Bryanites in foreign missions

Statistics may seem cold and uninteresting, but a recent tabulation of the Bryan graduates and former students who are serving on the foreign mission field provides a revealing study of the emphasis at Bryan on missions and the effectiveness of its representatives in fulfilling the Lord's "Go ye."

There are now 115 on the missionary roster including 8 accepted candidates who are waiting to go to the field. Of this number 85 are graduates representing all of the classes from 1936 through 1958. The class of 1949 claims the highest percentage with 9 of its 21 graduates in foreign service, or 43%. The average for all classes is 16% of the graduates in foreign missionary service.

There are 28 different mission boards represented by these alumni besides 4 individuals who are supported directly by a home church or the case of a couple who have secular employment but serve as missionaries and teachers. The four missions having ten or more Bryanites on their staff are Baptist Mid-Missions, Sudan Interior Mission, The Evangelical Alliance Mission, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The outreach of Bryan's missionaries extends to 34 different countries with 27 in South America—Brazil having the largest representation of 15; 6 in Mexico and Central America; 9 in Europe; 34 in Africa; 18 in Asia besides 17 in the Philippines and other islands; and 2 who will do language reduction in Alaska.

It is of interest that 64 missionaries have found their life's companion at Bryan. Fifteen girls are still single, but to our knowledge there are no men remaining single.

More than 50 are first term missionaries, about 30 are on their second term, over 20 are serving for the third term or more. At present 11 are on furlough and 8 are waiting for final arrangements to begin their first term. Be sure to uphold in prayer Bryan's representatives around the world!

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS

UETC REACHES SECOND MILE POST

With a revolving milepost as centerpiece in the private Bryan dining room, the Upper East Tennessee Chapter played host to a dozen prospective students and to other guests at their second anniversary dinner in Dayton on January 17.

Chapter president, Judy King ('57) introduced toastmaster, Ralph Green ('56), who is now a school teacher in Bessemer, Ala. Bryan students furnished special music and a reading, and Richard Cornelius ('55) brought the devotional message with illustrations and applications from his laboratory experiences. Dick enrolled at UT in January.

An important feature of the program was the presentation by the chapter president to the college president of a check for $200 to provide a scholarship loan for a 1959 Bryan graduate who pursues graduate study in the field of liberal arts or education. The faculty will choose the recipient for the loan from among applicants for it.

Maxie Green ('58) succeeds Judith King as president of UETC.

FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR TRI-STATE

To celebrate its first year of operation as a chapter, members of the Tri-State Bryan Alumni Chapter met at the home of James ('38) and Jeannette (Lindsay x'39) Morring in Chattanooga for a business session and fellowship hour. Ruth (Toliver '40) Wright brought a devotional message from John 14.

This chapter has voted to contribute $50 monthly to the Alumni Scholarship Loan Fund with the designation of this amount for a senior student during second semester this year.

At the January meeting officers were elected for 1959 as follows: President, James Morring ('38); vice president, Sybil Lusk ('34); secretary, Ruth Bunch ('52); and treasurer, Clyde Simmons ('49).
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Joyce, Freddie, Ed, Rosalie with new bus

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Lois Martin ('58), Ixtapa, Chiapas, Mexico.

During the summer Lois took a special course in music...In September she accepted an opportunity to teach the five children of the Phil Baer family, missionaries with Wycliffe in Mexico. Her three-year certificate to teach in Pennsylvania came through in October.

SOUTH AMERICA

Dona (Blaine '53) and Leonard ('51) Meznar, Caixa Postal 8328, Sao Paulo, Brasil.

"Glad to report the Lord's blessing. Two weeks ago a fine Jewish young man received the Lord..."

Gladys (Jennewein '50) and Ronald ('52) Meznar, Caixa Postal 7429, Sao Paulo, Brasil.

"We're well settled in this 'Chicago of Brazil.' Our house is really too good; it's a palace compared to that little hut we envisioned when we embarked for the field..."

"...little by little we've taken on more responsibilities in the church. Preaching in Portuguese becomes a little easier each time...In two months Ron will begin to teach two nights a week in the downtown seminary...Gladys' main work is with the tots in the church who keep her on her toes..."

Martha (Sheffield '53) and Dale ('54) Payne, Caixa Postal 1001, Campinas, E. de Sao Paulo, Brasil.

"The first term of language school is now behind us...basic pronunciation pattern of Portuguese, beginning vocabulary necessary for daily living...a knowledge of Brazilian customs...two terms of study remaining...

"An import license for our boat kit and motor has just been received from the Brazilian government after a wait of almost six months, so at last our baggage can be shipped..."

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Nigeria, I found that the road and customs paid the way, and customs officers often found fault with my luggage... I have been helping with electricity, getting language is a difficult task... Our language remains of the kit... While ammunition were exploding, we were standing... The jeep was parked next to the pier to greet us ashediscusses people's problems over the radio... The Baptist Children's Home with its nine bed-rooms has been constructed under the direction of Mr. Francis, most of the work being done by him... About $10,000 is needed to finish and furnish the interior of the home before it can be opened to the needy and homeless children of their area...
Our Growing Family

Here in their Christmas portrait are the four children of Shirley (Wilson) and Allen Jewett (’52): Cathy, Doug, Carol, and Dennis. Allen is assistant pastor at First Baptist Church in Hamilton, O.

NEW HEAVENLY BUNDLES

"CONNIE LYNN (THEOBALD) is her name,
She looks like Kyla, much the same,
Eight pounds, five ounces was her weight,
November first her arrival date.
Her hair is black, her eyes are blue,
To the Lord Who sent her may she be true.
We thank Him for His grace and love
And for this blessing from above!"

—Leona (Wilson ’42) and Paul (‘43) Theobald.

(Look elsewhere in Bryanette for further news from this family with its nine children!)

MARK WAYNE BOSTROM makes a family of three,
"just as happy as can be" for Robert and Joy (Leslie ’56) Bostrom with birth date January 14, in Bemidji, Minn.

KATHLEEN SUE AND KIMBERLY ANN STILES came as a double blessing for January 5 in St. Louis for Lois and Vernon Stiles (both ’59).

DAVID JONATHAN GRAY arrived January 4, to Loren and Marilyn (Bourgeois ’60) Gray in Mobile, Ala.

DAVID WILLIAM JOHNSON was greeted Aug. 22 by parents Delores and Shelby (’54) Johnson, in Dallas, Texas (sorry report is late!).

SINCERE SYMPATHY TO
Rodney and Renna Fay (Brown ’58) Piedot, whose son born July 28, 1958, went home to be with the Lord September 22, 1958. The Piedots have been attending Tennessee Temple Schools in Chattanooga.

Winter Weddings

Judith King (’57) and James Barth (’57) were married at Judy’s home in Knoxville with a Sunday afternoon ceremony on January 25. Jim has completed basic army training and is stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, where the newlyweds plan to reside.

Barbara Ridder (’58) was married to Larry E. Ross, ex-Marine, on February 6 at the Lansing Bible Church in Lansing, Ill.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Henry Moeller (’49) received the Th.D. in May 1958 at Central Baptist Seminary and is continuing to teach there. Henry is the sixth Bryan graduate to earn the doctorate.

Faith Theological Seminary in Elkins Park, Pa., claims four recent Bryan grads amongst its students—Ronald Brooks and David Watson of the class of ’58, Richard Ruble (’57) and Joseph Aschenbach (’56). Thomas Taylor (’54) is a member of the Faith faculty. Ron visited Bryan during the days between semesters in January.

Pauline (Jewett ’51) and Joel (’51) Kettenring have accepted positions on the faculty of Pillsbury Conservative Baptist Bible College in Minnesota.

Dr. Beatrice Batson (’44), member of Wheaton faculty, wrote for the January edition of the Wheaton College Alumni Magazine regarding Wheaton’s new honors program being introduced at the second semester. Only select students may participate in the three areas of Bible, science, and literature. Dr. Batson will teach the literature course.

Also at Wheaton Dr. Batson was one of seven professors who served on the committee that prepared the 87-page detailed institution-wide report on the Wheaton teacher-training program for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. A team of evaluators visited the campus to determine whether Wheaton may be recognized for nationwide teacher accreditation.