

Logsdon To Be Banquet Speaker



The University social committee announced recently that Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon would be speaker at the annual Christmas Banquet, to be held in the University dining hall on the night of December 5. Dr. Logsdon, who was one of the Bible Conference speakers at the University the last week in October, is pastor of the Immanuel Church of Holland, Michigan, is well known as a writer of spiritual books and is a conference speaker whose speaking engagements cover a wide area of the country.

MISS RADER ATTENDS PROPHECY CONGRESS

Prevents Possible Accident

Miss Alma Rader, a member of the Bible Department, recently attended the International Congress on Prophecy, held at the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City, November 6-13, where it was her privilege to hear some of the outstanding speakers of the world. Mrs. E. B. Arnold, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University also attended the conference. It is interesting to note that listed among the speakers were Dr. Herman Hoyt, a member of the Board, and Dr. William F. Kerr, a graduate of the University.

The trip, which was made by plane, was not without incident. As the plane left Atlanta, Miss Rader, whose seat was just above the wing, noticed that the top to the gas tank had come loose and that gasoline was pouring out across the wing. She immediately notified the stewardess, who quickly informed the pilot. The plane turned back and landed to correct the situation.



A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Dr. Irving L. Jensen

"We saw his star...and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

Tragic it is, indeed, that the world today does not see HIS star. When HIS star appeared two millenniums ago, there were visible to the naked eye a few thousand stars. But the wise men saw HIS star. The unbelievers of that day saw but the other stars, and missed the glory.

A notice has just come to our attention that soon to be published is a photographic sky atlas containing 1,758 plates and costing two thousand dollars a copy. The atlas will reveal so many millions of heavenly bodies that they may never be counted. Is this not another illustration of what has happened since the baby Jesus was born? Five thousand stars of false hopes have been replaced by billions of ruin-destined confidences, and the basic tragedy remains the same, for

MEN STILL DO NOT SEE HIS STAR

We saw HIS star. But, having said that, we must say more. Grace sent the star. The very God of grace, by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, made us to recognize our need of following the star, of finding the King. There came the day in our experience when we said not only, "We saw HIS star," but, also, "We are come to worship HIM!"

God has blessed each one of us with the privilege of being a mem-
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Choir Plans Spring Tour

Under the direction of Gerald Woughter, head of the music department, the University Concert Choir is looking forward to their annual spring trip the middle of March, when they will leave Dayton for some ten days on the road. It is planned that the tour will take them into Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, and pastors in these states desiring to have the choir come to their churches should write at once, as work is being done on the itinerary now.

This will be the third concert tour of the choir, which sings most of its numbers a cappella and which has won, wherever it has been, the reputation of singing far beyond that to be expected from a college of two hundred fifty students. Prof. Woughter has been able to develop in his choir of thirty-four voices an unusual harmony and blend which is evident both in the religious oratorical classics, the well-loved hymns of the church, and the more modern compositions of present-day composers.

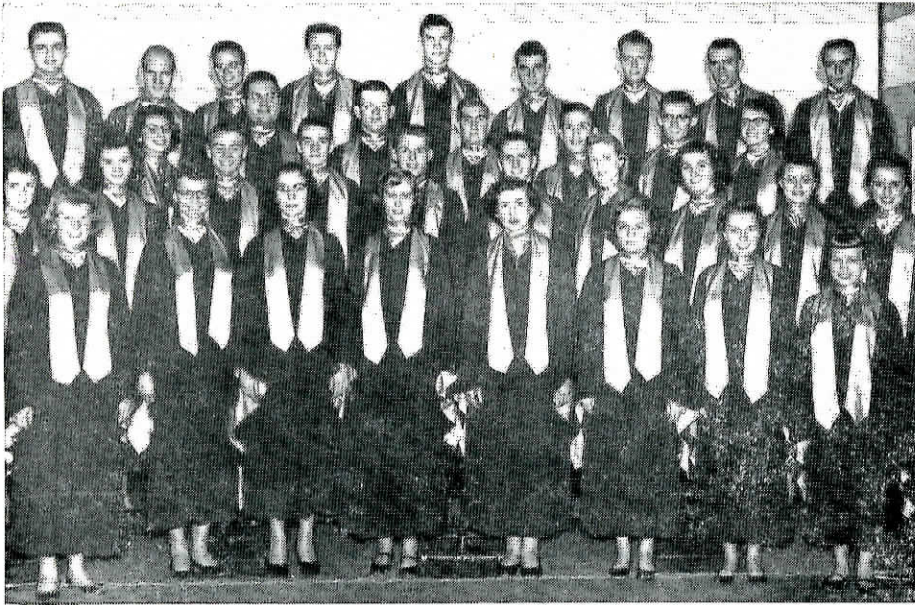
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Seniors Sneak Successfully

When the seniors announced recently in chapel that all seniors "interested in going on the sneak—I mean outing—should sign up," the juniors took the slip for a joke. It was, for that night, following the outing and a fake sneak, all seniors returned to the campus at 12:10, touched home base according to regulations, and pulled out for Lake Ocoee on a successful sneak—all forty-three of them, with seven wives and their sponsor, Dr. Jensen.

Having arrived at their destination in the wee small hours of the night, they spent a good portion of Sunday morning in bed, arising to a high-noon breakfast, followed by a lakeside service. Dr. Jensen's message was delivered from a boat on the lake while the seniors seated on

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The Bryan University Concert Choir

FROM MY HEART TO YOU

In childhood we thought of Christmas as the happiest time of the year. Maturity and a fuller understanding of the deeper significances of Christmas should make it mean more to us: the net satisfaction should increase, not decrease.

The joy of Christmas is greater to us in childhood if there are brothers and sisters in the home, but when the family grows up and there are fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and many others to whom to give, the financial burden becomes great, indeed. When asked to solve this problem, Emily Post suggested that the names be divided up, so that each member of the family circle received some presents, but no one had to give to all. This, she said, was better than to discontinue the exchanging of presents altogether. "Christmas without giving," she added, "isn't Christmas."

I believe Emily Post has given sound advice, but she does not go far enough for the Christian who wants to realize the deepest meaning of Christmas. The Lord Jesus expressed the true philosophy of Christmas when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This philosophy became reality when He "gave Himself" at Calvary.

In Hebrews 10:7-9 we have revealed the spirit of giving with which the Lord made that first Christmas gift: "Lo, I come to do thy will, O

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A Christmas Meditation

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ber of the Bryan family. In such a fellowship we gather at this Christmas season to worship HIM—not a cold and lifeless force or philosophy, but an intimate, living Person, who came to save us from our sins. To be sure, our family group is varied—students, alumni, faculty and staff, board members, prayer supporters, financial supporters—yet the oneness of the family exists because it is HE alone whom we worship.

We saw HIS star. As we worship HIM this Christmas season, may our hearts overflow with gratitude that we did see HIS star. And may our prayer and determination be that from Bryan Hill the witness may continue to go forth unhampered until Jesus comes, that others also, lost in a dark world, might see HIS star, and come and worship HIM.

"Crisis in Christian Education"

(Second of two parts)

I realize that it naturally follows that, if it is to be possible for a Christian school to reach the educational standards and objectives which it should have, there must be sufficient financial support, and of course, this concerns everyone of us..., as trustees, as parents, as graduates, and as students. The colored preacher on one occasion was discussing with a friend of his the problem of preparing messages that would reach his people. Said he, "When I preach

on the importance of letting Jesus have first place in their lives, they are willing. When I tell them they must lead clean lives, they are willing. When I tell them they should treat their neighbor right, they are willing to try. But when I tell them that they should put more money in the offering, then it seems that there is sort of a coldness that settles down over the entire congregation." I trust that as we consider this very delicate subject this morning, that that sort of coldness will not be present in our midst.

In a study of college and university needs made by the Council of Financial Aid to Education, it was revealed that the average per capita cost for operation has increased 50% since 1948—in just six years. You say, "Well, the cost of everything else has risen also." Yes, but in most other lines, the cost has passed on to the consumer. In 753 colleges and universities, 256 of which were church-related, studies showed that tuition and fees were raised only 21%.

Now if your cost increases 50% in business, and your income increases only 21% something is bound to happen—something must give. It is no wonder that this study showed that half the national colleges and universities are operating on a deficit. If we are to change the picture from what it is now, we as Christians must see to it that there are sufficient funds to pay faculty salaries, to build buildings and equip them in order that an ever increasing number of young people might be attracted to our Christ-centered schools.

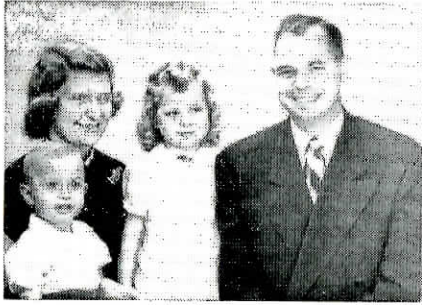
Yes, I believe that too long Christian colleges have exploited to an extreme degree the missionary call and spirit of the faculty members. Some time back a faculty member said, "I do not know how much longer I can afford the luxury of teaching in a Christian school."

Now we are all here today because we are interested in William Jennings Bryan University, and I believe as we look forward to the beginning of the second quarter century, that we must become cognizant of these matters of which I have been speaking.

It seems that I can hear, with Isaiah of old, a voice calling from the mountain, "WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT? WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?" (Isa. 21:11) Isaiah

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LETTER OF THE MONTH



John Mark, Mrs. Levegood,
Linda, and Mr. Levegood.

(Mark Levegood, a graduate of '42, with his wife, Joan, and children, is serving under Christian Missions to Many Lands in Natal, South Africa where he has been for more than three years. Mark, who is from Dayton, Tennessee, is writing to the Bryan Missionary Fund Committee.)

"We should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous gift of \$35.00. May He abundantly meet your every need as well and richly bless you in your new school year.

"Not long ago we had a special week of Bible study at Elim Mission Station. All the men able to do so from the various churches and outstations met for systematic Bible study... and an exposition of Paul's epistle to the Thessalonians... The evenings were spent in slide gospel meetings in the neighborhood.

"Next week is the semi-annual meeting of the African Teachers Christian Fellowship. This consists of Christian school teachers... usually about 40 present. We are grateful that we still have liberty to preach the Gospel in our schools irrespective of recent legislation which has taken the schools out of our control.

"We are kept busy here at the Murchison Mission Hospital, not only in preaching the Gospel and doing secretarial work, but also in the care of the churches in this area.

"The government has just approved plans for the erection of a new T.B. wing at the hospital which will care for an additional 80 patients. We have an average of 100 patients continually in our 49-bed hospital.

"Our spring rains have just begun. It has been six months since our last rain, and the drought had become quite serious. We trust that we shall experience showers of bless-

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could look forward and cry a note of encouragement, "THE MORNING COMETH AND ALSO THE NIGHT." But, I wonder, can we see the light of a new day dawning in the field of Christian education? Someone has well said, "It is far easier to get \$200 out of a person to send to a missionary across the sea to a foreign land than it is to get \$2 to train that missionary here in America."

To put it mildly, we are facing a very serious crisis in the field of Christian education! Something must be done. We pray that God will supply funds for our Christian schools, and then expect Him to use someone else to meet that need. The story was told of the time D. L. Moody was praying with some of his friends about a \$5000 obligation facing them. Finally, in the midst of the prayer meeting, Mr. Moody rose to his feet, and said, "Gentlemen, let's stop praying for someone else to meet the need. There's more than that much right here in this room right now!"

The Council for Financial Aid to Education concluded its report with this statement: "Higher education must constantly explain its needs. Adequate support cannot be taken for granted. The needs are not self-evident."

As members of the graduating class of 1955, you will be joining a most important group, so far as the future of Bryan University is concerned. Within a short time you will be receiving a greeting from the president of the alumni association of this beloved school. To say that it has struggled for twenty-five years is to put it mildly. Yet, God has blessed, and I believe has brought it thus far for just such a time as this.

I came into contact with graduates and students of Bryan University, I suppose, fifteen years before I ever saw Bryan Hill. I was sold on Bryan University through the testimony of its graduates. Now, I do not mean the kind of testimony you give in a Sunday night service or in prayer meeting. But I mean the testimony of a life quietly and consistently lived in obedience to the Lord Jesus.

Our church, you well know, is located in Wheaton, Illinois, where we

ing in this spiritually dry and barren land as we together pray toward this end."

are supposed to have the best of everything. Do you know when we had our largest Sunday attendance last summer? It was when the Bryan University Gospel Team visited our church. I was away on vacation last year when they were there, but even yet I hear of that service mentioned with thanksgiving. Bryan has had 25 years of testing and struggle. God has tested it and refined it, it is true. It has provided a place where truth could be sought and tried, where every sort of hammer could be tried out on the anvil of God's Word.

All too often, I fear, students are sent to Christian colleges--they do not go; they are sent because there are certain things that are not done there. There seems to be a sort of cloistered atmosphere, and I fear that there is somewhat a tendency to try to pour all the students into the same mold. The student who dares to question is classed as a trouble-maker; and yet I believe that there should be a spirit of honest searching of the truth pervading our whole campus. Young people must find for themselves the reason for the hope that lies within them. We set up certain standards of conduct based on what we consider to be the separated life for the Christian, and we say we are a Christian college. That is only the beginning. I am fearful that too many students are sent to a Christian college for a secular education in the midst of a Christian environment. The Christian liberal arts college should go far deeper than superficial paint on the surface, which can be had by conforming to certain standards or rules for conduct.

As you graduates face tomorrow, you have many opportunities and responsibilities. I Samuel 10:17-22, a young man was called upon to face opportunity and responsibility in the life of his nation. The young Saul had been told beforehand by Samuel that this great opportunity and responsibility was in service to the nation of Israel. But when they went to find him, he was hiding in the stuff. He was called of God to meet a certain need in the life of Israel, but he was hiding.

It has always been easy for men to try to justify their own shortcomings, and to assume a false cloak of humility. Men try to hide themselves amidst feelings that arise from a sense of unworthiness. True, a humble spirit and a contrite heart are good in the sight of God. Such an opinion

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the shore were reminded of Him who once put out from shore on the Sea of Galilee to preach from Peter's boat.

Monday and Tuesday were busy with boating, hiking, and exploring, to say nothing of the jolly times spent over good food and stories enjoyed around the old "pot-bellied" stove. Games and skits were followed by choruses, testimonies, and devotions.

Arriving on the campus early Tuesday evening, the seniors were warmly welcomed by the juniors with a band, speech making, and a party for both classes.

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about one's self is good, but it is not to be honored and respected above the call of God.

Men often hide themselves behind good intentions. Now, intentions are good when they are followed by actions, but when they are substitutes for action, they are bad.

Doubts and unbelief often provide a convenient thing to hide behind. When fog descends at sea, vessels do not put down their anchor, they keep ploughing right on through. Some of you have kept on when the next day was uncertain. The fog of difficulty was all around, and yet you knew what God's plan was for you, and without hesitancy have come to the place of graduation.

Men also hide themselves behind the pleasures of this life. If we are to fulfill to the highest degree the position of life which God expects us to fulfill, we should never shrink from the path of duty. I should like to close our thinking together this morning with II Chronicles 29:11, "My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath CHOSEN YOU TO STAND BEFORE HIM, TO SERVE HIM, AND THAT YE SHOULD MINISTER UNTO HIM AND BURN INCENSE."

BEREA WINS INVITATIONAL

Berea College walked away with first place in Bryan University's Fourth Annual Invitational Cross Country run, held the afternoon of November 19 on the rugged 3.6 miles Bryan course. Bryan University's harriers and those of Sewanee College came in second and third in the order named, the final score being Berea 34, Bryan 46, Sewanee 50.

The course record of 19 minutes and 52 seconds was broken by three of the runners. Peercy, of Berea, led the field with a time of 19 minutes 22.2 seconds, and Watson of Bryan fought it out for second place with Osborn, an independent runner from East Tennessee State College, with Watson crossing the line the proverbial hair's breadth ahead. Both these runners also bettered the course record.

Trophies were awarded to Berea College and Bryan University and ribbons were given to the first ten runners to cross the finish line, awards being presented by Miss Alice McLeod, Bryan senior and Queen of the Invitational Run.

Bryan and Temple Win One Each

When Tennessee Temple College came to Bryan for the first of two annual touch football battles, Bryan's passers and receivers took over in general and sent the Temple boys home at the little end of a 43-18 score.

The return game at Chattanooga told a different story, for Tennessee Temple took an early lead and lengthened it sufficiently to end the game leading the Bryanites by seven points, the final score being 20-13.

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God." Surely, our own Christmas giving will mean most to us when it is done in accordance with God's will for us.

We are inviting our friends to join with us in our annual Christ-

mas "Gifts for the King" service on Sunday, December 11. With the many pressing financial needs to carry on His work here on Bryan Hill, we hope, of course, to have a generous response. But our desire is not simply that we have a generous response to report or even a larger amount to spend. It is that the work the Lord has given us to do might be done more effectively in the lives of larger numbers of young people.

Two of Bryan's first graduates, Ralph and Rebecca Toliver, are serving under the China Inland Mission. Speaking recently in a chapel service, Mrs. LaRue, a representative of that mission, said: "The best advertisement a school can have is its graduates. We like the sample of your product, and we hope the production line can soon get to moving." That is the way we feel about Bryan University. Our product has been fully demonstrated on the mission field, in the pulpit, in the classroom, and elsewhere, and is in demand. We can supply the market only as the production line is enabled to move along.

As eager as we are for a generous response at the "Gifts for the King" service, we desire even more that His will be done in the lives of those sharing the ministry with us, as well as in our own, as together we have a part in this annual Christmas offering. If our friends will see God's will in their lives, they will richly experience the deepest significance of Christmas giving, and our needs will be supplied in accordance with God's will. It is with this in mind that I would challenge you to discover and do God's will this year in all of your giving.

Merry Christmas,
Judson A. Rudd
President Emeritus

OCTOBER GIFT INCOME

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