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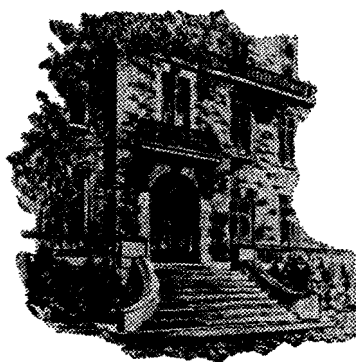
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THE 77th COMMENCEMENT

The 77th Commencement of Bryant College will be held on the morning of August 9, at 9:30 o'clock, in the Albee Theatre. Bryant Alumni are cordially invited to the exercises and may secure cards of admission by applying at the College.

The speaker of the day will be the Honorable James L. McConaughy, Ph.D., LL.D., L.H.D., President of Wesleyan University and Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Connecticut. Dr. McConaughy is one of the most brilliant men of this country, admired and respected in the educational world as a ~~man of forceful character and a~~ particularly magnetic speaker. He will be one of the most interesting of the many important speakers Bryant has had at Commencements and it will be well worth coming to hear him. "Doors of Opportunity" will be Dr. McConaughy's subject.

Student Commencement speakers will be Roslyn Adeline Roberts, Providence, speaking on "Faith"; and G. Alden Littlefield, Farmington, Maine, whose subject will be "Perseverance". Dr. James F. Rockett, M.A., LL.D., D.S. in C.Ed., Director of Education for the State of Rhode Island will be Chairman of the exercises. The Reverend Charles Townsend, Pastor of Saint Stephen's Church, Providence, will give the Invocation and Benediction. President Henry L. Jacobs will confer the degrees and honorary degrees upon several distinguished men and women, including our own Jeremiah C. Barber, Dean of the School of Business Administration in Bryant College and for forty-six years the instructor, counselor and friend of thousands of Bryant men and women. Mr. Barber will be given the honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration.

Bryant Commencements are always interesting and inspiring. The 77th Commencement promises to be par-

ticularly fine, and of course every Bryant alumnus of the past forty-six years will want to be on hand to join in the ovation and homage when the College honors our own "Jerry" Barber.

Class Day—on Thursday, August 8—is another event to which Alumni are invited. The exercises will be held in Bryant Auditorium, on the College campus. No cards of admission are needed for Class Day. Bryant Auditorium has a capacity of seven hundred only—but if you come early you may find a seat. The Academic Procession starts from South Hall promptly at 9:30.

A Plethora of News

The Editor of the BRYANT ALUMNI BULLETIN is "hoist with his own petard".

In the last issue of the BULLETIN we made an urgent request for information about Bryant Alumni. The Information Please blanks which we sent to you came back to us in a veritable flood. From all parts of the country came the blanks, with information, correct addresses, and queries.

It was a sight to gladden any editor's heart, and we express our warm appreciation to the hundreds of you who sent in the blanks. To the many others who did not, we repeat our request in the last issue: Let us hear from you, tell us what you are doing, your correct address, if you are married or engaged, or anything else of interest about yourself, or any other alumnus. Your former classmates will like to hear about you as you seem—from your interest in your BULLETIN—to like to hear about them.

Because of the gratifying amount of news which came to us on these Information Please blanks your editor is embarrassed by being able to use in this issue only a small part of the information received. However, it will be used in subsequent issues, so

if the information you so kindly sent us is not in these columns, watch for it in the next issue. The next issue in the Fall will be the Re-Union issue, so you will want especially to get that number.

Again, thank you, Bryant Alumni. As many people have told us, the BULLETIN is welding Bryant alumni closer, bridging the gap of the years since graduation. Your desire to tell, and to learn, about other alumni, shown by your response to the Information Please blank, shows that once a Bryant man or woman, always a Bryant man or woman.

With such a plethora of news as the editor of the ALUMNI BULLETIN has received from and about alumni, necessitating holding much of it over for later issues, another interesting feature we had planned for this issue will also have to be held until later. This is the picture of three or four of the oldest living Bryant alumni. Who they are, what they are doing, and something each had to say about the old days at Bryant and the almost unbelievable progress the College has made since 1863, makes a mighty interesting feature. It will be worth waiting for.

Bryant Summer School opened July 1, with the largest enrollment in the history of the College. Teachers studying for credits for their state certification, academic college graduates supplementing their academic education with specialized training for business, and a number of students of academic colleges who realize the help it is in their college work to have a knowledge of shorthand and typewriting, make up the Summer School enrollment. An interesting group is that of nine Nuns, all teachers in Catholic high schools in or near Providence, studying business subjects for advanced state certification. Sister Mary Venard Benoit, of St. Xavier's Academy, will graduate from Bryant next month, with the degree of Bachelor of Secretarial Science (B.S.S.).

Congratulations

The engagement of Carl F. McKittrick, '38, to Miss Maxine B. Bowen, was recently announced. Mr. McKittrick lives in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Pauline Brown, '39, is engaged to Mr. Raymond Peckham, brother of Beatrice Peckham, '34, (Mrs. Edwin J. Knott). Miss Brown is with the Puritan Life Insurance Company, Providence, and lives in Swansea, Massachusetts.

Henry F. Lee, '34, is engaged to Miss Peggy Myrberg. Mr. Lee is clerk to the Superintendent of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company and lives in Pawtucket.

Eleanor G. Davey, '37, has announced her engagement to John Van Bodegon, Jr., '39. Miss Davey is with the National Bank of Commerce and Trust Company, and Mr. Bodegon is with the Greenville Trust Company.

Marion L. Sherman, '38, was married in April to Willard Barker Vossahlik. Mrs. Vossahlik is bookkeeper with the Edwin K. Greer Company, Wareham, Massachusetts.

Ruth Niehsner, '39, is engaged to Mr. Martin Douglas Sackman, Garden City, Long Island, New York. Miss Niehsner is Secretary with the Cumberland Chemical Company and lives in Providence.

Eva Schofield, '36, is engaged to Joseph Coupe. Miss Schofield is with Gorman's Bread Company and lives in Saylesville, Rhode Island.

Dorothea I. Pappas, '37, has announced her engagement to John W. Anderson. Miss Pappas is Assistant and Secretary to the Advertising Manager of the Davol Rubber Company, Providence, Rhode Island.

Charlotte D. Clemens, '38, is engaged to Wallace G. Barnes, of her home city, Westerly, Rhode Island. Miss Clemens is stenographer with the Whitall Electric Company.

Mary Anne Wilson, '38, was a June bride. In that month she married James E. Gibbs, Jr., of Charleston, West Virginia, where the happy couple will live. Miss Wilson has been secretary to the General Manager of Watts, Ritter & Company, in her home city, Huntington, West Virginia, since she was graduated from Bryant.

Henry W. Corp, '33, is engaged to Miss A. Electa Kinney, of Pawtuxet Neck, Rhode Island. The wedding is scheduled to take place in Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, where Mr. Corp is Chief Clerk, Warehouse Department, Mene Grand Oil Company, C. A. It is from Venezuela that Mr. Corp writes exceedingly interesting

letters now and then—but not often enough—to his Alma Mater. Come up to the next Alumni reunion, Mr. Corp, do.

Mary Houghton, '37, became the bride of Harold Cheney, in Augusta, Maine, in March.

June Playdon, '39, was a June bride. She is now Mrs. James Ingalls of Brooklyn, Connecticut. Adele Rytelowski, '39, June's pal during their Bryant days (They even read and answered each other's love letters when the other was too busy), went from her New Bedford home for the wedding.

Bella Belinsky, '39, who is now Mrs. Awerman, has a young son, born about two months ago.

Emmett F. Williams, '39, Evening School, B.A., was married in June to Miss Doris S. Allen, pretty Apponaug, Rhode Island, school teacher. Mr. Williams is assistant to the Overseer of Weaving, with the Manville Jenckes Corporation, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Lynwood Mills, '36, was married in April, to Miss Hazel Handfield. Mr. Mills is an accountant with the Pacific Oil Company and lives in Fall River.

Adelaide Willett, '33, is now Mrs. L. F. Bushang and lives in Balboa, Canal Zone.

Margaret Walker, '36, has just announced her engagement to Mr. Milton Alexander. Miss Walker is Secretary with the Standard Mill Supply Company.

Dorothy G. Lingard, '38, became the bride of Robert F. Chilson in April. Miss Lingard was graduated from Bryant in the special course for College graduates. She was an alumna of Pembroke College in Brown University. Before her marriage, Mrs. Chilson was with the American Screw Company, Providence.

G. Clayton Upper, '38, is a recent bridegroom. He was married in May to Miss Louise Marchant. Mr. Upper, who was graduated from Bryant in the special secretarial course for college graduates, and from Brown University, has an excellent position with the Hercules Powder Company in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. When he was promoted recently, he came to the Bryant Placement Bureau for a Bryant alumnus to fill the position from which he himself was promoted. Many Bryant alumni do this.

Condolences

Claude Everett Thompson, a Bryant alumnus of about 1895 or 1896, died April 11, at his home in Pocasset,

Rhode Island. Mr. Thompson was for eighteen years an accountant with the American Locomotive Works, and later, for ten years, in a similar position with the H. C. Knott Company, Olneyville. He retired in 1927.

Elizabeth and Robert Bonner, both of the class of '31, lost their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Agnes Bonner, of Westerly, June 3.

E. Westcott Angell, an early Bryant graduate, year unknown, died recently in Providence. Mr. Westcott was formerly engaged in the automobile business and was well known in automobile and Masonic circles.

Dr. Frank A. McKenna, one of the early graduates of the College whose record was among those lost in the fire at the College many years ago, died March 4 in Pawtucket. Dr. McKenna graduated from Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons after leaving Bryant. He had practiced medicine in Pawtucket for forty years.

A Remarkable Record

The Bryant Placement Bureau has had a remarkable record this year. Of the 237 young men and women who were graduated in August, 1939, two hundred twenty-three of them were employed by April 1. At this date almost the entire class is employed and the Placement Director is tearing his hair waiting for next month when another class of graduates will be ready to meet the big demand there is for Bryant secretaries, accountants, office machine operators, statisticians, tax experts and other office assistants. Of the class of '38 which graduated in February this year, to receive their degrees or diplomas next month at the annual Commencement, 32 are now employed. These graduates of 1939 and mid-year 1940 are only a part of the placements—many more placements having been made of Bryant alumni. The Bryant Placement service is free for life, you know—as long as the alumnus has lived up to the Bryant standard and we can honestly recommend him to an employer.

This remarkable record is likely to be kept up, for the four billion dollar appropriation for preparedness will bring a tremendously accelerated industrial world and that world will need efficient accountants and secretaries. The early registration of students for the 78th year, which begins September 9, shows that young men and young women are realizing that need and are coming to Bryant to prepare for this coming business opportunity.

News of the Faculty

Since the last issue of the Bryant Alumni Bulletin, Dean Jeremiah C. Barber has been on the sick list. It was a sad day in May, when students of the Business Administration school—of which Mr. Barber has been such an important and valued part for forty-six years—were told that Mr. Barber was entering the Jane Brown Hospital here in Providence for an operation. It did not seem possible. For so many years, Mr. Barber had come as regularly as a dependable time piece, from his home in Scituate, to guide the destinies of his boys in the Business Ad division that it did not seem possible to have a day without him in attendance. Heroditus might have had Dean Barber in mind when he wrote the famous postal inscription, "Neither rain nor snow nor heat nor gloom of night can stay" him "from the swift completion of" his "appointed rounds." But our hearts were lightened when our beloved Dean began recovering from the operation and soon the students were beating a path to his bedside. He's home now, taking the doctor's final exams, and we are hoping that he will be with us on Commencement Day, August 9. "Sure, I'll be there," says Mr. Barber, scoffing at the doctor's doubts. "I must see this group of my boys graduate. And I can't possibly answer all the fine letters that came to me to the hospital from students and alumni, so I'll have to see the senders and thank them in person. There'll be many who wrote to me who won't be at the Commencement exercises. Say 'thank you' for me in the Alumni Bulletin, please, and tell them I really mean 'thank you' most sincerely."

In Mr. Barber's absence, Nelson J. Gulski has been Acting Dean of Seniors, and William F. Shors has been Acting Dean of Undergraduates.

Bryant Alumni will be interested to know that Henry J. Lee, Bryant '22, has returned to the Faculty of Bryant College as instructor in mathematics and accounting. Mr. Lee was for twelve years assistant head of the Business Administration department of the College, leaving to become Budget Director of the State of Rhode Island. Not only is he an exceedingly able Certified Public Accountant, and an excellent teacher, but a very likable, kindly person, who knows and likes young people so much that he prefers teaching them to the fame and fortune that would be his in the business world. No addition to the Bryant faculty has been more important or more popular than that of Mr. Lee.

Bryant Alumni who studied under him when he was a member of the faculty before, will look forward to seeing him when next they return to the Alumni re-union.

Another member of the Bryant Faculty provides the Bulletin with an item of interest. Ray L. Appleby is getting himself married next month, after the hectic Commencement period is over, to a pretty little school teacher, Miss Mary Thornton, until last June a member of the faculty of Rhode Island College of Education. On Friday evening, July 12, the men of the Bryant faculty and administrative staff—about twenty-five of them—gave Mr. Appleby a bachelor dinner at the Narragansett Hotel. There were a lot of gifts which the bride will probably not want in her new home, and an original poem that had both groom and guests shouting so heartily that the echoes could be heard way up the hill to the College.

Answers to Inquiries

We give below information requested by alumni on the "Information-Please" blanks. This information about Bryant alumni is taken from our files and other sources. We have endeavored to make it as reliable as possible. But there have been some 56,000 graduates of Bryant College and it is almost an impossibility to have accurate, up-to-the-minute information about *all* of the 56,000. If there are any inaccuracies, "excuse it, please", and correct us if you can.

Some of the information asked for is not given here, because we are still looking up records and trying to get the information desired. We hope we may have it by the time the next issue of the Bulletin is printed.

You will note that we have not given any home street addresses, for obvious reasons. However, if any alumni wish to write to other alumni, letters may be sent to the College, care of the Editor of the Alumni Bulletin, and they will be immediately forwarded.

F. C. W.: Sinclair Wilbur, '35, is now the Wilbur of Sargeant & Wilbur, Providence. Sinclair, who was a graduate engineer and came to Bryant after graduating from Rhode Island State, got his start in the secretarial department of the Grimes Box Company, later going into the sales department, and then into business for himself.

E. M. S.: Natalie Waterman, '31, has been in the Hospital, Manchester, Connecticut, since last October, and

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Here and There With Bryant Alumni

Maurice F. Riley, '35, is manager of the Local Finance Company, in Livingston, Montana, where he lives with his bride, the former Elizabeth M. Weber. Mr. and Mrs. Riley were married last November. "I miss the Greyhound Spa on Fountain Street, where I was student-employed while in Bryant," writes Maurice, "and even now long to be back there to dish up a little soup for the boys. My best personal regards to Professors Lee, Galski, Barber, Richards, Canty, Allan and Jacobs, Jr." The Greyhound Spa is still there, Mr. Riley, and I'll bet they'd let you dish the soup again if you'll come back. If they won't, we'll let you do it in the Bryant Cafeteria, and you can even spill some or put your thumb in it if you'd like. We'd like to see you. So Giddy-up, giddy-up, hop on your pony and come on to the next Alumni re-union, do.

Gordon Lingley is another alumnus of 1935 who is in Montana these days. Mr. Lingley has just been promoted to an important position (Those Bryant alumni do get promoted) with the Texas Oil Company, in Butte, Montana. He, too, was married last Fall, to Miss Rosalie Cronin. He began as Assistant Cashier with the Texas Company, then was promoted to Cashier, and is now Utility Clerk, in which position he can take care of any job in the accounting department.

Another Bryant alumnus in Butte, Montana, is Edwin Thomas, '35, who is branch manager in Butte for the Coca Cola Company. He is now in Anaconda, Montana, for the same company, but lives in Butte. He is credited with having increased the Coca Cola consumption in that town 240%. Ed's classmates, who remember how he tipped the scales at 217 pounds when he was here, will be interested to know he now weighs only 185 pounds. This makes us worry about you, Ed. You must look like a shadow. Come back to Bryant and put a little weight on, do.

Jeanne Waller, '33, is now Mrs. Leslie Ace. Mr. and Mrs. Ace (Jeanne—not Jane) live in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Margaret E. Michie, '35, is Medical Secretary at Butler Hospital, Providence. "I very much enjoy receiving the Bulletin," writes Miss Michie, "and reading about former classmates. Let's have more!"

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ANOTHER NEW BUILDING FOR BRYANT

Nothing gladdens the hearts of loyal Bryant alumni more than to learn of some new progress our Alma Mater has made. Such alumni will be interested in the latest addition to the College buildings—a new dormitory for young women students. This is the new Bryant Hall, named for H. B. Bryant, one of the early presidents of the College. The dormitory of this name has been for several years at the corner of Hope and Keene Streets. In September, when the 78th year begins, Bryant Hall will be at 131 Hope Street, next to the corner of Young Orchard Avenue. This attractive house has been purchased for the College by President Jacobs. It adjoins Gardner Hall, and the fence between the two properties will be torn down, making it possible to pass from one building to the other. The house has fifteen rooms, four baths and several showers, and, after complete renovation and furnishing, will be opened in September.

This is the culmination of a plan the College has long been working toward—that of having all the nine College buildings in a closely knit unit. Now all the College buildings are either directly on the campus, at Hope and Benevolent Streets and Young Orchard Avenue, or directly across from it. Across from South Hall, the College now has all of the buildings on Young Orchard Avenue from Cooke to Hope Streets, with the exception of the one on the corner; the new house just around the corner of Young Orchard Avenue on Hope Street; and the Wm. H. Scott House, dormitory for young men students, just a block away, at Charles Field and Brook Streets.

Other new changes at your College are a newly decorated Auditorium, with a new proscenium arch, new soundproof walls and ceiling, a brighter and lighter color scheme of ivory at the top and natural knotty pine at the bottom; and new lights.

Another change is a single dormitory dining room in Stowell Hall, to be used by the student residents of both Stowell Hall and Salisbury Hall, with Housemother Pullen in charge. New Badminton courts between these two dormitories and for the use of student residents of both houses, is another innovation being added. Every year in every way, Bryant grows bigger and better.

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Filomena Calise, '29, is with the Olneyville Boys' Club, Providence, where she has been doing a most interesting work since graduation from Bryant.

Francis E. Flanagan, '29, is Foreman of the Perennial Print Works, Pawtucket, and lives in that city with his wife, the former Helena Beech, and their child.

Edith M. MacKinnon, '29, is with the Providence Base Works of the General Electric Company, but finds time to continue the cultivation of her beautiful voice. Miss MacKinnon is soloist in an Attleboro Church.

Ruth R. Fuller, who graduated from the Summer School in 1922, is now Mrs. Lawrence R. Foote, Brown, '21, and lives in Rockford, Illinois. Mrs. Foote writes that she expects to be in Providence in June and will drop in to see us in our new home. The College was in the old Butler Exchange Building, in down town Providence, when Mrs. Foote was a student here. Good, Mrs. Foote. Don't forget. We'll be looking for you.

Henrietta Clogston, '32, is Executive Secretary at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Miss Clogston is now Mrs. Charles Hassler Capron. She was married last September, and lives in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. Mrs. Capron writes that she is "enjoying a busy life—interesting position—happy home and hopes to read more in the Bryant Alumni Bulletin about the class of 1932."

Thomas H. Black, formerly of the Faculty, along about 1920, left Bryant to join the teaching staff of Lockyear's Business College in Evansville, Indiana. Miss Fisher, also of the Faculty about that time, left to join the Gregg Publishing Company, in Chicago.

If you want to open a savings account or get a mortgage, Clinton N. Williams, '32, will serve you at the Old Colony Cooperative Bank, Providence, where he is a Teller in the Cashier's Department. Mr. Williams is in good company. A number of other Bryant alumni are on the Old Colony's staff, including its Executive Secretary, Mrs. Laura Degnan Cull. Its President, Edmund J. Weeks, is an Honorary Alumnus of Bryant, too.

Etta Stone, now Mrs. Wilcox, '32, Evening School, has a very interesting position as Secretary with the Tennessee Valley Authority and makes her

home at the TVA Medical Center, Gilbertsville, Kentucky.

Raymond W. Hartley, '20, is Secretary and Advertising Manager of the Morris Plan Company of Rhode Island, being placed there one week after he graduated. Gladys A. Steere, '20, is now Mrs. Raymond W. Hartley. Their romance began at Bryant.

Olive A. Nerney, '20, is Probation Officer, Fourth District Court of Bristol, Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Georgeanna Gendreau, '21, is now Mrs. Henry S. Berube and has two daughters, seventeen and thirteen. The happy Berube family lives in Apponaug, Rhode Island, and ambitious Mrs. Berube has been taking a "brush up" course evenings, so as not to forget her Bryant training.

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probably would welcome eagerly letters from her former Bryant classmates. Natalie was in a very serious automobile accident in October and was in a cast until May. She is now Mrs. Scott and is Chief Secretary at the University of Connecticut. Write to her, '31ers!

A. D.: Sorry, Jean Gildutis, '38, has never kept in touch with the College and we have lost all track of her. Does any alumnus know where she is?

A. A. G.: Mildred Sadlon, '37, is teaching at Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, Connecticut. She came back to Summer School at Bryant this summer to study for additional credits.

C. C.: Adine Brown, '38, is with the Pollack Thread Company, Groton, Connecticut.

W. B. S.: Eleanor Parker, '36, North Attleboro, Massachusetts, was placed with the Industrial Trust Company a few months after graduation and is, as far as we know, still with that organization. She has not kept in touch with her College.

G. G. B.: Yes, the College, when possible, places graduates of any year, providing they have maintained the Bryant standard of efficiency, and we can honestly recommend them to the employer. The Bryant Placement Service is free for life. The Bureau, as you know, does not guarantee positions, but it has a very high percentage of success in placing Bryant graduates in good positions, including many who are alumni of many years ago.

V. A. F.: Sorry, we have no record of Esther Nordquist, '21. Perhaps we may have the information you ask before the Bulletin's next issue.