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FESTIVE EVENTS KEEP BRYAN FAMILY TRADITIONS



At the annual Christmas banquet Dr. and Mrs. Mercer (left) sit next to the speaker, the Rev. Glen Lehman, to whose left are his son, Glen ('59), Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Moore and Charles Moore (x'57), who was toastmaster for the occasion.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Information from Robert Adams, the college business manager, reveals that at least seven students who are currently enrolled are in serious financial need and at least three former students who would like to finish their college work are hindered by lack of finances.

With a new semester beginning January 26, a hearty response from alumni on our scholarship fund could provide the necessary boost for at least one of these persons to continue his education. Of the ten mentioned above, two are senior students who have shown fine qualities in their academic work, their leadership in college activities, and in their personal Christian testimony.

Why not pray, plan, and then write the Alumni Office of your intention to contribute to the scholarship loan fund so that we may help a worthy student NOW?

Bryan family fellowship was shared by several alumni visitors at Thanksgiving time. Highlighting the activities was the informal banquet at the evening meal time when Richard Cornelius ('55) brought a message of thanksgiving illustrated from his experiences during two years of military service including several months in Germany. Dick is currently at home in Jacksonville but planning for further schooling in the near future.

Other Florida visitors for the week end were "school marms" Virginia McCranie ('57) and Bertha Vogt ('57) who teach in a Christian elementary school in St. Petersburg. Sharon Poertner ('58), a resident of Atlanta, and Nola Jahnke ('58) and Walter Cornatzer (x'60), from Milwaukee and Chicago area, were also among the guests to share the glory of their home states, since the banquet seating was divided into state groups. Incidentally, the student representatives from Illinois won the prize for the most expressive and attractive table decorations with their portrayal of memories from the days of Abraham Lincoln, even to the erecting of a rail fence.

In the traditional North-South touch football game, the Rebels claimed the victory in a 14-12 score over the Yanks. At the conclusion of the game both teams presented their queens--Peggy McCartney ('59) from Texas for the victorious South and Anne Frazer ('59) from Pennsylvania for the trailing North.

The Promethean Society provided the Thanksgiving night entertainment with scenes from the two American classics having their historical setting in Civil War days, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Gone With the Wind."

Chapter Reports

DALLAS BRYANITES MEET AT KRAMER HOME

For a late October meeting Dallas alumni honored Spud Willoughby ('56) who made a special trip home from Colombia because of the sudden death of his father at Ft. Worth. In the picture at right John Kramer, ('56), president of the Dallas chapter, is presenting a check to Spud to help pay his return plane fare to Colombia.

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Above: Spud, Shelby Johnson ('54) with wife and baby, and Martha (King '57) Park.

Left: Beside Spud and John are Wilbur Pickering ('56), Shirley Ardelean '56) Fehl, Lois (Frieswyk '56) Gould, Pat Kramer, and Kramer and Gould children.

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TWO CHAPTERS SEND "GIFTS-FOR-THE KING"

Two alumni chapters -- Dallas and Upper East Tennessee -- sent substantial contributions to the Gifts-for-the-King service which was held at Bryan Sunday, December 14. Special recognition was given at the service to these chapter efforts with words of appreciation by Dr. Mercer. Several individuals also made contributions, and any others who wish to share in this annual effort to supplement the operating budget of the school may do so throughout the month of December.

CHICAGO AREA ALUMNI "REVIVED"

Lyrle Cue's ('57) home in West Chicago was the scene of a Bryan gathering December 6, through the efforts of Lyrle and Bonnie Pratt ('58). Following an informal fellowship period Dr. Mercer gave a report from Bryan Hill. A date of February 6 was set for the next meeting at the home of Robert Harper (x'45) at Wheaton with David Franklin ('54), Ralfe Kaiser ('54), Lyrle and Bonnie as a temporary committee for arrangements. Others who attended this first meeting of the "revived" Chicago area alumni were: Judy (Cox x'56) Kaiser, Carol (Russel x'52) and Willis ('48) Jones, Mrs. David Franklin, Ralph Latta (x'59), Jack Grammar ('58), Myrna Gibson (x'61), Walter Cornatzer (x'60), Nola Jahnke ('58), Joyce Hughes ('58), Delores Yockey

WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT...

The Reverend Richard "Dick" Langford ('43) of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood was featured as the daily chapel speaker during Spiritual Life Week, September 29-October 8, at Westmont College.

Diane Lindgren (x'56) is now Mrs. Bryson. She finished her education in Berkeley, Calif, and is teaching school.

Janice (Brown '53) and John ('54) Miesel arrived in Brussels, Belgium, August 16 and after ten days were able to move into a spacious apartment and prepare for the opening of school Sept. 15.

Pearl Rathbun ('56) reported flying date of Nov. 30 for her trip to Korea where she is serving under The Evangelical Alliance Mission at the Christian radio station.

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('56), and Virginia Shea (x'61). Latecomers, but no less important to the life of the party, were John Quimby ('45), and Edwina (Lien '54) and Virgil ('44) Sorge.

With such a good beginning, we expect to hear good things from this chapter which is in the process of organization.

Urgent Missionary Needs -- Pray !

Ruth and Clifford Hanham ('52) get news through to us in the midst of the Cuban uprisings:

"Since our last prayer letter to you in September things have become worse here. As the national elections approached a real effort was made by those trying to overthrow the government. A group moved down out of the mountains of our province, and into the local area to try and put into effect a stoppage of all movement. They allowed the small local stores to remain open, but no milk deliveries, or selling of things from house to house. All roads were closed so no chance to get any letters sent. Finally we were able to send a letter to our parents, being allowed to carry it by horse ten miles to Holguin where it can go by air. This letter must be sent the same way. . ."

"Many nights we have heard these men go through an alleyway by the house. Of course, we have not looked for friendships, maintaining strict neutrality! There have been a number of clashes in different areas around us, but we have continued with services in the daytime. We walk to most of them, but sometimes are able to use the horses. . ."

"As food becomes more scarce, one eats whatever can be obtained with thankful heart."

"The Bible School has continued classes during this time though all other schools are closed. . . The radio broadcast is not going out because the power lines to the "big city" are severed, and so no stations are broadcasting. . ."

"We trust that you will continue praying. . . opportunities are great even though it might seem the door of opportunity is partially closed. . ."

June (Bell '51) and Ian ('50) Hay, Jos, N. Nigeria

"The Jos Bible School is being used of God to meet a real need. . . we have been asked to organize another evening Bible School at a large tin mining town 15 miles from here. . . we plan to organize a correspondence course to be sent out to those responding to the Gospel in the meetings of Pocket Testament League. This is a tremendous task. . ."

"The hour is crucial. No one knows what the future will bring for Nigeria and the church in this land. Even as this is being written the final decisions are being made for the constitution of the new Nigeria. . ."

Helen (Parden '48) and Lyman ('49) Goehring, Evans City, Pa.

"Five drums are now ready to be shipped. In His wisdom, which we cannot understand, nor dare question, the Lord has not seen fit to provide for an early return to Brazil. Earnestly pray that He will soon reveal His perfect will to us in this matter. Our monthly support is still \$200 short of the minimum. We are conscious of a great need concerning passage, transportation of our baggage, and duty on the baggage, which is unpredictable. . ."

"The little church in Jurunas now has its own national pastor. Continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the Brazilian believers. . . When we return to Belem we will be concentrating our efforts at first on a section called Canudos. . . establish another purely indigenous church. . ."

Mary (Grover '53) and David ('52) Naff, ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

"We are still in Liberia. . . We expect to be here until the first of the year temporarily. . . We have been praying for a 20,000 watt Transmitter here at ELWA. . . The Lord has miraculously supplied a 50,000 watt Transmitter. . . which will enable us to more than double our broadcasting hours and will give us opportunity to extend our language ministry to the Middle East with Arabic programs and the Congo. . . An order for 500 Transistor Receivers was placed recently. . . to be distributed in Africa by our missionaries. . ."

Rhoda ('56) and Malcolm ('57) Bradshaw, Singapore.

"Our language school term ended seven weeks ago and we moved to this large Malay settlement in Singapore for further study before going to South Thailand. . . the schoolmaster's 19 year old son befriended us. . . and we sipped from our tea cups (in their home). . . Mac explained (in English) our beliefs. . . The young boys sat entranced. . . the old man seemed unmoved but did give us a welcome to his home and we left a scripture portion with him."

"Mr. Yacob (Muslim teacher) would not accept a New Testament. . . on the day we parted. . . we gave him our address on the fly leaf of a Gospel of John. . ."

New Dates for the Birthday Book

JUNE 2 -- Michael Earl Bensinger, born to Trula (Adams x'50) and Earl Bensinger, in Kalamazoo, Mich. The Bensingers are members of the Bethel Baptist Church.

SEPT. 7 -- Gregory Scott Bradshaw being a son, brought great honor according to Chinese tradition to his parents Rhoda (s'56) and Malcolm Bradshaw at his birth in Singapore. Two-year-old Todd likes to help care for his "broder."

SEPT. 18 -- Patricia Dawn Williamson responds to the category "girl" in the 64 trillion dollar question at the home of Don ('58) and Helen (s'58) Williamson who live in Madison, Wis.

OCT. 14 -- James Nathan Sells, son of Harold and Virginia (Smiley '50) Sells of Cincinnati, Ohio.

OCT. 24 -- Dale Maurice Fletcher, firstborn for Betty Rose (Goehring x'55) and Gordon (x'55) Fletcher of Callery, Pa.

OCT. 31 -- Marc Roger Bacon, new master at the home of Phyllis and Roger ('50) Bacon at Evans City, Pa., where parents are on furlough from Africa.

NOV. 2 -- David Charles Harmon, Jr., also a firstborn to Dave ('57) and Leona (Lantz x'58) Harmon, now of Englewood, Colo.

NOV. 5 -- Miriam Elizabeth Brill arrived at Greenville, Mich., to parents Edie and Frank ('50) Brill.

NOV. 6 -- Byron Saunders Ford, fourth child for Connie (Penick '40) and Forrest ('39) Ford of Ashland, Ky.

NOV. 15 -- Philip Wayne Cox, made appearance at the hospital in Painesville, Ohio, to parents Shirley (Horn '51) and Wm. Joseph ('52) Cox, who have pastorate and residence at Solon, O.

NOV. 19 -- Elizabeth Ann Reese, new member of the family of Adrienne (Kerr '56) and James ('56) Reese of Moline, Mich.

NOV. 26 -- Gary Ranselaer Clouse joins the club of Bryan P. K.'s since his parents Robert and Bonnidell (Barrows) Clouse are pastor and wife of Grace Brethren Church in Cedar Rapids, Ia.



Richard ('50) and Anna (Drake x'49) Hartleroad
Voyle, Ramona, Latricha Ann, Randy (fr. row)
Richard and Jeanine (back row)

FAMILY NEWS --

Catherine (Marshall '48) Holbrook is teaching two child evangelism classes this year -- one at home and one at Palm Ave. School in Lorain, O. Of her year old daughter she says, "Faye Ellen is a big girl and very active. We enjoy her so much."

Roselyn (Franklin '51) and Robert ('56) Hearing are settled in Kokomo, Ind., where Bob works for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. Roselyn is busy with 9-mo.-old Linda. The Hearings are active in the Bible Baptist Church; Bob helps with junior church and Roselyn with choir and other church music.

DEC. 3 -- Carol Ann Zopfi, a Christmas present for her parents, Gleneale and Kermit (x' 50) Zopfi and her brothers, Douglas and David, in Bensheim, Germany. Good she was a girl for Doug was going to "send a boy back"!

DEC. 9 -- Deborah Kae Benedum (we think that's her name) was welcomed by brother Dougie, as he also preferred a sister, and by happy parents Grace (Coventry '53) and Carl ('56) Benedum, of Detroit, Mich.

DEC. 13 -- Janice Lynn Kribbs to make Christmas merrier for parents Arlo (Kleis x'54) and David ('54) Kribbs at Dallas, Tex.

SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO --

Lois (Frieswyk '56) and James ('55) Gould in the loss of their 14-month-old son, Stuart, who was struck by a truck at Dallas. The funeral was held December 6.