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Highlights of Commencement Season

Several hundred alumni returned for Taylor's Centennial Celebration, many for the first time in several years. Most prominent were groups from the classes graduated in the late thirties and early forties.

THURSDAY

The Centennial program began with a Missionary Program and an address by Dr. John Wengatz, an alumnus of Taylor. He spoke on the subject, "Lightning In The Jungles." Two things were ably interwoven in the message.

First, the great opportunity and joy in preaching the Gospel when one's heart is wholly yielded unto the Lord.

Secondly, he related many striking incidents in the work of Bishop William Taylor, (after whom Taylor University is named) in Africa.

The power of God still works today in the same fashion.

FRIDAY

The Commencement Concert, presented by the Music Department featured vocal selections by Misses Ula Trodahl, Eunice Herber, Mrs. Louisa Mize and Messrs. Evan Bertsche, Prince Schaeffer, William Stone, a flute solo by Mr. William Jones, piano solos by Misses Dorothy Horn, Veryl Pallas, Laura Herber, and organ solos by Misses Gwendolyn Somerville and Dorothy Knight.

These students come from five different states and represent as many denominations, which reflects the inter-denominational character of Taylor.

SATURDAY

Saturday was designated Literary Society Day, featuring the usual Literary Society Contests in the afternoon and the two societies united under the direction of Prof. Mayme Lillotte of the Speech Department to present a pageant of the century's history of Taylor University.

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SENIOR BRUNCH

Although not a part of the publicly announced program, President and Mrs. Meredith entertained the Centennial Class at 11:00 A.M., for the annual Senior Brunch. Delightful favors, including a silk bookmark imprinted with the names of the members of the graduating class, were presented to each senior.

THE CONTEST

The contest featured two numbers on the Piano, two Orations, two Vocal Solos and two Readings. A delegate from each of the two Literary Societies participated in each group of numbers. The Philaletheian Society won the contest this year. These societies represent another unique feature of Taylor's campus activities.

Fraternities and Sororities have never been premitted but each of the two literary societies on the campus is over 90 years old.

The Thalians were founded in 1850. The Philaletheian Society founded in 1878 is the successor of the Eldorado Society founded in 1851.

Through the years they have promoted wholesome enthusiastic rivalry, sociability, entertainment, as well as literary and artistic development.

THE PAGEANT

History itself is not interesting. To tell the hundred years history of a holiness school in one evening is enough, but to do it in an intensely interesting fashion is still a greater task. This was done in the pageant written by Prof. Mayme English Lillette, Head of the Speech Department.

The story opened in the North Indiana Methodist Conference of 1846, where a committee was appointed to take steps to start a female seminary in Fort Wayne. A week later in a lawyer's office in Fort Wayne definite plans for building were made. Presently both the female seminary and a collegiate institute for boys became a reality. A scene of student days in the 1880's was re-enacted.

SAMMY MORRIS

No history of Taylor is complete without relating the story of Sammy Morris who came to America seeking the Holy Spirit. He came to Taylor (at Fort Wayne) and took "the room nobody else wanted." A scene in the pageant presented him.

In 1893 the cornerstone of the present administration building was laid and Bishop William Taylor, the only layman who ever became Bishop in the Methodist Church, came to Upland to lay the cornerstone.

All this was portrayed in the pageant. Every detail was historically accurate, all of which represented considerable research. Even the characters were so well "made-up" they resembled pictures of the early leaders that now hang in the present library of the University.

SUNDAY

Baccalaureate in the morning, Taylor Traditions Hour at 4 p.m. and the William Taylor Hour at 8 p.m.

President elect, Dr. Clyde W. Meredith gave the Baccalaureate Address, emphasizing the need for and availability of Divine Power in facing the great realities of life.

Dr. S. H. Turbeville, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, spoke in the afternoon on "Labels of Excellency." His emphasis was, that Taylor University does not aim to be different just to be peculiar, but is peculiar enough to serve Christ our Lord devoutly, avoiding both extremes in worldliness, and in ridiculous and pointless oddities cloaked in religious garb.

Dr. John Paul, a former President of Taylor University, gave the address at the William Taylor Hour.

By following sequences of interest rather than by giving a dry, factual, biography, Dr. Paul presented a helpful, interesting, stimulating message.

He confirmed many ideas suggested by Dr. Wengatz's address of Thursday evening, impressing upon everyone the fact that Bishop Taylor was a fearless servant of God, sometimes praised and welcomed by his own church and sometimes neglected and opposed by it.

All addresses were recorded and printed copies will be available at a later date.

MONDAY—ALUMNI DAY

Monday morning was occupied by class reunions and the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. The alumni met in the afternoon.

The Alumni Program in the evening included an organ solo by Margaret Coghlin Brattin of Detroit, Michigan, a reading by L. H. Jones of Middle Point, Ohio, a vocal solo by Lottie Ogeltree Wilkie of San Juan Capistrano, California, a piano solo by Don Martin of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, a reading by Elsa Buchanan Spauce of California, a male quintette composed of five fellows representing the classes of '37 and '39, a violin solo by Paul Sobel of Kerkhoven, Minnesota, a vocal solo by Barbara Deich of Liberty, Indiana, an organ solo by Dorothy Knight of Upland, Indiana, a vocal solo by Mildred Burdon of South Bend, Indiana, the Address of the evening by Rev. Jesse Fox of Kokomo, Indiana, a vocal solo by Leota Miller Hatfield of Upland, Indiana and an organ solo by Jean Blackburn Pierson of Rushville, Indiana.

TUESDAY

Of all the significant events, the breaking of ground for the new library at Taylor University will probably be the most historical. It is to be called the Ayres-Alumni Memorial Library. Dr. B. W. Ayres, Vice President of Taylor, after whom the building is to be named, turned the spade.

He made appropriate remarks as did the president of the Board, Dr. Herbert M. Lyon, the President of the Alumni, Mr. George Lee and the President of the College, Dr. Clyde W. Meredith.

Bishop Leslie Ray Marston, Ph. D. of the Free Methodist Church, gave the Commencement Address.

He pointed out the influence of Bishop Taylor upon the lives of many leaders including that of D. L. Moody.

While evolution, naturalism and materialism were being born, God was using Bishop Taylor, and the school named for him stands out, as did he, against such demoralizing liberalism.

The graduates included the daughter of President-Elect Meredith, to whom he presented the first diploma. The father of Miss Miriam Pallotta was on the platform to offer the benediction and he congratulated his daughter when she received her diploma. The father-in-law of Mr. Jack Weaver, Dr. Floyd Seelig was on the platform to give the invocation. Dr. Meredith gave Jim Mr. Weaver's diploma which he presented with personal greetings.

The Centennial Class was as follows:

Bachelor of Arts
Audree Jean Baimford
George Linwood Barney
Ruth Esther Bergert
Virgil Vincent Bjork
Marion Edna Brown
Blanch Maurine Carver
George Calvin Cochard
John Carson Cogley
Annabelle Mott Cole
Gerald Henry Fisher
Lois Belva Guyant
Arline E. Hamann
Harold Edward Homer
Winifred Brown Hutchens
Elizabeth Jane Loeffler
June Catherine Meredith
Herschel L. McCord
Fred Leon Orr
Miriam Grace Pallotta
Beatrice Marie Payne
Kathleen Howard Price
Donald Walker Rose
Andrew Monroe Rupp
Dorland R. Russett
Stewart Harry Silver
Alva Jay Swarner
Russel Ray Van Vleet
Francis Eugene Sweeten
Darrel F. Taggart
Jack Richard Weaver
Rosemary Weston
C. Keith Whittern  
Philip J. Williams  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
Joyce Wentz Bailey  
Margaret Waldo Kramer  
Robert James Spoolstra  
Elizabeth Gertrude Studabaker  

HONORS  
Cum Laude  
Winfred Hutchens  
Elizabeth Loeffler  
June Meredith  
Dorland Russell  
Russell Van Vleet  

Minutes of Alumni Association Meeting  
The Taylor University Alumni Association held its annual meeting on June 3, 1946 at 2:30 o'clock in Shreiner Auditorium. The President, George Lee, president. Following the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," prayer was offered by Dr. Wengatz. The Taylor song was sung.  
The minutes of the 1945 meeting were read and approved.  
Floyd Seelig moved that those who wished to pay their dues for 1945-46 and thus be qualified to vote should attach them to a slip of paper bearing their name and hand them to the treasurer. Seconded and carried. Dues were collected.  
A motion that the revised constitution be read was carried. Following the reading of the constitution and considerable discussion of Article IV regarding absentee voting, Dr. Lyon moved that all active members should be sent letters, by first class mail, reminding them that they are active members and enclosing a ballot so that they may cast their votes for directors of the Alumni Association.  
He also moved that the section permitting absentee voting for a member of the Board of the William Taylor Foundation be dropped from the constitution and left for action by the William Taylor Foundation meeting in October.  
It was moved, seconded and carried that these motions be considered separately. Both were seconded and carried.  
A motion that the chairman appoint a committee of not less than three members to draw up a resolution to be presented to the William Taylor Foundation meeting regarding the feeling of the alumni present today in relation to the question of absentee voting for a member of the William Taylor Foundation Board was carried. Harold Lanman, Milo Rediger, and Percival Wesche were appointed.  
It was suggested that in Article VIII the word "from" should be changed to "prior to" and that in Article IV the word "names" should be changed to "people."  
Dr. Lyon moved the adoption of the constitution as it reads following the above mentioned changes. Seconded and carried.  
Professor Olive May Draper presented the following report of the nominating committee composed of Professor Draper, Dorothy Knight, and Dr. W. B. Ayres. Nominees for Directors of the Alumni Association to serve for a term of three years: Mrs. Robert Gorrell (Helen Ripley), Rev. George Anderson, Mrs. Hazel (Smith) Lamott, Mr. Clarence E. Liechty, Mrs. William Driscoll (Edith Wildermuth), Rev. Clair J. Snell. Nominations from the floor were Ted Engstrom, Cecil Hamann, Eloise Fenstermacher, and Maurice Beery; Ted Engstrom, Cecil Hamann, and Eloise Fenstermacher were elected.  
Nominations for a member of the Board of Directors of the William Taylor Foundation to serve for three years were Marion Lochner, George Lee, and Harlowe Evans. Harlowe Evans was elected.  
A motion that the Alumni Board of Directors should set the date for the Annual Alumni Meeting was carried.  
Ted Engstrom urged the alumni to send news for the Alumni Bulletin.  
Dick Bishop moved that the University publish and keep up to date a list of the living alumni which list could be purchased by those who care for it. Seconded and carried.  
There was discussion of the following subjects: publishing of finance budget, better maintained college property, salaries of professors, wages paid to student help.  
A motion that we protest mildly the condition of the grounds to the administration, keeping in mind the scarcity of help, was laid on the table.  
Dr. Meredith gave a report of the progress of Taylor, stressing the need for Alumni loyalty of a material sort. He observed that the Alumni organization was alert to specific needs which a larger current expense budget could take care of. Of more than 1500 members of the Alumni, not one in five contributes so much as $10 per year to the support of his Alma Mater. Student wages, it was pointed out, were in keeping with the low tuition which Taylor maintains in comparison to other institutions.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:15.
Respectfully submitted,
Doris Blake, Secretary

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Alumni Association Board Members

The following is a list of the members of the Alumni Board and their addresses:

Term to expire in 1949:
2. Cecil Hamann, Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky
3. Mrs. George Fenstermacher, Upland, Indiana

Term to expire in 1948:
4. Milo A. Rediger, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana
5. Dr. Gerald Wesche, Nampa, Idaho
6. Miss Ruth Flood, 426 Green Mountain Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio

Term to expire in 1947:
7. George Lee, Red Cross Field Office, Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana
8. Mrs. Melvin Blake, South Milford, Indiana
9. Wayne Mitchell, Jonesboro, Indiana

Outlook for Fall Enrollment

As we go to press we have room deposits for over 260 students in the dormitories, beside the married students and those who commute, meaning that registration already has reached close to the 300 mark.

Last year during the six weeks, before the opening of school, over 100 reservations were received. Should this be repeated, some will have to be refused for room. Already the housing for married students is all filled to capacity. The caliber of students whose applications we are receiving indicates that there is much more than a nominal desire to attend a Christian college. In the majority of cases the student himself is making application indicating that it is not coercion, nor the interest of the parents but his own concern to attend a Christian college that brings him to the campus of Taylor University.

This desire places upon the faculty a responsibility not to disappoint this expectant group, but to maintain the highest spiritual standards, and interdenominational atmosphere, to welcome these people and give them the training they desire.

It is planned to have the "Echo" functioning again this year and in another column in this bulletin the alumni are invited to subscribe for it.

The personnel of the faculty will be announced in our regular bulletin because it is of interest to all of our constituency as well as to the alumni.
Frustration or Fulfilment, Which?

By BURT W. AYRES

I have been retired by the Board beginning with July; so I start a new segment of life—one that many people do not live long enough to reach. The final more radical part of the process has been by two stages of amputation, one a year ago by cutting off my teaching function, and a redirection of my energy into Centennial Fund promotion, exclusively; the other, by putting me on a do-as-I-please basis—working or not working, staying at home or visiting, sleeping or waking, going and coming, as I please (and changing salary to pension); but I think with some hope that I will continue to lure, coax, implore, argue, threaten, or drag, about every last one of you former students into contributing the last dollar you can be detached from into the completion of the Library Building Fund, that there may be real fulfillment; or more nearly fulfillment in regard to my work for Taylor (and possibly for life); also to hearten you faithful, self-sacrificing, always-cooperating ones, who have too often been forced into the feeling of failure and frustration in relation to projected undertakings of worth-while significance for Taylor. These failures have not been any fault of your own but by indifference of some, the opposition of others, the small-change giving where there should be round-sums, the making of speeches, but never cashing in on them themselves by some, both in alumni and in staff and administrative personnel; the pledging without paying, the writing into pledges "escape mechanisms", the pretense of poverty while seemingly having an abundance to spend on self-gratification. But I must stop or you will call me a cynic. I am not: but what brings me back from the cynic mood is what I find that so eternally worthwhile in those of you who match your words of loyalty and appreciation with the deeds of loyalty; whose faith for the growth and perpetuity of our institution is not blind presumption which believe, and even mouths prayers, that God will lay conviction upon the souls of other people to implement their (the pray-er's) selfish wishful thinking without even paying down some "earnest money" themselves. In the past year, I have been moved almost to tears by the giving of some who to my knowledge have freely given their lives on mission fields and other full-time service for the Kingdom where financial remuneration is small. I think now of such a pair of alumni who sent me a unit $100 pledge with $50 cash, and the other $50 to come in early in 1947. We can bank on (figuratively speaking) do business on (practically speaking) the future part of that pledge. These, "that suit the action to the word," that have the feeling of obligation to keep their promises to their Alma Mater, just the same as to an individual or a bank; and who, if they do business with a bank, will be persons to whom a bank would be pleased to make loans, because they give proper attention to maturity dates—these save our cosmic faith. Yes, there are people in the world who are genuinely and sincerely good; and that saves many of us from moral pessimism.

To you, as students whom I have met in class rooms and in private interview (and it may be, in my not too enjoyable capacity as Dean," on the "green carpet") in the yesterdays, I am appealing to make it possible, before I go hence, to see those long-over-due pledges in our files (if you have one there) like the bones in the Ezekiel vision, take on new life and stand upright. I can then elevate, somewhat at least, my moral judgment on the average moral worth of the college group we call the great Taylor Family. Some (bless their hearts!) have sworn to their own hurt and changed not.

Have we as a group enough actual moral and social cohesion to pull together for a speedy fulfillment of at least the one projected objective of the Centennial program? Are we sufficiently in earnest to regard the Sod-breaking Ceremony a promise to the public of a speedy realization and fulfillment of which that ceremony was a symbolic prophecy? Shall it be frustration or fulfillment? For most of us, directors, staff, students, and alumni, we must ground our prayers, if really prayers, on doing ourselves what we ask others no better able to do than we are, or ask God to lead such, to do. Centennial enthusiasm for at least one substantial achievement must not be permitted to die and be buried in the little hole in the sod of the campus. Let those who have overdue pledge payments get the cash in. More than in any other financial effort people have paid, but there are some who are letting their promises go by default. I wish I could stir the indifferent—and those who seem interested and could help, but who want to let the "Brother Georges" do it.

Shall June 4, Sod-Turning Day, "become a by-word and a hissing" to our enemies and a gain-saying world? What is the response? I shall, though retired, be on the job, God willing, to watch and act for FULFILMENT.

If freedom of speech and of the press are among the freedoms of my new status, you may hear from me again. Some article will be my last. If this should be it, then in the language of the court-room, "I rest my case for Taylor."

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