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18TH GRADUATING CLASS TO BE HONORED AT ALUMNI BANQUET

Saturday night, June 2nd, should be kept open by every Bryan alumnus. That is . . .until this article is read.

Yes, that's the date for the annual alumni banquet, and there is every indication that anyone who misses it will be mighty sorry.

In keeping with the fact that the occasion means "coming home" to the members of the Bryan family, the banquet will be held at 5:45 p.m. in the university dining hall. Committees have already been appointed and plans are under way to make this the type of banquet that will mean the biggest and best ever.

With a beautifully decorated banquet room,

a wide-awake toastmaster, a challenging speaker, mingled with Bryan food and fellowship, the evening promises real Christian enjoyment for each alumnus.

CAMPUS VISITORS

Nita (King) ex '50 and Sterling Theobald ex '51, visited the first weekend in March.

Mabel (Arnold) Walker '40 attended the harp concert late in February with her son and husband. Mabel's husband is pastor of the Baptist Church in Evarts, Kentucky.

Reba (Arnold) Fitzgerald ex'34 and Elmira (Arnold) Green ex '34 have been guests at several concerts on Bryan Hill.

John de Rosset ex '37 stopped by for a brief visit on March 8th.

On March 20 Jess Lasley '38 had dinner on the Hill after a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association.

Ruth (Kuhn) '47 and Clyde Simmons '49 and small son, Ronnie, have left their teaching duties in Chattanooga for a trip to the campus two or three times recently.

Gladys Jennewein '50 and Maxine Lykens ex '52 spent a few days on the campus and attended the Bryan birthday banquet.

Virgil Sorge '44 in his recent visit reported that he is with the Church of Christ Publishing House in Lufkin, Texas and assists at the Grace Brethren Church in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Ellsworth E. Balzer ex '51 married Lois Ruth Varnell on May 4 in Chicago, Illinois.

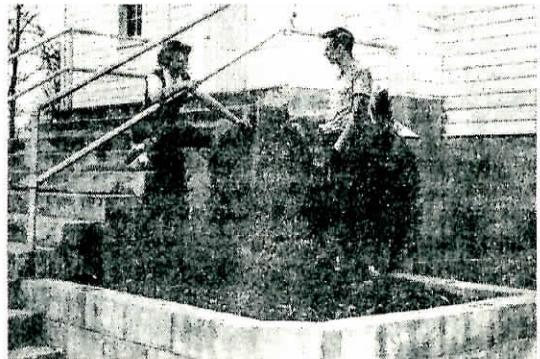
Following the banquet, a very important business meeting will be held. Representative ideas are needed badly, for efforts are being made to have a stronger alumni functioning properly.

But, let's not leave that date...June 2nd open any longer. Plan to be present for the annual alumni banquet.

1950 ALUMNI PROJECT ADORNS CHAPEL ENTRANCE

The Alumni Association's 1950 shrubbery project has been successfully completed with azaleas, althea, thornless holly, Irish juniper, and arbor vitae--66 plants in all--have been set out near the entrance of the Memorial Chapel ready for you to see on your arrival at the alumni banquet.

This gift, being presently enjoyed, will continue as a living testimony of the interests and concerns of Bryan's graduates and former students.





Reaching Beyond

Ralph '37 and Rebecca (Haeger) '38 Toliver,
Chungking, Szechwan, West China.

From a letter dated January 16 comes the following news:

"We are now in the middle of what may prove easily the greatest withdrawal of missionary forces that has yet been seen in this land. It was the policy of China Inland Mission to stay on and give a try at working under conditions in the New China.

"Now our work among the Chinese has folded up and we ourselves, like every other missionary in the land, are an embarrassment to the believers. . . We have been invited to join a work in Manila, with schools for Chinese pupils and with church work. We do not yet know if this is the will of the Lord for us. This work does appeal to us, however, since it is to such a large extent among Chinese. For the present, we feel that in spite of everything yet we cannot leave our post here just now, since the mission has asked us to stay on and shunt through this center the 250 men, women, and children in our fellowship in this province and two adjoining to the south and west."

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Hazel (Waller)'43 Carlson, Chiengmain, Siam.

Excerpts from a recent prayer letter tell the story of their move out of China to a new field:

"When we left Burma we were not sure of the future. The Mission had told us to go to Singapore and wait there for Siam visas. If we could not get them, we were to return to America.

"The Lord does have a work for us here, He has opened the way into Thailand. You will be almost as thrilled as we are to know that already Orville has made one trip to the Lisu here in Siam, who speak the same language Orville learned in the Salween. The Lisu have never had the Gospel preached to them.

"Now we know that for the present Burma is not His place for us. When we started to go in the direction of Siam the doors opened easily before us."

John '45 and Wilda (Chapman) ex '48 Quinby,
Central P. O. Box 956, Tokyo, Japan.

"The best news of the month is that God has blessed your gifts, used our efforts, and answered our mutual prayers, in the winning of our first Japanese convert to Jesus Christ.

"A sentence from a letter received from Shirahige-san in which he said, 'Last night I decided to become a Christian after Bible Class' . . .

"Please pray for us as we endeavor to instruct and help him in the things of the Lord, as well as our other Bible Class students, several of whom are on the verge of decision."

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Eddie '46 and Eileen (Goodman) '46 Miller,
Amazon River Region, Belem, Para, Brazil,
Caixa Postal 861.

In his report to Brethren Herald, Eddie tells of their special missionary emphasis in distributing nearly 5,000 tracts among the people living in and around the town of Icoaraci.

"At home I never saw people scramble to get tracts as they do here in Brazil."

One special feature received with great enthusiasm by the Brazilians was the distribution of Portuguese calendars with the name of the church printed at the top.

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Edgar '48 and Jane (Sutton) '49 Lieb, Granja, Ceara, Brazil.

"The first of this month we moved to Granja to open a new station. To our knowledge, there was not a believer here. Since then, two boys came to ask the way of salvation, and both have professed to accept Christ as Savior. Ed has been having a class for them two nights a week, and has been playing Portuguese Gospel Recordings several nights a week. Last Sunday we had our first Sunday School here. We expected a few neighborhood children and had fifty to sixty with a large percentage of adults. . . We plan to start visitation work soon."

Carol Russell S/N, ex '52,
5145 N: California, Chicago,
35, Illinois.



"Leona Bell ex '52 and Thelma Ziegler '50 received their caps in February and are working hard and studying, too, putting in a 44-hr. week.

"Jeannie Pulkin '49 and I praise the Lord for His presence as we work in surgery. We feel the realness of His presence in our many tense moments.

"Recently while at Moody Bible Institute Leona Bell ex '52, Bob Smith ex '51, and I spent a few minutes with Lyman '49 and Polly Goehring '48 as they were attempting to start "Ebenezer".

"Incidentally, Willis Jones '48 gave me a diamond on Easter! Willis graduates in January from Moody Bible Institute. We believe the Lord has called us to serve Him in Japan."

Grace Theobald ex '46, Chestnut Hill Hosp., Philadelphia, Pa.

"I am an ex-Bryanite and have ever been thankful as the year there gave me a good foundation for -- I didn't know what at the time. It proved to be Nurses Training followed by Bible School and all three united at Wheaton from which I received B. Sc. in Nursing, Jan. 26.

"While there it was a real pleasure to share my room with Ruth Ann Adams ex '51 for all but the first 5 weeks of my time. I thing you would know her and her fiance, George Cone '49. You would also know my brother Sterling ex '51 and his wife Nita Mae ex '50, wouldn't you?

"Just now I'm teaching in the School of Nursing in the above mentioned hospital until May 5th and will probably resume again in Sept. In the meantime "I" will probably change to "we" May 17th and, D.V., "we" will be taking Wycliffe's Linguistics course this summer with a view to Translation work if and where our Lord leads..."

Phyllis Ruth Syers, born to Paul ex '50 and Elaine (Kennard) '47 Syers, on March 29, 1951.

Martha Jane, Daughter of Rev. ex '48 and Mrs. Gene Stevens, Grace Baptist Church in Corwith, Iowa, was born on April 15, 1951.

Jonathan Paul Gillespie was born April 4 to Paul '50 and Grace (Pulkin) ex '50 Gillespie at Dallas, Texas.

Randall Nelson Smith, son of Virginia (Oakley) ex '50 and Nelson Smith, was born in Dallas, Texas April 18.

Pvt. C.D. Firebaugh ex '52 US52141337, Co. A, 13th Inf. Regt. 8th Inf. Div., Ft. Jackson, S.C.

"Truly the Lord has been good to me these past few weeks. There is nothing that can supplant the peace and joy that He gives.

"Whenever I receive news from Bryan, it brings fond memories. It is really wonderful to hear of the progress, both spiritual and material."

Bob ex '50 and Flo (Mellick) '46 Collett, Greenwich, Ohio.

"We all are fine and happy in the Lord, and in the work which He has given us here. I receive my B.A. in psychology this June.

"We've been busy. Every Friday afternoon after school the "kids" come for Bible study - a KYB (Know Your Bible Club). Our front room looks slightly stuffed with 26 of the youngsters all over the floor. We have such a good time."

Edwin Moreland ex '51, Wichita, Kansas.

"Our coach just told me I am going to Des Moines, Iowa for the Drake Relays. I will anchor the Sprint Medley and Mile Relay for Wichita. . . Some of my former high school rivals are attending Wheaton and I will be able to run against them once again and fellowship with them too.

"I have been contemplating attending the Alumni banquet... I may have to go to work as soon as school lets out May 30. Incidentally I thought that the new Bryanette was unique in its form. The news always is unique."

Neil Benfer ex '43, Washington, D. C.

"The news of Bryan's expansion, both in building and curriculum, is cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving..."

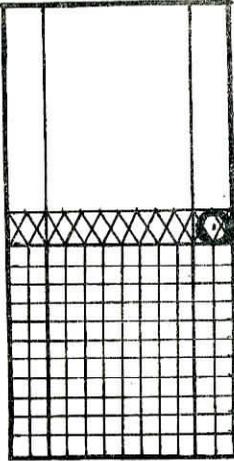
"I received the MSS in Geography at Penn State in January..."

"I have been working at the U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office since Feb. 20. The position is Oceanographer GS-7 under Civil Service."

Clarence ex '41 and Eleanor (Estep) ex '42 Blackburn, Pikeville, Kentucky

"Mrs. Johnson, our helper, and I took in four of the county schools last Wednesday, teaching seven times. . . To reach these two schools we had to cross the creek twenty times one way. . . But we had the privilege of reaching fifty backwoods children, two G. I. students, and two young teachers."

TREASURER REPORTS STEADY PROGRESS ON "DOOR PROJECT"



Can it be done? Well, I guess! Already 54 (out of 600) have responded to the challenge of the "Door Project." And responded wholeheartedly, too, I would say, and I think you will agree when you realize that those 54 have bought 21½ of the needed 46 doors--which is almost half the goal. Fourteen gave the amount of a door or more and the others have given smaller gifts. Surprisingly enough, perhaps, several of our missionaries and seminary students have contributed a large amount of that which has been sent in.

With nearly a month to go, I believe the Lord will enable many others to help as we work together to triumph in this greater achievement for the Bryan Alumni Association.

In addition to the 21½ doors already paid for, other alumni have written that they plan to send gifts. These promised gifts amount to \$121.20 or about 3 1/3 doors.

Balance needed	
Pledges	▲▲▲▲▲
Cash Received	□□□□□
Total Project	\$1,635.67
Cash	\$769.61
Pledges	106.65
Total Income	876.26
Balance needed	\$ 759.41

Sam '44 and Anna (Kettenring) '45 Hemberger, Portland, Maine

"We are wholeheartedly in accord both with this particular project and with the activity of you Alumni officers during the past year. You have surely made some vital and basic progress!

"For all this and the general over-all progress on the Hill we give thanks unto the Lord."

Wanda Lautzenheiser '49, Oak Hills Fellowship, Bemidji, Minnesota.

"It is good to hear reports of Bryan and to know that the Lord is continuing to bless in the progress of the building program. I trust that some day the Lord will permit me to visit dear Bryan once again.

"The Lord has been very gracious in leading me here to Oak Hills to receive more practical Christian work. After my arrival here last June I was shocked to hear that the order had been given that no more Missionaries would be able to enter China. The field of Japan has been upon my heart. After some consideration I feel led to begin steps to associate and work with the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade."

Bob '50 and Mary Francis (Kennedy) '49 Rose-nau, 1120 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

"We had decided not to write again until we knew something definite about our sailing date. Just today plans were made to sail for France the first week in May if a booking can be made with them. We also learned that there is an apartment available to us in France at a French home. This will be a great asset in learning the language."

Nell Pearson '49, 1179 Delaware, Buffalo, N. Y.



"About a month ago our Board of Directors (European Evangelistic Crusade) advised me that I would be released from the office here to go to the field, which of course makes me very happy. However, they requested that I remain at my present position until Rev. Douglas Stewart comes in July to take over as Home Director. Since the work I am now doing will be part of that which comes under his supervision, along with other steps which are being taken, it was thought best that I remain here until he comes. But I can now definitely look forward to going to the field, as well as work toward getting there. This answer to prayer is evidence of God's continued guidance and I do praise Him for all His working and goodness. If possible, I would like to be on my way to the field sometime in the late summer or early fall, and would appreciate your prayers during these months of preparation."