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THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGES MUST SURVIVE!



View of the Administration Building and Music Hall, Taylor University

A well known alumnus of Taylor asked the other day if the increased enrolment hadn't been the answer to the stringent financial experiences of the school. The answer was that more colleges are faced with deficits now than any year since the middle thirties. The reason, of course, is that the step-up in enrolment has necessitated changes, an increased teaching staff, an increase in maintenance people, etc.,—and all this has come when peak prices must be paid for everything. The result has been that while State schools have asked for and received almost fabulous amounts from tax funds, the privately owned or Church related colleges have received but little more except thru building drives. This does not care for current expense items; and particularly, when those items carry quite heavy emergencies.

TAYLOR FACES EMERGENCY

People who read college bulletins have doubtless come to feel that colleges are never unaware of some crisis. They seem to pass from one into another without effort. Appeals are common. There is always something that must be done quickly if this is to be saved or that is not to be ruined. But life is like that and schools cannot escape their

Taylor's growth has brought her face to face with certain crises. The physical plant itself is presenting another crisis. Will you not be sympathetic as we share with you some of the things you should know about this school which we believe is of God's ordering?

Expenses in operating Taylor have risen to dizzy heights in comparison with a few years ago. The budget for operating Taylor in 1945-46 was



MAGEE-CAMPBEL,
MITORY (left).—This
on the campus. Its tw
was beyond repair. T
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top floor had to be a
the roof was replaced
mounted here before
were finished. Much n
bath rooms are held u

MUSIC HALL (r tially two used organs Veterans' Facility in the large number of organs have been ins in what was once used the Maytag Gymnasium to be built and the in expert organ man. The absolutely necessary if students were to be more is a part of the price of

\$146,000. The budget for the year 1947-48 is \$343,000. This does not mean that salaries of teachers have soared. Rather, I fear the contrary is true. While prices have raced upward, it is evident that proportionately, our teachers are not as well off as before. Repairs and maintenance costs have lost all semblance of reasonableness. Materials have gone from the "hard to get" to "prohibitive prices" when they did become available. But repair windows, doors, patch ceilings, etc., we must! Paint floors, screens, woodwork outside and in, we must! Equip ourselves with beds, dressers, chairs, dishes, etc., we must! Replace worn out boilers, pipes, plumbing equipment, a 22 year old roof on the dormitory, etc., etc., we must!

Some of these have come up in the form of emergencies. Some have risen to formidable proportions in extent of cost beyond our powers of foreseeing them, and likewise beyond our current expense funds to meet them. Now they are upon us and we must face them.

Five hundred students deserve the best that can be provided for them for they selected Taylor with reasons. Here was the kind of college they wanted. Education with a Christ-centered curriculum appealed to them. God-fearing parents and pastors helped them in their selection. These fine young people must be kept warm. Coal prices went up until about \$3,000 had to be added to the fuel estimate. Students must be properly housed if they do their best work. Dressers, high boys, chairs, etc., had to be secured for them. It was thought that food prices had leveled off about the time school opened. What was thought to be a fair price for board is now much below what should be asked, it is feared.

TIME TO EVALUATE GIVING

It is time to evaluate our giving. Are you invest-

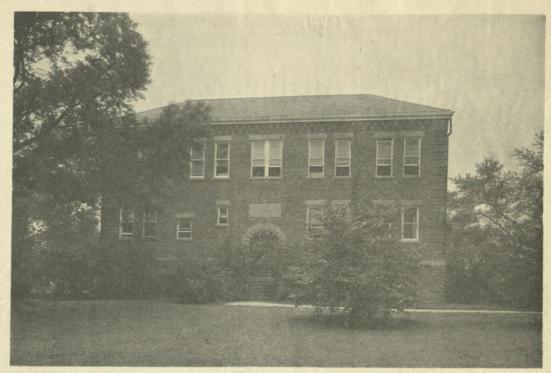


SWALLOW ROBIN DORMITORY.—The return lines building. The extra number of boys crowding in here have electrical items alone have totalled \$2,000. There isn't a investment.

ing your gifts in human life? Do the returns on an investment in Taylor's students appeal to you when you consider that hundreds are here getting ready to serve their generation in the far flung fronts of the mission field, or in this nation where the gospel is all too little heard? Do you want to see school teachers sent forth to provide a Christian example before the youth of tomorrow? Does not the world need men and women like we are preparing here now?

L-WISCONSIN DORis the largest building wenty-two year old roof The gutters around the Several rooms on the replastered at the time I. The items of expense the necessary repairs needed repairs in all the up for lack of funds.

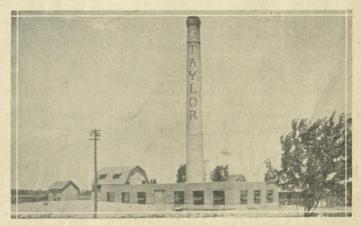
ight).—Very Providenwere secured from the Marion to take care of organ students. These talled in the basement, as a gymnasium before m was built. Rooms had astallations made by an ese practice organs were the demands by organ et. This item of expense necessary for expansion.





s of the heating system all had to be replaced in this taxed the facilities of the rest rooms until plumbing and single student, however, who isn't worth this kind of an

Indeed, emergencies are upon the world today. Nations are frantically searching for the way to avoid another catastrophe. Into what channel can you pour forth your prayers and gifts where the dividends will be surer than in a Christian college like Taylor? Taylor University now has its greatest opportunity. She could go down before this emergency when the world needs her students as never before. A new day can rise for Taylor by your aid and prayerful support. This is no time to bow out of responsibilities when a sinsick world gropes toward its doom. There must be preserved these centers of Christian instruction for as many young men and women as will come. Had as much been poured into Japan and Germany and Russia in missionary endeavor during the 30's as was poured into building a fleet of battleships from 1940 to the close of the war we might have saved many precious souls and been spared a war. Is it going to be said, "Had we seen the dire needs of our Christian colleges and given as we ought they would not have lost their battle to stay open and give our young people the best in Christian education." No, a thousand times no!



HEATING PLANT.—Into this building a considerable sum has had to be poured to care for the installation of two new boilers. Likewise the new science hall provided by the Government has had to be connected to the central heating plant. The installation of the new boilers has necessitated the changing of the water softening equipment to an entirely new location. The cost of labor and equipment in this building alone exceeds the total annual cost of repair and maintenance during many of the previous years.



MAYTAG GYMNA-SIUM.—The increased number of students in the gym classes, along with the step-up in State requirements for the certification of coaches have combined to make some changes in this buiding imperative. While the basketball teams use the main floor for practice periods, other areas of the gym must be used for types of practice and classes that require a wood floor. There is no such floor in the building; and consequently one must be laid in the auxiliary gym. Special measures must be taken to keep the floor dry on that levei and then a hardwood floor over a subfloor 40x60 feet is to be laid.

THE NEED IS NOW!

You must help us soon for these items listed below have already made their demands upon a depleted treasury.

BOILER INSTALLATION AND REPAIRS	\$ 6,000
(The Government gave us a small boiler and	
we have another one to purchase if one cannot	
be secured in the same way.)	
PURCHASES AND REMODELLING TO AC-	
COMMODATE ORGAN INSTALLATIONS.	1,500
(Including rooms, organ expert, etc.)	
OVERDUE REPAIRS ON CAMPUS PROPER-	
TIES	10,000

ROOF ON MAGEE-CAMPBELL-WISCONSIN	
DORMITORY	5,000
GUTTERS ON SAME BUILDING	1,000
ELECTRICAL CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE	
EXTRA KITCHEN FACILITIES, ETC.	1,500
CONVERSION TO OIL (Recently decided by the	
Buildings and Grounds Committee.)	5,000
GYM FLOOR, 40' x 60'	2,500
DORMITORY SHOWER ROOMS	3,000
FLOOR DRAINS IN RESTROOMS	1,000
INCREASED DINING HALL AND KITCHEN	
FACILITIES	2,000
CAMPUS LIGHTS	1,000
NEW SCIENCE HALL EQUIPMENT	3,000
Total	\$42,500

SCIENCE HALL.—The new Science Hall is a two story frame building 30 x 80 feet which will house two classrooms, three faculty offices, three laboratories, one dark room, one storage room and rest rooms. The Government did not bring any of the facilities to this building. The school has had to be responsible for the gas, water, septic tank, steam, and electricity that will service this building. There was no fund from which to draw for this expense. Equipment for this building will total \$3,000.

Will YOU Help?

It is now time for Christians everywhere who know what is being done for 500 young men and women at Taylor to make it possible for this good work to go on. Send your thank offering or gifts to Taylor University today. DO IT NOW!

