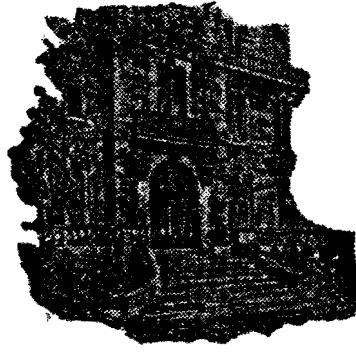


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In Memoriam

Bryant men and women everywhere, always, will hold gratefully and pridefully in their memory the hundreds of alumni who served our country during World War II. Their names, too many to be listed here, appear on the Honor Roll on the first floor in South Hall. This temporary Honor Roll will later be replaced by a more permanent one.

Especially enshrined in our hearts and memories are those fine men who gave their lives for our country. They are:

Henry Babcock, '40
Earle Bowers, Jr., '40
Charles Nofal, '40
Walter Dyjak, '29
John K. Hull, '41
Pasco Senerchia, '43
Andrew Mamedoff, '31
Raymond Ossola, '39
Paul E. Smedberg, '39
Leo J. Ringuette, '43
Donald Walker, '36
Clinton A. Place, '43

The very large enrollment at Bryant the past year or so, and the absence in the Service of four members of the teaching staff, has made necessary many additions to the Faculty. Several of these new members are Bryant alumni, and several are newcomers. One of the most important Faculty changes is the appointment of Lionel Mercier, formerly head of the Office Machines Laboratory, as Dean of the Secretarial division. Under Mr. Mercier's dynamic supervision, the Secretarial department is running with smoothness and efficiency, and Mr. Mercier's popularity with students in the secretarial division bids fair to rival that of Mr. Gulski with students of the Business Administration Division.

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

With this issue, the BRYANT ALUMNI BULLETIN resumes publication. Shortage of paper and manpower made suspension during wartime a regrettable necessity.

Since the last issue of the BULLETIN, so much has happened at Bryant and among Bryant alumni that no one issue could tell it all. In future issues we hope to add news left out of this issue because of limited space.

Many changes at Bryant, as at colleges all over the land, came after December 7, 1941. Some of these changes crept in slowly and were hardly realized until they were established routines; others came with breath-taking abruptness.

Probably the change that most stirred all of us to a realization that we were at war was the way many of the men of the faculty and the student body one by one disappeared from our midst. There was hardly a day when at least one man did not leave; once, twenty-seven students left on a single day. Soon there was just a mere handful of forlorn male students on the campus, and the Faculty was short four of its most popular members. Degrees were presented "in absentia" the following August to the absent soldier-graduates.

Dormitory changes at Bryant were another result of the war. With so many of the men students gone, and more young women enrolling, the need for a man's dormitory was gone and the necessity of more dormitory accommodations for women was felt, so Scott House, scene of many a gay pre-war day (and night) when it was the home of Bryant men, became Harriett Hall, dormitory for young women. Later, Eldridge Hall—next to Harriett Hall on Charles Field Street—was added and still later, Gregg Hall, on the corner of Young Orchard Avenue and Hope Street, across from South Hall and between Bryant Hall and Gardner Hall, was acquired by

the College as the sixth dormitory for young women.

Courses at Bryant remained about the same. While other colleges throughout the country were feverishly accelerating courses so that men might complete their education before rushing off to war, Bryant could do no accelerating because it was *already* accelerated. Since 1916, it had been offering what are practically four-year courses in two years.

One important curriculum change, however, was the addition of a one-year Business Administration course. The government and war industries needed accountants and needed them desperately, so—as in many other ways—Bryant did its part to help and the one-year Business Administration course was added to the curricula to help turn out quickly accountants needed in the war effort.

Socially, things at Bryant changed noticeably, too. Dancing parties and extra-curricular activities of all kinds now were given for the benefit of the Bryant Service Club or other wartime organizations, and, with the almost manless student body and almost everyone's "boy friend" off to the front, dancing partners were guests from the different branches of the Service stationed at nearby Rhode Island and Massachusetts camps. A man in Uncle Sam's uniform was always sure of a welcome at any Bryant activity.

An Honor Roll in the corridor of South Hall made its appearance, bearing the names of hundreds of Bryant men and women known to be in the Service. (There were probably hundreds of others about whom we did not hear) and a big new Bulletin Board appeared at the foot of the stairs in South Hall, upon which were posted letters to the Bryant Service Club from Bryant men and women in the Service all over the world.

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UP THE MIDDLE AISLE

Wedding bells have rung so many times in wartime for Bryant Alumni that an harrassed editor just could not keep up with them all. At times, it seemed as if every Bryant alumnus or alumna who wrote to us, or dropped in for a visit, had either been married since the war began or was going to be soon. So this column is only the sketchiest kind of a report of Middle Aisle happenings.

You happy brides and bridegrooms, send in the glad tidings so that we may publish the news in the next ALUMNI BULLETIN.

One of the big matrimonial surprises of the year was the wedding of Miss Mary Walsh, '44, of the Bryant College Faculty, who was married during the brief mid-year vacation to Mr. Conrad Fournier, Providence College, '42. Miss Walsh's engagement to Mr. Fournier had been announced at Thanksgiving. However, the College will not lose Mrs. Fournier. She will continue to teach here, while Mr. Fournier continues in his teaching position in Vermont. No newlyweds Bryant has ever had start their new life with heartier good wishes than Mr. and Mrs. Fournier.

One of the wartime weddings in which many Bryant alumni had especial interest was that of Miss Neal, Bryant's pretty little teacher of typewriting, who is now Mrs. Bennett, and is living in California.

Another former member of the Bryant Faculty who became a war bride is Mrs. Bernard J. Mullin, the former Miss Katherine Krueger, '33, who is living in Boston. Captain Mullin is a Bryant alumnus, '38.

Howard Blackway, '42, and Constance DeMello, '44, also became Mr. and Mrs. in 1945 and are making their home in Providence.

"Bill" McGrath, '41, Walter Lyon, '42, Curtis Dickenman, '41, Alfred Rockwood, '42, are a few of the many Bryant bridegrooms of recent war years.

Peggy Chyttilo, '44, said "I do" at a pretty June wedding in 1945, and is still teaching in Farmington, Conn., while her husband, Mr. Frank Whalen, Providence College, '42, is awaiting discharge from the Service.

Richard Hearn, C.T.T., '42, is now in civies and has returned to his Rhode Island home bringing his bride, a former Wyoming school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Hearn were married in Washington and took three months

crossing the country, spending their honeymoon stopping at different places between the West and the East coast.

Shirley Ruth Wilson, '41, of Holyoke, was married in December to James Eisenstock, of North Hampton.

Helen Jaaskela, '42, and Alfred Rockwood, '42, are now Mister and Missus.

Barbara Bowen, '41, is now Mrs. Frank Kearns and is living in Venezuela, South America, where Mr. Kearns is connected with the Curacao Trading Company. Ever send out any samples, Mr. Kearns?

Irene Sergay, '45, was married in February to Lt. Howard Reese, United States Marines. The former Miss Sergay had been secretary at the Veterans' Guidance Centre.

NEW SPARKLERS

The jewelers of the nation did a whopping big business among Bryant alumni during war days.

Beatrice Denardo, '45, now Secretary to the head of the Mathematics Department in Brown University, is another pretty Bryant girl who is wearing a ring on that certain finger, with wedding bells to ring when John Macioci, Providence College, returns from the Service.

Claire Ivers, '44, is wearing the ring of a World War II veteran, Lathom W. Sandberg, with an early wedding planned. Miss Ivers has been Secretary at the Rhode Island Catholic Charities.

Ernest Jordan, '42, is out of the Service and has plighted his troth to Jane R. Kenyon, of Allenton, Rhode Island, according to a recent announcement.

At a very pretty tea in Portland, Maine, in late January the engagement of Agnes E. Cook, '30, to Ernest E. Soule was announced.

James McCabe, '39, is wearing a happy smile these days. Back from Service, James persuaded Miss Gertrude Desormeau, of Chartley, Massachusetts, to give him a priority on that certain finger. Their engagement was announced at a pretty St. Valentine's Day party at the home of Miss Desormeau's parents.

BUNDLE FROM HEAVEN

It's a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Richards. Dona Lee Richards made her arrival at the home of the genial Bryant Prof early in January. It is Mr. Richards' second daughter and fourth child.

BACK AT THEIR ALMA MATER

A long list of Bryant Alumni are back from Service and have enrolled at Bryant for the term which began February 25, and another big group will enter in September. In addition to these alumni, there are a number of other Bryant men who were called to the colors before they could graduate and who are now back, or coming back, to finish their course and get their degrees.

Already in Bryant at the start of the February term are:

James R. Dow, '39
Philip C. Feeley, '42
Louis E. Glaiel, '39
Walter J. Lyon, '42
Gardner Oakes, '42
Leonard Sweeney, '41

Also the following former students are back to complete their course:

Frank T. Addario
William L. Bento
Arnold S. Cleveland
George T. Dion
William P. Gibson
Irving Hochman
Joseph Mandato
Leonard Sweeney
Jerome Goldberg
Harry G. Reid
Herbert A. Roiff
Bernard N. Vezina
Frank S. Zorra
Robert J. O'Donnell
Edward F. Ellsworth
George A. Barsalou
Edgar Broughton
Michael A. Croce
William E. Dubois
Armand O. Guertin, Jr.
Edward Kozon
James C. Moynihan
Joseph J. Riella
August Van Couyghen
George Weinberg
Fred Buben
Joseph F. Sorbo

It was "out again, in again" for Lawrence Italiano, '42. Three years and a half in the Air Corps made Larry like the Service so much that he re-enlisted.

Alumni of 1945, will be grieved to learn of the death only a few months after graduation of Margaret Doyle, who died December 7 in a Boston hospital. Peggy was one of the most popular girls of her class and her classmates and many of the girls and boys still in College who knew her were saddened by the news.

Since Our Last Issue

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These are a few of the changes that took place at Bryant in the early days of the war. As the Fuehrer and Hirohito began to totter, other changes came to Bryant. More and more high school graduates, no longer likely to be called to Service, enrolled, and returning Veterans of World War II began the education the G I Bill of Rights and the Rehabilitation program offered them. Many of these Veterans were many years older than the other Bryant students, but it was amazing how young and old mingled, and blended into the Bryant atmosphere.

Once again the student body was about equally divided in number between men and women. At the time the Alumni Bulletin goes to press the College has the largest enrollment in its history, (about nine hundred registered, with about an equal number of men and women) with a waiting list for the February term, and there probably will be one for September long before Summer is here. Every available foot of classrooms is being used, and plans for a new classroom building on Charles Field Street drawn and awaiting building priority, every dormitory room is filled, and the Faculty is augmented by many new teachers.

This, then, is a rapid resume of the years at Bryant since the last issue of the Bryant Alumni Bulletin. Of course, there were many other things of interest that happened during the time Bryant was helping to keep the home fires burning. There were all kinds of war activities, countless blood donations, exciting visits almost every day from some Bryant man or woman in the Service who managed to visit his or her Alma Mater during brief furloughs, service as hostesses at the U. S. O. and other canteens, and many other things. But, on the surface, work at Bryant went on as usual. Commencements rolled around and hundreds of men and women went out each year into the business world where they were needed in the vast war effort of industry and government.

Gradually, Bryant now is settling down to post-war conditions. Members of the Faculty absent in the Service will be back soon; hundreds of Bryant alumni are already back and by the time the next issue of the Alumni Bulletin comes to you we hope all of them will be safe home.

THE BRYANT SERVICE CLUB

The Bryant Service Club, after four years of splendid achievement, has been discontinued.

Soon after the infamous Pearl Harbor incident, the student body of Bryant College banded together in an organization "of Bryant men and women, for Bryant men and women in the Service". Its purpose was to send letters, cigarettes, candy, and knitted articles to Bryant alumni in the service of our country; and to buy war bonds and stamps. The things sent were of little intrinsic value, but it was the best way we knew of letting our Bryant Service men know that their buddies back at the College thought of them. Thousands of letters in reply—all carefully preserved in several scrap books, and available to any Bryant alumni at any time—were received by the Club, all attesting deep appreciation. Thousands of pounds of candy, thousands of cigarettes, thousands of letters and hundreds of sweaters, socks, scarfs were sent during the four years, and, small though the gifts were, it was a really big undertaking for students who had little time away from their studies and who, although not yet earning their own living, contributed nickels, dimes, and quarters out of limited allowances. It was a really big job just to keep up with the constantly changing addresses of the men and women in the Service. It was a lot of work, but a work which every student at Bryant during the past four years gladly did. Many Bryant men and women in the Service may not have been on the Service Club list because we never knew they were in the Service; some parents and wives did not reply to our requests for the address of son or husband.

And now, most of our Bryant men and women are back home, so, except for continuing to send things to the few men known to be in hospitals, the Bryant Service Club closes. If the Club brought a few moments of pleasure to any Bryant alumnus or alumna in camp or on the battlefield, it served its purpose, and those students who worked and gave that the Club might serve may always have the feeling of pride in a job well done.

Then we can have that whopping big Bryant Reunion we've all been counting on. If ever Bryant alumni let loose their happy cheers it will certainly be at that coming Reunion.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Several Bryant alumni who have returned to their Alma Mater to teach since the last issue of the Bulletin are Miss Esther Tew, '24; Miss Alice Hines, '41 (sister and classmate of Miss Dorothy Hines '41 who has been teaching at Bryant since '42); Miss Mary Walsh, '44; Miss Emilia Bucolo, '44; Curtis Dickenman, '41; John Renza, '43; James Walsh, '42, the last three recently back from the Service.

Mr. Hammond and Mr. Lambert are both expected back from the Service very soon, and the other Faculty absentees in the not too distant future, we hope.

Changes in the Administrative staff made since the last issue of the Bulletin include the addition of Mr. F. Newton Hayes, as Dean of Ex-Service Men. Miss Rita Cassels, '33, now has charge of dormitories; Mr. Allan added the direction of dormitory dining room and of the cafeteria to his many other duties. The College cafeteria, under Mr. Allan's supervision, is now run by the college itself with Mrs. MacArthur in charge. Miss Blaney, formerly Director of Publicity, combined two jobs "for the duration", as the wartime language put it—that of Director of Placements and Director of Publicity. Robert Blake, '42, is a recent addition to the Bursar's office of the College; Mrs. Dorothy Preston Robinson has been made Dean of Women.

The secretarial staff, too, has been greatly augmented to meet the demands of the postwar heavy enrollment. Since the last issue of the Bulletin, Claire Seaton, '44; Muriel Martineau, '43; Eleanor McCarthy; Julia Stawicki, '45; Mildred Gutbrodt, '45; Laura Periera, '45; Lucille Mason, '45; and Helen McNamara, '44 have been added to the staff.

Bryant College has architect's plans all ready for a new classroom building, to be erected, as soon as materials are available, on the college land on Charles Field Street between Harriet Hall and Eldridge Hall. It has been suggested that the building be called "Memorial Hall", in honor of the Bryant alumni who gave their lives in World War II.

Jimmie McElroy, '45, has a fine position with Tide Oil Company, East Providence, and turns up frequently at the College and Phi Sigma Nu dances, usually with his pretty little fiancee.

HERE AND THERE WITH BRYANT ALUMNI

Norman Bonn, '44, after being rejected several times during the war, was accepted for service by Uncle Sam in December and has been in uniform since the day after Christmas. "I had to stay home when all my pals were away in the service—now, when they are coming home, I go," mourned Norman.

Nicholas Coracci, '42, was a visitor at Bryant in early December. Just back from Service as M/Sgt. Coracci, Headquarters Third United States Army, Nick ran up from his Hartford home and spent a few days at Bryant seeing the many friends he has here.

Leger Morrison, C. T. T., '43, is still in the Service, in the Philippines when we last heard from him, and Leonard Levine, '42, has been with United States forces in Tokyo, but when this Bulletin goes to press is on his way home.

Ralph Lakey, '43, after being wounded in Southern France, is back home with an honorable discharge and in perfect health.

Julio Batista, '45, was placed as an accountant and translator of Portuguese, with the famous drug firm, Eli Lilly Pan-American Corporation. He is at present at the Indianapolis branch of the firm but later will go to Brazil for the firm.

James McCabe, '39, after flying all over the world for Uncle Sam, is now out of the Service, but plans to continue in aviation. Malaria and other old bugs took forty pounds from Jimmy but he looks great.

Peter Barlow, '39, is back from the Service and has been placed by the Placement Bureau with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

Harrie Taft, Jr. '43, is a Bryant ex-service man, who was recently placed by the Placement Bureau—with the Manville Jencks Company, Pawtucket.

Bob Manchester, President of Phi Sigma Nu in 1945, is with the American Bitumuls Company, a Standard Oil subsidiary. The other three members of the Four Musketeers of Phi Sig 1945—Joe Rocchio, Peter Cullati and Bill Keplesky—were also placed by the College Placement Bureau in exceptionally fine positions—Bill with General Electric in his home city, Bridgeport; Pete as a Cost Accountant with Manville Jencks Co., and Joe as Accountant with the Narragansett Machine Co.

Charlotte Head, '41, is now on the secretarial staff of the Veterans Guidance Centre, Providence.

Arnold Pearson, '38, is back from the Service and has returned to his post with the International Harvester Company, Boston.

Robert McCaig, '40, back from the Service and with Price, Waterhouse, Providence, and Amedeo Rossi, his classmate of '40, as Accountant with the Piccadilly Restaurants Company.

Edward Maziarz, '30, back from the Service and placed as Office Manager with the Brady-Fraser Company.

Lee Hastings, '41, said goodbye to Uncle Sam's forces a few months ago and was placed with the Colonial Motor Sales Company. Umberto Iacono, same year, accountant with the Rhode Island Hospital.

Anna Kebrek, '45, now secretary-receptionist for Dr. Samuel Clark in her home town, Bristol.

Robert Donaldson, '40, out of the Service and placed with the Oxford Press. (If there are any errors in this BULLETIN, blame Bob. He proof read it.)

Donald Seaton, '42, and brother Willard, '39, both back from the Service. Willard is now on terminal leave and Don has returned to his position with the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Co. in Ashton, R. I. Claire Seaton, '44, Don's and Willard's little sister, is a member of the Bryant secretarial staff. Mrs. Willard, the former Ethel Person, '40, was secretary with the legal firm of Sherwood and Clifford while Willard was overseas, but has now relinquished her position.

Paul Savoie, '31, back from the Pacific where he served with a Medical Unit of Uncle Sam's forces, is now Accountant with the General Finishing Co. of Assonet, Mass. Paul's engagement to Annette Guilmette, '32, was announced just before he entered the Service.

Shirley Poyas, '39, is now honorably discharged from the Waves and has been placed by the Placement Bureau as Secretary to the Dean of the Business Administration division at Rhode Island State College.

Bridget Ricci, '43, was recently placed by the Bureau as Secretary with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Harry Stockley, '38, whose marks in the high nineties made him the talk of Bryant during his student days, and who has spent many long, weary years in the hospital in recent years, has been placed by the Placement Bureau as an Accountant with the A. B. Munroe Dairy Company, East Providence. The sunny smile of the popular red-head was a welcome sight around the

College for several days while negotiations for the new position were pending.

Josephine Gifford, '42, was mustered out of the WAC recently.

Walter Quilitzch, '35, is back from the Service and has been placed in an important accounting position with the Rhode Island Natural Gas Company. Although one of the youngest students ever accepted at Bryant, Walter was another of the lads who piled up a record of high ninety marks while he was here.

Warren Allen, '41, is back from the Service and has returned to the Coca Cola Bottling Company, with which he was associated ever since graduation.

Another member of the Class of 1941 who is out of the Service and has returned to the position he held before donning uniform is James Collier, who is again with the Old Colony Cooperative Bank. Mrs. Collier, the former Florence Park, '36, is on the Bryant Secretarial staff.

James Sadler and William McGrath, two other popular alumni of '41, have been in civvies several months now and were placed by the Placement Bureau, Jimmie with the Apex Tire Company and Bill with the Comptroller's Office, City Hall, Providence.

Irving Hockman and James Moynihan are back at Bryant to finish their courses which were interrupted when they were called to the Service in March, 1942. Irv and Jim have something of a record as Bryant Service men. While hundreds—probably thousands of other Bryant men and women went into the Service all over the world, few of them ever met. But Irv and Jim left Bryant together, went to the same camp, later to the same college for special training, went to England together, returned together a few months ago, and are now back at Bryant together.

Howard Blackway, '42, is now a Certified Public Accountant, having recently passed the Rhode Island state examinations.

Howard Peach, '42, is back from the Service and was recently placed by the College Placement Bureau as a salesman with "Uncle Harry's Toy Shop."

Arthur Nelson, '41, was honorably discharged from the Service in November and was soon after placed by the College Placement Bureau with the P. L. Munroe Company.