Chapel Programs

One never knows quite what to expect when he takes his seat in the chapel these days. It may be one of the Senior programs, each Senior having a whole chapel period in which to do anything he pleases. Or it may be another Junior Quiz Program in which we find that the girls know more about quite a lot of things, including current events, than the boys. Each question set us to thinking about what we would say if we were on the platform.

Right before Christmas vacation, the Freshmen warned us what studying for exams and packing for home at the same time would be like, and then this quarter they presented a program of current events, in the form of a fireside chat. Subjects ranged anywhere from the treatment of prisoners of war to steam-propelled airplanes.

The Sophomores have been contributing to our enjoyment of Sunday afternoons with their Vesper service, while the Pastor's Fellowship gives us a taste of what the churches of tomorrow will hear in their weekly sermons. Recently, the Child Evangelism Group told a little about their work being done among the service boys, and should he reached. When the war is over we should be ready to accept the students returning to us from the army on the plan of governmental assistance that will certainly be available to the men who have rendered military service. We must be prepared to meet the minimum requirements of the government if these young men are to be able to return here with governmental assistance. Payment of the rest of the debts standing since 1933 and the accumulation of a cash reserve is essential. We already have more than $500.00 specifically designated for payment of debts besides the percentage used from general gift income. A friend stands ready to give $50.00 towards each $1,000.00 given for debt reduction. The larger our gift income the larger the percentage used to pay on debts.

LETT US BE READY

With a gift income of more than fifteen thousand dollars during the first eight months of the fiscal year, we are less than one thousand dollars short of our goal of two thousand gift income monthly. In the four remaining months the desired average can and should be reached. When the war is over we should be ready to accept the students returning to us from the army on the plan of governmental assistance that will certainly be available to the men who have rendered military service. We must be prepared to meet the minimum requirements of the government if these young men are to be able to return here with governmental assistance. Payment of the rest of the debts standing since 1933 and the accumulation of a cash reserve is essential. We already have more than $500.00 specifically designated for payment of debts besides the percentage used from general gift income. A friend stands ready to give $50.00 towards each $1,000.00 given for debt reduction. The larger our gift income the larger the percentage used to pay on debts. Let us pray. Let us get the debts out of the way this year.

NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED

"For my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

For a long time the University Printshop needed new equipment, but the funds were not available to make the necessary purchases, but God has once again proved His faithfulness and supplied the equipment that was needed.

A used Graphotype has been purchased which now permits the University to make its own Addressograph plates used in the mailing department. Also another addition to the University Printshop was the purchase of a rebuilt electric auto-

BRYAN SERVICEMEN MAKE GOOD RECORDS

Bryan is proud of the records being made by her men in the service. Special mention is made of Jesse Humbert (‘43), who ranked fourth in a class of twelve hundred receiving their commissions as ensigns from the Navy, (we understand that about six hundred colleges were represented in the class), and also Pfc. Carl Zytowski (Ex. ‘44), of St. Louis, who arranged and helped present a Christmas Cantata during the ‘43 Christmas season "somewhere in England." The program was not only presented at the army station but was also given at an 800-year-old church nearby on the following Sunday afternoon.

Visiting Speakers

"Variety is the spice of life," goes the old axiom, and certainly we have had a pleasant variety of visiting speakers at Bryan.

We enjoyed Rev. Gavin Hamilton, evangelist and author, not only for his excellent message, but also for his pleasing Scottish speech.

Evangelist Roy Austin, of the LeTourneau Foundation, brought us a series of illustrated messages on the tabernacle in the wilderness.

One of America's foremost Bible teachers, Dr. E. R. Neighbor, recently spoke in our chapel hour. Mrs. Neighbor gave a short testimony regarding her former missionary work in India.

The grim realities of war were brought to our attention when Captain Sam Barnes, recently returned pilot from the Fiji Islands, told of his experiences in combat. Sgt. Vernon Lance, brother of one of our students, told of his experience with bomb raids in the Aleutians. Their vivid description of the hardships and dangers our boys are facing made us realize anew our responsibility of remembering them in prayer. Mr. Larry McGill, of the Pocket Testament League, stirred us with his testimony concerning the wonderful work being done among the service men and women.

Recently, Dr. Lofton Hudson brought a message, "The Kingdom of God," to our Bible classes. Rev. Edmund Dimant gave his testimony regarding his miraculous conversion.

Bryan had a full week of feasting on the rich things of the Lord when Rev. M. Lowe, Professor at Practical Bible Training School, New York, started our New Year out with a series of Gospel messages. We were blessed both by his teaching and our fellowship with him.

Two representatives from the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Overgaard, brought to our attention the great need for missionaries and our responsibility toward those who have never heard—M. B. R.
Contending for the Faith

(Reprinted from "Our Hope," August, 1945)

"Next to the witness of the Gospel the believer's solemn responsibility is, in our days of increasing apostasy, to contend earnestly for the faith. The Epistle of Jude starts with this exhortation, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation (the Gospel), I was constrained to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (verse 3). The little Epistle gives a prophetic picture of the final days of the true Church on earth in the midst of the corrupting influences of liberalism. Those who possess the faith, because they believe in the infallible, invariant Word of God, are charged by the Holy Spirit to contend earnestly for it. The Greek word translated "contented" means literally "to battle." We are in a battle. The hosts of evil are massing for the final conflict. The days are here when professing Christians do no longer endure sound doctrine, when truth is given up, man's fables are believed and seducing spirits and doctrines of demons are accepted. We must therefore stand up for our blessed faith, and unless we do this we cannot expect His gracious approval. He speaks of this in the message to Philadelphia (Rev. 3:8), which shows the faithful remnant of His true Church in the closing days of this age. He commends the little strength of His people and that they are true to His word and His Name: "Thou hast kept my Word and not denied my Name."

"Evolution is the lowest reach of the human mind."—Dr. Harris H. Gregg.

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

T/3 W. C. Rahiser
Camp Crowder, Mo.

"Still alive and happy in the Lord—much happier than ever before. And, I was just thinking that Dr. Gregg, through his messages did a lot in bringing me into a closer fellowship with God. Now, he's gone—gone to be with the One he loved so much. It certainly is wonderful to know that we shall go to be with Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us."

Lt. Robert S. McCormick
Somewhere in Ireland

"I have seen a lot of the world since I last saw Bryan. I never thought when I was studying English History under Miss Fay that I would see most of the places that I studied about. I am sure that English would have been much more interesting if I could have seen into the future."

Sgt. Cecil Hanson
Sardinia

"Uncle Sam has moved me again—I am now on the isle of Sardinia. It appears to be about like North Africa with the exception that there are no Arabs. Believe me, there is no place that will compare with the good old U. S. A."

Pvt. Clair Brickel
Somewhere in Italy

"I have been over here in Italy for some time now and they have sent us up to the front to see how we can stand against the Germans. On the front in the F. A. isn't what I had it pictured to be altogether, but I guess I can't say too much about that. Dodging shells from the enemy, along with 'air raids' during the day, isn't any too much fun, to say the least. I'm so glad that I can say that I feel safe. I care not what man might be able to do to me as long as I know that in Him all is well. You never realize what it means to be 'safe in the arms of Jesus' until you are in a position like this."

Pvt. Neil Benfer
Los Angeles, California

"Have been on the desert about 30 miles from Yuma in Arizona for about seven weeks now. This place consists of sand and cactus and some mountains without any vegetation except a few cactuses who didn't like the others. . . . Remembering the grand times at Bryan."

Mark Cook, S 2/c
Chicago, Illinois

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A/S Leonard Winstead
Carbondale, Illinois

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Pvt. George Birch
Amarillo, Texas

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TO YOU

We are happy to introduce “To You” as a new feature of the Newslette, sharing with you the joys, sorrows, and successes of our Bryan family. Since we plan to continue this column periodically in the subsequent issues, you can help us by sending in various news items of interest to all.

Congratulations! May the Lord bless you!

Engagements—
Miss Ernestine Healan and Mr. Eugene Rosenau.
Miss Cleo Graham and Mr. Edmund Dinant.
Miss Nellie Stover and S 1/c John Harper.

Promotions—
Kenneth Kennard to Pfc. Jesse Humbert to Ensgn.
Ted Mellow to Lieutenant.
Ed Paul to M. Sgt.

Marriage—Miss Ruhe Rudd to A/C Douglas Pringle.

Success to you, Grace Theobald, on entering nurses’ training in St. Paul.

Births—
Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. de Rosset, a son, Edward Daves, Jan. 18, 1944.

Sympathy—May the Lord comfort you. Deepest sympathy is extended to you, Miss Alma Rader, in your bereavement, the loss of your mother. Deepest sympathy is extended to you, Miss Nellie Stover, in your bereavement, the loss of your father.

THE CAMEL

The camel, at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy plain
To have his burden lifted off,
And rest to gain.

My soul, thou too should’st to thy knees
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let the Master lift the load
And grant repose.

Else how could’st thou tomorrow meet,
With all tomorrow’s work to do,
If thou thy burden all the night
Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day,
To have his guide replace his load,
Then rises up anew to take
The desert road.

So thou should’st kneel at morning’s dawn,
That God may give thee daily care,
Assured that He no load too great
Will make thee bear.

The Newslette

“COMMONER” GOES TO PRESS

Yes, the 1944 “Commoner” is almost ready for the press. In spite of problems involving the shortages of paper and film, the members of the staff have worked together in an effort to make the Year Book as attractive as possible.

Do you wish to see Bryan as it really is? The material of the annual has been selected to present the joys, activities, and general collegiate life of teacher and student at Bryan. If you wish to purchase one, you may order now and pay at your convenience. The price is three dollars per copy.

The members of the staff are:
Summer Wemp—Editor.
Gwen Hay—Assistant Editor.
John Qumby—Advertising Manager.
Alice Northrup—Business Manager.
Forest Lance—Photograph Editor.
Cleo Graham—Circulation Manager.
Bethel Smith—Art Editor.
Professor and Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish—Staff Advisers B. S.

NEW EQUIPMENT

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matic folder which enables the Newslette, prayer letters, and Sunday School lessons to be folded in much less time than before. Both of these pieces of equipment are already in service in the Printshop.

Another piece of equipment that hasn’t yet arrived is a rebuilt press with new automatic feeder. This will be a great asset to the University Printshop, and will see much service here as we print Newslette and other articles of interest from the University.—A. W.

I am interested in William Jennings Bryan University, and

( ) Wish to be enrolled as a prayer warrior in a local chapter

( ) Am willing to assist in promoting the program of the Youth Movement if there is a place where I may function. Please send me details.

( ) Am interested in receiving the monthly prayer letter published by the University.

( ) Am interested in receiving the Sunday School lessons published by the University.

( ) Am interested in receiving literature for prospective students.

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Dear Folks:

Hallelujah! Now I know what it means to go over the top! There were many leaner months this year when I wondered whether we would ever reach the average line. But thanks to you, and to God who is back of “every good gift”, there is cause for rejoicing.

Your friend,

Sam

The Neusette

EIVIN BJORNSTAD
PRESENTS CONCERT

On January 5th the University was pleased to sponsor the coming of Mr. Eivin Bjornstad, famous lyric tenor, who rendered a sacred concert in the First Baptist Church in Dayton. The introductory number, “The Stranger of Galilee,” was followed by some of his own compositions, “To Jesus,” “Home to Thee,” “Song of Gladness” and “Looking, Listening, Working.” Between numbers Mr. Bjornstad gave witness to the saving knowledge and power of the Lord Jesus Christ in his life and gave some of his experiences since his salvation. Mr. Bjornstad was born in Oslo, Norway, and has appeared before large audiences throughout Europe and America. His coming was especially appreciated since he had been a close friend of the late Dr. Harris H. Gregg, former Head of the Bible Department at Bryan.

Sam Hits the Top!!!

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