Eight Taylor seniors were elected to “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” for 1953-54. The selections were made on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character and promise for future usefulness. The eight chosen include: Beverly Berry, Shirley Bohleen, Gail Brenneman, Herschel Engebretson, Barbara Gordinier, David Pelton, Joanna Phillippe, and Richard Steiner.

Beverly Berry, from Roselle Park, N. J., is the editor of the 1954 Gem. An English major, preparing to teach, Beverly is also active in the Gamma Delta Beta girls society, Chi Sigma Phi, F. T. A., Thalos, English Club, and has been a class officer every year. Her latest office is gift chairman for the class of 1954.

“Some phases of children’s work” is what Shirley Bohleen, from Chicago City, Minn., lists as her vocational choice. Besides majoring in home economics and minoring in sociology, Shirley has found time for the Echo staff, Chi Sigma Phi, Gamma Delta Beta, student council representative, Thalos, A Cappella choir, dormitory president, and the “Evangelaires” gospel team.

Another Thalo, Gail Brenneman from Portersville, Penna., is planning to teach in the elementary grades. Gail’s activities include choral society, Echo associate editor, Student Council, Youth Conference cabinet, gospel team, F. T. A., W.A.A., and a class officer for two years.

Herschel Engebretson, Lyons, O., transferred from Wheaton in his sophomore year. Since then he has been active in Chi Kappas, the junior class play staff, senior class cabinet, English Club, Language Club, track and cross country teams as managers, T-Club, and editing the Echo. He is considering journalism as his life work.

Youth Conference co-chairman is Barbara Gordinier, from Detroit, Mich. Barbara, a home economics major, has held several offices in Chi Sigma Phi. She is also a dormitory counselor and a member of the Chi Kappas.

A business major, Dave Pelton from Flint, Mich., is president of the Student Council and was business manager of the Gem. He also is on the tennis team, an enthusiastic cheerleader, member of the A Cappella choir and the men’s chorus, Junior banquet co-chairman, Vice-(Continued on third page)
Thanksgiving U.S.A.

by President Evan H. Bergwall

Have you ever seen people living in unusually crowded situations where there was no employment available to the men or women, and not even compulsory education for the children, and then, to top the situation, discover that less than a minimum daily diet was provided for the people? Have you seen people living constantly under the strain of fear...fear for their very lives because of the overshadowing clouds of war, of exposure to disease, starvation, and cold? Have you ever been close to people whose whole lives seem to be one great frustration and then discover that they have no vital connection with God? If you have ever have, certainly you would say thank God for Thanksgiving in the United States of America style.

I was aware of living conditions such as these that I have already mentioned in the Middle East, and sad to say, what I have suggested is only a partial picture of the type of life that countless thousands are living today. We consider ours a very enlightened day, and yet we do not know how the other half lives in other parts of the world. Even people in our poorest slums usually are able to secure enough help from welfare agencies to live reasonably well fed and clothed. I know there are many areas in our own United States where there is poverty, suffering, and hunger, but not in the same light as in many parts of the world where we are told that half the population of the world go to bed hungry every night. It is a tragedy to go to bed hungry particularly where the bed is only a mat on the ground with not enough covering to keep one warm, but how much greater the tragedy when one has a deep spiritual hunger that has not been met. That, I declare to you, is the situation prevailing in many parts of the world and particularly in the Middle East as I saw it last summer.

But Thanksgiving in the United States is quite another thing. By and large we have abundance. Very few people do not have an adequate diet, and most folks are well-clothed and well-housed. Too often the complaint in America is that we don't get what others have, and we get what others do not. Right now, there is a complaint of plenty, and a complaint of bread. We have so oftentimes become so indulged in the material blessings of life that it is hard for us to be satisfied with our being well off, and spiritually we often come to the place where we are gospel hardened. We hear so much of the gospel of Jesus Christ that we want a certain brand of gospel, we preaching, or will be satisfied with only a certain type of song. But, have you ever thought of the poor people who have never had the opportunity of naming the name of the blessed Saviour as their own? We ought to pause this Thanksgiving season and count our many blessings and see what God has done for us.

Are we better than these peoples across the sea? Are we of any more intrinsic value in the presence of our Heavenly Father than are they? Did Christ die for more of our sins than for theirs? Of course the answer is no. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Those of us who have known Jesus Christ and do know Him as our Saviour are responsible for bringing the message to the "whosoever"s of the world.

What is the answer then during this great Thanksgiving season? Someone has said we are thankful before God only as we make out of "thanksgiving" an experience of "thanksgiving." Are we living as though we are thankful to God for all He has done? Are we living as though we are thankful for the privilege of living in this blessed country, the U. S. A.? Are we living daily as though we are thankful because we have been blessed above others and not because of our own deserts? I think we might humbly bow our heads in shame and acknowledge the fact that altogether too frequently we are not living thankfully.

What is involved in living a life of thankfulness? Quite logically, if we have been blessed we must accept responsibility. Unto whom much is given, much shall be required. We ought to have a burden and a concern for others. I doubt that any person can be genuinely Christian who has no sense of concern and no sense of burden or responsibility for others in this world. Therefore, take of the blessings that God has given to you, both spiritual and material, and share them with those who are less fortunate. Where you yourself feel inadequate to promote the cause, then invest what God has given you to help others do that task.

It is the purpose and commitment of Taylor University to assume responsibility in this area of service to others. This institution, under God, wants to be a channel of spiritual energy for many parts of the world to tell others of the message of Jesus Christ. If you cannot go what better investment can you make than to share in the responsibility and the glorious opportunity that is being carried out in the name of Christian higher education at Taylor University? Wherever we go, let our thanksgiving be upon you at this holy season of the year that there might be much work accomplished for the Kingdom because each of us has counted his blessings and wants to translate them into helpfulness and consecration to God and to others.
TROJAN GRIDDERS REACH 500 MARK

Taylor University's football team came through the season with four victories and four defeats. The Trojans amassed 100 points in the eight games to their opponents' 62. Their defensive average was second best in the conference. Coach Granitz deserves a lot of credit for the splendid season and the way he molded his young charges into a unit. Only three of this year's players will not be back next year.

Who's Who

(Continued from first page)

president of the Philos, and a member of the Language Club and T-Club.

Joanna Phillippe, whose parents are missionaries in India, graduated from high school in Warsaw, Ind. She is another future teacher, majoring in psychology and English. Her activities include Language Club, English Club, Echo staff, Gen staff, Youth Conference cabinet secretary, Chi Sigma Phi, Gamma Delta Beta, Chi Kappa, Speech Club, junior class play, and the speech department production of "I Remember Mamma."

Heading for the mission field is Bill Berry '51, Ray Bohleen '51, brothers who graduated from Taylor: Dick has majored in social studies, hoping to be a missionary teacher. Dick has spent his spare time in tennis, band, A Cappella choir, men's chorus, Various Quartet, Gem staff, Youth Conference cabinet secretary, Chi Sigma Phi, Gamma Delta Beta, Chi Kappa, Speech Club, junior class play, and the speech department production of "I Remember Mamma."

Societies Present

Gifts to School

Dean Milo A. Rediger, on behalf of the University, has accepted three gifts, one from each society, presented to the school during their Rush Week activities.

Chapter Organizations Are Gaining Momentum

Alumni chapter leaders during the fall months have shown remarkable initiative in the organization of meetings and developing new ideas. A crowded schedule of meetings shows the interest that is being expressed through these regional alumni groups. Reports of meetings held recently will appear in the December Taylorite issue. Three groups plan to meet in November and December:

SOUTH BEND, IND., Monday, November 30, at the South Bend YMCA; speaker at 6:00 p.m., program at 7:00 p.m., Wally Good representing Taylor.

DETROIT, MICH., Saturday, December 5, Mr. Art Christensen, 28 Eureka, Wyandotte, Mich., chairmen, Mr. Ross McLennan, vice president of Taylor, speaker.

FLINT, MICH., Saturday, December 5, Rev. Fred Vogler, 227 Church St., chairman. Wally Good, speaker.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Monday, December 7, Meeting at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Jefferson Ave. at Highland St.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Friday, December 11, Dr. Earl Allen, 1568 W. North Ave., chairman.

MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL, MINN., Saturday, December 12, St. Paul Bible Institute, 1361 Englewood Ave.
Highlights of Taylor's Biggest Homecoming

With the crowning of the queen on Friday night at a student-alumni pep rally, the activities of Taylor's biggest Homecoming were under way. Miss Barbara Thamer, a junior from Jackson, Michigan, was elected Homecoming Queen by the student body. She was crowned by President Bergwall in an impressive ceremony on the steps of the gym.

More than 110 alumni class and chapter leaders came from all over the country for the Saturday noon luncheon-workshop in Recreation Hall. After President Bergwall welcomed the group, Ed Corav spoke concerning the responsibilities of alumni of a Christian College. He stressed the importance of Christian Higher Education and pointed out some of the ways that alumni can do their part in promoting this work. Ted Engstrom, president of the WTF Board of Directors, mentioned some of the plans that are being made for Taylor's advancement. Alumni President Maurice Beery announced that the Alumni Board has set a goal of $40,000 for alumni giving to Taylor during this fiscal year, and Wally Good outlined a system of class representation to aid in the raising of these funds.

The Anniversary Days parade, with floats constructed by the four classes and the three societies on campus, bands from surrounding communities, alumni Homecoming Queens from the last five years, and other marching groups and displays, started through Upland at 1:00 p.m. and proceeded to the football field. Prizes for the best floats were awarded by the Alumni Association to the following groups: first prize of $25 to the Philos for their float illustrating "Around the World with the Trojans," second prize of $15 (donated by the Upland merchants) to the Senior Class for their pony-drawn wagon "Victory or Bust," and third prize of $10 to the Chi Kappa society for their float on the theme "To the Ends of the Earth." The floats were judged by an alumni committee which made its decisions on the basis of originality, appearance, construction, and illustration of the theme, "Travel with the Trojans."

Between two and three thousand people watched Taylor pile up yardage and score against the Earlham people watched Taylor pile up yardage with the Trojans."

Illustration of the theme, "Travel its decisions on the basis of original Class for their pony-drawn wagon."

Around the World with the Trojans."

Quakers to lead at halftime 13-0. The second half of the football game was a different story as the Earlham team scored three times to win 18-13. During the halftime, football captain Stu Frase presented a bouquet of roses to Queen Barbara; Bill Yoder, Junior Class president, pinned an orchid corsage to her formal; and Congressman John V. Beamer gave her the loving cup from the T Club. The Grant County Band and the Yorktown High School Band presented music and march formations, and President Bergwall congratulated the groups who won the float contest as they were announced. After the game the Alumni T Club held its meeting in the "Dugout," and Mrs. Roberta Kelly entertained former students of the home economics department with a coffee.

The Homecoming Banquet in Maytag Gymnasium following the game featured our own President Bergwall who spoke of his experiences in Israel during the summer. He related these to Taylor's mission in Christian education using as a subject the words of Isaiah, "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward." Several representatives of surrounding communities spoke in recognition of Taylor's move to Upland sixty years ago. Representative John V. Beamer also spoke in behalf of the Fifth Indiana Congressional District. Other items of the program were three numbers by the Men's Glee Club directed by John Wheeler, and a skit, "The Quiet Room," presented by interested parties buying a three-year option on one or more seats for all home games at $25.00 per seat.

Taylor Alumni Cagers to Meet Anderson Alumni

Coach Don J. Odle will exhibit his 1953-54 basketball squad for its first appearance at Open House on November 21 in Maytag Gym. Before the varsity meets the Freshman squad at 8:30 p.m., members of the Alumni T Club will take their shoes off the hook and limber up their scoring arms against a team made up of alumni from Anderson College at 7:00 p.m. The game will feature such former stars as "Pop" Wilhelmi, "Dead Eye" Bragg, "Mauler" Cofield, "Rough house" Hayes, and a host of other Trojan greats.

John Tatum, coach at Wabash College, will speak to members of the 1953 football and cross country squads, the Alumni T Club and other varsity T Clubbers at a banquet in Recreation Hall at 5:00 p.m. Awards to lettermen will be presented and special awards for outstanding performance will be made.

At the last meeting of the Alumni T Club on Homecoming Day, Paul Scott was elected president of the group, Carl Rice was elected vice-president, and Harold Olsen, secretary-treasurer. The group voted to help pay for the new bleachers in the gymnasium as their project for the year. Coach Odle has expressed satisfaction with the response so far to this project. These bleachers double the seating capacity on the main floor of the gym. They are being paid for by interested parties buying a three-year option on one or more seats.