Office of the President

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Dear Friends,

In just a matter of days now hundreds of students will be trekking to the campus of dear old Taylor for the new school year. They will be coming from the East and the West, and from the North and the South. Hundreds will be returning to continue their work, and nearly 200 new students will be coming for the first time. In the light of previous years they will represent all of the leading Protestant denominations of the country as Taylor launches her 105th year.

These are terrific days through which we are all passing. The nations of the world are attempting with seeming futility to set the nation's houses in order. What utter defeat awaits any nation which forgets God! Everywhere men are calling for courage, as well as ability and initiative. But more than these are needed. Greater is the call upon the Christian church everywhere for a return to the great Christian traditions and ideals, which underline the Christian faith. The world's history has been a checkered one, but the upsurges have come only when men's hearts have been melted and moved toward God. These have been the high peaks which have brought humanity up from its death and destruction. Never have the threatening clouds hung lower than now, and it would seem that all hell is arrayed against things which are holy and sacred. But our God still lives!

The Bible's message of salvation through the incarnate Lord, who provided redemption on Golgotha's hill, is the only ray of hope men have. Spiritual centers like Taylor must carry on. People everywhere believing in orthodox conservative Christianity must pool their efforts as never before to make sure that we stop the awful tide of darkness that is rolling in upon us. God is able. The administration and staff of Taylor University renewly dedicate their lives to the task of training a generation of spiritually-minded young men and women for the task that, is ahead, as Jesus tarries.

We covet your prayers, and we pledge our all.

Yours in the Faith,

Clyde R. Meredith
President

A Message From the President
DONALD D. STARR, A.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
The chemistry department will be directed by Dr. Starr, who holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Illinois and at the present time is teaching in the University of Wisconsin. The addition of Dr. Starr materially strengthens the Division of Natural Science, a department in which Taylor has been outstanding.

JOHN BUNISH, B.S.  
In charge of band and orchestra will be Mr. John Bunish who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Marion College and who has been a student at Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis for the past year. He also will instruct string and brass instrument classes. With the growing student body, Mr. Bunish should produce excellent musical organizations.

LUCIA D. RAYLE, A.B., A.M.  
Mrs. Rayle has been placed in the Division of Language and Literature to teach courses in French and Spanish. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Master of Arts degree from Allegheny College. She also has studied in Columbia University and the University of Grenoble, France.

HILDRETH M. CROSS, A.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
Dr. Cross comes to Taylor after serving since 1933 as a professor of education and psychology at Asbury College. She will teach in the Division of Education and Psychology at Taylor. Her bachelor's degree was earned at Asbury College, her master's degree at the University of Michigan, and her doctorate at the University of Iowa.

R. EDGAR MAY, A.B., A.M.  
Mr. May will serve as Director of Physical Education and head track coach. He is a familiar figure on the campus having been here for two years prior to service in the army. He holds a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and a master's degree from New York University. During the past year he was active in YMCA work in California.

JUNE S. STRAHL, A.B.  
Since 1945, Mrs. Strahl has been an instructor in the women's physical education classes at Olivet College. She has her bachelor's degree from that school and has taken graduate work at the University of Illinois. At Taylor she will be an instructor in the Division of Social Sciences and will be in charge of the women's physical education program.
KENNETH L. CROSE, A.B., A.M.
Mr. Crose recently returned from Egypt after engaging in missionary and Red Cross work there. He will teach Philosophy and Christian Education and will serve as assistant counsellor in charge of foreign students. He has an A.B. from Anderson College and an A.M. from the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Connecticut.

CAROL M. WALTERS, B. Ed.
Teaching secretarial science and business administration will be Mrs. Carol M. Walters, who for several years was on the staff of the International College in Fort Wayne. Besides her school of commerce certificate, she holds a degree from Illinois State Normal University. Taylor plans to continue to strengthen its business courses.

RONALD D. JONES, B.S. in Ed., M.S., Ph.D.
Dr. Jones comes to Taylor from Olivet Nazarene College where he served as Director of Physical Education and Athletics and as Dean of Men from 1941 to 1948. He has a bachelor's degree from Marion College and his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. He will be head of the Division of Education and Psychology.

KITTIE S. TAYLOR, B.S. in Ed.
Mrs. Taylor has charge of the work in Elementary Education, a field recently added to the curriculum. It is now possible to obtain both a high school and elementary teacher's license after completing work at Taylor. She has her degree from Wisconsin State Teacher's College, and has had 14 years experience in the elementary field.

SHERMAN W. SPEAR, A.B., A.M., Ph D.
Dr. Forrest is the new Dean of the College. He returns to Taylor after being awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Southern California. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Abilene Christian College and a Master of Arts degree from Michigan State. He will teach some courses in Religious Education and Homiletics.

THE FACULTY
Eileen Lageer comes to Taylor from West Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. She is a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church and is studying to be a missionary teacher. She plays on Taylor's championship girls basketball team and is active in the physical education program.

Abraham Demere was sent to Taylor by the government of Ethiopia. A graduate of Halle Selassie Secondary School in Addis Ababa and a member of the Koptic Church, Abe plans to return to his native land as a farmer. Like Sammy Morris, he is a Christian gentleman and popular on the campus.

Millard Maclver, Scandinavia, Wisconsin, is one of the many Taylor students who served in the Armed Forces. Millard, a Baptist, is majoring in physical education and is one of the school's athletic stars wearing the block "T" for basketball and baseball. He is a prospect for the football team.

Zoe Brenneman, Methodist student from Des Moines, Iowa, will major in home economics. Zoe transferred to Taylor from Northwestern Junior College. She is a member of Taylor's excellent A Cappella Choir and has been active in other extracurricular activities.

Shirley Gaerte is one of the many Indiana students. She lives in Disko. Planning to be a Methodist missionary, she has been an enthusiastic member of the Ambassadors for Christ organization and the Language Club. Other activities include work on the staff of the year book and literary society.

Warren Alnor came to Taylor after his discharge from the army where he served as a medical technician. His home is in Paterson, New Jersey, where he is a member of a non-denominational church. Warren belongs to the "T" Club, the Varsity Quartet, and is a student pastor. He is studying for the ministry.

James McElwue, with an ambition to be a radio announcer, came to Taylor after attending the University of Chicago Naval Radio School. Jim is a Methodist and his interests center around sports and dramatics. He is one of the 67 students from the state of Ohio, and he is president of the Thalonian Literary Society.

Eunice Herber, Cass City, Michigan, plans to combine musical talent with a desire for full-time Christian service. She is a member of both the A Cappella Choir and the Music Club and accompanies the Singspirators, college quartet. Eunice is another representative of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church.