on the evening of November 24th, presenting a number of Bryan's artists and the newly organized instrumental ensemble. The program follows:

Prayer .............. President Rudd Orchestra*—When Love Shines In Kneippatrick Choir*—(a) Lift Up Your Heads, Adams (b) I Lay My Sins on Jesus; Speaks Piano Solo—May Night, Pianist, M. Parson Miss Woode Bertram—Pianist of Mrs. Grote Soprano Solo—(a) Pale Moon Logan (b) Paris Angels (b) Lord Most Holy (O Lord Most Holy) French Miss Loe McLeod* Miss Dorothy Whitacre, Violin Piano Solo—Hungarian Rhapsody Kodling Miss Irene Jones—Pianist of Mrs. Wenner Contralto Solo—(a) Japanese Death Song, Short (b) When I See My Saviour Miss Wanita King* (Continued from Page 1)

ran the gamut from thanks for salvation to praise for the hard times of life, which are frequently God's richest blessings in disguise.

We at Bryan do praise the Lord for His goodness to us. We praise Him for the hardships and for the obstacles met along the way, for we sincerely believe in our hearts that these have been used of Him to enlarge and to deepen the testimony of the school. Surely, it is when we need Him most that we come to know Him best.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE INTRODUCED

Recently introduced to Bryan music lovers was the University Instrumental Ensemble, which shared the platform with individual singers and instrumentalists at the opening recital last month.

Members of the ensemble include Prof. Stock (director), Dorothy Whitacre, and Marguerite Walker, violins; Merle Parsons and Harold Warner, trumpets; Ruth Ann Adams, flute; Bruce Brickel, clarinet; Robert Smith, trombone; Lamar Modert, drums; and Della Huck, piano.

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