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Outstanding Educator Joins Staff

Dr. Herbert M. Lyon, President of the Board of Directors of The William Taylor Foundation, Makes Announcement of Vital Interest to All Taylor Friends

Dear Former Classmates, Alumni and Friends of Taylor University:

It seems that the prayers of a great number of students are beginning to crystallize so that we can see a great future for Taylor University. I believe that if you were to ask the alumni, that their expectations and hopes for Taylor could be summarized in the following statement. First of all we want Taylor to retain her spiritual emphasis. Secondly, Taylor should be interdenominational. Thirdly, Taylor should be an A No. 1 liberal arts college, and a leader in the educational field; and finally, we want Taylor to cement friendships among her former students and alumni in such a way that we can all truly say that it is a pleasure to be numbered among the Taylor family.

Now, there are two big giants to be slain in order that these hopes might become realities. First of all, we must increase our endowment by $250,000 and build and furnish both a library and a science hall completely.

Dr. Stuart must spend most of his time in promotion and in raising the necessary funds for the completion of our Centennial program. The Board has been looking for an outstanding educator to take over the educational task on the campus, so that President Stuart can be free to give most of his time to promotion and the completing of our Centennial program.

It is felt that the proper man has been found. He is a great Christian, with his Doctor's degree from New York University and years of teaching and academic administration experience. He is Dean Cornelius Jaarsma of Slippery Rock State Teachers College, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. He will be in charge of the academic administration. Along with him will be Professor Milo Rediger, who will have charge of the personnel work and the counseling of students, and the direction of the religious and other organizations of the school. It is believed this will make an ideal team to carry forward the work of Taylor University.

Dr. Jaarsma is a gentleman of very high standing in every line, and with capabilities that promise to equal those of Dr. Ayres back in the days when he was Dean.

Mr. Rediger has made an unusual record as a student, and in his teaching and counseling at Taylor during the past year.

I feel that if each of us will put his shoulder to the wheel, the future of Taylor is secure. For the coming year, we have a strong staff of teachers, and we are looking forward to a happy and successful year in this, the ninety-ninth year of Taylor's existence.

Very sincerely yours
Herbert M. Lyon, M.D.
President of the Board of Directors

VIRGIL MAYBRAY, '44
COMMENDS DR. JAARSMA

"Dear Dr. Stuart:

I can't begin to tell you how delighted I was to hear of Dr. Jaarsma coming to Taylor in the capacity of Dean. I too, feel that it is one of the most blessed things that has happened to Taylor in these trying days. In all my contacts with Dr. Jaarsma I have found him to be one of the finest Christian gentlemen I have ever known. Not only is he a master in the field of philosophy but his Christian approach to it is refreshing and uplifting. I know that Taylor students will find him helpful and considerate as Dean. He is coming to Taylor because he is vitally interested in helping youth to get a liberal education with a Christian emphasis, and I know he is making a real personal sacrifice to do so. This in itself commends him to Taylor's family and all that Taylor stands for."

DR. JAARSMA BELIEVES GOD WANTS HIM HERE

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"I believe, indeed, that the Lord is guiding us to your campus."
Perhaps in no other form of institutional leadership, for the last fourteen years, has the task been more difficult than in that of college president. Especially is this true in non-tax-supported schools. The Great Depression swept away large blocks of endowment of many schools; in others which had taken pledges over a term of years for endowment, building funds, or even operating expenses, these pledges became almost worthless, as the makers could not pay. A large percentage of the young people who would, under prosperous conditions, have entered college, could not do so unless they could contribute to good causes under cover. A large part of school expenses could almost stop pledging. Another large came almost worthless, as the makers operating expenses, these pledges became dependent upon the government, thus not only stopping their budget. For it reached not only into our student body, but into our staff also. Since we got in, some teachers have taken commissions in the armed forces, some were fearful of the economic future and went elsewhere, some resigned to take jobs they preferred, and even marriage (believe it or not) claimed one at mid-year and carried her away.

Dark Days of Depression

I need not try to picture to you the disaster that threatened Taylor in those dark days and the agony suffered by the headsman to avoid utter shipwreck and total loss. When the crisis came and reorganization was the only way out, it took great courage, consecration to the task, vigilance in regard to a multitude of dangers and a great faith in Divine Help to enter that future committed to "the principle of a balanced budget."

The experience people had in the depression made those who might have contributed to good causes under normal conditions slow to give in cash and almost stopped pledging. Another large group became dependent upon the government, thus not only stopping their own giving but making an increased tax burden on the self-supporting.

Then Came the War

Then came the years of impending war, and finally war itself for America. All of these conditions registered heavily as adverse factors in higher education.

Last year a few schools saved themselves by taking over the initial training of army and navy units. Others were almost wrecked by making such provisions and starting the process only to have the military unit moved out before the year was over.

Taylor's new enrollments last year were almost all girls, and a number of the men who had previously been in Taylor and given deferred classifications were called to the colors.

What is the wonder of all this? That the venture of faith in God, coupled with a sense of mission in the leadership, and a vigilance and indefatigable industry, has meant the balancing of Taylor's budget for these eleven years, in spite of what would look like an impossibility. Besides, the plant has in this period been put into better condition, as a whole, than ever before. Correspondence from the field indicates an interested supporting constituency. Many of the alumni write letters of deep appreciation of what Taylor has meant and is meaning to them in their lives. "Praise God from Whom all blessing flow"; and thanks to all who have furnished Him a channel.

What of the Coming Year?

If we had not remembered God's gracious dealing with us as a college, we might have given up hope since the Second World War involved America; for it reached not only into our student body, but into our staff also. Since we got in, some teachers have taken commissions in the armed forces, some were fearful of the economic future and went elsewhere, some resigned to take jobs they preferred, and even marriage (believe it or not) claimed one at mid-year and carried her away.

There has been, for various reasons, in recent years considerable of what the economists call "labor turnover". It seems this is rather general in the college world. At our close last spring it seemed very large. Part of those who left us were in the staff temporarily, filling vacancies which occurred the previous year. Even so, it placed upon the President a heavy summer task to fill up the gaps. He has worked without vacation, sparing no pains to get the best, and has contacted and interviewed many teachers. With the difficulty ordinarily encountered in finding teachers free from bad habits and in harmony with our religious objectives while at the same time having high standing in scholarship and teaching experience, it seems to those of us who have met most of these new members of the staff as they were here for interviews, and observation of plant and surroundings, that the President has been most fortunate in filling the staff. There are some Christian teachers that are eager to get into the staff of a college with religious as well as intellectual and vocational objectives, even if the salary remuneration is not what they could command elsewhere.

Those of us who remain out of the recent and the distant past, will miss the professional fellowship of those who have taken their leave, but we hope that friendships formed will not be severed. Both faculty and students will look forward with expectation to new enrichment of life from those who come into our community to live and into our Taylor University staff to join us in this great task of Christian Education.

Taylor's Annual Day of Prayer and Fasting
August 29, 1944

Let Taylor's friends go to their knees on this day, and plead with God for his continued blessing upon the old school. Let groups get together and have a season of prayer for Taylor. Plead with God that the power of the Holy Spirit may continue to rest upon the campus; that students may come to us, and that this may be one of the most blessed years in the history of the school.

Let every alumnus, former student, parent and friend spend as much time as possible in prayer on this blessed day, and let us feel that there is a host of us pleading with God to meet every need of Taylor University. He has been marvelously answering prayer through these years.

We believe the institution is on the threshold of perhaps the greatest period in its history. To carry on, it needs as never before the prayers of its consecrated, Godly, sacrificial constituency.

Let a great volume of prayer go up to God's throne on this annual Day of Prayer.

Under new regulations young ministers who are under the accelerated program can continue in college. Write for particulars.
"Dear Brother Ayres:

"For some years I have had in mind I would do this for a good service rendered me by Taylor University. They have done a fine piece of service through the years to many young people who perhaps would not have been able to have gone elsewhere. They made the cost so moderate that anyone of determined purpose could make a way to reach it.

"God bless all of your sacrifices as faculty and Board of Trustees. If prosperity attends me, there may be some more some time in the future."

Former students, alumni and friends who have known Dr. Ayres and loved Taylor through the years, could quickly make the first unit of the Centennial program a reality. The first $100,000.00 goes into the library, perhaps the most-needed building on the campus.

If you have had in mind sending your gift of bonds or stamps, why don’t you, before you lay his paper aside, write to Taylor University, telling us what you have in mind? Better still, if you have the bonds or cash on hand, send it along with your letter. Action on the part of everyone who intends to have a part in this great project would speedily make it possible to build the library as soon as materials can be obtained.

You can help to make the proposed library building a reality. Buy War Bonds and help your country: send the bonds to Taylor and help to continue the work of an effective Christian college. Your dollars can do double duty this way.

Professor Merl F. Renz
Professor Merl F. Renz, with his A.B. and Master’s from the University of Toledo, will teach English at Taylor this coming year. For the past three years he has been teaching English at Indiana Technical College, Fort Wayne.

Professor Renz has completed his residence work for his Doctorate at Ohio University. He is an experienced and successful teacher, and Taylor is happy to welcome him to its staff.

Send for catalog and other information relative to scholarships and service grants.

Keep These Gifts Coming

FROM INDIANA

"Enclosed you will find a check for $200 to be applied on the proposed Ayres Memorial building. We also send best wishes and prayers that the project may be carried to completion. With implicit faith in her leadership, we are looking forward to a bigger and better University."

Indiana Friends

"NEIGHBOR FRIENDS"

Jonesboro, Indiana

"In appreciation of God’s goodness to us we are enclosing check for $200.00 to be used for His work. We would like $100.00 of this to be applied on the new library and $100.00 to be used as you see fit."

BAPTIST PASTOR

"I am happy to send another bond to good old Taylor because I want to invest in other youth even as many made my term at T. U. possible by their investments.

"God is marvelously blessing our ministry here in Ontario where we are now in our fifth year. We have been broadcasting our Sunday morning services for an hour for over a year now.

"The longer I am in the ministry the more I thank God for my years spent on Taylor’s campus."

Robert F. Dennis, ’35
Ontario, California

1846 - CENTENNIAL FUND - 1946 $100 UNIT
TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

CENTENNIAL GOAL - $500,000

Because of my vital interest in the continued growth and future usefulness of Taylor University as an effective Christian College, and in consideration of others subscribing to the Centennial Fund of said school (first unit to be the Ayres-Alumni Memorial Library Building), and for value received, I subscribe and promise to pay to The William Taylor Foundation, Upland, Indiana:

The sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) on the following terms:

$ . . . . . . . . cash; the remainder to be paid as follows: ( ) $ . . . . . . monthly;
( ) $ . . . . . . quarterly; ( ) $ . . . . . . semi-annually; ( ) $ . . . . . . annually;
or as follows: .................................................................

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PERMANENT MEMORIAL RECORD IN NEW LIBRARY BUILDING FOR EACH DONOR OF $100
(Every dollar received for Library or Centennial Fund is invested in Government Bonds)
Taylor Trains Youth to Serve --
Their God, Their Country and the World

Many Opportunity to
Lead Fellow Servicemen
To Christ

Robert I. Brown, U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, says:
"Since I last wrote to you, I have been having a wonderful time pointing souls to Christ. The Gospel work is going along fine, and many service men are finding Christ as their personal Saviour. Many of the Christian fellows also are finding holiness. * * * Just wanted you to know where I am. I trust that God is blessing you as you lead Taylor on in the victory of Christ."

PFC. TED ENGSTROM
SAYS "TAYLOR WILL ALWAYS BE TOPS WITH US"

A letter from Pfc. Theodore Engstrom, Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, California, tells us he is improving, and that his wife (Dorothy Weaver of the Class of '38) is with him there. Ted was very seriously injured in a wreck with his jeep, and hung between life and death for many hours. We are certainly happy that he is soon going to be well and strong again.

In one of the first letters from Ted after he was so badly hurt, he declared: "Taylor is still a dear spot to us, and we think and talk so often of the wonderful years spent there. Taylor will always be 'tops' with us."

In a recent letter from Dorothy, she says: "We think of all of you often and look back on our days at Taylor with deep affection. We hope things are going well at the school, and that the spirit of God is falling fresh on the campus day by day. Be assured that the Lord is more precious and dear to us than he has ever been."

WRITES FROM OTHER SIDE OF WORLD

Pvt. "Eddie" Armstrong, in a letter from the other side of the world, says: "Alta (Mrs. Armstrong) wrote and told about her visit to Taylor. How I wish I could have been with her. I'm looking forward to our Centennial in 1946. The Lord willing, I will certainly be there." Eddie is ringing true to the great experiences he received on Taylor's campus, and tells how their chapel is crowded to overflowing at every service.

Let's all of us pray that God may mightily use these Taylor men as they attempt to lead others to Christ.

Public School
Teachers Get Best of
Training at Taylor

Many school boards are interested in having Christian teachers for their young people. If preparing to teach, write Taylor for full information.

Subject fields for state certification in Indiana are: Speech, English, Latin, Mathematics, French, Physical Education, Home Economics (Regular Certificate), Music (Regular Certificate), Social Science (Option 1, 2 and 3), Science (Option 1, 2 and 3), Chemistry and Biology.

Taylor offers strong work for the A.B. and B.S. in Education degrees.

Special courses are planned for the coming year to equip young people to be pastors' assistants and religious education directors, and to carry on other Christian work. There is a great demand for this type of service, and Taylor is anxious to make its program practical enough so that young people can go into the medical professions of service. Not only will religious education theory be taught, but actual laboratory work will be carried on. Demonstrations in effective work in the Sunday School and the Daily Vacation Bible School and other similar activities will be given. Special training in directing and planning the musical program of the church will also be included.

Training will be given in shorthand and typing. This type of work is always exceedingly valuable for anyone entering into any kind of Christian service.

It is not too late to send in your application blank and room deposit and plan to enter Taylor on September 5th, when the ninety-ninth year begins. A splendid group of students will be in attendance for the coming year.

24-HOUR PRAYER LEAGUE

Mrs. Ruth Boller Grant of the Class of '41 writes: "Please put me down in Taylor's Prayer League for the hour from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M."

Let others write us the hour. We are anxious that in the hours of the day and night all around the world, someone will be praying definitely for Taylor.

MRS. BELLE PARKER, Nebraska City, Nebr., comes to Taylor to be Dean of Women. Her college work was done in Nebraska Wesleyan. She is a graduate of the National Training School for Christian Workers, Des Moines, Iowa.