OCKENGA TO SPEAK AT 108th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

ALUMNI DAY ACTIVITIES JUNE 7

The highlight of Alumni Day at Taylor on Monday, June 7, will be the Alumni Banquet to be held in Maytag Gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. Members of the senior class and their parents will be guests at the banquet, and other parents and friends of Taylor are cordially invited to attend. Tickets will be on sale at the door at $1.50.

Dr. Wilson Paul, chairman of the department of speech, dramatics, and radio education at Michigan State College will be master of ceremonies for the Alumni Program to be held in the gymnasium as a part of the banquet. A wide variety of talent, mostly from the five year classes having reunions, will be on the program.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni Association will also be a part of the evening activities, with Alumni President Maurice Beery in charge. Election of one member of the William Taylor Foundation Board of Directors and three alumni to the Alumni Board is the most important item of business.

A popular feature of the day, begun last year, is the Fellowship Hour at 3:00 p.m. in Campbell Parlor. Members of the board, faculty, senior class, parents and alumni are invited to this informal time of fellowship designed to give every person a chance to meet the administration and foster a genuine family spirit.

Classes having reunions will meet at noon for lunch together. Definite information about meeting places will be mailed to members of each class.

Plan now to come to Taylor for the Commencement Season. Write to the Alumni Office for accommodations. Come expecting a grand time of inspiration and fellowship.

Honorary Degrees to Be Presented

Rev. Lawrence Lacour, well-known evangelist, and Captain Charles Shilling, Senior Medical Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy, will be awarded honorary degrees at Commencement. Rev. Lacour will receive the D.D. degree, and Captain Shilling the Sc.D. degree.

Rev. Lacour attended John Fletcher College, Drew University and Northwestern University. Following his service as a Navy Chaplain in World War II, he began his evangelistic ministry, which has taken him all over the United States and into many foreign countries. During this coming summer, the Lacours will be in Japan, helping to establish new churches.

Captain Shilling received his A.B. from Taylor in 1922, and his M.D. from the University of Michigan. He has been in the field of medical research for more than 20 years, primarily in the area of submarine medicine and deep-sea diving. He supervised the medical aspects of the rescue of 33 men from a sunken submarine in 1939. In 1952 he received one of the Founder's Medals awarded by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States for his outstanding contribution to military medicine. Mrs. Shilling (Miriam Teed) is also a former Taylor student. They have two children.

What's in a Name?

The second day of May was the birthday of Bishop William Taylor, for whom Taylor University was named. This warm-hearted, dynamic Christian of the last century prayed for whom Taylor University was named. This warm-hearted, dynamic Christian of the last century prayed for Taylor. Because of his genuine concern for his fellow men and his evangelistic spirit, Taylor University cherishes the honor of bearing the name of Bishop William Taylor, "the modern St. Paul."

A number of alumni class presidents have suggested to members of their classes that the first day of each month should be Taylor Day—a time of showing special interest in the school. Join with others of the Taylor family at this significant time to work and pray that Taylor may fulfill her opportunities in Christian higher education.

Harold J. Ockenga

The 108th Commencement Exercises of Taylor University will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1954 with Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, giving the address.

Dr. Ockenga received the B.A. degree from Taylor in 1927. He also studied at Princeton and Westminster Seminaries, and at Pittsburgh University, from which he received the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. In 1947 he was appointed by President Truman as a member of a committee to investigate Europe. Other travels include trips to London for three summers as preacher in Westminster Chapel, and a world preaching tour in 1953. Formerly president of the National Association of Evangelicals, he has also written several books. During his ministry, the Park Street Church has become known for its missionary emphasis. Dr. Ockenga is also president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.
Let There Be Life . . .

As I sit looking out of my office window on a very beautiful spring day, there comes to my attention ever so many manifestations of the fact that nature is heralding a message of new life all about us. Trees and bushes that have been barren for many months are now pushing forth tiny buds, flowers, and leaves . . . declaring that there is new life and new beauty. The lawns that have been rather brown and barren for a long time are now springing forth in new beauty. There is a new blanket of green that speaks of new life pushing forth from Mother Earth. Spring is a wonderful season of the year. It so encourages us after having spent many months of cold and more or less barren living.

We have also gone through a season of the year which tells us of new life. Lent, Holy Week, and Easter tell the story of new life in Jesus Christ. How grateful we are that the Son of God was willing to give His life, to die upon the cross, to be laid in a tomb, but then to break the bonds of sin and death to rise again on that glorious Easter morning. Because of that new life in Jesus Christ there is hope, there is vigor, there is vitality to Christian experience. Life takes on new meaning and new hope! How important that message is in a day when we see so much of life that is given away to death in trespasses and sin. Just as the grain must fall into the ground and die before it is able to grow and yield fruit, so Jesus gave His life, and out of His life has come abundant fruit in the redemption of men and women, boys and girls over this entire world. How fitting that that message should come to our hearts and lives again in this springtime of the year when everything round about us declares that new life cannot be denied, and that new life brings with it beauty that is incomparable.

I am wondering if we are aware of the fact that there is a new spiritual life coming among the colleges and universities of our country. At almost every meeting of educators across the country more and more emphasis is being placed upon religion and its place in higher education. Special conferences are being called that the attention of educators everywhere might be directed to the fact that Christianity must be central in education if young people are to be truly educated. So our hearts are encouraged as we see this new life springing forth, which we trust omens the fact that we are entering into a springtime of religious revival, even in higher education. To be sure, many of the “buds” and the “leaves” are tiny, some are having great difficulty in breaking forth to be seen, but thank God there are manifestations in the right direction.

We have seen manifestations of that new life, even on Taylor’s campus, and how grateful we are to God for the gracious presence that He has bestowed upon our campus in this springtime of the year. We urge the constituency of Taylor University to be faithful in praying that this institution of higher education might ever be an institution of Christian higher education, for only thus will she fulfill her high calling in God through Christ Jesus.

President Evan H. Bergwall

Student Council Elects President

Joe Kerlin

Joe Kerlin, from Anderson, Indiana, has been chosen by the student body as student council president for 1954-55. He succeeds Dave Pellon, a senior from Flint, Michigan.

The son of a Methodist minister, Joe has participated in many activities during his high school and college career. During his sophomore year, he was class president and co-chairman of publicity for Youth Conference. This year Joe has been active as a member of the student personnel services committee, registrar for Youth Conference, member of the men’s chorus, and treasurer of the A Cappella Choir. Joe is taking a pre-med course at Taylor, and plans to serve the Lord as a medical missionary upon completing his studies.

Rediger Elected

Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Dean of Taylor University, has been elected chairman of the Congo Inland Mission Board, which represents four Mennonite conferences. The Congo Inland Mission, founded in 1911, maintains six well-organized stations and over 400 outstations in the Belgian Congo, Africa. Several Taylor graduates serve under this board.

In preparation for this important office, Dr. Rediger will be visiting Africa, especially the Belgian Congo, during July and August of 1954, as a member of a study tour of Africa, which has been organized by the Association for World Travel Exchange. The tour, to be led by Dr. and Mrs. Emory Ross, will include visits to the Holy Land and to Europe, in addition to the extension itinerary through Africa. The purpose of the tour is to help the members better to understand the problems and potentials in various parts of Africa.
Where There’s a Will... There’s a Way

I like the words expressed by the song writer in the gospel hymn, “Glaz Day”... they say, “I’ll live for today, nor anxious be...” A Christian should be free from worry, anxiety, fears and frustrations. These ills come upon man when his faith in God is weak. But the Christian who has given Christ his entire life will also surrender these disrupting anxieties. Nevertheless, we should not stop with this spirit of being free from anxieties.

Life is more than we sometimes imagine. For example, we know that life does not end with death. True, the physical body is laid away and has terminated its earthly task, but the soul of man lives on as does his influence. It is here that so many of us fail to see the tremendous potential wrapped up within each of us.

The thought expressed in the hymn mentioned above deals with one of the two aspects of the Christian after death—the soul of man returning to his Maker. How about the second aspect of the Christian after death—his influence? Will it live on? It can!

Perhaps you are asking, “How can my life live on after I have left this world?” There are several ways in which this can be done. You can project your life through Christian service even after death. It is possible for you to play an important role in the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of mankind, even though you have departed from this present world. You can actually project your life to the mission field after death, though perhaps while on earth you never left your native state or country.

How can these things be? There is a certain immortality in the good a person does with his possessions. Life is a stewardship and each one wants to provide for his family and also to have satisfaction of bequeathing some of the results of his labor to benefit others.

Together with God you have lived, labored, and accumulated. The evidence of your success is in the wise organization of your estate so it will make a constructive contribution after your life’s work is completed. So the first thing is to make a will. You can make a will! You can project your life—and project an important role in the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The actual source of the Gospel is the soul of the Christian after death. Where there’s a will there’s a way.

Some people believe it is bad luck to anticipate death and so refuse to make a will. You should forego all life insurance. Nevertheless, if you do not make your own will for the distribution of your possessions, you will have a state-made will used in the division of your estate and thereby cause undue hardships to be placed upon your family. In leaving them to struggle with the legal tangles that ensue. Also you may work a great hardship upon Christian and benevolent causes which you intended to support. A Christian who does not have a will—his influence? Will it live on? It will, but which will receive nothing because you delayed making a will.

Perhaps it may be objected that a will written long ago may need to be adjusted to meet altered conditions, either in the amount of the estate or in the beneficiaries. If such be the case, it is easy to add a codicil or even to write a new will after a period of years. More and more wills are being written distributing the estate on a percentage basis rather than in terms of specified amounts of money. This has the advantage of giving all the beneficiaries a proportionate share, whether the estate increases or decreases.

Many people have good intentions to provide for their loved ones and for Christian institutions in which they are interested, but feel that there is always more time in which to do it. Too often they wait too long. No judge or court has the right to vary from the legal regulations prescribed by the state to satisfy your wishes—unless you have made such provisions by your will.

Yes, you can project your life into the future. One of the best ways you can project your life into the future is to include Taylor University in your will. Your estate may not be large, but you can be assured that any investment of your life in Taylor University is an investment for time and eternity—an investment in an institution that is thoroughly Christian—an investment in a college that is training young men and women for Christian service, and who will be projecting your life around the world.

Preparing a Christian will is an act of faith. It is a response to God’s blessings in life. It is a time when good counsel and advice are needed. A good lawyer, experienced in draftin g wills, will be essential. His fee will be reasonable, most frequently in the range of $15 and seldom more than $50 in larger estates. His help will be well worth what it costs. A careful will can eliminate the family feuds and unpleasant court proceedings which frequently grow out of “scratch paper” wills or the absence of any will at all.

For more information or for help in arranging any of the foregoing, please write or phone Mr. Ross McLennan, Vice-President, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.
Commencement Calendar

June 6
10:30 a.m. — Baccalaureate Service, Maytag Gym
7:30 p.m. — Missionary Service, Maytag Gym

June 7
9:30 a.m.—Alumni Board Meeting, Library Faculty Lounge
3:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hour, Campbell Parlors
6:30 a.m. — Annual Alumni Banquet, Business Meeting, Program, Maytag Gym

June 8
9:30 a.m. — Commencement, Maytag Gym

ALUMNI GOLF MATCH
Members of the Alumni T Club invite any alumni who hack at the turf to join them for a round of golf on Saturday, June 5, at the Blackford Country Club, Hartford City, at 10:00 a.m., come for the luncheon at noon, or start the second round at 2:00 p.m. This match is open to all alumni whether or not they are members of the lettermen’s club.

“Angel in Ebony” will be the title for the Sammy Morris film, to be released in the fall. This title was taken from the book of the same name, written by Dr. Jorge O. Masa, ’28.

Dr. John Wengatz, beloved Taylorite and former African missionary, has recently compiled and edited a new life of Sammy Morris, based on three previous publications: “The Story of Sammy Morris,” by Dr. Thaddeus Reade; “March of Faith,” by J. Lindley Baldwin; and “Angel in Ebony,” by Dr. Masa. Dr. Wengatz’s edition contains a foreword by President Bergwall, and information about Taylor in its approximately 60 pages. This book will be released in connection with the film.

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