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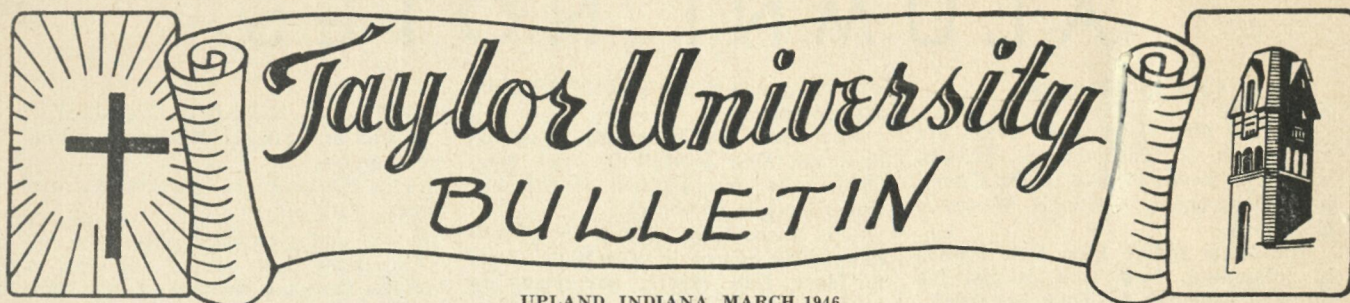
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UPLAND, INDIANA, MARCH 1946

ALUMNI ISSUE - NO. THREE

Great Plans for The Centennial Celebration

Great interest in the coming commencement with its attendant Centennial celebration is being aroused both on and off the campus at Taylor and among many besides the Alumni and friends of past days. This new interest is being taken by a host of Evangelical people who are readers of the various publications which have carried Centennial advertising. Some editors, even, have written for writeups of the history and work of Taylor University.

How much greater interest, therefore, those who are on the inside and have long been friends of the University, are now taking in the Centennial. The one great IF of the program is the breaking of ground for the new library, which can only be done if sufficient financial response is forthcoming in the next few weeks. The program has been carefully planned to both celebrate a century of progress and to launch out faithfully into the future.

Since Taylor University has been interested in missions from the beginning, so the Centennial begins with Missionary Day. The speaker for this occasion is Rev. John Wengatz of Africa. This is on Thursday, May 30th.

Friday, May 31st, the Music Department is featured in a Student Artists Recital.

Saturday, June 1st, is Literary Society Day. The contests are to be held in the afternoon and in place of the usual society programs, the two societies are cooperating in putting on a pageant of "Taylor's One Hundred Years". This promises to be very interesting.

Baccalaureate Sunday is June 2nd. The morning sermon will be delivered by Dr. Clyde W. Meredith, President of the University. In the afternoon Taylor Traditions will be emphasized. Special music is to be furnished by the choral society and Dr. S. H. Turbeville

is the speaker. The evening service is to be The William Taylor Hour. At this meeting Dr. John Paul, one of the greatest living authorities on the life of William Taylor and a former president of Taylor University, will speak.

Alumni Day is to be Monday, June 3rd. All class reunions are scheduled for Monday morning, and at noon several classes will be eating together off the campus. The Annual meeting of the Board of Directors will convene at 10 A.M. The Alumni Association meeting is scheduled for 2 P.M. The Alumni Centennial program will be presented that evening at 8 P. M.

Commencement Day is to be June 4th. This is the final day of the Centennial celebration.

Tentatively the ground breaking ceremony for the new library is set for 9 A.M. One hour later, at 10 A.M., the Commencement exercises are scheduled to begin. The speaker is to be Bishop Leslie Ray Marston of the Free Methodist Church, one of America's most scholarly Evangelical bishops.

All Alumni planning to attend the Centennial celebration, write now to Miss Ruth Johnson. Use blank on page three.

Correction

Through an editorial error in the last issue, the Board of Directors meeting was scheduled at 2 o'clock on Monday. This issue gives the correct time.

Prominent Dates in

TAYLOR'S 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

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| 1846 | Fort Wayne Female Institute was founded. | 1902- | Dr. John Shilling and Dr. B. |
| 1850 | The Collegiate Institute for Men was organized as a distinct school. | 1903 | W. Ayres carried on the duties of the President due to the failing health of Dr. Reade who died in 1902. |
| 1850 | First Commencement with three graduates. | 1908 | Dr. Monroe Vayhinger became President. |
| 1855 | The Female Institute and Collegiate Institute combined to become The Fort Wayne College. | 1911 | First central heating plant built. |
| 1878 | Eight graduates in the Senior Class. | 1921 | Taylor becomes interdenominational. |
| 1890 | A financial crisis, Fort Wayne College sold to become Taylor University. | 1922 | Dr. John Paul becomes President. |
| 1891 | Thaddeus C. Reade became President. | 1924 | The Campbell-Wisconsin-Magee Dormitory completed. |
| 1893 | The school moved to Upland, Indiana, a thriving gas and oil boom-town of several thousand people. | 1931 | Dr. Robert Lee Stuart became President. |
| 1893 | General financial panic in the United States. School saved by a book published by Dr. Reade on "The Life of Sammy Morris". | 1932 | Maytag Gymnasium completed. |
| | | 1933 | The William Taylor Foundation organized to operate Taylor University. |
| | | 1945 | Dr. Clyde W. Meredith becomes Acting President of Taylor University. |
| | | 1946 | Centennial Celebration. |

ALUMNI NOTES

CLASS OF 1938

Mr. and Mrs. G. Harlowe Evans are at present in Bloomington, Illinois, where Mr. Evans is head of the Chemistry Department at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The latest report from Bob Haines in Salamanca, New York, is that his physical condition is much improved.

Life is both interesting and busy for Hazel Compton as a nurse in Raj Nandgaon C. P., India. Recently, she attended a short course for doctors on Leprosy, in Calcutta.

Wirth Tennant is pastoring Asbury Methodist Church in Traverse City, Michigan.

At the last report, Margaret Trofz was awaiting some definite word from her missionary application for China. Meanwhile she is serving at the Salvation Army Children's home in Detroit, Michigan.

Luther Patton had some very interesting experiences in the war serving as a chaplain in the Navy. He was eligible for discharge on 4 January 1946, after which his plans were very indefinite.

Lewis D. Black of Ligonier, Indiana, has begun full-time work with the Clean Life League of America. The work consists primarily of demonstrations

with tobacco in public schools of Northeastern Indiana.

New doors have been opening up for Rev. and Mrs. Russell Frey in Lima, Ohio, in a new addition of the city where there is no church.

This is the third year at the Marsh Foundation School in Van Wert, Ohio, for Mary Kay Myers, she plans to be married this spring.

Ted Engstrom has been quite busy since his discharge from the service in July. He is the director of the Grand Rapids Youth for Christ plus his work at the Zondervan Publishing House in Grand Rapids.

Hazel Lamott has been released of her duties as Home Economics Professor at Taylor University in order to keep house for her husband, recently discharged from the Army.

CLASS OF 1939

Eddie Armstrong enjoyed quite a visit with Taeko Obaro while in Japan.

Ralph Lawrence is pastoring a church at Fostoria, Ohio.

William and Mary Hoke sailed for India as missionaries.

Martha (Matthews) and Dick Wilkinson and children are going to Haiti, West Indies, as missionaries.

Marie Heinemann is getting ready to

go to Africa.

Wally Scea, M.D., is in Greenland.

Muriel and Harold Miller are taking work at Garrett.

Alice Holcombe is in school at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

CLASS OF 1940

Carol Brown is home from overseas, and enjoying a vacation.

Edith (Wildermuth) Driscoll is letting Bill handle the affairs—bookkeeping—since his arrival home.

Harriet and Warne Holcombe are now at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Warne is studying at the University.

Robert Jackson plans to be at Taylor for reunion and all. Please note, he plans to bring along his tent, and invites each of you in for tea.

Pauline Mumby Jones and husband are also at Ann Arbor studying hard.

Ruth (Prosser) and Cliff Keizer are in Cleveland, where Cliff is teaching Chemistry at Western Reserve University.

Harold Lanman and wife have been quite busy visiting the sick.

Wally Page is still among those skipping around from place to place in the Navy.

Ellamarie Williamson is busy combining school, home and church work.

Miss Alford has been among the unlucky number who have been afflicted with the flu this winter.

Dorothy Knight is having one of her most outstanding years of teaching this winter at Upland.

Virginia Shaffer extends to all an invitation to visit them in their new home at Scottville, Michigan.

Dr. Oborn is at home again, and thoroughly enjoying it. Perhaps you have heard that he visited with Taeko Obaro while in Japan. She has become quite a leader and is doing a fine piece of work there.

Ralph Cummings and Priscilla Miner Morgan were married Dec. 18, '45.

CLASS OF 1944

Jean Beaumont of Lima, Ohio, and Charles Line Bamford of Cleveland, Ohio, were married on Christmas Day at the Grace Methodist Church in Lima.

Missionary To China

Martha McCutchen has been in China ever since her graduation from Taylor University in 1919. Her last term was during the years of the war. She had the opportunity to return home on the Gripsholm, but chose to stay, having been in China since the Fall of 1940. She is one of two missionaries of the Women's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions which remained on the field during the war.

CORRECTION: After the sample ballot was published in the December Alumni Bulletin it was discovered that the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the William Taylor Foundation provided that the Alumni elect a director at their annual meeting. The ballot below, you will note, provides for a nominee. The election must take place at the annual meeting.

BALLOT

This ballot is to be marked and mailed to Miss Olive M. Draper, Taylor University, Upland, Ind., chairman of nominating committee, not later than May 15. Only those members whose dues are paid for the current year are entitled to vote. (Dues may accompany this ballot.) Members planning to attend the annual meeting of the association should not mail this ballot in advance.

The following names are submitted by the committee as nominees for directors of the Alumni Association to serve for a term of 3 years.

VOTE FOR ONLY THREE

- () Mrs. Robert Gorrrell (Helen Ripley)
- () Rev. George Anderson
- () Mrs. Hazel (Smith) Lamott
- () Mr. Clarence E. Liechty
- () Mrs. William Driscoll (Edith Wildermuth)
- () Rev. Clair J. Snell

Submit here the name of your nominee for director of the William Tay-

lor Foundation:

Note: This nominates, it doesn't elect.)

Signed:

Alumni Chapters

BY PRESIDENT C. W. MEREDITH

Along with the task of getting acquainted with the many duties of this office I have been happy to add to the regular schedule of responsibilities that of meeting as many of the Alumni as possible. I was quite surprised to learn that, with the exception of the New York chapter, there were no Alumni chapters that were organized and active in other localities. The initial efforts to arrange for Alumni chapters were made by Dr. Ayres and several assistants who worked many hours in the office discovering the names of all the Alumni who lived within a radius that might be grouped. In many respects this has been an advantageous venture, for the records in the files of the Alumni are certainly more up to date than they have ever been. We have discovered changes in addresses and personnel as we could not have in any other way. Our purpose in meeting the Alumni has been twofold. In all fairness to the graduates of Taylor they deserve to know the administration, and deserve also, to be brought up to date in the affairs of the school. In these meetings, for which we have arranged and which have already been held, we have sought to effect an organization, acquaint the group with the progress this year, and present also, the Ayres Memorial Library as the first objective of the Centennial goal.

Last Fall we met with the New York Chapter in Evan Bergwall's church. There were about fifty in attendance at that meeting, of which a report has already appeared in the columns of the bulletin.

During the winter we selected a typical stormy night for a meeting in Lansing, Michigan, which was held in a local restaurant. Due to the weather a number were hindered from driving in. Twenty-two, however, were present, and after a very lovely dinner together the chapter was organized with Rev. Claire J. Snell elected President, and Miss Arlene Summers elected Secretary. This chapter decided to arrange in the future a Fall and Spring meeting.

Those typical stormy nights which Michiganders can boast of, greeted about twenty-five who gathered in one of the restaurants of Grand Rapids for a pleasant occasion. The President presented the interests of Taylor, and a very fine discussion was enjoyed by Alumni of several years back and more recent graduates. An organization was affected which will, also, be meeting in the Spring and Fall. Ted Engstrom, former field representative of Taylor, has assumed the leadership of this chapter.

In Fort Wayne a very pleasant association was experienced by graduates

new and old. The meeting in Fort Wayne was held at the Y.M.C.A., Fort Wayne being the seat of the old Fort Wayne College, which was later to be named Taylor University, and transferred to Upland, Indiana, still has a few elderly people who attended the old school, and who maintained an annual get-together. In the meeting in Fort Wayne, this group and the graduates of Taylor University of that area were merged, with the officers of the former group quite largely forming the officary of the group. There were about twenty-five present at that meeting.

In East Mishawaka eighteen people were present, and the meeting was held in the East Mishawaka Methodist Church, where Rev. Hazen Sparks, an Alumnus, also a member of the Board of Directors, is Pastor. The ladies of the church served a very fine dinner. Plans were made here also, for the new organization to meet in the Spring and Fall.

The President was unable to meet the group in Dayton, Ohio, but Professor Dunn, the Public Relations Director, was present for that meeting. He reported a lively interest. There were seventeen present.

In Chicago the meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A., with eighteen present. This is a chapter which will function similarly to the New York chapter, with a constant shift in personnel due to the fact that many graduates are doing graduate work in the various Universities and Seminaries located in and around Chicago.

It is the President's plan to be in

Cleveland on the eighteenth of March for an organization meeting there. There are several more places to be visited where a definite desire has been expressed for a chapter, such as Buffalo, Rochester and several Indiana cities.

At a later date we shall publish the total number of chapters and the officary of each of them. It is our sincere hope that we may be able to keep a vital contact with all the Alumni, and continually bring them up to date with the progress of their Alma Mater.

New York Notice

The New York Regional Fellowship of Taylor University Alumni is holding its Spring meeting on Friday, April 26th, in New York City, at the Union Theological Seminary, 600 West 122nd Street. For dinner reservations, write to Mrs. R. A. Behnken, 100 Stockten Street, Princeton, New Jersey.

McCutchen Family

It may be of interest to recent graduates to know that the McCutchen family moved from the West to give their children, two daughters and one son, a college education at Taylor University. Martha and her brother Robert both graduated in the class of 1919. Robert has been a Methodist pastor, and is now located at Frederickstown, Ohio.

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CENTENNIAL RESERVATION BLANK

Please fill out carefully and mail to:

Miss Ruth Johnson, Chairman
Centennial Entertainment Committee
Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

I plan to attend the Centennial Celebration and will need lodging on the following dates: Thursday night (); Friday night (); Saturday night (); Sunday night (); Monday night ().

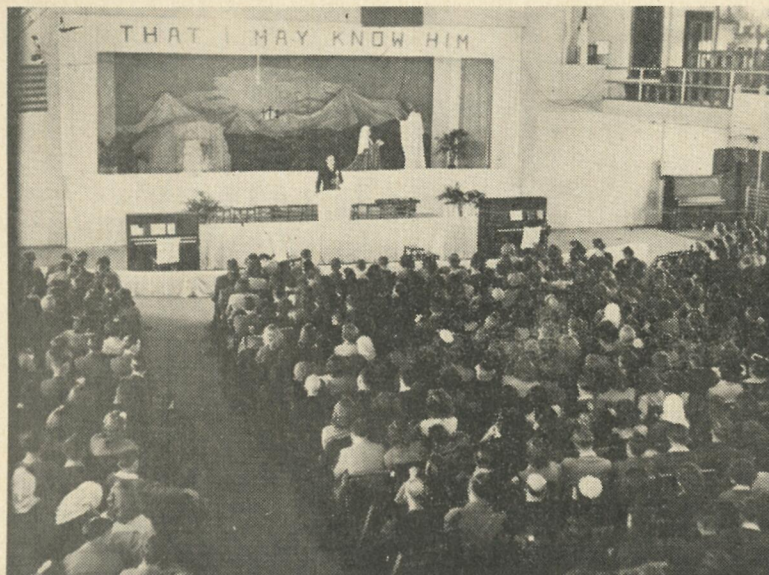
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Note: A nominal charge for Lodging of 25¢ per person per night will be made to cover the actual expense.

TO ASSURE ACCOMMODATIONS THE ABOVE BLANK MUST BE IN OUR HANDS BY APRIL 20TH.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Reported by Prof. W. J. Dunn



Thirteenth Annual Youth Conference

A highwater mark in the spiritual activities of the second semester at Taylor University is the Youth Conference, remembered as a time of great blessing by students who have been at Taylor during any of the past thirteen years.

The 1946 Youth Conference marked one of the best held to date. Facilities were crowded to capacity with around 800 guests, swelled to an audience of well over a thousand for the Saturday evening and Sunday sessions.

The principal speaker was Rev. Quinton J. Everest of South Bend, Indiana, perhaps better known as the pastor of the radio program, "Your Worship Hour". He spoke three times on the themes of Salvation, Sanctification and Service respectively. Rev. Ivan Albutt of the China Inland Mission and editor of the magazine, "China's Millions", was the missionary speaker. He addressed the group twice, first emphasizing that there is **ONLY ONE GOSPEL**, and that it must be preached. In his second message he interpreted the needs of the heathen in the light of our own personal spiritual condition apart from Christ, and impressed upon us the fact that their needs and ours are the same. Saturday morning Rev. Malcolm Cronk of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who conducted the fall revival, addressed the Conference on "We are His workmanship, created in Christ," based on Ephesians 2:10. Saturday evening Robert G. LeTourneau of Peoria, Illinois, was the speaker. He emphasized,

as only he can, that **NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS**. He spoke to a capacity crowd with the main floor and balcony of the gym filled.

Without any question, the high note of the Conference was reached in the ten o'clock service Sunday morning when President Clyde W. Meredith spoke on the text of Ecclesiastes 8:10: "And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done." This was applied not to the strangers of the church, but to those spiritually estranged within the church. Those who outwardly profess and do not possess. Those who nominally participate but never act to accept the Gospel, and those who are brought up in acquaintance with holy things, but never personally revere the Lord of glory.

The altar was much used during the Conference, and although I write within two days of the Conference, already I am receiving letters of appreciation from young people and inquiries about attending Taylor by young people who consecrated themselves to full time service at the Conference.

Known to Alumni is the after meeting. This year also a most remarkable meeting was held, much like a Quaker meeting, and filled with great blessing. This last meeting in which the decorations are admired for the last time, and spiritual impressions that time cannot erase from the memory, are indel-

ibly written on the soul. Remember? May God continue to bless Taylor Youth Conferences!

Decorations this year portrayed the three crosses in the distance seen as a silhouette, with figures of Christ and Mary before the open empty tomb, when Jesus said, "touch me not". The theme was "THAT I MAY KNOW HIM". Several Alumni report the best special music they have heard. To Miss Ruth Bergert goes the credit for music leadership. Co-chairmen were Andrew Rupp and Betty Loeffler.

The cleanup after the conference was well planned and was participated in practically one hundred percent by the students. Three hours and a half saw things back in their place with everyone ready for classes Monday afternoon.

The sunrise services were in charge of two Alumni, Rev. William Meadows of the Methodist Church at Athens, Michigan, who spoke on Three Levels of Life, the level of instinct, the level of conscience, and the level of grace; and a discharged chaplain, Rev. Robert Wilburn, who spoke on "The Significance of Jesus."

Gospel Teams

Gospel team activities at Taylor during the current year have been considerably extended without making any effort to obtain opportunities. More calls have been received than the committee has been able to fill. Up to March 1, there have been 88 teams who have gone out, traveling a distance of 4,000 miles, in churches of eight different denominations. This does not include the activities of the male quartet, which has been very active since the first of the year, and is now scheduled through Commencement, with plans well underway for the summer months.

In all fairness in a report of the work of the gospel teams and of the quartet, mention should be made of the work of the student pastors. There are some 18 students who are regular pastors of churches in the area around Taylor. Altogether this presents a picture of a well integrated program of practical Christian work going along with the life of a Christian college. Possibly the one improvement that could still be made would be some kind of provision for each student to have a certain amount of assigned practical work including hospital and prison visitation, as well as the usual church services conducted by gospel teams.