BRYAN GETS FOUR YEAR RECOGNITION

As President Rudd looks on, Archie Keffer assists Professor Fish lay one of the first facing bricks, May 3.

MASONS LAY FACING BRICK; TOWER SECTION BEGUN

(A long looked-for moment came May 3 when President Judson A. Rudd laid the first of the yellow bricks which are to be used in facing the administration building.

Shipment of these bricks had been promised in December but the first two carloads arrived in Dayton April 23, with one more carload coming in April 30. Student crews of four to eight fellows each worked alternately and untiringly in the mornings and afternoons to transport these 60,000 bricks from the Dayton railroad siding to the top of Bryan Hill. A concrete base has been poured part of the way around the building, and the masons began laying the bricks as weather permitted after the initial ceremony.

Whenever the weather conditions prohibited outside work, the masons returned to their work on the upper floor of the north section of the building where eighty per cent of the partitions have been completed.

The recently erected column forms for the tower section, which will link the north and south sections of the administration building, are another sign of progress. The reinforcing steel for this work is in place, and the concrete is being poured.

Student painters have been busy throughout the building, and interior decorating will continue as the sections are completed.

Flashing over the wires on May 3 came one of the most significant news releases in Bryan University's academic history: "Bryan University approved for four years' work. Letter follows."

Spontaneous applause greeted the announcement at the chapel session on May 5, that "The University of Tennessee has seen fit to approve the William Jennings Bryan University as a four-year degree-granting institution," effective as of May 4, according to the communication from Dr. R. F. Thomason, dean of admissions and records of the University of Tennessee.

This recognition means that Bryan graduates can enter the University of Tennessee graduate school with the same standing as those from other approved institutions. Other state universities and most private colleges follow the practice of the University of Tennessee in accepting undergraduate credits.

The announcement was particularly welcome to the 34 students in the 1931 class, who will receive their degrees on June 6. "I think we can make it retroactive for last year and possibly the year before that," Dr. Thomason also stated.

Whereas the University of Tennessee previously gave credit on a provisional basis for a maximum of three years of study at Bryan, it now assures complete credit for Bryan's four years of undergraduate work.

This official academic rating has been granted to Bryan University upon the recommendation of Dr. Bain T. Stewart, assistant professor of English, Dr. George Wagoner, associate professor of business education, and Dr. J. Orvin Mundt, associate professor of bacteriology, who visited Bryan with Dr. Thomason as the examining committee from the University of Tennessee.

"Our committee was pleased with your institution as demonstrated by the work of the faculty, by the attitude of the students, and the general tone and atmosphere of the institution as a whole," wrote Dr. Thomason to Dean D. W. Ryther.

DUBOSE, WILSON TO SPEAK

Bryan University's eighteenth annual commencement exercises will begin with the Alumni Banquet on the night of June 2. A large number of the alumni are expected to be present for the occasion.

The speaker for the baccalaureate service which will be held the following evening will be Dr. A. Edwin Wilson, executive secretary and director of the Southern Hebrew Mission, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. P. W. DuBose, president of the Hampden DuBose Academy, Zellwood, Florida, will deliver the commencement address at 10:00 a.m. June 6.
From My Heart to You

I want to call your attention to a verse to God's Word which encourages us to press on, the absolutely certain fulfillment of the promise given being verified more and more by our experiences. The telegram received from Dr. R. F. Thompson, dean of admissions and records of the University of Tennessee, saying, "Bryan University approved for four years' work," is our most recent example of the truth of Galatians 6:9—"And let us not be weary in doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The students who have attended Bryan University through the years before its credit standing was definitely established deserve special recognition. They have placed spiritual values ahead of academic results. Also, this action of the University of Tennessee, after recommendation by their examining committee, is partially explained by the fine record of our students, local and out-of-state, who have transferred to the University of Tennessee.

Although our students have previously been able to transfer their credits with a minimum loss, undoubtedly many prospective students have hesitated to register at Bryan because they did not know for certain that their credits would be accepted by institutions where they planned to secure advanced training. Since other state universities and most private colleges will follow the practice of the University of Tennessee, we can expect our enrollment to continue on the increase.

I am sure that God has disciplined us through the years for the larger opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead. He has wrought something by these years of testing that could be accomplished in no other way. Thus we are in that happy condition where we not only appreciate the recognition of the University of Tennessee but we are also grateful to the Lord for these years of testing when we were required to prove ourselves.

We must not fail in our continued loyalty to Christ and the Bible as we serve a larger number of young people. Please join us in thanking the Lord, and pray for us as we enter a period of new opportunities and responsibilities in the life of Bryan University.

Judson A. Rudd
President

SENIORS CRAM FOR COMPS

May 15 to 19—ask any senior; he knows the meaning of those dates—senior comprehensives, of course.

As the fateful days of testing drew nearer, small groups of seniors could be seen busily conferring with one another over long pages of notes. Questions such as these flew back and forth: "Do you have the notes from Professor Uphouse's education class?—I just can't find mine." Or "Do you think we'll ever know all this history?"

On the first day of the comprehensives, the seniors correlated in written form all the material which they have learned in the field of their major. Some time during the other days, these same students appeared fearfully before all the instructors in the department in which they are taking their major, who questioned them concerning other particulars of the knowledge which they have acquired in their college studies.

These are trying days for the seniors, but they are somewhat consoling to know that they can try again if the instructors are not satisfied with the answers given at the first hearing, and that almost everyone in previous years has made the grade.

FBI AGENT, BRITISHER ADDRESS STUDENTS IN CHAPEL PROGRAMS

James I. Rike, a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Bryan Packer, an Englishman doing public service work in the United States, spoke to the Bryan students in recent chapel services.

Mr. Rike defined federal violations and gave examples of some of the cases solved by the FBI. He also pointed out that FBI headquarters in Washington serve as a repository for all the fingerprints taken in the United States. After the chapel program April 25, he interviewed several students interested in FBI work as a vocation.

In his address May 11, Mr. Packer defined and explained the dangers of socialism and its present-day effects upon England and the world.

GOLDS Emerge Debate Winners, Garner Forensic Week-End Points

"Resolved: That the non-communist nations should form a new international organization" was the question of the day at the Scarlet-Gold debate, Thursday, April 5. After a hot debate and fierce rebuttals, the Golds, holding to the negative, were finally determined the victors. Richard McIntosh and Warren Purdy composed the winning team.

To introduce Forensic Weekend April 21-23, advertising posters were put up by the Scarlets and Golds. First place in this art work went to Marguerite Taber, Gold, with Norbert Prust, Scarlet, capturing the second place points.

In the opening activities Saturday evening was a spelling bee in which Charles Taber, Scarlet, emerged the winner. Because Charles had not been listed as a contestant, the Golds were awarded the points by a technical decision. The gold banner was again victorious in the poetry reading contest: as John Reed and Harriette Stahnke garnered the first and second places respectively.

Rebecca Craig held up the winning flag for the Scarlets in the dramatic reading contest. This was the Scarlets' only first place victory for the evening. Second place for readings was awarded to Wilma Hartley, Gold.

Sophomore vespers, featuring June Zehrung, student chalk artist, were held Sunday afternoon in the Memorial chapel. The program included a girls' trio and a reading from Thomas a Kempis' "Imitation of Christ." The program concluded Forensic Weekend with a humorous program Monday evening, April 23. There again the Golds were victorious with their presentation of the skit entitled "The Same Old Rut," written by David Cook, a junior.

MUSIC STUDENTS PERFORM IN THIRD QUARTER CONCERTS

Presenting the first of several musical treats at Bryan University during May, Miss Betty June Webber, instructor in music, offered listening pleasure in her recital of organ solos Sunday afternoon, May 6.

Two compositions by Bach introduced the musical hour, with other selections including "Bible Poems" by Weinberger, and the concluding choral improvisation, "Now Thank We All Our God," by Karg-Elert.

One of the outstanding student recitals of the year was given May 25, presenting Janice Coleman, pianist, and Donald Anderson, bass-baritone soloist. Miss Coleman played several selections including the entire "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven and "Three Bagatelles" by Tcherepnine. "Largo al Factotum" from the Barber of Seville by Rossini, "Shadrack" and "Jonah and the Whale" by MacGinsey, and "O Man River" were included in Mr. Anderson's selections.

The University Choir, under the leadership of Paul D. Stock, associate professor of music, presented a spring concert: May 10. Classical, ballad, and sacred numbers, including the well-loved "Hallelujah Chorus" from The Messiah by Handel, "Funiculi, Funicula" by Luigi Denza with Jack Lacey singing the tenor solo, and vocal and piano solos by Charlotte Howell and Lovis Cartwright, comprised the program. Special guests for the occasion were the members of the Lions Club.

Music students perform in third quarter concerts...
BRYAN STUDENTS ATTEND REGIONAL FMF CONFERENCE

Twenty-two Bryan students traveled to Toccoa, Georgia, for a missionary challenge at the Southeastern Regional Spring Conference for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship. In session April 13-15, the conference was held on the Lake Louise Conference grounds, located four miles east of Toccoa.

Featured speakers for the gathering were the Rev. James A. Stewart, founder and director of the European Evangelistic Crusade, and Dr. Kenneth Pike, professor of linguistics at the University of Michigan and the Summer Institute of Linguistics, conducted by the Wycliffe Translators at Norman, Oklahoma.

Throughout the conference 14 missionaries representing approximately ten missions were available for consultation. Prayer meetings, discussion groups, and the Sunday morning Bible hour also provided an opportunity for the students to “meet the missionaries.” “O for a Thousand Tongues,” a Wycliffe film depicting the present translation work in South America, was shown Saturday evening.

Those who attended the conference gave a resume of its activities at the FMF meeting in the Memorial Chapel April 18.

CLASS OF ‘51 KEEPS TRADITION WITH SENIOR DAY PROGRAMS

Presenting the morning chapel program and giving an evening of entertainment, the graduating class of ‘51 carried out the tradition of Senior Day April 28.

In the chapel service directed by class president Joel S. Kettenring, three seniors testified of the way the Lord had blessed and worked in their lives during their four year stay at Bryan. Others who have served the University faithfully in extension work gave their testimonies in music.

As the play opened in the evening program, members of the class sat on the porch of an old folks’ home just reminiscing. As highlights of their college years came to their remembrance, a shadow pantomime of that very thing—which was often times prophecy in reality—was featured.

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SPRING WEATHER DRIVES STUDENTS TO CLASS AND CLUB RETREATS

With the first signs of spring, more and more "Bryanites" found themselves gazing longingly out the windows at the rapidly transforming campus. To be shut up in a stuffy classroom seemed almost too much to endure. Consequently, French and Spanish groups transferred their classroom to the shade of the towering oaks in front of the administration building. Many other students carted their typewriters, books and other needed paraphernalia to similar shady spots.

Several parties and outings also appeared on the calendar for the third quarter. Among these were the annual picnic for the boarding department workers May 21, the Commoner staff picnic May 26, and the Pastors' Fellowship outing May 23.

The former Tennessee Mountain Mission camp set the stage for the freshman-sophomore outing May 14. A hayride, games, hikes, boat rides, and relaxation in general were the order of the day as the underclassmen discarded their books in favor of the great outdoors.

Other social affairs included a music majors' banquet April 30, a picnic May 29 given by the seniors in honor of the junior class, a banquet for the members of the track team May 28, and several formal teas given by Miss Kathleen Cowan, dean of women.

Bryan students admire dogwood blossoms which beautified the Bryan campus during early spring.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS FIELD TRIPS

Bryan botany and ecology students are learning their trades during conducted field trips on the campus and to surrounding areas.

To highlight the biology department's outdoor studies, a small group of botany and ecology students, with their instructor, Miss Lou Rouch, took an overnight field trip to the Smoky Mountains April 27 and 28. The stops included Copperhill and Ducktown in Tennessee and Great Smoky Mountain State Park.

Botanists from the University of Tennessee conducted tours in this "cradle of the vegetation of Eastern America," where there are some 1,300 species of flowering plants and proportional numbers of fungi, mosses, liverworts, and lichens.

The year's program for the botany class includes observations at Johnson's Bluff and the preparing of flower albums of local wild flowers, as well as other plant studies.

To supplement their studies, physics and chemistry students journeyed to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, April 28, to inspect the American Museum of Atomic Energy.

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