Ninth Annual Bible Conference Convenes

Bringing great blessing to all who took advantage of the opportunity of attending its services, the ninth annual Bible Conference has come and passed into history. And what a blessed history it is!

Hearing the Word of God from the lips of such consecrated men—such spiritual giants—as Rev. Roscoe C. Smith, pastor of the Open Door Fellowship of Knoxville, Tennessee; Rev. J. B. Thornton, pastor of Hope Church at St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. E. J. Daniels, editor of The Biblical Echo; Dr. E. M. Wadsworth, Rev. Henry Clay Geiger, and others of equal prominence has indeed been a privilege of great value to new and old students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Beginning on Sunday, October 8, with two powerful messages from our own Professor of Bible, Dr. Harris H. Gregg, the conference sessions continued, throughout the entire series, to be occasions of both instruction in the Word of God and blessing from His Spirit.

One of the unexpected interesting occurrences was the choice, arrived at independently by both Dr. Gregg and Rev. Smith, of the twenty-seventh verse of the twenty-seventh chapter of Matthew as the texts for two consecutive services. Interesting, indeed, was the fact that both gave messages of blessing from the passage without conflicting or reiterating.

Throughout the services, special musical numbers were enjoyed by large congregations. Students who assisted in this manner were the Allen sisters (Sara and Gertrude), Mitchell West, Alvin Hall, Howard Kee, the Hoyt brothers (Lowell and Solon), and others.

Evening services were held in local churches, morning and afternoon sessions being on Bryan Hill.

RECEPTION IS GIVEN FOR NEW STUDENTS

Fall term social activities, under the direction of Mrs. Llewellyn, began Saturday evening, September 29, with an all-school reception, held especially for the new students and recent additions to the faculty.

After formal introductions of the freshmen to the staff, performed by members of the senior class, souvenir books were given to everyone and an autograph collection was begun, as each person tried to get as many faculty and student names as possible in his book.

After the serving of refreshments—ice cream and cookies—a guest from each state represented at Bryan was called upon for an impromptu speech or song. Among the subjects presented were "Mr. Roosevelt’s Attitude Toward War," "The Buckeye State," "How to Write a Love Letter," "Fifty Ways to Get Your Man," "How Not to Milk a Cow." A high spot on the program was Mr. Fish’s solo, "Out of the Dunk to You."

After the singing of "Love’s Old Sweet Song" by an impromptu staff quartet, composed of Mrs. Fish, Miss Yancey, Mr. Lynip and Mr. Llewellyn, the entire group joined in the singing of several Gospel choruses, climaxing a very enjoyable evening and leaving new students better acquainted with everyone... the social ice broken.

MOUNTAIN MISSION WORK BEGAN FOR YEAR

Wasting no time, but starting immediately where the work was ended at commencement last year, the Christian Service Association has already opened services in sixteen or more outposts, holding them in homes, schools, and churches. Other new places will be entered as the Lord supplies means of transportation, both finances and cars, by which...
Young People Need The Right Kind of Education

(This is the last of a series of articles by President Judson A. Rudder)

We were deeply stirred by reading the prophecy of one writer regarding the growth of false and deceptive imitative faiths with which young people are confronted today. He says: "These movements will become an unseen influence in the air around us; an atmosphere of godliness, peopled with evil spirits, and heavy with the depression of hell. These evil spirits will do their utmost to injure, mislead, confuse, and depress the children of the Lord. Our bodies will be affected; it will press in on our minds and cloud our souls. All kinds of strange feelings and new and peculiar trials will come to us. A surprising lack of desire and energy Godward, a spiritual deadness, a mental heaviness, lethargy of soul, an alarming desire for forbidden things and a peculiar delight and fascination in any of the world's pleasures we dare taste. It will be difficult to preach the WORD in liberty and power; it will be difficult to give attention to the Word when it is preached; it will be very difficult to get down to real earnest and continued prayer. Such is the atmosphere we must battle against as the days darken around us. Oh, let us be strong in the Lord! Satan will no doubt bring a mysterious power to bear on our minds and wills, which will make it exceedingly difficult to walk close with God, and very easy to live in the flesh. We will be amazed at the power he can use against us. It will become very hard to serve God faithfully, and to pray earnestly. It will seem as if everything without us, and almost everything within us, has conspired to keep us from following the Lord all the way, and to induce us to compromise: we will be surrounded by a worldly atmosphere that will draw us away from God, that will render prayer half-hearted, that will deaden our spiritual senses to the reality of Heavenly things, and the glorious presence of the Lord. It will become so easy to slip out of communion with God, and harder than ever to keep the communication open between our souls and Heaven."

Apart from God's Word, and without being fully aware of what is going on in the world, this may seem exaggerated. Nevertheless, we are convinced that this is just one of the ways in which the Devil is working and will work to render individual Christians powerless as well as whole nations that profess to be Christian.

An editorial entitled "A War of Nerves" in the Evangelical Christian presents another side of the situation, facing old as well as young, and offers the only solution.

We quote: "There is a word that came into prominence during the Great War. It is called morale. To keep up the morale of her people was the strenuous endeavour of every nation. To break it down was the task of the enemy. The disquieting thing about this is that the war on a people's morale can go on in times of peace, and that is what we are seeing and experiencing today. For the past year or so the world has been suffering from what is called nerves, being kept in a state of high nervous tension through the spread of propaganda, organized and broadcast with that definite end in view. The President of the Board of Trade in Great Britain said recently when speaking along this line: 'Today we are really living through a war of nerves. Part of it is quite deliberate, and is intended to keep the world in a state of nervous tension, in the belief that it will sap the people of determination and decrease their courage, so that others will be able to profit from their helplessness. It is up to the people of this country to show other countries that this war of nerves is going to have no effect on us!'

"There is something diabolical in this business of deliberately making war on the nerves of a people. In the past years the nervous tension under which many people have been laboring has produced suicide in some cases and reduced multitudes to despair. The pity of it is that so many of our national leaders do not recognize that the most effective offset to this propaganda is faith in God and in His Holy Word. This just means that the question fundamentally is a spiritual one. A people whose faith is fixed in God, who know the friendship of the Lord Jesus Christ, who take time to meditate on God's Word and dwell upon His promises, are not
Dr. McMurry's first protegees of the fall term were the Misses Jean Neff, Connie Penick and Dorothy Vogel, who found the mountain breezes on Bryan Hill a bit rough on the throat. With especial pleasure Miss Neff's return to the classroom was noted, since she had been confined to her room for ten days or more.

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Mr. Lynip recently mentioned plans

The first week of school brought several visitors to the campus, among them Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartschuh, who drove to Bryan with their son and daughter, Lester and Eileen, from Akron, Ohio. While here, the Hartschuh family and Ty Fray, a visiting graduate of '39, went sight-seeing in Chattanooga.

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Visiting at Bryan University with her mother, the week-end of September 30, was Miss Dorothy Hill, who had visited briefly also at Bob Jones College at Cleveland, Tennessee. Dean Ryther, Leona Wilson, Mary Beth Eveson, Celestial West, and Marion Barth went to Cleveland and brought Miss Hill to Bryan. She left for Camp Tappuah in Asheville, North Carolina, on Monday morning immediately after chapel.

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Concern of all the Bryan family is expressed over Lester Hartschuh's hand injury, received while operating the printing press.

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With some apprehension the Bryan student body heard in chapel recently the announcement of the junior class, stating that the latter would sell candy—and soap.

Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?

Echoes of Goldilocks and the three bears might well be whispering through the walls of the men's dormitory these days, for beds have been decidedly at a premium, upper decks being especially scarce, consequently greatly in demand. And why?

Beds ordered before school opened and with time to spare have not yet arrived on the scene of action, prom-

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Jesse Humberd, Lillian Hummel, Robert Jones, Mildred Kunz, Mervin Mellinger, Jean Neff, Constance Penick, Wilbert Rahiser, Charles Shirley, Dorothy Vogel, Hazel Waller, Celestial West, Paul Wells, Gertrude Allem, Sara Allem, Robert Thompson, James Doud, Charles Simpson.

Indiana: Lowell Hoyt, Solen Hoyt.

Tennessee: Mabel Arnold, Helen Harrison, Grace Levengood, Mark Levengood, Paul Levengood, Rebecca Peck, Julius Reeves, Wayne Smith, Quentin Thurman, Ruth Tolver, J. M. West, Elizabeth Weimer.

Virginia: Christine Gordon, Martha Ann Mailander.

West Virginia: Ruth Dawson, Ralph Gibson, Gordon Matheny, Richard Langford.

War conditions in Canada stopped Mr. Paul Theobald, of Strongfield, Saskatchewan, Canada, from crossing the border. Recent word from Mr. Theobald, however, informs the authorities at the University that he will be only temporarily delayed in joining the fellowship and that he expects to arrive in Dayton as soon as possible.

KEE HONORED BY SENIORS

Honor and fame placed their hands on the shoulder of Howard Kee recently when his classmates elected him to the office of president of the school's largest class of seniors, numbering sixteen in all. He will be ably assisted by Connie Penick as vice-president, Rebecca Peck as secretary, and Dorothy White as treasurer. Mr. Fish, as faculty sponsor for the class, will lend his experience and aid in the tasks common to senior classes.

To be elected at an early meeting of the class is the staff for the annual yearbook, the Commoner, which we have heard whispered abroad is to be the most comprehensive and complete yearbook yet published—an appropriate representative of an enlarged University.

TREASURE, HO!

Treasure-hunt hiking on Saturday, October 7, marked the beginning of outdoor recreation at Bryan, as some sixty-five students, divided into several groups, went in search of "pirate" booty, finally coming together at a woody picnic spot near Morgantown.

The hikers left the campus about 3 in the afternoon, each group being given a note of instructions pointing from one "hot spot" to the next until at length, the treasure was found.

Hungry searchers found their energies restored by the hamburgers which awaited them at their meeting place. After supper came the singing of songs and choruses. At length, the group hiked home by the light of a waning moon.

NEW TABLES IN DINING HALL

No longer need all those eating in the Bryan dining hall crane their necks to catch the speaker's words from the distant end of lengthy tables. No longer must from eight to twelve compose the group around the "festive board." New tables, so far only six, have been completed and at each of these will be seated comfortably at easy conversational distance one from another six people. It is hoped the new tables will make more general conversation possible and that all present may have and enjoy the fellowship of each tablsmate. Additional tables will be built and put into use as the Lord permits.

Juniors Elect

Anticipating the banqueting of an unusually large group of seniors some time next spring, the members of the Junior class are already seen hawking candy about the halls of the administration building, urging students and faculty to "help keep our happy home clean"—with Junior soap, at 5 cents a cake.

Leading the class as president is Dan Hirsch—Christine Gordon and Dean Geary assisting him as vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Mr. Lynip was re-elected class sponsor.

MANY DENOMINATIONS REPRESENTED

A study of the registration cards of the seventy-eight students thus far admitted to the University for the present quarter of work reveals the fact that these seventy-eight students represent no fewer than thirteen denominations, the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, and two other undenominational churches. These young people are attending the University, not because of denominational connections, but because they believe they will receive sound, orthodox Bible training and strong academic training. May the Lord provide means, wisdom, and strength necessary to carry out successfully the program which He has planned for their development for service to Him.

The denominations represented are Assemblies of God, Baptist, Brethren, Christian, Church of God, Evangelical, Friends, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed. Separating these denominations into the various divisions, such as Presbyterian and United Presbyterian, would increase the number to more than twenty.

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to travel over the more than two hundred miles the groups will cover each week.

Street meetings are held on Saturday afternoon and night, a feature hour of the annual Bible Conference being a street meeting on Saturday, the 14th. Cottage prayer meetings will be sponsored, house to house visitations made each Friday night, and personal work carried on individually throughout the week, offering excellent opportunities for students and teachers to have actual experience in preaching, teaching, singing, and personal evangelism.

Graciously, the Lord has already supplied funds sufficient for the purchase of gasoline for one or two Sundays. Young people's societies and mission circles throughout the country are invited to share in this Gospel-giving work through which He is preached and souls are saved. Financial support is needed—the prayers of the saints desired.

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