Yes, school days are here again! And you'll rejoice, too, as you hear of the many recent happenings and the Lord's goodness to us on Bryan Hill. School opened in September with a record enrollment of 205—a wonderfully happy and spiritual group. There was the opening reception—remember when you went down a long line and listened to your name so many, many times as you were introduced to everyone, and by the time you got to the end your hand was almost limp. But it was enjoyable—the whole Bryan Family together in one place at the same time. And there were surprises for all when school opened—a new floor in the Octagon lobby, twelve of our young men living in town. And our Bryan Family is larger in other ways—now a total of twenty-eight trailers on the campus, in addition to four married couples living in Dayton. You already know, too, that we have students from twenty-three states—with the largest group coming from Ohio—fifty of them. Well, we have had election time for class officers and organizations and even "exam time"—you know like autumn "when the leaves begin to turn." And Bible Conference is over with its attendant blessings—three of our favorite speakers for return engagements, Brother Schmeiser, Pastor Sampson and dear Dr. Wadsworth, and then a newcomer, Dr. Carpenter, whose pictures of Palestine were especially interesting. Elsewhere you'll see account of other visitors during conference week. We are now in our last lap of the first quarter—not long until Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Banquet, exams again—then the holiday season and 1949. We are constantly aware of the Lord's presence and blessing upon the testimony which goes forth from Bryan Hill. May we ever be aware of streams of grace from Him.
Dear Bryanette:

Can you imagine it! Last Thursday nite we had a Bryan re-union right in the heart of Africa. And the many who were there! -- Miss Kaltenbach, Flossie Monck, "Matilda" Miller, Rosenaus, Rosemary Bodle -- and lots of others, known and unknown. To be sure, it was a bit difficult to tell what everyone wore, and although we had tea, no one would drink it! Nevertheless, when the mail carrier brought BRYANETTE, we had a reunion.

It is always a pleasure to read the news from other alumni of their work and service for the Lord. We would love to be at an Alumni Banquet and perhaps in '50 we'll be there!

We have now a three-weeks' vacation from teaching and are sneaking up to Kuta to see Mother and Dad. They are about 300 miles from us -- but so wonderful (and unusual!) to have them in the country. Won't it be grand when Ian is an alumnus and the whole family is here!

Our work is being greatly blessed by the Lord -- we are seeing souls saved and students interested as never before in the spread of the gospel! We have known days of real discouragement, but we praise Him for the evidence of His working power.

Dianne will shortly be a year old, and is a source of constant delight and joy to us and the natives. She has kept marvelously well, for which we are so thankful! We think she looks like her Uncle Ian, with blue eyes and golden (reddish) hair!

And so good-by! It was nice meeting you all again -- we'll have another reunion one day from which there will be no parting.

Yours for the lost in Nigeria,

Gwen and Al Wyllie and Dianne
Yes, where is the class of '48? Here's where we think they are! The Birches, Alice, George, and little Nancy, wrote that they had an enjoyable summer in Pennsylvania, then on to Chicago to attend Moody. They mention having had dinner with the Robert Harpers ex '45 in Lombard in September, and also a visit with Rebecca Peck '40 and Hazel Nell Geiger '47 when they all attended Hyman Appelman's meeting at Moody Church and there they saw Joyce Giles ex '50 and Kermit Zopfi ex '50.

George is taking special work in the Missionary Course and enjoying it. Joyce Brubaker is being a "school marm" after resting for the summer in preparation for teaching in the fall—she has 35 pupils and quite a lively bunch she says—from 6 year to 16 year—more boys than girls—the school is located not far from her home in Lancaster, Penna. Ruth Ella Williams spent the summer as cook in the cafeteria at the Winona Hotel, Winona Lake, Ind., and now is associated with the Hampden-DuBose Academy in Zellwood, Fla. With Ruth Clement '43 there and also Dorothy Hill, daughter of our H. W. Hills, they'll have real fellowship. Guess we didn't mention, but Ruth Ella stopped in Dayton for a short visit en route to Florida.

Andy Lewis writes, "My summer has been one of travel, rest and very little work since graduation; but it will be good to start school once again." She is now enrolled for graduate work at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., and loves it. Catherine Marshall is not so far away from Dayton—in Morristown, Tenn., teaching Bible—but she seems so far away, for we haven't had a glimpse of her yet. She writes of very gratifying results as she has ministered to the children. Ila Ruth Mahr and Wanda Lautzenheiser '49 are looking forward to the Thanksgiving season when they expect to visit Cathy in Morristown. Polly Parden, too, isn't so far away—in Chattanooga—and she was up for a visit not long ago. Elaine Christy is teaching school also—first graders, not far from her home in Geneva, Ind. Ed Lieb is employed as a technician in the research department of the Aluminum Ore Co. in St. Louis. Since Ed has interests (singular) at Bryan, we expect a first hand report about his work before the year is over. He assures us that his eyes are still on the mission field and those who have never heard.
Class of '48 continued:

Dean Risser and Ella Lee Hall became Mr. and Mrs., and Dean is working in Ashland, Ohio until September 1949 when they expect to start to Grace Seminary. Dean has been employed in the laboratory of the Ashland Malleable Iron Company. Helen Gow wrote very interestingly of the Lord’s leading in regard to the present time—she attended the Annual Missionary Conference of the Berean Mission in Denver, Colo., where she was officially accepted as a candidate for the Belgian Congo. She had these joyous days in Denver, visiting with Andy Lewis and Virginia Smiley '50. Now Helen has gone to St. Louis, where she is auditing a few classes at the Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute, where a brother of Miss Anna Margaret Koontz is now on the faculty. Helen is clerking in a ten-cent store nearby and living in the mission home. Gloria Cloer writes that she is now working for a company that makes television antennas, but she is doing office work. "It is near my home and much more convenient than my job last summer, trotting off to New York everyday. In my spare time I am playing tennis and writing." (Guess it must be ice-skating or skiing now, for it's winter, and it was fall when she wrote.) "I would like to get into real Christian work, but nothing has opened up as yet." Lois Weyhe and Ila Ruth Mahr continue to be a real part of the work on Bryan Hill, helping out in many ways with their versatility. Lois is continuing her mental pursuits with a course in American literature and keeping busy at the Registrar's desk with grades, transcripts and all the multitudinous details of that office. Ila Ruth is continuing to show her able assistance in the office, especially with Dean Ryther's work, and she is continuing her Christian service as she teaches a Sunday School class of girls at the local Baptist Church. Gerald Teeter was ordained to the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church in Altoona, Penna. on June 22nd—and although we have had no direct word about his ministry, we are sure that he is continuing in a faithful testimony of the Word. After spending the summer in DVBS teaching in Coshocton Co., Ohio, Della Firebaugh is doing waitress work in Columbus with the constant desire before her of serving the Lord in regions beyond. With the hope that she would be transferred to the laboratory soon, Vivian McBride took employment in the office of a Chemical Company in Mansfield, Ohio—Vivian travelled with the ladies' quartette through the Middle West during the summer. We understand that Ruth Hooks is working in a private home in Kittanning, Penna. Willis Jones is working in Peru, Ind. and expects to go to Moody Bible Institute in January.
During recent months we have had an unusual number of former Bryanites on the campus for visits. During the summer, Paul ex '50 and Elaine Kennard Syers '47 were here for a few hours as they journeyed with Paul's folks on their way to St. Augustine where they visited Elaine's parents. And shortly thereafter we enjoyed a visit from Ann Wilden '46, who spent part of her vacation helping out in the Bryan office. She is continuing her Christian endeavors with the Oak Hills Fellowship in Bemidji, Minn. While Ann was with us, we had surprise visits from Mary B. Rogers Mims ex '46 who now lives in Auburn, Ala., and also Florence Monck '47 who was en route from Oklahoma to Cleveland, Ohio where she attended a Mid-Missions conference. (While she was here for Bible Conference last month, she brought us up-to-date on her plans for sailing, and since leaving, she wrote that she now has her passport for Peru and may be leaving before Christmas.) And now back to visitors—during pre-registration days, Eileen Hartschuh Langford '43 and little son, Dickie, were guests from Dallas, and then Richard Langford '43 brought some Bryanites to school and spent a day on the campus. It must have been about that time that Andy Lewis '48 just couldn't wait to see everyone; so she came from Asbury Seminary to spend a couple of days on the Hill. It was refreshing to have Mildred Kuntz '40, our own missionary to the Navajos in Arizona for an evening message to show colored slides and also for a chapel message.

Before going to Dallas to visit Eileen and Dick Langford '43, Lester Hartschuh ex '43 and Mrs. Hartschuh were Bryan visitors for several days.

The St. Johns, Robert '44 and Alice ex '47, have been much more frequent visitors since moving to Kingston, Tenn.

DO COME—MORE OF YOU!

During Bible Conference week, Harold '39 and Eileen Garwood Fuss '40 stopped for a few hours, also Clarence ex '41 and Eleanor Estep ex '42 Blackburn, who are now in Pineville, Ky. Margaret Ann McKinnon ex '43 spent a few days of her vacation on the Hill—(she's still on nursing duty at the Marine Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.)
THE SECOND GENERATION:

Paul Dale Coombs, Nov. 3, to Peggy Lynch ex '44 and Mr. Coombs, Grosse Ile, Mich.
Robert John Llewellyn, Oct. 14, to Sara '37 and Lewis Llewellyn '36, Bloomfield, N.J.
Mary Ruth Peer, Sept. 6, to Earle ex '47 and Mrs. Peer, Limestone, Tenn.
Samuel Doak Hodges, III, Oct. 31, to S. D. Hodges '36 and Mrs. Hodges, Chattanooga
William Maxwell Lay, Aug. 16, to Oma Lowry Lay ex '36 and Mr. Lay, Murphy, N. C.
John Franklin Loshbough, Nov. 12, to Linn Loshbough '49 and Mrs. Loshbough, Dayton
Stephen Wright Sarvis, July 14, to Ruth Dew ex '48 and Mr. Sarvis, Fort Worth, Texas
James Earl Jaynes, Aug. 3, to Calvin Jaynes '51 and Mrs. Jaynes, Dayton
Jacquelyn Louise Collitt, Aug. 23, to Flo Mellick ex '46 and Robert Collitt '50, Dayton
Larry Lee Cockrill, Oct. 2, to Edwin Cockrill '50 and Mrs. Cockrill, Dayton

MARRIAGES:

Bethel Marie Smith ex '44 to Joe C. Sawyers, Aug. 14, Greensboro, N. C.
Janice Irene Lien '50 to Harold Hugh Goehringer '50, Aug. 26, Hammond, Ind.
Ella Lee Hall '48 to Dean Clinton Risser '48, Aug. 28, Ashland, Ohio
Jean Frances Smith to Mark William Levengood '42, Aug. 4, West St. John Canada
Jessie May Butler to Benjamin S. White '40, Aug. 3, Guatemala City, Guatemala
Mary Helen Tew to Othel Sullivan '50, Aug. 19, Jacksonville, Fla.
Irene Correll ex '48 to Lacy Hall, Sept. 3, Des Moines, Iowa
Georgia Standen ex '50 to James Weyrick, Nov. 25, Elyria, Ohio
Vivian Musterman to Albert Moginot ex '46, Dec. 2, St. Louis, Mo.

WITH THE LORD:

Word has reached us that Mildred-Barbara Smith, small daughter of Rev. J. Holmes
Smith '40 and Mrs. Smith, was taken from them after a brief illness, July 7th, in
Luebo, Belgian Congo, Africa.
From many sources we have heard of the wonderful time of fellowship enjoyed by the Bryan group who attended the Banquet during the latter part of August at Winona Lake, Ind. Edward Miller '46 was in charge of arrangements and he must have done a real good job of advertising and planning for this is the third one in a row and there were sixty-eight persons, including former students, present students, and pastors of students. Testimonies were heard from John Harper '42, Angie Garber '47, and then from Rev. R. I. Humberd, Esther, John and Jesse's dad, and Rev. Bob Miller. Prof. Uphouse gave a resume of the quartet summer trip and Don Oakley '50 challenged those in attendance about MSM. Testimonies and greetings followed from Dr. H. A. Ironside, Dr. V. R. Edman, and Dr. J. Palmer Muntz with a concluding message from President Rudd.

The Wheaton and Chicago Bryanites had a baked ham dinner, topped with pumpkin pie, when they gathered for a reunion at the apartment of Mrs. Louise Garber in Wheaton. David Garber had very thoughtfully placed a Bryan pennant on the screen door to advise the Bryanite guests that "this was the place." Reports are that there was plenty of free-flowing conversation about the "Sophs taking the Freshies to Chatty" and "Chipso, Rinso, Flakes and Super-suds", and many, many other things; there was a delicious meal, good fellowship and a time of spiritual blessing. Herbert Birch ex '50 led the devotionals, as they concluded their time of joy together. Those attending were Rebecca Peck '40, Hazel Nell Geiger '47, George '48 and Alice '45 Birch and Nancy, Pearl Wallace ex '50, Kermit Zopfi ex '50, Joyce Giles ex '50, Kenneth Kennard ex '45, Robert Harper ex '45, Don Vittner ex '50, Mary Louise Garber ex '50, Ronald and Marguerite Garber McBride, Mrs. Louise Garber and David.
William Paul ex '41 is now assistant professor of Philosophy at the National Bible Institute in New York City.

Ward Tressler ex '45 was recently ordained in the Brethren Church and after graduating from Grace Seminary has gone to Chico, Calif. where he is pastor of the new home mission church there.

Audrey Roos ex '43 writes of her nursing experiences in St. Louis and of being elected president of the Young People's group of her church.

Rebecca Peck '40 gave us an interesting report on the Wheaton reunion and of others through the summer -- Dean Ryther and the ladies' quartette -- and later with George '48 and Alice Birch '45, who visited her office while they were looking for an apartment in Chicago.

John '45 and Wilda Chapman Quimby ex '45 are enrolled at Johnson City Baptist Bible Seminary this fall in preparation for China--they were accepted under Mid-Missions.

Kenneth Kennard ex '45 is enrolled in the Graduate School at Wheaton College.

Albert Moginot ex '46 was ordained to the ministry at the Olive Branch Bible Presbyterian Church in St. Louis and has been called to serve as pastor of the Alton Bible Presbyterian Church, Alton, Illinois. Albert is attending Washington University and will finish in June 1949.

In the camp report sent by the Children's Bible Mission group in Virginia with whom Dorothy Hess and Jean Neff '44 work, a total of 266 children were in camp.

If you were privileged each morning at ten o'clock to walk into the new Memorial Chapel and witness the quietness as the piano is being softly played and then a spiritual message given forth, you would be justly proud of the building with its many ways of usefulness. Thanks to the alumni who responded to appeals for a gift last June--the purchase of sound equipment was realized, it has been installed and is beneficial. Just recently a friend of the University has designated a sum of money for the purchase of a Baldwin electronic organ. Word has been received that the instrument will be delivered very soon. Rejoice with us in the many answers to prayer in regard to our chapel.