107th Commencement -- June 9

Dr. Paul S. Rees Will Be Commencement Speaker

The address at the 107th commencement exercises of Taylor University to be held on Tuesday, June 9, 1953 will be made by Dr. Paul S. Rees, pastor of the First Covenant Church of Minneapolis, the President's office has announced.

Dr. Rees is well known in evangelical Christian circles. He has been preaching since 1917, is the author of numerous books and pamphlets, and a well known speaker at Bible Conferences, youth conventions, missionary rallies, and college preaching missions. In 1952 he made a 34,000 mile trip around the world, visiting 24 countries, speaking in 17. He is currently president of the National Association of Evangelicals, and vice president of the National Holiness Association. He holds a number of responsible positions in the Covenant church and has maintained an interest in Christian education as a member of college and academy boards.

TAYLOR FAMILY REUNION JULY 4

A Taylor get-together has been planned for JULY 4TH, at WINONA LAKE, Indiana. There have been a number of groups attending the Conference on this date in years past and we think it is about time we had a Taylor fellowship hour. It will be complete with light refreshments, choruses, and testimonies. All students, parents, alumni and friends of Taylor are welcome. We will meet at the Chapel of Bethany Camp at 6:00 p.m. Plan now to attend.

Honorary Degrees To Be Conferrerd

Two members of the Class of 1928 will receive honorary doctor degrees at the 107th Commencement at Taylor. Rev. Earl Edson Allen, district superintendent of the Milwaukee District Methodist Church, will receive the D.D. degree. Jorge O. Masa, Dean and Professor of Sociology and Christian work at Union Theological Seminary, Manila, will receive the L.L.D. degree.

In 1931, Earl Allen completed his graduate study at the Garrett Biblical Institute where he had gone after leaving Taylor. From 1942-47 he was pastor of the First Methodist Church, Beloit, Wisconsin, during which time 875 new members were added, and two new churches organized. Rev. Allen's name was included in the "Prominent Personalities in American Methodism, 1945," and has been accepted for forthcoming "Who's Who in Methodism."

Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the present home of Earl, his wife (the former Frances Thomas, also of the class of 1928), and their two children.

Jorge Masa continued his studies at Columbia University, Yale University and also at Union Theological Seminary after leaving Taylor. He is editor of a Philippine magazine and has had several of his articles published. Mr. Masa, who is a member as well as the organizer of various Christian organizations, was the Philippine Delegate to the Conference of Religious Freedom in St. Gall, Switzerland. His other travels have taken him to the United States; Europe, which includes 12 countries; Near East; Southeast Asia; China and Japan. Jorge, his wife, Consuelo, and their five children are now residing in Manila.

Did You Know?

That in the last 40 years almost 2000 students have received degrees from Taylor. At the present time there are over 2750 names on our alumni file. There are many others who attended Taylor in years past who are not listed. Help us locate these people by sending in names and addresses of those you know.
That You Might Know

As we come to the end of another fiscal year at Taylor University, it is our desire to inform our alumni and constituency concerning the current status of our finances. We feel that an enlightened constituency is one that is able to help us solve the problems of Christian higher education in these days that are so difficult for all independent liberal arts colleges.

In a comparatively recent survey it was indicated that in 66 liberal arts colleges that are independent or church related in our area over 50% operated in the red in the last two years. The continuation of this trend would mean the closing of many fine colleges and the surrendering by the American people of one of the great fundamental freedoms of our nation.

You ask what is Taylor’s status? This past year our alumni and friends have been very wonderful in increasing their support to the school. The support this year has been greater than last, and last year’s support was greater than the previous year, but we are yet far short of the funds that will make certain the efficient operation of our college.

This past year it has been necessary to expend over $30,000 in non-budgetary matters. It was thus imperative for us to meet these expenditures with increased gifts from interested friends and industry. We yet have many needs in this fiscal year, and we trust that our many friends will feel the concern of Taylor University in the program of training young people for Christian leadership in all the professions.

Some of you will have already heard that Taylor University received a bequest this year to the amount of $50,000. A banker friend in Muncie, Indiana recently died, and gave these funds to Taylor. Indeed, we are grateful for this money and we feel a keen sense of stewardship in its use. It would be easy for us to place these monies in any one of a number of critical areas. We would like to put a minimum amount of it into the current budget, but it is quite evident that if we are to balance our budget we will have to use a great portion of it in that way. This gift offers us the opportunity of making an advance on our campus of which we have been desirous for a long time. We therefore trust that every alumnus and friend will prayerfully consider our need as we come to the end of this fiscal year. Your membership in the 100 Club and your continued gifts will help to guarantee that Taylor’s future will be stronger than ever before. Link your gifts with your prayers that Taylor University will be an instrument in the hands of God to further the cause of Christian higher education.

Evan H. Bergwall
President

Quartette Plans Midwest Tour

The Varsity Quartette will be engaged in camp meetings and services throughout the summer in the midwest. The following is their itinerary through July 5. Look for the remainder in the June Taylorite issue.

June 8
Rev. Clarence Hamm, Methodist Church, Colona, Illinois

June 10
Rev. Wesley Arms, Methodist Church, Iroquois, South Dakota

June 11-22
Washburn Camp Meeting, Washburn, North Dakota

June 23-28
Hoople Holiness Camp, Hoople, North Dakota

Summer Session Begins June 15

Taylor University has planned one of the most practical Summer Sessions the school has ever held. The courses have been geared to three main areas of training. These are: entering freshmen and transfer students, teacher certification, and pastors and parents.

Beginning freshmen and transfer students will be able to take courses that will fit their curriculum. The fields of study offered in this section are religion, history, science, and language.

The teacher certification program is planned for teachers wishing to convert certificates or meet new requirements. Both elementary and secondary education are being offered.

A special night course is planned for the pastors and parents in the area who would be interested in a course on the family and rural sociology. The present plans indicate that problem solving and practical discussions will be the core of study.

For future information write Dr. Yoder, Director of summer school activities. The chapel periods and direction of the 13 member faculty will also be under his direction. The session will begin June 15 and end August 7.

Results of Contests Held On Taylor’s Campus

March 24—Sara I. S. Bothwell Piano Contest
1st. Marlene Short, freshman, Stryker, Ohio
2nd. Donna Wright, sophomore, Fountain City, Indiana

April 29—Robert McLennan Oratorical Contest
1st. Carol England, sophomore, Marquette, Wisconsin
2nd. Thomas Wells, sophomore, Cincinnati, Ohio

May 4—Bishop William Taylor Oratorical Contest
1st. Patricia Sparks, freshman, Garrett, Indiana
2nd. Mary Dahl, junior, Montaque, Michigan

May 13—Homer and Annabelle Speech Contest
1st. Ann Donker, freshman, Kalamaoo, Michigan
2nd. C. P. Tarkington, sophomore, Windsor, North Carolina
3rd. Morton Wright, junior, Elwood, Indiana

New Catalog Ready

The 1953-54 edition of the Taylor catalog is now ready for distribution. If you can use some copies in your church or have some young people you would like to have receive them, write: Warren Lewis, Director Public Relations.
Dr. Charbonnner to Retire
After 19 Years of Service

Following 19 years of service, Dr. James Charbonnier is relinquishing the arduous position of Professor for the peace and quiet of retirement. During his span of service Dr. Charbonnier has taught several subjects in the field of religion and language. He has been the popular choice of students for many years as sponsor of several classes and organizations.

World History students will recognize a date which is important to Dr. Charbonnier—that is 1685, the date of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, affecting all protestants in France; his own ancestors, of Waldensian and Huguenot lineage were among the families compelled to leave France at that time. Having taken refuge in Switzerland, the family remained and that is where "Doc Charby" grew up. He comes from a long line of ministers, professors, and doctors. In 1905, after having been graduated from Geneva University College with B.A. and B.S. degrees, he came to the United States. Upon his arrival he entered Drew Theological Seminary, where he also did postgraduate work and earned his B.D. His M.A. was received from Yale Graduate School, where he majored in Linguistics and Philology. The First World War made it impossible for Dr. Charbonnier to present himself for the "disputation of his thesis" at Geneva University where he had transferred his credits for the Doctorate of Letters.

As a Divinity student he joined the New York Conference of the Methodist Church, in which he is a full member, an elder in full connection.

In 1934 he came to Taylor with his wife, the former Edith M. Fowler, who died in 1941. They had three children—James W. and Harold, who earned the Ph.D. in Science, and Edith, who was once a pupil of Professor Bothwell.

In Switzerland, Dr. Charbonnier became a member of the Swiss Alpine Club and scaled the Alps several times; he was also a member of a fencing team and participated in Soccer football.

He likes Taylor, which he calls his home; and finds happiness in the Christian fellowship of both faculty and students. Many here have enjoyed his collection of ancient painting and art objects, some of which have been on display in the library.

Honor Society Is Formed

The faculty of Taylor University has approved the constitution for the formation of the CHI ALPHA OMÉGA Scholastic Honor Society.

Chi Alpha Omega, meaning Christ first and last, was finally approved after more than one year of administrative planning.

The society will be headed by an executive council composed of the Dean, president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer of the organization, plus two faculty members of opposite sex.

This Scholastic Honor Society has been organized at Taylor to encourage and recognize high scholastic achievement.

Membership is open to seniors in good standing who have indicated their intention to graduate from Taylor University, and who have not been under major censure or disciplinary action during their undergraduate years. A third criterion shall be their conduct in the light of the aims of Christian higher education.

The minimum point average of candidates seeking election shall be the cum laude requirement (2.3) for the total undergraduate load for work done at Taylor. Not more than ten per cent of the graduating class shall be elected to membership in any one year. One alumnus member and one honorary member may be elected annually.

Taylor Center Elected to Little All-American Team

Forrest Jackson, junior center and record breaker of the Taylor Trojan basketball team, has been selected as a member of the Helm Foundation All-American basketball team. This is the first time a Taylor athlete has achieved such an honor. It is another testimony of the worth of Christian athletics in the field of intercollegiate competition.

Taylor to Be Featured Over Station WLW

Taylor University will be featured over Radio Station WLW, Cincinnati, on May 31st at 2:00 p.m. (central daylight time) on the half-hour program, "Salute to Colleges." This program has been a Sunday feature over the Cincinnati station for the past year. We feel sure that many of our prospective students, alumni, and friends will be interested in listening.
Class Reunions Planned For Alumni Day

Remember the good old days when you were a student at Taylor? If you don’t, here is a good chance for a refresher course. If you do, you will enjoy reminding the other illustrious members of your class of the grand days of your formative years.

Plan now to be at Taylor on Alumni Day, June 8. Special plans are being made for classes celebrating five year period anniversaries. “Chuck” Carringer, president of the class of 1938, has gone so far out on a limb as to assert that his class is the best that was ever graduated from Taylor. Now, ’38ers, let’s see you prove it! These reunion chairmen are doing their best to give you some competition in getting members back.

Class of 1948: Ruth Ellen Nussbaum
Class of 1943: Phyllis Carson
Class of 1938: Clarice Hofstad
Class of 1933: Chester Lyle Thomas
Class of 1928: Frances Allen
Class of 1923: Eugene Pilgrim
Class of 1918: Barton Rees Pogue
Class of 1913: Olive May Draper

Four members of the class of 1908, six members of the class of 1903, and six members of the class of 1898 have been contacted concerning their return to the campus for their reunions. Several have responded indicating their intention to be here. Join the procession to the seat of learning: return to the edifice of edification, and re-live the inspiration of your student days. Add your support by your presence.

Permanent Chapters Organized in 22 Cities

During the past year efforts have been made to establish Taylor Chapters in 41 cities throughout the United States. In 22 cities chapters have been organized permanently, in 13 groundwork has been laid for future meetings, and in 6 cases plans have been postponed indefinitely.

Chapter leaders recently received an 8 page handbook outlining the purposes, policies, plans and possibilities for these groups. Other alumni who are interested may receive a copy by writing to the alumni office.

Membership in the Taylor Chapters is not confined to alumni. Other friends of Taylor who would like to receive notices of the meetings should write to the alumni office requesting that their names be sent to the chapter officers of their area.

Alumni Board Establishes Award Program

At a recent meeting of the alumni board, plans were made for the establishment of an annual alumni award program. A committee consisting of Duane Sandgren, Jesse W. Fox, Keith Hanley, Barton Rees Pogue, and Milo Rediger was appointed by Alumni President Beery to suggest a recipient of this year’s award and to set up some principles for making the awards in future years. The award will be announced at the alumni banquet on Monday evening.

In creating annual alumni awards the board hopes to have a means for expressing appreciation for service rendered to Taylor University, a method of further developing alumni interest in the affairs of the school, and a symbol that will signify achievement in harmony with the principles for which Taylor exists.

Alumni Board member, Miss Phyllis Martin

“Taylor Hour” Added to Alumni Day

The Taylor Hour, an informal mixer for alumni, seniors, parents, faculty, board members, and friends is a new feature of Alumni Day this year. The hour of fellowship in Campbell parlors has been arranged to give alumni, parents and friends an opportunity to get better acquainted with one another and with the faculty and administration of Taylor. It has been scheduled for 3:30 p.m. following the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association.

At the business meeting, alumni will vote for candidates to the William Taylor Foundation Board of Directors and the Alumni Board. Dr. Milo Rediger will survey the academic achievements of the year, presenting some of the plans for next year. and Business Manager Paul Keller will give some facts concerning the financial situation. The meeting will also include a report from the Alumni Secretary, Wally Good, and Alumni Treasurer, Don Odle.

The Alumni Banquet will be served in the college dining hall at 6:00 p.m. Tables will be reserved for classes desiring to eat together. Members of the senior class will be guests and they are urged to bring their parents and friends.

A variety of talent will be presented at the Alumni Program in Shreiner Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Howard Skinner ’27, director of the Maranatha Bible Conference and a member of the Taylor Board, will be master of ceremonies. A significant part of the program this year will be a period of organ music played by Miss Phyllis Martin ’43, music major of Sturgis, Michigan, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the gift of the organ by the class of 1928. Barton Rees Pogue ’18, will be on hand with some of his well-loved Hoosier verse. To re-enact the fortunes of the typical Taylor Trojan on the baseball diamond James “Shorty” McEwhee ’50, is coming all the way from North Carolina. The class of ’48 will be represented on the program by Alyce Cleveland and Fran Willert who will put their puppets through several acts. One quartet, the Singspirators, has replied that they plan to be at Taylor for the program. A number of other alumni have been contacted, but as yet none replied.