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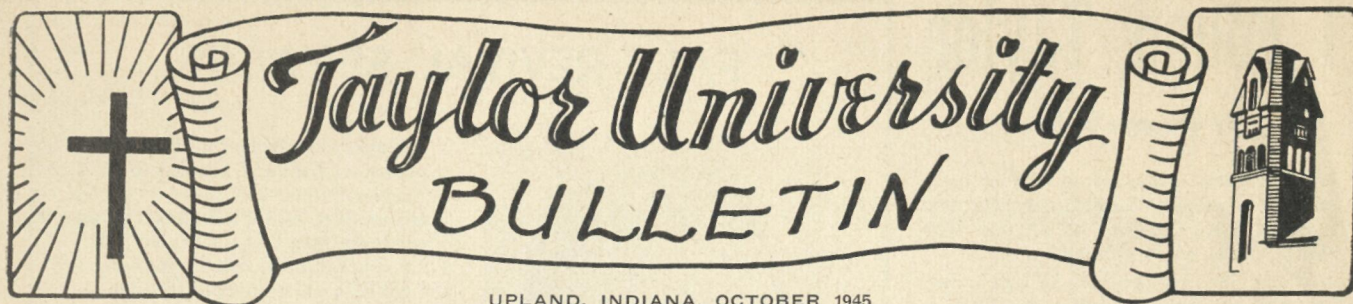
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UPLAND, INDIANA, OCTOBER 1945

## The Centennial Year Is Under Way

The friends and supporters of Taylor University have every reason to lift their hearts to God in humble thanksgiving to Him as we share the events which cluster around our Centennial year. It becomes evident that definitely the tide has turned, and the trend is toward a better day for Taylor.

Figures do not tell the story entirely, but you might be interested in comparing the figures released by the Business Office. Enrollments at the opening of school since the fall of 1942 have been as follows:

1942 .....	210
1943 .....	150
1944 .....	159
1945 .....	193

There was an exceptionally large graduating class in 1945, considering the total number in the student body, there being forty-six in all. This involved an additional responsibility, if the Centennial Year were to show a trend upward at all. Today, with 193 students registered, and with several reservations in already for the second semester, we have every reason to feel encouraged.

We feel that the introduction of a Public Relations Director into the program of the University has been a definite advantage. The additional amount of advertising, both in field representation and through the media of publications, was cleared through this office, and the response from prospective students was heartening and rewarding. The zest and genuine skill with which the new Dean of the college, Professor Milo A. Rediger, took hold of his new responsibilities, the loyalty and enthusiasm displayed by the Business Office and staff, with double and overtime duties, are likewise to be mentioned if we are to distribute credit for the successes involved. We are not unmindful of the many who prayed, and the "committees of one" who worked individually to bring others in. We believe, too, that there are efforts of the previous year which carried through and aided in this increased student

body. TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY.

You will be interested in knowing that each new member of the staff is fitting into the life of Taylor University in a very admirable manner. The spiritual emphases to be observed in their lives, along with the competent instruction to be gleaned from their classes, are proving to be positive assets.

A number are enrolled this fall who are enjoying the benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights, a provision outlined by the Government whereby returning service men and women are given Government aid to continue their education. We are asking two of them, in this issue of the "Bulletin", to reflect for our readers a bit of their reaction. One is a former Taylor student, Mr. Jack Weaver, who has returned to graduate after some very active years in the war. Another is Mr. George Silburn, who recently was mustered out of the armed forces and who, three months ago, had never heard of Taylor University. He has brought to our campus a beautiful Christian life—one that was kept that way through the rigors of military training and combat service. He has been honored by the Freshman Class in being elected as their President.

### ANNUAL FOUNDATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the William Taylor Foundation will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 31st, 1945. All the friends who have membership in the Foundation are eligible to attend this meeting, and we urge them to be present.

At 10:00 A.M. on that date, the Board of Directors of The Foundation will meet in semi-annual session in the office of Acting President Meredith.

### 20,000 Readers of The "Bulletin"

For many years, the "Bulletin" has found the mail box of a host of our friends. It would be interesting to know what percentage of the present mailing list have received this monthly message in more than a quarter of a century, but all have received it over a period of time sufficiently to realize that Taylor is entering one of the most crucial periods in her history. She has before her the opportunity to become an accredited institution within the next few years. A new library building is a chief obstacle in her way. Think of it, the oldest full salvation institution in the United States, a fully accredited one in the most exacting accrediting association in the nation!

20,000 readers of the "Bulletin" can aid Taylor greatly in realizing this goal. Many of our readers, apart from their connections in any other way, can give us a dollar for every year of Taylor's one hundred years of ministry to youth. Others—and that is most everyone else—can give at least twenty-five cents for every year Taylor has championed the role of an effective Christian college.

Now is the time to sit down and write a check covering the amount commensurate to Taylor's need and your ability to pay. Many might want to take advantage of the Government provision for 15% exemption from taxes, when given to such institutions as Taylor. There ought to be \$20,000.00 sent in by Christmas from this group alone. Reader, will you not pray about this, and let us hear from you?

### RADIO

Would you like our Radio Bulletin each month? Write YOUR FELLOW-SHIP HOUR, Upland, Indiana, requesting it.



# I Found Taylor

By George Silburn

I know my presence at Taylor is a miracle of God. Several months ago I would have laughed at anyone who said I would go to college.

When in the service I had given thought to the idea of enrolling at another institution. However, due to the uncertainties of the general conditions at the time, when the opportunity came for a discharge, I turned it down.

Then one of our chaplains had suggested and outlined the advantages of securing an education under the G. I. Bill of Rights. This idea started to haunt me. It seemed to be uppermost in my mind most of the time. Consequently, I turned to prayer as a means of clarifying any decision I might possibly make.

I decided to pay a visit to a very good friend of mine, Reverend O. B. Ransopher, whom some of you know, who had earlier in life led me to the Lord. Having considerable faith in the advice of Reverend Ransopher, I decided that his suggestions would pave the way for a course of action, according to the will of God.

During my visit Reverend Ransopher encouraged me and gave his support to the idea of going to school. In turn he recommended Taylor University to me with much enthusiasm and he especially emphasized the value of the spiritual life that would be found here.

I left the interview feeling quite certain that to go to school was the thing to do, and that Taylor was the place to attend, although I had never heard of it before.

There still remained the question as to whether or not I could get the discharge which would prove so necessary to the fulfillment of my plans. I believed that that, too, should be left to the will of God, as well as my hopes and plans for securing an education at Taylor.

Because Taylor had been so strongly recommended, I came with the feeling that it would be all that had been said of it, but shortly after my arrival, I found it to be all that and even more.

First of all, the students were so friendly and really made one feel very welcome. Then, as I met the members of the faculty, I found them to be just as friendly and cordial as the students, and it certainly made me feel comfortable. I must confess that I expected them to be stern and reserved and likewise expected to be uncomfortable in their presence.

The mixer and the all-school reception were wonderful events and helped us newcomers to get acquainted and to soon feel more at home.

The spiritual life, too, was much dif-

## FALL REVIVAL SERVICES



Rev. Malcolm B. Cronk

Reverend Malcolm B. Cronk, pastor of Calvary Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., has been engaged to conduct the Fall Revival on the campus, from October 26th to November 4th. Reverend Cronk is an outstanding preacher and evangelist, whose college and seminary training have been recent enough to insure him an acquaintance with the viewpoint and spiritual problems of the average college student. He will speak each morning at the chapel hour, and each evening at 7:30 in Shreiner Auditorium. Arrangements will be made also for him to have a schedule for personal conferences with our students.

We invite the readers of the "Bulletin" to unite with us in fervent prayer for a great spiritual occasion.

ferent than anything I had been accustomed to. At other places I have been, before and during my stay in the service, a fellow had to go out and attempt to find Christian fellowship, but here it is all around you. The person on either side of you loves the Lord as much as you do yourself. The attendance at chapel and worship services could be compulsory, but the vigor and life shown in services could only come from the genuine joy and sincerity from the hearts of each one. That is something which is spontaneous and true.

Since I have been here I have never ceased to thank God for such a privilege. I just pray that it may be His will that I continue with my class of which I am proud to be a member.

I surely hope that other returning servicemen choose Taylor as their college, for it is here that one can make a satisfactory return to civilian life, surrounded by good fellowship, excellent instruction in things academic, and an increased realization of the importance of walking clearly in His ways.

### TAYLOR LOOKS GOOD TO A RETURNING STUDENT

After two and one-half years in the Armed Forces, it is a wonderful experience to be back at Taylor. There is a peacefulness that surrounds the school and campus that is wonderfully refreshing. I am very happy to be returning to the school that has given me so much and means so much to me.

— Jack R. Weaver

## Walker Museum

The new wall paper in the College museum makes it much lighter and more pleasant in appearance. Some of the cases have received a new coat of varnish. Here are housed exhibits that are more unique than the average college possesses.

The faculty committee in charge of the museum, consisting of Dr. Tinkle, Dr. Pol, and Dr. Oppenheimer, have met to plan a program of greater usefulness for this branch of Taylor's equipment. A number of classes will be taken to this room, on the first floor of Sickler Hall, for special observations in Biblical archaeology, missions, zoology, botany, and geography. Announcements will be made as to hours when the museum will be open to the public.

The most famous exhibit is the mastodon skeleton which was found in 1928, three miles east of Taylor University, at the edge of a muck bog where the beast had mired down. It was dug up by students and friends, directed by Dr. John Furbay, amid much enthusiasm and publicity. This giant pachyderm was larger than the modern Indian elephant, as shown by comparison with the skeleton of that animal, which stands beside the mastodon. Looking at these preserved parts and at the painting of the restored animal, one is transported back to the age before the dawn of history, when Indi-



ana was the center of the range of these tree browsing giants.

Doctor and Mrs. John Wengatz have enriched the museum with many articles from Africa. One cannot but admire the skill and art of the African tribesmen when he sees the iron spears, hoes, knives, and other articles made by them. Their baskets and mats reveal a handicraft that American people could acquire only after a long apprenticeship. Yet we feel like helping these people of the Dark Continent when we look at the carved wooden figure of a man which is used as a fetish to keep evil spirits out of the garden.

The skull and horns of an African buffalo are the testimony of a very narrow escape. Dr. Wengatz had wounded the fierce beast with a bullet, and since there was nothing to use as a cover, the only salvation must be a second bullet with truer aim. Had this bullet not done its work, this record would be far different.

Several persons have contributed to the large collection from Africa. One exhibit is proof that the museum is better known than most Taylor people realize. A letter was received, addressed to the museum, from H. W. Seton-Karr, of England, offering some prehistoric flint stones from Africa as a gift. This was an amazing offer, since no one was acquainted with the gentleman. He was assured by Dr. Tinkle that the flints would be appreciated, and in due time they came.

Our friends have been generous in giving us articles of educational value. Gifts always should be accompanied by the name of the article, where found or used, the age, name of donor, and other details that would be interesting on the museum card.

Articles that would be appreciated are Bible land relics, mounted animals, mounted birds, bird nests, Indian arrow heads, and pressed plants.

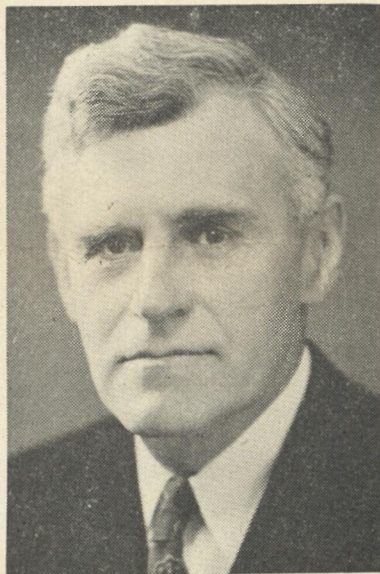
On the other hand there are some articles of which we have an abundance and no more are wanted; including Indian stone axes, hornet's nests, and mollusc shells.

When our friends from a distance come to visit us we shall be glad to conduct them through the museum. It is an educational institution, and we desire to educate as large a group as possible. —Dr. Tinkle, Science Dept.



Send names and addresses of G. I.'s or high school students who are college prospects to: Dept. Public Relations, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.

# Taylor Honors Congressman



Ralph W. Gwinn

Readers of the "Bulletin" will be interested in knowing that the man who was granted an honorary LL.D. degree by Taylor University at her last Commencement is an active Congressman, from the 27th District of New York, and a very active Christian.

His pronouncements against trends of paganism in Protestant education are most emphatic, and he concurs in the ideals set forth in Taylor University to maintain an "effective Christian college", as a tide against the godless trends in most of our state colleges, and even among many professedly religious institutions.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

One of the bishops of the Methodist Church has published an article in pamphlet form: "What Methodists Believe". As I read that article carefully, I was impressed with this observation; at least, it is what Methodists *ought* to believe: For instance, there appears this paragraph:

"Methodists have, from the earliest societies, believed in sanctification. By this is meant not only the redemption from sins already committed, but also that the Holy Spirit can take away the baser choices and desire to sin in anyone who completely makes Jesus the dominant power in his life. This state also creates an inner desire for complete righteousness and the fulness of Divine Love. We believe such a state produces a perfect love for God and man."

I repeat, Methodists and all other Christians *ought* to believe that, for that is what we believe the Scriptures teach. The Acting President of Taylor came into the awareness of the claims of God upon man in an environment where such high standards of Christian experience were constantly advocated. I think I can truthfully say that long before I experienced any vital relationship with Christ at all, I was thoroughly indoctrinated in my thinking about the Christian life. I expected that when I was converted, I would subsequently be going on for a clean heart and the mighty baptism with the Holy Spirit. Theology of the head may be clearly defined, but a vital relationship with God is rather to be desired. In my experiences at the altar, and

alone with God, however, I have had my theology confirmed again and again. The Scriptures, to me, set forth a vital relationship with God through Jesus Christ in which sonship is established, sins are forgiven, and the Holy Spirit of adoption within the heart of the trusting believer enables him to cry "Abba Father". This we most assuredly believe! Likewise, the Scriptures teach that a believer, who is verily a child of God, may renounce the carnal tendencies of his heart, deploring them and the rivalry they set up against the Lord Christ. He may hunger for deliverance with a groaning that involves a crisis within. He may in turn enjoy the deliverance from these carnal tendencies by the filling of his soul with the Holy Spirit, who in renovating, cleansing and empowering work divests the soul of God's rivals, and Christ is thereby established upon the throne of his soul as the unrivaled Sovereign. This, too, we most assuredly believe! Better, we have enjoyed and do now the gracious realization of these blessed works of Divine grace. This is a part of the Taylor tradition to which we shall not fail to give proper place. It was the motivation in the great Wesleyan revival. It is behind the great movements for God in the world today. Christians covet more of God's love and power in their lives. Herein lies the secret, so far as a workable pattern is concerned. Is there any need for a school like Taylor to aid in an already tardy spiritual tide? Its need is greater in its hundredth year than in its first!



# A Surprise Solution for Married Students

For a number of weeks prior to the opening of school this year, and for that matter several days after school began, we wrestled with a very knotty problem—namely, where could we put so many married students? The close of the war has resulted in a number of applications coming in from students who are married, and want to live on the campus in an apartment.

For some time we have discussed the advisability of creating a building syndicate and erecting an apartment house unit. In the mail today was a letter from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, assuring us that "the National Housing Agency will furnish trailers and mobile units, if you so desire, for all married veterans who will attend your University."

In that letter also were the particulars concerning the procedure to follow in bringing such trailers to our campus.

This bit of information is provided in the "Bulletin" because a number of inquiries have come in since school began concerning the second semester. If you, as a reader of the "Bulletin", have occasion to provide anyone with information concerning this matter, the announcement about the trailers can serve as an answer to questions which may have been raised, either in your own mind, or in the mind of a friend.

It is believed that within the next two or three years the number of married students in college will increase, and Taylor University expects to do what is necessary to eliminate any difficulties or barriers in the way of married students coming to Taylor.

Some of the inquiries:

**F.P.O., San Francisco:** "Has your institution accommodations for married couples? What accommodations are available away from the institution?"

**U.S. Army, Albany, Ga.:** "Kindly send me your catalog plus information regarding housing facilities for a couple with one child."

**Somewhere in France:** "I am interested in attending Taylor as soon as released. Would it be possible to obtain living quarters for a family of three near the college?"

**Indiana:** "Our son has recently been discharged from the Army. Before entering the service, he was called to the ministry, and we are anxious that he enter a spiritual college. He has lately married, and his wife is a discharged Wave. They both want to go to school. What are the living accommodations at Taylor for married couples?"

**New York City:** "I am a G. I., recently discharged. I want to come to Taylor and take a course leading to the evangelistic field. My wife wants to come with me and take some music courses. What accommodations do you have for married couples?"

**A.P.O., New York:** "I am soon to be released, and will be getting married as soon as I reach home. I would appreciate it very much if you would send me full information as to the possibilities of married couples attending your college."

## Who's Who in the Colleges and Universities Of America

Again Taylor University has been invited to participate in the selection of students to be honored by the organization known as "Who's Who in the Colleges and Universities of America". This selection is based upon a number of considerations, such as scholarship, personality, participation in extra curricular activities, and contribution to the general life of the institution. Ordinarily these selections have been made toward the end of the year, but we have been requested to provide the names in the month of October this year.

At a recent meeting of the faculty, the decision was made to select the following students to represent Taylor University in "Who's Who" this year: Mr. Russel Van Vleet, Mr. Harold Homer, Miss June Meredith and Miss Marguerite Roberts.

This is not only a distinct honor for these four college students, but we believe their record has been such that it is a distinct honor to Taylor University to be represented by such splendid students in "Who's Who in American Colleges".

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