Ushered in by the Alumni banquet on June 5th, the University enjoyed as one of the best of all its tenth annual commencement week. Theme of the Alumni banquet was “Freedom,” with the evening address, “Freedom in Christ,” being delivered by Rev. J. S. Brownlee, of the Bible department faculty. Seven seniors accepted invitations to become members of the Alumni Association. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Grace Levengood, '42; Vice-President, Lillian Hummel Levengood, '40, and Secretary-Treasurer, Agnes Copeland DeRosset, '36.

Baccalaureate service was held in the High School auditorium, with the local churches joining in the meeting. Students, faculty, and friends were delighted with the message “It Is Finished,” delivered by Dr. Harris H. Gregg, Professor of Bible, of the University faculty. Forcefully and clearly expounding the Word, Dr. Gregg was, as always, a blessing and inspiration, not only to the graduating seniors, but to all of those in attendance.

Two recitals, on June 1st and June 7th, were presented by the voice and piano students of Professor James William Hartman, music department head. The first recital, featuring Indian Melodies, was presented in a setting that well complemented the musical aspect of the program. Garbed as an Indian maiden, Flo Mellick as narrator provided the continuity that welded the evening into a delightfully unified musical treat. The second recital, on the evening of the 7th, presented as its climax one of Professor Hartman’s own compositions, “Wild Flowers,” sung by a choral ensemble and solo trio.

Following the recital on the evening of June 7th, President and Mrs. Rudd entertained for the Seniors, their parents and friends, and members of the faculty, in the annual President’s Reception.

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WHAT IS MAN?

What is man? We ask that question in seeking to interpret the picture painted of him in this present world war. And we go on the assumption, both scientifically and Scripturally sound, that God made of one blood all the nations of the earth (Acts 17:26).

In the propaganda of war, the enemy is portrayed as a beast, as of a different and lower specie, but man is one. One in his nature, his aspirations, his depravity, his need.

How, then, can we interpret this composite picture—this picture made up of the enemy's vices and our virtues? What means this picture dark with the rape of Nanking, reared with the wholesale slaughter of the Poles and Jews, littered with the distorted victims of the planned starvation of whole nations, this picture of bombing, shooting and bayoneting? In the background are the fiendish leaders willing the murder of millions to gratify their lust for power. Under them march their armies, blind crusaders possessed of minds, goose-stepping bravely to a soldier's death.

In Manilla and again at Cairo, to say nothing of Singapore, we see them dancing, drinking, lightly laughing, while their soldiers die and the enemy closes in.

In the homeland, the ships, the arms, the foodstuffs needed for the very life of the soldiers are being withheld by strikes for higher wages and jurisdictional rights. Men win their high wages and waste it on beer. But that is not all. It is but the dark background. The picture has its brighter colors. There is faith and love and hope. There are mothers' prayers, and sons that are kept by the power of God. Kept from reckless abandon, kept pure, kept without hatred and malice, kept from death.

There is sacrifice. Men volunteer to go and die. Women rush to spots of danger to minister to the suffering.

At home there are those who go without, that the soldier may not lack.

And there is thrilling heroism. Fifteen men dive into the sea out of places of safety in their whaleboats to give way for wounded comrades. Twelve perish in the sea. Men brave death without fear, pour out their life's blood without complaint.

And men in fox holes pray. The colonel with the sergeant.

What is man? Is he an evolving beast or a fallen son of God? False science points to the beastly origin; the Bible says he was created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26), and that the Divine image was marred by the hand of Satan.

And the Biblical account of his origin, present condition and future can alone square with all the facts. Man is not an evolving beast. Nowhere among the lower creation is found anything of the bestiality, the moral perversion, the planned and cunning cruelty found in man. And on the other hand, the animal does not think, has no soul; possesses no aspirations heavenward.

Man was created in the image and likeness of God. And even though that image was distorted by sin, there remains vestiges of man's high and noble order. There is much of nobility, much to be admired even in fallen man. A great gulf separates him from the lower creation. And a great gulf separates him from God—the gulf of man's own rebellion, self-will and sin.

"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" What is man to God? What plans has God for man? What provision has God made to carry out these plans?

Man is God's handiwork in creation, having that high and noble distinction of being made in the image and likeness of God. God purposed to restore that image, transforming men into the likeness of His Son. And to accomplish that purpose He sent His Son into the world to remove sin as a barrier to man's return to God by suffering Himself its death penalty. "And as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). And every believer is predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). It is gradual process now; it is to be a sudden transformation into complete moral likeness when believers see Christ at His coming again. —The Doorstep Evangel.
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Not steak this time... meat rationing prevented that; but the Seniors and their sponsors enjoyed hamburgers plus all the trimmings, lettuce, tomatoes, potato salad, strawberries with whipped cream, and iced tea on a supper hike Saturday night, May 29th. After a long, hot walk to the valley in South Dayton, everyone was content to rest in the shady woodland glen before starting to play softball, or do more hiking. Late in the evening the hikers strolled leisurely back to Bryan Hill with pleasant memories of the fellowship enjoyed in the last Senior outing.

Seeking to repay the sophomores for the initiation hike and at the beginning of the school year, the freshmen entertained with a supper hike to the docks at Chickamauga Lake. A treasure hunt of Bible verses led the group to the docks.

An enjoyable program of music, short speeches, and "mellodrama" gave the group a pleasant evening. At the conclusion of the evening, President Rudd led in a word of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and the wonderful time of fellowship which had been experienced together.

On Friday evening, May 21, fourteen library workers enjoyed a dinner given by Mrs. Hoyt, librarian, in the Hoyts' apartment. Recorded music played throughout the meal added to the evening's pleasure.

The laundry workers enjoyed an outdoor breakfast on Tuesday morning, June 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. West, as guests of Mrs. Hartman, supervisor of the laundry work.

Scholastic Averages

FOUR-YEAR AVERAGE

Senior
John Harper ............................ 93.15
Jesse Humbert .......................... 93.07
Eileen Hartshuh ........................ 91.98

TWO-QUARTER AVERAGES

Junior
Nellie Stover .......................... 90.15
Beatrice Batson ....................... 89.89

Sophomore
Sumner Wemp .......................... 87.97
Robert Harper ......................... 87.88

Freshman
Mary Sue Barger ....................... 92.33
Florence Monk ........................ 93.24

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THE TENTH COMMENCEMENT

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Vesper service, planned and conducted by the Seniors, was presented on the evening of June 8th. With its theme "He Is Faithful," the Seniors gave expression in reading, music, and message to their experience during the past four years of that faithfulness as it had its outpouring and outworking in their lives. At the close of the vesper service, Rev. Frank C. Torrey led in the breaking of bread in a most impressive communion service.

The week found its climax in the even of Commencement Day, June 9th. Rev. Frank C. Torrey, pastor of the Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, delivered the commencement address. Missionary-minded as a pastor and popular friend of young people, Rev. Torrey has been a great friend and helper of the University for many years past. A trustee of the University, he has promoted the work of Bryan by personal influence and prayers, directing a number of young people to Bryan for their education. In the Senior class were two of the young people from his church, while others were in the lower classes and on the staff. Rev. Torrey gave a most lucid message from the book of Ephesians, speaking of it as a guide for the Seniors as they walked life's pathway. He brought out in a telling way the various walks of a Christian sojourn of in Ephesians, and the marvelous ways in which God has made provision for strength and guidance in these walks.

At the close of the message, President Rudd made announcement of honors and prizes to be awarded. The P. A. Boyd prize, for the Senior man whose influence as a Christian example was greatest among his fellows, was awarded to Leonard Winstead. A similar prize, for the women, was offered by Rebecca Peck, '40, and was awarded to Eileen Hartschuh. Dr. W. S. Houck of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a University trustee, gave prizes to be awarded to the Senior with the highest scholastic average, John Harper; and to the best all-around Bryanite, Richard Lanford, and smaller prizes for each of the remaining Seniors, in appreciation of their courage and determination that led to the completion of work for a degree.

Degrees were conferred on the following: Thomas M. Cain, Newport, Kentucky; Ruth E. Clement, Spencer, Ohio; John W. Harper, Stelton, N. J.; Eileen Hartschuh, Akron, Ohio; Jesse Humbard, U. S. Navy (on assignment); Richard P. Langford, Clerden, W. Va.; Hazel M. Waller, Lancaster, Penna.; and Leonard B. Winstead, Hardy, Ark.

YEARBOOK DEDICATED

The 1943 Commoner, school annual, gives its dedication to the Bryan men who are in the armed forces. Pictures in the book, as typifying the group, is Capt. Dwight W. Ryther, former Dean of the University. The theme of the book is Victory. Containing pictures of the entire University family, organizations, and informal school life and activities, the Commoner will be of more than usual interest and value in preserving memories of persons and events in this rapidly changing period of personal and national history.

For God and Country

Sgt. Lesur Hartschuh
North Africa
"We are working like madmen lately... you don't hear anyone griping. It's only, 'let's pitch in and get it done'."

Sgt. Cecil Hanscm
North Africa
"It is quite a life living in pup tents. At first something was always in the way—but now it's not so bad".

Pvt. George Cone
Camp Kearns, Utah
"I do enjoy the army, although I wish I were still in school. I guess maybe if the Lord doesn't come right away, this may be settled before too long".

Pvt. Bob Collitt
Camp Beauregard, La.
"Jesus is all the world to me... with Him, in Him... I cannot fail. What a wonderful Saviour He is to me".

Pvt. Kenneth C. Marken
Great Lakes Training School
Chicago, Illinois
"We must never regret or feel badly about the field into which our Master has called us. Praise the Lord for such a field! Marken can't do it, but the Lord can!"

Pvt. George Burch
South Carolina
"He is all-sufficient and I'm praising Him for Victory".

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