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# Taylor University BULLETIN

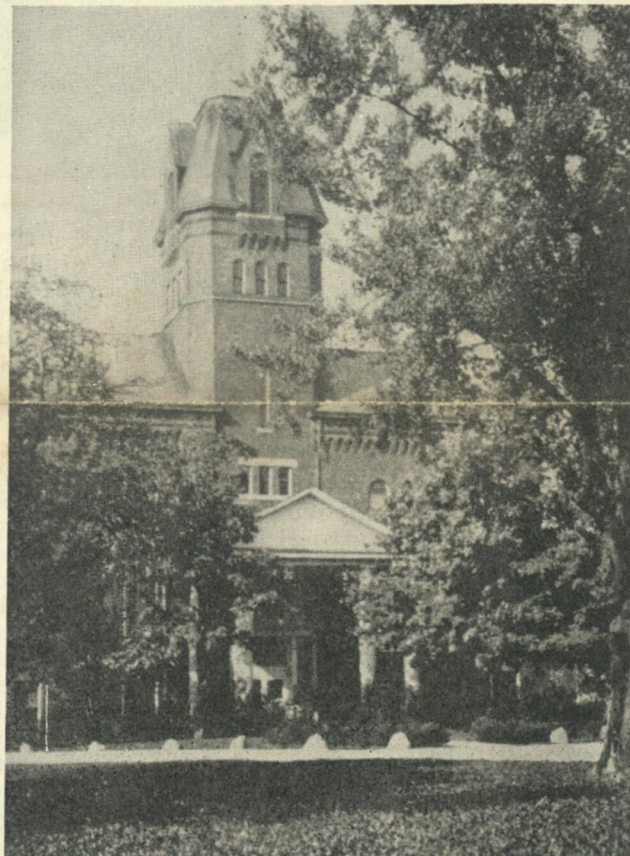
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## Our Historic Administration Building Needs Repair

The Oldest Building  
On Our Campus



"Tower Seen Far  
Distant"



The Home of Many  
Sacred Memories



"The End of Learning is  
to Know God."

Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will read that our budget for the last fiscal year, ending June 30, closed satisfactorily with all salaries paid in full. It was by God's goodness, through the help of the readers of our Bulletin and through economies in operation that we were able to care for the expense of the new heating plant last year.

As you read in the June issue of our Bulletin, the historic old Administration Building is in sore need of repair work. Our alumni appreciate the significance and memories of the building, the first one built on the present campus. Work on this building is not an emergency, yet it must be done as soon as possible to meet the demands of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. After careful advice and consideration of the problem from every angle, we feel justified in spending the necessary amount to repair and modernize this building so that it will be in first class shape. We do not feel that we should attempt this work, however, until the neces-

sary funds are in sight. We have no reserve funds for such emergencies which must be met; all the money must come from our current budget.

The foundation and walls of this building are structurally sound. It is a well built building. However, much

has to be done in the way of repairs. The six class rooms, as well as the Library, need repair and decorating work done on it. The new floors, ceilings and redecoration should be done before the opening of school next September. The roof is in need of extensive repairs, with replacement of shingles and gutters an almost absolute necessity. The entrance and front stair-case need to be repaired. Estimates show that between six and seven thousand dollars is necessary to put this building in first class shape. Will you help?

Readers of the Bulletin will be interested in knowing that redecorating work in the Music Hall is progressing nicely. The studios, recitation rooms and practice rooms are being painted and beautified. The chapel was painted this spring.



## Former T. U. Student Is Making Outstanding Record



Another Taylor University alumnus who has been making an outstanding record in his chosen field is Dr. Lee R. Norvelle, Associate Professor of Speech, Head of the Division of Speech, and Director of Radio at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Norvelle was a student at Taylor University for six years, completing his four year academy course in three years and also his college course in three years. He left Upland in 1920. He accepted a position in the department of Speech at Iowa University and started teaching there in 1921, and took his M.A. degree from that institution in 1923. Prof. Norvelle resigned his position at Iowa in August, 1924, to accept the directorship of the Speech work at the University of Montana in September of that year. The following year he left Montana to take charge of the speech work at Indiana University where he has been since that time. He took his Ph.D. degree at Indiana in 1930, and also studied at Cornell University and at Oxford University, England.

Since being at Indiana, he has developed the Speech Department with specialized courses in four fields especially: Public Speaking and Debate, Interpretation and Drama, Speech Clinic, and Radio.

Dr. Norvelle is serving his third year as national president of

## Another Increase In Enrollment Is Seen

We are pleased to announce that it again appears that this year we will have another increase in our student enrollment. Figures show that we are above our enrollment of last year at this time. Taylor University has been growing! For several years we have had a distinct increase in enrollment each year, and it encourages our hearts to anticipate another decided increase this year.

Our second semester opens on September 12. It will take the cooperation and help of all of our alumni and friends if we are to keep this increase. Keep Taylor in front of your young friends interested in going to college. Get Taylor University into their thinking. Taylor offers young people the high scholastic standards demanded today, yet with it all is the vital spiritual emphasis so necessary and lacking in our colleges of this day. Taylor students are brought under the influence of consecrated professors with a personal experience of Christ in their hearts. They are made to realize the necessity of living Christ-like lives, filled with God's Holy Spirit.

We cherish your prayers for so many of our young people who are looking forward to coming to Taylor but lack the necessary funds. They tell us that they feel the call of God on their lives and the need for a Christian education, but lack the finances. Pray that God will open the doors for these young people which seem so closed.

Theta Alpha Phi, honorary dramatic fraternity. He has written numerous articles on speech education and drama, two of the most important of which are: dramatization of Edward Eggleston's "Hoosier Schoolmaster," and "The Will to Speak Effectively."

Norvelle was an honor student while at Taylor and was also active in many extra-curricular activities. He was especially active in speech and debate work, and served as president of the Thalonian Literary Society. He was known to most of his college chums as "Red" Norvelle.

## O. P. Smith Becomes the New Superintendent of Grounds



Friends of O. P. Smith, a student at Taylor University in 1915 and 1918, will be glad to know that he has returned in the capacity of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. The field was covered thoroughly before Mr. Smith was secured and we feel that a more capable man could not be obtained for this important position. Mr. Smith, who comes to us from New Hampshire, Ohio, will devote his full time to this work.

While we have endeavored and succeeded in doing a great deal of necessary repair work in the past few years, our readers can appreciate the need for continuous and increasing effort along this line. The full time of one person is required if this work is to be supervised and executed properly. Close followers of the school realize that the standards of repair and maintenance must be raised to meet the exacting demands of our various accrediting agencies. Mr. Smith will be of invaluable assistance in helping to reach this objective.

Many recent visitors to our campus have complimented us on the increasing beauty of our campus, which is recognized as one of the finest among the many small colleges of the State. The upkeep of our grounds alone requires considerable time and energy.



# DR. AYRES WRITES TO MEMBERS OF THE GREAT TAYLOR FAMILY



Burt Wilmot Ayres, Ph.D., LL.D.

It has been several months since I have had anything to say to the "Taylor Family" through the Bulletin. Perhaps it is time for me to let my old students and friends know that I am still "on the job." Last school-year I taught a heavy schedule, hence had very little time to correspond with my student friends of many years. If the Lord spares my life and preserves my vigor I expect, the coming year, to be more in the mails. I realize that I may be considered the connecting link between the Taylor of another generation and this, for in many families I have been a teacher of one or both of the parents and of the children. In fact it is about time to be getting the third crop in from my students of the years 1897-1900. Send them on, you grandparents and parents — keep up the royal lineage of the old heroic days. We need them here, and they need what Taylor has to give them. The "Taylor Spirit" of family friendliness still lives. I was about to include in the preceeding sentence as a part of the Taylor Spirit, "Plain Living and High Thinking", but when I compare the Taylor of forty years ago, or less, I fear those who have lived to see the contrast might raise their eye-brows a little on the "Plain Living". We know, however, that plainness is a relative term and changes from generation to generation. In spite of general social pressure we have not yielded to the cigaret, tobacco, beer, and dance tidal wave. We still believe that the Ten Commandments are not obsolete in the moral order. We believe it is not Pharasaical to say that clean living, the right to breathe God's pure air un-befouled by the prevalent vices, is part of the "Taylor Spirit."

## Heavy Demands This Year

The past year was one in which an extraordinary heavy demand was made

upon the financial strength of the school. For the many years of the depression proper painting and repairs on the school properties could not be financed. As school closed in June 1939 the Directors had to face the necessity of many minor repairs and a major replacement — a large amount of our large heat lines and boilers. After the most careful figuring and management this replacement threw an additional load of \$15,000 on the institution for the past year. This was a necessity for the running of the school. It seems a miracle that we came through with nearly all of this paid for; and it is hoped that before we go into the school-year in September God's good people who pray for our work and give to it will have sent in sufficient to cover this balance, as well as the cost of another major repair which must be made this summer. This is a thorough overhauling of H. Maria Wright Hall, better known as the Administration Building.

## H. Maria Wright Hall

In the report of the inspectors who examined Taylor University for the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools the institution was given a low rating on the condition of our main class room building. This makes it very imperative to begin and carry through this summer extensive renewals, including the roof, the ceilings of most of the rooms, and some of the floors, etc. The building is too good to be abandoned and wrecked. This method of renewal and change will cost

much less than a new building with the same capacity. What is very much needed is a new Library Building. This would release the larger part of the main floor of Wright Hall now occupied by the Library, thus making space for at least four or more fine large class rooms. We are greatly in need of more library space and more class rooms.

## Wonderful Memories

Moreover, there is another very strong reason why Wright Hall should be preserved. It is associated with wonderful memories of all, but especially of those of the earlier years of the school's history in Upland. What gracious memories cling about the Upper Room Chapel, and the Upper Room of Prayer! What outpourings of the Spirit! What sense of Divine Presence! What impressions of special call and mission! Society Hall too comes filled with the glory of the Lord, with shining faces, and shouts of victory! This old building has its Bethels in these various rooms where God revealed Himself so marvelously. Then too Society Hall has other memories that are precious — of social events, literary programs, debates, orations, and inter-society competitions. Certain class rooms are associated with unforgettable events in the learning process. And finally (why should I place it last unless it is of climactic importance?) some spot in old Room 7 or in the Dean's Office may be indissolubly associated with a *private* lecture of untold value!\* Therefore old Maria Wright Hall, full of precious memories, must be restored and preserved! The Alumni must rally to the call with cash immediately, or promises to pay by September 15, 1939.

President Stuart is a courageous leader in this as in other hard tasks. Let's back him! The financing of church-related and all non-tax-supported schools becomes increasingly difficult; but there never was greater need of schools such as Taylor than there is today. They are necessary for the generation and conservation of intrinsic and eternal values.

— B. W. Ayres

\* President's Note: I am not willing to admit any of the special conferences in Room 7. You will have to ask Dean Ayres about those. Regardless of what kind of stories the old alumni bring back about the President, Dean Ayres can never remember any of them. However, the president remembers a very sacred spot up in the old Chapel, way up toward Heaven, when Dean Ayres knelt and reached both hands toward Heaven and cried out for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and told God he hadn't been able to figure it out with Psychology, Philosophy and so on, but that he had all eternity to find it out. He wanted God to baptize him with the Holy Spirit. President Stuart, then a student, knelt by him and saw him receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Thank God these same experiences are being repeated these days on Taylor's campus.

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## \$500 Is Sent by Friend of School

Our hearts were thrilled one morning recently when in opening the mail it was found that a check for \$500.00 was sent from a very dear friend of the school in the East. This was a distinct aid in helping us to balance our budget for this year; we certainly do appreciate these gifts from the friends of our school. God so often directs in the giving of these gifts, as we feel He did in this instance. This friend writes:

"The enclosed check is sent to you in response to your fine letter of June 14th.

"Miss ——— thinks you might be interested in the story back of this check. I had been planning to reinvest a small amount in 'Baby Bonds', and last Friday I made out the application, but with my checkbook before me I suddenly changed my mind and wrote the check for a much smaller amount. Your letter was waiting for me when I reached home, and the thought came to me that this must be why my mind was changed that afternoon."

## New Teacher Named To English Department



We are pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Edna M. Robinson as a new member of our teaching staff here at Taylor University. Miss Robinson has both her A.B. and A.M. degrees from University of Chicago and her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University, all in the field of English. She has held many outstanding honors and scholarships in her study. Dr. Robinson comes from an outstanding family, comparable to the Comptons. She has three brothers, all of whom hold high positions in their chosen fields. We are happy to welcome this Christian woman to our staff.

## Dean Earland Ritchie Writes Appreciation at Close of First Year



Our Dean of the College, Dr. Earland Ritchie, who has been with us but one year, has won his way into the hearts of faculty and students alike and has become one of the most popular men on our campus. It is a wonderful thing to have on our staff these Christian gentlemen with the highest earned degrees and yet definitely consecrated to the cause of building the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of young people.

Dean Ritchie has written concerning his appreciation of Taylor as follows:

"It was indeed a rare privilege af-

forded me, in my judgment, when I was offered the position on Taylor University's staff, because of the standards which they maintain socially, morally and scholastically. I had been seeking for a number of years a college campus according to my philosophy and practices of life, but had time and again met with those campus conditions some of which proved to be a bit too lax, particularly along the social and

moral lines.

In counsel among ministers and friends when considering Taylor, I found that many people hold the idea that Taylor is to a more or less degree rather fanatical in their beliefs. Accordingly, I set about to investigate and thus confirm or disprove such ideas as they were handed me. Without a doubt my findings led me to my decision in electing Taylor as a new field of work and service. I did not conclude that it was, as was said to be, fanatical, but rather is admirable because of the various rigorous standards which they hold before mankind. I came to Taylor's campus in the humble attitude of serving first its constituency, the institution as such, and its staff as they go forth to make their contribution along the three channels previously mentioned.

## Taylor Quartet Is Active

The Taylor University male quartet is active in service in the State of New York during this month, July. They reported unusually fine services and blessings in their tour of the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa. Many seekers were at the altar of prayer seeking God in all His fullness at the camp meeting in which they took part at Washburn, North Dakota.

The itinerary for the quartet in New York is as follows:

July 16 — Calvary Presbyterian Church, Maspeth, New York

July 17 — First Methodist Church Shrub Oak, New York

July 18 — Calvary Presbyterian Church, Newburgh, New York

July 19 — Clinton Ave. Presbyterian Church, Kingston, New York

July 21-30 — Cherry Run Camp Meeting, Rimmersburg, Pa.

July 31-Aug. 4 — Methodist Church, Crosby, Pa.

## A Balanced Budget

At the close of our last fiscal year, June 30, M. E. Witmer, business manager, stated that for the sixth consecutive year our budget at Taylor University has been balanced, with all teachers' salaries paid in full. We feel profoundly grateful to God for this fact. It has only been through the help and loyal assistance of our friends and through answered prayers that we have been able to meet our financial obligations in full this year. Once again we are able to feel that God has placed his seal of approval upon the great work which Taylor University is doing. We do appreciate the wonderful help, prayer and cooperation of all who aided us this past year. We know that you have been blessed in so doing and that your investments will reap eternal dividends in the lives of young people.