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# BRYANETTE

Alumni  
News  
Sheet

A boat up the Yangtze River to Chungking, a plane to Shanghai, nearly a month of patient waiting, then a trip across the Pacific and a long journey by train brought the Toliver family back to their home in Dayton on Saturday, June 15.

It was nearly eight years ago that Ralph Toliver '37 and Rebecca Haeger '38 in different boats crossed the waters to China where they spent six months in the China Inland Mission schools on the coast of China and then went to western China for further training and language study. On July 11, 1941 they were married and took up their residence on their station at Kiangtsing, Szechwan. After the departure of their senior missionaries, they were the only white persons in the city of about 60,000 people and within a territory populated by 1,000,000 people.

Mr. Toliver gave a message in his home church on Sunday evening a week after their return, telling of God's working through them as missionaries, the need of Chinese people, and the effect of the Gospel to transform lives.



BRYAN'S First  
Foreign MISSIONARIES  
Return to U.S.A.

Among the students of China, some of whom are organizing Christian groups and inviting Bible teachers and pastors to speak to them, he recognizes a real challenge for Christian young people of America to answer the call for spiritual assistance and encouragement.

The Bryan family enjoyed the fellowship of the Tolivers as they dined together on Bryan Hill and then conversed about the various curios (brought by the Tolivers), the language, dress, and customs of the Chinese people.

Little Ruth, 3 years old, enjoys showing her Chinese dress and shoes, while nine months old Sylvia just beams and coos her delight in life which gleams in bright, sparkling blue eyes. It is interesting to hear Ruth respond in Chinese to a greeting or question in that language.

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After their vacation period of three months has been concluded, the Tolivers will be glad to contact friends and prayer helpers for deputation appointments. They may be contacted at their home or through the China Inland Mission headquarters in Philadelphia, Penna.

From the early arrival of Anita Graham, '44, who flew to Chattanooga from Florida until the last departure, a happy fellowship pervaded the occasion of reunion at the Bryan Homecoming.

#### Alumni Banquet

According to annual tradition the Alumni Association met for its banquet on Saturday evening, June 1, to be served and entertained at the local high school building.

Supporting the theme, "Around the World" the room was decorated in the center with an illuminated world globe, American and foreign flags, and a world missionary map. With a color scheme of red and white the tables were decorated with American and Christian flags, red candles, and a center piece of red and white roses and red dahlias. The program and menu along with pictures of the guests of honor, the class of 1946, were enclosed in a red folder.

The toastmaster of the evening, Prof. Lloyd Fish, '36, introduced by the president, Rebecca Peck, '40, welcomed the seniors and other guests and bade all to enjoy heartily the meal before them.

After the fruit cocktail, a main course of baked ham, creamed new potatoes and peas, and buttered corn were served. The tomato salad and fresh strawberry sundae had their part in carrying out the color scheme as well as tempting the palate.

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During the course of the meal two piano solos were rendered by Anita Graham and brief testimonies were given by servicemen who have been "around the world" in one direction or another. Reviewing the location and activity of our alumni serving on the home and foreign mission fields, Miss Janet Webb, '39, quoted from letters or news notes recently received.

Well-known to the class of '40 and friends who attended commencement that year, Dr. Wm. S. Houck was the guest speaker for the evening. In his message Dr. Houck spoke of the important part that a true Christian testimony plays in sending the gospel around the world through the lives of such young people as Bryan students.

After the banquet at the annual business session, a report was made of alumni activities for the year with a report of funds received for alumni dues and gift. At the election of officers the following were elected:

President ..... Rebecca Peck '40  
 V. President. Frances Cheers '38  
 Sec.-Treas. .... Alice Birch '45

Other out-of-town guests present at the banquet were Virginia Barger, ex'38, Jesse Lasley, '38, Tibbs Maxey, ex'38, and wife, Robert Thompson, '42, and wife, Norma R. Robinson, ex'45, as well as several local graduates and former students.

## H O M E C O M I N G W E E K (Cont).

Baccalaureate

On Sunday one of last year's freshman, Paul Smith, and a sophomore this year who has been serving Uncle Sam, Ray Turner, joined the company of guests to attend the baccalaureate service. S. D. Hodges, '36, and his wife were also present to hear Rev. Henry C. Geiger whose message gave real spiritual challenge and encouragement to senior and assembled friends.

Bryan Pictures

On Monday evening Dean Ryther showed colored slides of Bryan from several years previous. Photographs, albums, scrap books COMMONERS and other items of interest were displayed in the Recreation Room.

An additional arrival of the day was Margaret Ann McKinnon, '43, who was sporting her 'wings' as she flew from Cleveland to Chattanooga, with plans to attend the wedding of her brother in North Carolina after her visit in Dayton.

Outdoor Breakfast and Gulch Hike

Arriving in time to participate in the outdoor breakfast at the oven were Earl, ex'47 and Lillian, '45, Peck with a prospective student, Dick Reynolds. After everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast of bacon, eggs, etc., Anita Graham led in chorus singing, testimony service, and Margaret McK. brought the devotions.

Several of the seniors' parents and friends, also Clyde Simmons, ex'46, joined picknickers at the Gulch for lunch.

Still others, Thelma Stuteville, ex'47, Delbert Baker, ex'47, and Calvin Miller, '44 were on the hill for the last dinner of the year in Bryan dining hall on Tuesday.

Senior Vespers and European Pictures

In the evening vesper service the seniors sponsored the Baptista film, "The Man Who Forgot God," which gave a realistically portrayed story to emphasize the importance of allowing one's entire life to be controlled by the Lord. The seniors used the occasion also to present a gift of a fluorescent desk lamp to their sponsor, Dean Ryther, and as a class they unveiled their gift to the University--a light oak pulpit stand (which hides shaking knees).

Dean Ryther recalled his days as an Army Major when he showed a number of his kodachrome slides of scenes he viewed in Europe during his service with the Army.

Commencement

Enriched in rustic surroundings the commencement service was held on the campus under the trees in front of the main building. The Alumni Association was represented in the presentation of their gift to the University by the president, Rebecca Peck, with a very gracious word of acknowledgement by President Rudd who considered also the spirit conveyed by the gift--an electric water cooler which is now providing a fountain of refreshment.

The concluding "Faith of our Fathers" sent us on our way rejoicing again in the memory of Bryan fellowship.

Helen Limberg Philpot, ex'36, Shelbyville,  
Tennessee

"How are things going on Bryan Hill?"

"I had a very delightful experience that I wanted to share with you since it concerns a former Bryan student." We were at Tennessee College for May Day and Homecoming. It was such a joy to see Mary Rogers of Chattanooga crowned May Queen. Knowing the requirements for May Queen and traditions throughout the years, it was certainly a compliment to Bryan. . .

"Mary seems to be such a fine girl. Students and teachers, as well, speak highly of her work. Certainly Bryan gets lots of credit for a job well done. I understand she has been leading the Life Service Band during the year.

"I know you are looking forward to commencement and from reading your program I know it would be a joy to be there. I do wish that I could but at present it seems impossible."

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Treasurer's Report June 27, 1946

Receipts:

For Alumni dues	\$63.00	
For Alumni Gift	<u>166.13</u>	
Total Receipts		\$229.13

Expenditures:

Banquet & Misc.	\$54.13	
Alumni Gift	<u>175.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$229.13

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THANK YOU for your assistance !!

Bon White, '40, Comayaguela, Honduras

"I have just returned from a two week visit in San Lorenzo. . . I had an attack of rheumatism in April that confined me to my bed for a week. . . and the doctor recommended a hotter climate for a couple of weeks. Also, my language teachers said I should be among only Spanish speaking people for a while, so I accomplished both by my visit. . .

"The believers in San Lorenzo have built a good sized chapel. . . Although the believers there are giving a good testimony, they need our prayers that they may not become confused by the teaching of the sects, but rather that they may become stronger in the faith.

"I preached my first sermon in Spanish the third of May there. I know that I made many errors, but the people are very considerate of one who is learning the language. . . I spoke five times altogether while I was there. Although it is still hard to speak in Spanish, I find it gratifying to be able to express myself, even though poorly, in the language of the people, and I thank the Lord for His enabling. . ."

J. Homer Reeves, '41, Stevenson, Ala.

(Pastor First Baptist Church)

"I will not be able to attend commencement exercises as I have a Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, June 3. I hope to visit Bryan some time this summer. My heartiest congratulations to the graduates."

# CONGRATULATIONS!!

The union of Miss Agnes T. Fay, former staff member, and Ward Tressler, ex'45, now enrolled at Grace Seminary, was solemnized in their marriage on June 15 at Elyria, Ohio. After their honeymoon to points east, they will reside in Winona Lake where Mr. Tressler is employed at the Westminster Hotel for the summer.

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Mrs. Gordon Carlson, the former Vera Mae Smith, ex'48, with her G. I. husband visited Atlantic City, New York and other eastern points on their trip after their wedding on June 9 in Elyria, Ohio.

Since returning from serving with Uncle Sam, Clyde Simmons, ex'46, has frequently visited the campus. One of his visits was emphasized by an especially bright smile of Ruth Kuhn, whose left ring finger displayed a lovely diamond and the reason for her special joy.

Ruth and Clyde plan to be married in August and return to school in the fall to share the G. I. homes.

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Joining other recent arrivals, Earl Wilberforce II was born on May 10 in Dayton, Tenn., where his daddy and mother, Ruth Toliver Wright, '40, are living at present.

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Peggy Lynch Coombs, ex'44, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

"...Both my husband and I wish the very best for Bryan and its students during the Alumni home-coming, and for the future year. It is impossible this year for us to attend, but Lord willing, we hope to next year. The Lord has been very gracious unto us in giving to us

the grave responsibility parents have to bring up the nurture and admoni-

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\* DAVID MELVIN \*  
\* son of Don and Peggy Coombs born \*  
\* Easter Sunday, April 21. \*  
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a son. We realize that we as Christian this little one in tion of the Lord. . 1 for Christ" movement

"We have a fine Youth here in Wilkes-Barre, and many precious souls are coming to know the Lord. For a while my husband sang in the male quartet, until one of the fellows left for Bob Jones College, and it was then disbanded. Maybe some day in the far distant future we will have a male quartet of our own to send to good old Bryan. Best wishes to all."

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"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace." Num. 6:24-26

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Edward B. Paul, '41, Philadelphia, Penna.

"Thought I'd better add an informal note to my formal request.

"At the present time I'm taking graduate work in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania, and finding it intensely interesting. The work includes courses in foreign trade, statistics, theory and practice of socialism, international economics, economic theory and labor-- those are the courses I'M taking this year. I plan to take further work next year.

"I suppose Bryan is back on a full peace time schedule now. No doubt you are flooded with an excess of applications under the G. I. Bill of Rights. The vets certainly are taking advantage of the educational opportunities and it seems like an excellent thing for the country. Hope Bryan finds it possible to accommodate a large number."

Eileen Langford, '43, Dallas, Texas

"Fran (Reed) called me today and told me some sad news. Joe's (Sullivan) mother died last night--just slipped away in her sleep, so Bertie and Joe left about 9:00 for Vicksburg or Memphis. . . .

"Langy left last Friday morning for a staff conference in Colorado Springs.

"Dickie weighs 12 pounds and is 24 and 3/4 inches tall. This is underweight for his height but not for his age. I wish he weighed more, but the doctor says he's healthy. . . . Yesterday I started him on canned foods. . . ."

Ruth Clement, '43, Zellwood, Florida

"How I should have liked to have been with you all for Home-coming week, seeing old faces again, renewing acquaintances, visiting familiar haunts, reviewing the days spent on good old Bryan Hill. . . 'Twould have been a real treat.

"However, we were busy just at that time ourselves, closing school and getting things organized and settled for the summer.

"Saw Margaret Lowe last Sunday afternoon in Orlando when we went to hear Dr. Torrey Johnson. He gave us a stirring and challenging account of their mission in Europe. Margaret and I had a good time going over what we each knew of recent news from or about Bryan and Bryanites."

Miss Julia Anna Yancey, The Warren Wilson College, Swannona, N. C.

"The Presbyterian Church is giving a very splendid course in sacred music here for two weeks. A Mr. Kelly, director of Westminster Choir, is the director. He is very good. I like the way he interprets the hymns and anthems. Tomorrow is commencement at Bryan. I planned to be there, but this conflicted, and I am here to help and receive more instruction for other work. His blessing upon you all."

Warren Oliff, '42 has resigned from Oak Grove Church at Peoria to accept the Ballston Church, Arlington, Va., in the Southern Baptist Convention, effective March 31.

Just the week prior to commencement Miss R. Iona Lyster together with three other Philadelphia friends came to Dayton for a short visit. Miss Lyster continues her work as Bible teacher at the Philadelphia School of the Bible.

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While on a visit to her family in Chattanooga, Mrs. Harriet Dunlap Treher, '34, spent a short time on Bryan Hill renewing friendship with staff members and viewing the campus and buildings.

Miss Zelpha Russell, ex'37 who has just completed her third year of study at Bob Jones College, has been assisting the office staff at Bryan as a secretary for the summer months. She expects to complete her college work at Bob Jones next year.

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In connection with a business trip which he was making for the Graybar Electric Company, of which he is personnel manager, Mr. Lewis Llewellyn, '38, stayed for several days in Dayton to visit friends there and on Bryan Hill. He spoke in our chapel service and gave his testimony in the Rhea County Youth for Christ service, as well as to share news about his family in personal conversation.

Mr. Llewellyn also visited the Bryanites at Dallas, Texas.

Announcement was made of the marriage of G. Landis Penick, ex'41, to Ruth Glessner at Clearfield, Penna. on May 7.

On their honeymoon through the southland, Landis stopped at Bryan long enough to introduce his wife and enjoy a meal with us.

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Early in June, Mark Lovengood, '42 made a trip through the Northeast, visiting friends along the way and viewing points of interest in the New England

section. In Philadelphia he spent one night with Sam and Anna Hemberger. On his return trip he attended commencement at the King's College and brought his sister, Miriam, ex'47, back to their home in Dayton. They are helping at the children's camp at Cumberland Springs with Paul and Lillian Lovengood.

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After two busy years as professor, Beatrice Batson, '44, plans to resume the role of student as she enters Wheaton College for summer school with a view to securing her master's degree.

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Jesse Lasley, '38, and Kenneth Kennard, ex'45, are also at Wheaton for the summer.

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In May we received word that Daniel Hirschy, '41, with his wife and baby had flown to the costal town of Leopoldville, Africa.



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Nellie Stover Harper, '44, Star Route,  
Wapato, Wash.

"My hat's off to you and the others at Bryan for all you have done for the alumni organization, and the Bryanette is a real treat every time received. I'm waiting for the issue telling about this first real "Home Coming."

"John and I both wish we could be back for commencement week. But it is impossible with John still in the hospital. This last week they operated on his leg and graft some skin on it. If this is the cure it may not be long until he is a civilian again. Since the children's work is finished for this year down at Lakeview, Oregon, I'm dividing my time between the work at home and trips to Bremerton to be with John."

June Kramer, ex'45, 153 Institute Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

"Mom forwarded the Bryanette to me here at Moody and I am sure glad to receive it. Even though I am attending Moody, I often think of Bryan and the many friends I made while there. I have talked to several students here who are planning on going to Bryan after they graduate. I have had a great time showing them the pictures that I have of Bryan.

"The Lord has graciously blessed me since coming to Moody. I am taking the Jewish Mission Course and find that it is most interesting as well as helpful.

"Please continue to send the Bryanette and use the enclosed for postage. . . ."

Ed Wade, ex'44, 714 N. Kenmore St.,  
Arlington, Va.

"Thanks very much for sending the April-May edition of the Bryanette. I enjoy reading every issue, and it's mighty nice on your part to compile and send out those 'newsy' little alumni sheets.

"I wish it were possible for me to be at Bryan for the Home Coming. It would be a wonderful time, I know, learning new faces and recalling old times--but I am very doubtful if I can make it the first part of June. . . ."

"My trip to Philadelphia with Cecil, Dotty and Peggy, to visit the Hembergers was fine. Seeing Rosey, Ernestine, and little Anna Kay there, too, was a treat. Sam and Anna entertained us in a very nice manner. The apartment had quite a crowd of Bryanites in it, and to be sure, we all had a big time stepping back a few years in our conversations and talking about our days at Bryan.

"Last week I was pleasantly surprised to find myself with three other Bryanites from Washington, meeting Grace Levengood at the Union Station. We made a survey of hundreds of people before she appeared."

After completing her year as English teacher at Rhea Central High School in Dayton, Grace Levengood, '42, took a vacation trip to visit Miriam and other friends in the North. This summer she is working in Chattanooga as secretary to a doctor who specializes in brain surgery.

# Summer 'Smatterings' from the Bryan Family

Ruth Kuhn, 3605 N. Main St., Dayton, O.

"This is a joy to be writing to you now. There's so much to praise God for.

"I...during the last month have been praying that God would lead me to the right ones on the bus--those whose hearts He had prepared. My first companion was V.D. who seemed very interested and listened as no one had ever listened before.

"Mrs. G. sat down next and we found that we had something in common. She was an April bride. Without my saying a word she told me she had accepted the Lord Jesus as her own personal Saviour when ten years old...

"The third traveling companion was an elderly lady who sincerely enjoyed the story of the Wordless Book. . . A little girl also enjoyed it...

"I gave Mr. T. the tract 'Four Things God wants you to Know.' He read it carefully and said, 'May I keep this?'. . .

"The last companion was the hardest one to reach. She did take a Gospel of John though and thanked me for it.

"Mother and Eddie were waiting at the station and both looked grand. How good it is to be with them. . .

"I can never tell you what this year at Bryan has meant to me. The fellowship, the classes, the lives of other Christians and room devotions--all have drawn me closer to our wonderful Saviour."

Jesus Never Fails!

Flossie Manck, 2257 N. Waterloo St., Philadelphia, Pa.

". . .I am just recovering from my trip home. I went to church Sunday night, but haven't felt well until today. Even the beautiful Packard which stopped to pick me up didn't cure me.

"I am beginning to long for a dark room and cherry pie, some early morning bellowing from the shower room by Miss Wildern, B.A. . . and all the other nice things which make up Bryan life. I do remember each one of you in prayer daily. I expect the Lord to do great things for Bryan this summer. He is able! When I see how Christians are living in Phila., and how indifferent and cold they are, I am thankful for the warm fellowship of Bryan folks. . .

". . . I went to every (Spanish) school I could find and chose the one which suits my needs best. The director is a Ph. D. who speaks about 19 languages. He was delighted to find that I was going to teach. . . He also said he would give me instruction in how to teach languages, and from the few examples he gave, I could really get some excellent pointers from him.

"I am working in an insurance office using the Ediphone, which would be grand for Bryan's office. . ."

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Angie Garber, Winona Lake, Ind.

'SMATTERINGS'

Miss Beatrice Batson '44,

"You should be here at from Home (Cont).

Wheaton, Ill.

Winona tonight. It is nice and rainy and sounds like Bryan if your eyes are closed, a swell night for a good long walk!!

"Ruth Hooks just got in so she and Elaine Christy were here to visit me. Of course, I enjoyed seeing her again. I ate with Elaine tonight then we went up to visit Millers for a while. Eddie and Eileen were there and we had a good time talking of Bryan.

"Last night Mrs. Taber took me up to see Pifers. Bethel is such a sweet baby and almost as big as Dorcas (Poer).

"I have been working at the new cafeteria on the lake. I don't know where I will be located when the other places open up. . .

Jean Gulley, Culpeper, Va.

". . . Jean Neff ('44) and I are in a cabin over here near Woodstock. . . My work here as yet has not fully begun as the preparations are still in the making. There are about 16 girls and 4 fellows. I have been helping in the kitchen more than anything else so far.

Betty Birch, '46, Macon, Georgia

". . . To get back to housekeeping here. . . Ruth Dew's been staying here over nights. The folks will be back tomorrow. . . Ruth and I are going to start visitation work in the large hospitals here in Macon Sunday afternoon. Please pray that the Lord will use us.

"Needless to say roots have really grown deeply through the years at Bryan and down underneath it was not an easy task to tear myself away. Yet, I'm eager to go on for my graduate work so that I will be better prepared to serve Him there.

"The days have been full since I have been home and soon it will be time for me to leave for school. . .

Wilma Walker, 1879 S. Broadway, Apt. 6,  
Denver, Colorado

"I'm having a good time teaching in Bible school at my Church. I have a class of fourteen boys six and seven years old.

Vernon Koester, Wheaton, Illinois

". . . Just a short line or two to let you know that I enjoyed a good trip home and have safely returned to Wheaton.

"Folks in Sheffield thought Bryan and Tennessee had done me lots of good.

Jane Sutton, 526 Jefferson St., Evans  
City, Pa.

"I had a swell time in Washington (D.C.) and at Gulley's. We dashed through Washington all day and just saw the high spots. . .

"This afternoon we started a class (Bible) in a country school. It was one room and I had a hard time shouting loud enough to be heard. There were about 23 out, which was very good."