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Taylor University
Anniversary Days - Oct. 22-25

Committee Lays Homecoming Plans

A committee of alumni and students met on July 31 at the home of Wally Good, alumni secretary, to make plans for Homecoming at Taylor, October 24. Alumni and friends can count on a big day with a football game, crowning of the homecoming queen, other halftime activities including bands from several Indiana cities, and another Homecoming Banquet in Maytag Gym. Win, lose, or draw, the football team and queen will be there. Students will provide an interesting part of the program, and President Bergwall will speak.

The annual meeting of the William Taylor Foundation will be held on Saturday morning. Several important items of business are scheduled for consideration. Members of the William Taylor Foundation Board of Directors will meet on the campus both Friday and Saturday, as will members of the Alumni Board.

Anyone arriving on campus a day or two early will have a chance to witness the second annual Shakespearean Festival under the direction of Taylor's speech department. The Festival will be held Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23.

Goshen College President Is Matriculation Speaker

President Miller of Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana will bring the morning address at the matriculation Convocation at 9:20 on September 25 in Shreiner Auditorium. The faculty will open the service with the taking of their vows of support for Taylor and her interests. President Miller will then bring the address. The closing portion of the morning service will be the Freshman Induction into the academic life of the school. Representatives of the Freshman class will be invested with academic attire and welcomed into the student body by Dr. Rediger, Dean of the School.

Dr. Thaddeus C. Reade

Dr. Thaddeus C. Reade was President of Taylor through the most colorful part of her history. It was President Reade who welcomed Sammy Morris to Taylor while the school was still in Fort Wayne. It was during his presidency that Taylor moved to Upland. A memorial was later erected for Dr. Reade and still may be observed near the flag pole by the Music Building.

On June 20, 1893, the cornerstone for H. Maria Wright Hall, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, was laid by Bishop William Taylor. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of Taylor moving to Upland, plans are being made for Anniversary Days, October 22-24, including the second annual Shakespearean festival and the colorful Homecoming activities.

Sunday will be a day of special services commemorating the move to Upland.

The school which came to be known as Taylor University was founded in 1846 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by what was then the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the name of the Fort Wayne Female College. Located in a four story brick building and offering courses in the primary, academic and collegiate departments, its first president was Dr. Alexander C. Huestis. The educational courses of its one hundred young ladies were supplemented by rigorous training in the social decorum of the period. The first commencement was held in 1851 with a graduating class of three members.

A school for young men was opened in Fort Wayne in 1850 under the presidency of the Rev. Samuel Benton. In 1852 this was named Fort Wayne Collegiate Institute. A demand for higher education for young men men and women of the Protestant faith led to the merger of the two institutions in 1855 to form the Fort Wayne College, known popularly as the Methodist College of Fort Wayne. Among the administrators of the early life of the school, the character of President W. F. Yokum stands out as one which was a great influence upon the lives of the young people whom he was training for the Master.

In 1850 the property of the college was sold to the National Association of Local Preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was then that the name of the school became Taylor University in honor of Bishop William Taylor, then a preacher of world-wide fame and the only man who had been elevated from the...
President Evan H. Bergwall is seen at the extreme right talking to King Faisal of Iraq (extreme left) and his cousin King Hussein of the Hashamite Kingdom of Jordan while the aide de camp looks on at an interview in the Philadelphia Hotel, Amman, Jordan.

President Bergwall Talks With Kings, President on Tour

Personal audience with two kings and the president of the new state of Israel were highlights of a summer tour of the Middle East reported by President Evan H. Bergwall of Taylor University, who has returned to his home here.

President Bergwall met both King Hussein of Jordan and King Faisal of Iraq and President Ben Zvi of Israel on the tour during which he visited the Holy Land and studied Jewish-Arab problems.

He met the two young kings at a reception at the Philadelphia Hotel in Amman given by King Hussein for his cousin, King Faisal.

Many problems remain unsolved in the Middle East, the Taylor University head declared, but he found much progress particularly in Israel. Commenting on this country, he declared:

"In the area of agriculture and communal settlements a very progressive program is in evidence. Many entirely new towns have sprung up and throughout the programs of irrigation and swamp drainage much fertile land has been developed in what has been a very arid country. Much of the desert land has been irrigated or extensive plans for irrigation are under way. Thus, one of the high standards of living of the Middle East will be found in this new state.

A sociological problem of great interest is that of the dissimilation of immigrants. Some million Jews from 74 different countries with innumerable language and cultural backgrounds have come together and are being forced into a new nation. Whereas in our own United States we have been called a "melting pot," the state of Israel has been known as operating a "pressure cooker method."

A further very striking program is that of reforestation. Millions of trees are being planted on the mountain sides that are almost completely barren. Most of the forests have been cut down because at one period in the history of the land a tax was placed on every tree, and since the owners did not have the money to pay the tax, the trees were cut down. Thus, this country is one that is striving to become somewhat of a bridge between eastern and western culture.

Relevant to the Jewish-Arab problem, one is deeply conscious that there is only a truce in the Middle East and no permanent "peace," Bergwall said. There are almost nightly border incidents in which Jews and Arabs are being killed or seriously injured in attempts to infiltrate. The United Nations is responsible for maintaining the truce and is not having an easy problem. As a matter of fact, situations are quite tense and the breaking out into greater hostilities is not inconceivable. There are huge camps of refugees in the Arab countries, particularly in Jordan, that are pathetic to see. People who once lived in very fine homes and oftentimes had profitable businesses are now unemployed, living only on a subsistence ration in very pathetic living conditions. Much of their support is received from the United Nations, which means that our own United States is contributing in a significant measure. Further relief work is being done by some outstanding organizations such as CROP and the United Lutheran Appeal, and other independent relief programs. It is hoped by our own government and other members of the United Nations that some more positive approach can be made to the solving of this tense Jewish-Arab problem.

Also involved in the problem of the Middle East, he declared, is the matter of the holy places significant to at least three major religions. There is not now free access by all peoples to these religious shrines although the average tourist of non-Jewish background can visit these places. Suggestions have been made to either internationalize the city of Jerusalem which now consists of the old city in the hands of the Arabs and the new city in Jewish control. The new city is much larger than the old and more modern and progressive, but the old city contains the majority of the religious shrines. The suggestions are that these religious sites be internationalized or that the entire city be internationalized but there is considerable opposition to both.

Library Plaque Completed

A bronze plaque has been placed in the Ayres Alumni Memorial Library listing donors who gave $100 or more toward construction of the building. The debt remaining on the building is $36,000 and on the furnishings $5,000. During the past two years the debt on buildings and furnishings has been reduced by about $30,000. This has been possible through the cooperation and interest of many alumni and friends.

Alumni Directory To Be Published

Work has begun on the preparation of copies for a revision of the Taylor Alumni Directory. It is expected that the new directory will be ready for distribution by Homecoming time. The book will contain names and addresses for approximately 2800 alumni and former students of Taylor. They will be arranged both alphabetically and geographically. Classes will be indicated in the alphabetical listing. MAKE SURE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS IS ON FILE IN THE ALUMNI OFFICE. If you would like a copy of the directory write to the Alumni Office.
Honor Scholarships Are Awarded

Announcement has been made by the dean's office of Taylor University, of the awarding of 17 Selective Honor Scholarships. Those receiving the scholarships are: Joyce Allen, Huntington, Ind.; Martha Bailey, Charleston, W. Va.; Barbara Benjamin, Montpelier, O.; Beverly Collette, Youngstown, O.; Miriam Culp, Brentwood, Md.; Jola Denslow, Remus, Mich.; Rhoda Evans, Bloomington, Ill.; Winston Folkers, Owatonna, Minn.; Delores Gerald, Baltimore, Md.; Rita M. Gerhart, Ortonville, Minn.; Raymond Isley, Minneapolis, Minn.; Joyce Kaufman, Orville, O.; Mildred McMurty, Bainbridge, Ind.; Shirley Pletcher, Columbia City, Ind.; Marcia Pooley, Okaloosa, La.; Audrey Trout, Van Buren, Ind.; and Ruth Unkenholz, Mandan, N. Dak.

The scholarships are awarded by the Academic Affairs Committee of the college, upon selection from recommendations by high school principals and superintendents, and ministers and church boards. The candidate for the award must be in the upper ten per cent of his high school class, in addition to fulfilling health and character qualifications. The scholarship amounts to $100 per year over a period of four years, providing that the recipient continues to meet the academic and personal standards. The 1953-54 school year begins with registration September 8-11.

In addition to the Selective Honor Scholarships, the President's Scholarships have been introduced this year. They are awarded to a student who ranked in the upper one-fourth of his graduating class. The Scholarship provides $25 each semester to be applied toward the student's tuition. The requirements for continuation of the scholarship are the same as those for the Selective Honor Scholarship. The recipients of President's Scholarships this year are Miss Charlotte Justice, Upland Ind.; and Miss Joyce Houts, Warren, Ind.

Head Residents Secured

Taylor University has announced the securing of three new Head Residents for the dormitories for the coming school year. Mrs. Ross Richardson, Bloomington, Indiana, will have charge of Wisconsin Dormitory and its 120 male inhabitants. Mrs. Richardson has recently completed Purdue University's course for counselors and head residents. She has also taken undergraduate work at DePauw and Indiana Universities. She has come to Taylor with a lifetime of experience in School, Church and Civic organizations.

Miss Bernadine Marker, a graduate of Taylor University, will be in charge of the Campbell-Magee dormitory which houses 170 girls. Miss Marker served as assistant to the Dean of Women here last year. Mrs. Doris Burress of Loogootee, Indiana, will serve as Head Resident in Swallow-Robin Dormitory which houses 60 girls. Mrs. Burress has a daughter enrolling as a sophomore this fall. She has a wide background of office experience and will spend some time assisting in the business office.

Increased Enrollment Is Expected

Taylor University's second annual Faculty Workshop was held Saturday, September 5 and Monday, September 7. The Saturday portion was the Faculty dinner held at the Top Hat Party Mart, Yorktown. Mr. Joe Wagoner, business manager of Ball State Teachers College, brought the evening address. On Monday it was all business as the faculty underwent an intensive orientation period. Following an opening devotional and get-acquainted period, the day was divided into three workshop sessions. Main business on the agenda was a survey of the grading scales, study of the revised operations manual, the discussion of the calendar of events for the coming year, and a review of the registration procedures.

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Series of Sunday Evening Services Are Announced

Dr. Paul Uhlinger, Dean of Students and Campus Pastor at Taylor University, has announced a special series of Sunday evening evangelistic services in Shreiner Auditorium on the Campus. The services, beginning Sunday, September 13th, will be based on great and familiar Negro Spirituals.

Believing the Negro gave expression to the deepest yearning of the human heart, stripped of theological phraseology, the words conveying in simplest language the cry of the soul for God, Dr. Uhlinger will devote five of the 7:30 p.m. Sunday evenings to the spirituals:

Sept. 13, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"; Sept. 20, "Everytime I Felt the Spirit Moving"; October 11, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"; October 18, "Were You There?"; and October 25, "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian."

12. The basic fall calendar is as follows:

SEPTEMBER
14 Classes begin
25 Matriculation convocation
Speaker: Pres. Miller, Goshen College

27-OCT. 4
Fall revival
22-25 Anniversary Days
22-23 Shakesperian festival
24 Homecoming
25 Special Sunday services
30 Lyceum concert
Faculty Is Completed

Dean C. Tracy, of East Alton, Illinois, has been named Professor of Business Administration to succeed Mrs. Rosellen Oswalt. Besides an A.B. degree from William Jewell College, Prof. Tracy holds an M.A. degree from the University of Missouri and a C.P.A. certificate from the University of Illinois. He has had experience as an accountant, auditor, and senior high school teacher. Prof. Tracy is married and has two children.

Miss Lois Weed will fill the position of Assistant Librarian, which was vacated by Miss Mary Buffum. Since she was graduated from Taylor in 1951, Miss Weed has been working in the Marietta, Ohio, Public Library. She intends to continue study towards the degree of Master of Arts in Library Science during summer sessions.

Mrs. Martha Brown, graduate of Juniata College, will serve as part-time instructor in the English department at Taylor University. Mrs. Brown has her masters degree from Wheaton College and has had two years teaching experience at Fort Wayne Bible College. She is replacing Mrs. Bonnie Odle.

60th Year

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Faculty Is Completed

thousand people whose land company donated ten acres of land and ten thousand dollars towards the building fund. The school moved to Upland in 1893, when the classes of the first year were held in empty store buildings, while the townpeople took the seventy and more students into their homes. A gift from Dr. Maria Wright of Washington, D. C., was used to begin the construction of the present Administration Building, which was named after her.

It was while the school was still in Fort Wayne that Sammy Morris came to Taylor. This young African lad had come to the United States in search of the Holy Ghost. Sammy did not live long after Stephen Merritt sent him from New York City to Fort Wayne, but the radiant example of this Kru boy is still among the sacred memories of Taylor.

Dr. Reade wrote The Story of Sammy Morris, which has been read by millions of people, translated into many languages and was used, under God, to send hundreds of young people to Taylor. Funds from its sale helped to build Sammy Morris Hall, the first dining room and dormitory. In 1897 the Boarding Hall, site of the present post office, book store, grocery and married couples' apartments, was erected. Soon after this, Sickler Hall, the present Education Building, was built as a residence for men.

Because of the failing health of President Reade, Dr. John H. Shilling and Dr. B. W. Ayres took over the active administration of the school. Dr. Reade passed away in 1902 and was buried on Taylor's campus, where a memorial in his honor was placed in 1924.

In 1902 Dr. Shilling was made acting president and served in that capacity until his death in 1904, when Dr. Ayres assumed office until the coming of Dr. Charles W. Winchester to serve as president.

The institution continued to grow both spiritually and materially during the presidency of Dr. Monroe Vayhinger, which began in 1908. It was during Dr. Vayhinger's administration that student employment became a definite policy of the school that worthy young people might be helped to gain a Christian education. In 1911 the first central heating plant was built on the site now occupied by the sunken gardens. Helena Music Hall was constructed with funds given by Mrs. Helena Gehman and erected in honor of her husband. This gift was supplemented by others, chief of which was one of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shreiner, after whom the auditorium on the second floor of the building was named. Swallow-Robin Hall, one of the college dormitories, was made possible by the gift of Dr. S. C. Swallow, and named for himself and his wife, whose maiden name was Robin. Mrs. Martha McGrew gave funds for the purchase of the college farm.

It was in 1921 that the National Association of Local Preachers transferred to the Alumni Association the title of the school passed from the Alumni Association to the Legal Hundred.

Dr. John Paul became president in 1922. It was in his administration that completion was made of the Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitory, and the title of the school passed from the Alumni Association to the Legal Hundred.

Upon the resignation of Dr. Paul, Dr. Ayres again became acting president until the coming of Dr. Robert Lee Stuart in 1931. Then was completed the Maytag Gymnasium made possible by funds given by Mr. T. H. Maytag of Newton, Iowa.

Dr. Clyde W. Meredith became acting president of the school in 1945 and assumed the office of president on July 1, 1946. Upon his resignation in 1951, Rev. Evan H. Bergwall became president. Under his capable leadership Taylor looks forward with greater vision as she enters her 108th year of service.