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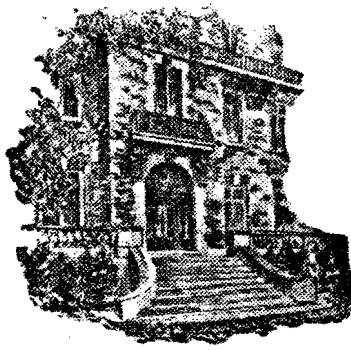
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NEW DEAN OF EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

One of the most important announcements of the college year is of the return to Bryant of Elmer C. Wilbur, who is now Dean of Veterans.

Mr. Wilbur is a graduate of Bryant, 1917, and of Boston University, 1940. From 1920 to 1926 he was Dean of the School of Secretarial Training in Bryant and for the past ten years he was head of the commercial department of Central High School.

Not only in his long experience in the field of training for business, but in many other ways Mr. Wilbur is an ideal choice for his new post at Bryant. He has a genial personality, a sympathetic understanding of young men and women, and has been active in many wartime activities, all of which make him particularly well adapted for his new work of counseling and guiding the thousands of ex-service men and women who come to Bryant these days.

Every now and then we hear from Bryant alumni who say they do not get their copies of the ALUMNI BULLETIN. In most cases, it is because we have not had their most recent address—many times even their new names. But there are others who think they have not had their copies because they think of the BULLETIN as a monthly publication. The BULLETIN is issued about four times during the year. During the war, for several reasons, publication was suspended. The last issue of the BULLETIN was in October, 1946. There are a few copies of that issue left and will be sent upon request to anyone who did not receive his or her copy.

Leslie Kirker, '44, is one Bryant alumna who keeps her college ties. A few months ago, a business trip took Leslie to Asheville, North Carolina, through the Smoky Mountains, to Miami and across to Havana. Leslie is secretary with the American Auto-

NOTED LECTURERS COMING

If you are a Bryant alumnus or alumna who lives near enough to Bryant to make it convenient for you, you are invited to attend any of the many interesting lectures given at your College every now and then. Of course there are some lectures that are given exclusively for the current student body. The unusually large number of students this year and the limitations of Bryant Auditorium, make this necessary. But there are some that are open to the public and Bryant alumni are especially invited.

One of these lectures you will not want to miss is "Report From Europe", to be given at 8:30 on the evening of February 2 by Erika Mann, distinguished author, foreign correspondent, radio news analyst and daughter of a famous father, Thomas Mann.

Another is "Inflation or Deflation—How to get Rid of Both", by Stuart Chase, noted author and commentator on Economic and social problems. Mr. Chase, who is the author of "Men and Machines", "Your Money's Worth", "Men At Work" and many other best sellers, will lecture on March 13. Both of these will be in Bryant Auditorium.

mobile Association, and her trip was to report to that organization road, hotel, and other conditions, in the South and in Havana. Before leaving on her trip, Leslie called up the College and asked for the names and addresses of any Bryant alumni who might live in those sections. "Just to say 'Hullo' to any Bryant alumni so many miles away from their Alma Mater," she explained. She was given a list of names and addresses and made pleasant contacts with several of them.

It was a great idea, Leslie, and one we recommend to every travelling Bryant graduate. The Editor is always ready to give any names and addresses in our Alumni file for any such good purpose.

AND STILL WE GROW

During the Christmas vacation, steam shovels were busily at work on excavation for another addition to Bryant College. This newest building will be an addition to Memorial Hall, the beautiful new building which was opened only last September. Even with the opening of Memorial Hall at the beginning of the 85th year in September, there is still need for more classrooms to accommodate the fifteen hundred students of the Day Division of the College, and the more who will enter next September.

The new addition will include three classrooms, and a large Study Hall. Each classroom will accommodate sixty students every class hour. The addition will be in the same attractive, modern architectural style as Memorial Hall. Memorial Hall—for those who have not yet seen the new building—is on the north side of Charles Field Street, between Brook and Hope Streets. It was named in honor of Bryant men and women who were in the Service of our country.

Bryant friendships are lasting things. Every now and then groups of classmates of years past get together to renew their college friendships. One such reunion was held in October, just after the last issue of the ALUMNI BULLETIN was issued, when Mrs. Viola Hopkins, the former Viola Hulbert, '38, was hostess to a group of alumnae of '38, at her home in Providence. Among those in attendance were Mrs. John D. Perkins, the former Charlotte Howland, who came all the way from Rutland, Vermont; Betty Hebb Ames, Lillian St. John Larson, Marian MacLiver, Virginia Mitchell Colvin of Concord, New Hampshire, Ruth and Marjorie Wilson.

These '38ers would like very much to hear from other alumnae of that year.

WEDDING BELLS

Bryant students came back from the Christmas vacation to find one of their instructors wearing a very gay, wide and handsome smile. It was the Faculty's newest bridegroom, Mr. Robert Birt, who was married during the holidays to Miss Jeanne McCurdy, attractive young Providence girl. Mr. Birt, after graduating from Providence College, came to Bryant for another degree and since getting it, has been teaching English here.

Invitations to the November wedding of Johanna Winter, '43, to Mr. Edwin A. Boger, were received at the College in late October. Johanna was formerly of the College secretarial staff.

Mildred Anthony, '43, was a Summer bride. She is now Mrs. A. Paul L. Hotte of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Wanda M. Wojtowicz, '42, is a bride of several months. She was married in June and is now Mrs. Wrobel. Her home is in Fall River, where she has a very interesting position with the Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank, of that city.

Elsie Cummings, '38, was a late Summer bride. She is now Mrs. Charles P. Flora. Mr. Flora, recently discharged from the Service, is now a student at the University of Idaho.

In Worcester in late September, a very pretty ceremony united Doris Gay, '36, in marriage to Mr. Lawrence C. Hutchinson. Doris and her new husband are both with the American Optical Company in Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Another September wedding in that vicinity was that of Eugenia Czelusniak, '42, who was married at her home in Easthampton to Mr. Frederick Kaczynski of Philadelphia. Eugenia has been with the National Belting Company.

An October wedding with double interest for Bryant alumni was that which united two Bryant graduates—Virginia Rogers, '41, and Leonard Sweeney, '41. Another Bryant graduate, Rita Thistlewaite, '40, was bridesmaid.

Two other Bryant graduates culminated their campus romance in November. Vera Lindberg, '44, and John Lindia, '46, were united at a lovely church wedding in Cranston, with a number of the classmates of both Mr. and Mrs. Lindia attending. John was President of Phi Sigma Nu during his

senior year at Bryant, and the Phi Sig boys were among those attending the wedding.

Another Bryant romance that had a happy ending is that of Marian Gollender, '43, and Leon Finkle, '43, who were married in New Haven in October and are now living in Gloversville, New York.

What is there about this Bryant air that breeds so much romance? Two other Bryant graduates who were recently married are Dorothy Arigoni, '43 and John McCusker, '42.

Charlotte Long, '34, was a Fall bride. (No pun intended). She is now Mrs. Marshall B. Marcus. Mr. Marcus is Assistant Counsel for the Rhode Island Unemployment Compensation Board.

Rudy Firmback, '42, and Char Anne Remington, promised to "love, honor and obey" each other, at a pretty Fall wedding.

Robert Frederickson, '34, made that trip up the middle aisle in October, leading Miss Gertrude Neuwirth of Pawtucket to the altar.

Rita McManus, '44, was married in August to Emery H. Cart, of Jackson, Ohio. The newlyweds are making their home in Providence.

Eleanor Dolan, '40, picked a Fordham alumnus for her bridegroom in October. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Daly are setting up their lares and penates in Providence.

Anne Turner is another graduate of '46 who has recently become a bride—in fact, Anne took time out from the Commencement activities on August 3 to become Mrs. Stewart H. Harvey. Mr. Harvey, recently out of the service, expects to study at Michigan State College, in which case Anne will give up her position with Rogers, Lunt and Bowlen in her home city of Greenfield and go West to live.

Eila Lahdenpera, '44, is now Mrs. Lawrence J. Harrison of Washington, D. C., according to Christmas greetings from the Capitol. After graduation from Bryant, Eila enlisted in the Waves and when she last visited Bryant was a stunning uniformed Yeoman.

Suzanne G. Kirwin, '40, was a November bride, and is now Mrs. James Richard Parsons of Wakeman, Ohio. Suzanne was formerly Secretary to Congressman Aime J. Forand.

Dorothy Wood, '41, was another Bryant graduate who gave one lucky man a real cause for thanks giving. Just before Thanksgiving, at a pretty ceremony at St. Peter's Church, Gaspee Plateau, Dorothy became the

bride of Mr. Robert Livingston Grace of East Providence.

Dantina Quartaroli, '44 (C.T.T.) made una bella sposa when she became Mrs. Salvatore Bella on December 30, with a number of "Danny's" Bryant classmates among the guests at the wedding ceremony. Mr. Bella is a student at Boston University and his home is in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where the young couple will live.

Just as the last line of type for this issue of the Bulletin is being set, comes word of the marriage of Shirley Poyas, '39, to Mr. Howard N. Barks of Northampton, Massachusetts. Virginia Poyas, '42, was maid of honor for her sister at the lovely ceremony in Rehobeth. The new Mrs. Barks has been secretary for Jones, Gardner & Beal. She and Mr. Barks will make their home in Providence.

ON THE BRINK

Janet Wallenthin, '44, who saw twenty months of yeoman duty with the WAVES, is engaged to a Purdue man, Mr. Crews Perkey of South Bend, Indiana, according to an October announcement by Janet's parents in Attleboro.

Charles Wiesel, '43, slipped a sparkler on that certain finger of Miss Jacqueline Berger, pretty Pembroke grad, in October. Not content with his Bryant degree, Charlie is out to get another—this one from the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, where he is now a student.

Phyllis Simpson, '43, took time out from her secretarial duties at the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island, to become engaged to Mr. William M. Zucchi, graduate of Westminster College of Pennsylvania.

Jeanette Glaiel, '42, is engaged to Mr. Anthony Nadeem of Pawtucket, according to a recent announcement by her parents.

Jeanne Brennan, '46, left her position with the Evans Case Company in North Attleboro December 20 to plan for her early wedding.

Florence Korkuc, '44, is engaged to Mr. Ralph F. Turner, according to a September announcement by her parents.

A marriage license issued to two Bryant alumni foretells an early wedding for James Erlin, '41, and Sylvia Goodman, also of the class of '41.

New Year's Eve was a gala one for Lillian Granoff, '40. It was then that her parents announced her engagement to Mr. Bernard S. Marblestone of New York.

NEW CITIZENS

It's a boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McQuillan in New Bedford. Mrs. McQuillan is the former Frances Phelan, '38, who was a member of the Secretarial staff of Bryant after she graduated and until she married Mr. McQuillan.

Elizabeth Ann Frechette is a newcomer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar (Buzz) Frechette, Jr., in Pawtucket. Elizabeth Ann's daddy was of the class of 1940 and was a prisoner in Germany during the war.

Harris Conrad Snyder arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Snyder in Greenfield, Massachusetts, in time to celebrate Thanksgiving. This eight-pound young man's mother is the former Evelyn Beebe, '38, who, after graduation, was Secretary to the Director of Publicity, at Bryant.

A brand new bundle from Heaven arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reid, of Philadelphia only a few weeks ago. Mrs. Reid is the former Edith Cornell, '34, who was formerly Secretary to Mr. Ernest I. Kilcup, President-Secretary of the Davol Rubber Company.

BRYANT ALUMNUS CITED

John F. Morgan, '31, was decorated by the State Department in December with the Medal of Freedom for "exceptionally meritorious service" as a foreign service clerk with the American Embassy in Moscow.

Morgan went to Moscow in 1939 as a secretary in the American Embassy in Russia. When German troops were approaching Moscow, the diplomatic corps moved from Moscow, to Kuibyshev, but Morgan and three other members of the state department elected to remain in Moscow to protect the lives and property of Americans there altho the city seemed about to be captured.

"Despite frequent risks of his life from air bombardment and from the rioting and disorders that broke out in the city and despite the danger of capture by the enemy, Mr. Morgan remained loyally at his post," the citation reads. "In so doing he performed conspicuous service in the protection of American lives and property. The courageous and unselfish conduct far exceeded the requirements of his duty."

Morgan is now Vice Consul at Buda-

The Honorable Hugh R. Wilson, an honorary alumnus of Bryant College, and the last United States Ambassador to Germany, died December 29 at his home in Bennington, Vermont.

Mr. Wilson began his career as a secretary in 1911. His diplomatic career included service in Guatemala, Buenos Aires, three times in Berlin, ten years in Switzerland, and Tokyo. In 1939, when the Nazis entered Poland, he was the American Ambassador in Berlin, and immediately resigned, returning to the States as special assistant to the Secretary of State and became one of the closest advisors on foreign affairs to Cordell Hull.

It was immediately after his return from Germany that Mr. Wilson was invited to give the Address to Graduates at the Commencement exercises, at which time he was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Business Administration.

Members of Beta Theta chapter of Sigma Iota Chi, and of the Alumnae chapter, wore their pins inverted in November in memory of their Sigma sister, Florence Mae Arnold, '34, who died on November 17. "Jackie", as she was affectionately known, was a charter member of Beta Theta chapter and for ten years was President of the Alumnae chapter. Her funeral was attended by a large group of her grieving sorority sisters.

Ambrose G. McConnell, '27' died suddenly in November. He was 46 years old and was remembered as a brilliant and popular student during his Bryant days. His home was in Riverside, Rhode Island.

Bryant alumni of eight or ten years ago will learn with regret of the death last January of Miss Annie Perry, who for many years was assistant to Mr. and Mrs. Roepel, who ran the Bryant Cafeteria at that time. Miss Perry knew thousands of Bryant students, as well as thousands of well-known Providence businessmen whom she served while she was with Mumford's Restaurant in downtown Providence. Her cheerful, sunny disposition and friendliness made thousands of warm friends for her in both fields and her passing will be keenly felt.

Wm. H. Parker, an early Bryant graduate, died at Sandwich, Massachusetts, in October. Mr. Parker was born in Wales in 1881, coming to this country when a child and settling on Cape Cod with relatives. After gradu-

ation from Bryant, he was for sixteen years bookkeeper of the Providence Gas Company, later becoming Office Manager of the United States Knitting Company, and then Secretary-Treasurer, remaining with that concern until it went out of business.

Dr. Charles J. Smith, another early Bryant graduate, died suddenly in Providence recently. After graduation from Bryant, Dr. Smith graduated from the Dental College in Harvard University, and for thirty years had been a dental surgeon in Providence. He was a past President of the New England Dental Society, and a staff dentist at the Rhode Island Hospital.

WITH BRYANT ALUMNI

Susan Mahoney, '46, is Secretary at the Electric Boat Company, within walking distance of her home in Groton, Connecticut.

Jeannette Stawarsky, another graduate of '46, is Secretary in the law firm of Boardman, Stoddard & McCarthy, of Bridgeport.

Pearl Diamond, '46, is with the firm of Nemron Brothers, Inc., in Bridgeport, Conn.

Catherine Darak, '46, is Secretary at the Community Fund office in Bridgeport.

Ruth Durant, '45, in a letter expressing her pleasure at receiving the Alumni Bulletin, writes that she has a wonderful position with a weather-proofing Company in New Bedford, Mass. What firm, Ruth—for the record?

Ruth Adamson, '46, has a secretarial position in the Graduate School of Yale University, in the same office with Eleanor McCarthy, formerly of the secretarial staff of Bryant College.

Helen Dziadul, '46, is Secretary to the Acting Head of the School of Social Work in the University of Connecticut.

Barbara Snow, '46, is Secretary to the General Manager of the R. F. Simmons Company, of Attleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall were visitors at the College during the Christmas holidays, just up from Baltimore, Maryland, where Bob is with The McCormack Company. Mrs. Marshall is the former Mildred Gutbort, '45, and Bob graduated with the class of 1941. Theirs was a wedding of last April.

HERE AND THERE WITH BRYANT ALUMNI

Frederick C. Kilguss, '29, has been appointed Executive Secretary to former Governor—now Senator J. Howard McGrath, and was given a big dinner and farewell party by his many Providence friends before leaving for Washington the end of December. Another Bryant graduate, Rita Dery, '43, has also gone to Washington as a member of Senator McGrath's secretarial staff.

Norman Bonn, '44, who entered the Service about a year ago, is in Germany, with the CIC. Herbert Bonn, '38, came home from the Service just about the time his brother was going in. It's "MISTER" (note!) Norman A. Bonn, Hq. 1X CIC, Region Bremen, A P O 750, New York," for any of Norman's classmates who would like to write to him.

Mrs. James Collier, (Florence Park, to her classmates of '36) is on leave of absence from her position at Bryant where she is Mr. Allan's assistant.

Many alumni and alumnae have been writing to ask the whereabouts of Virginia Read, '37. The former Miss Read is now the wife of the Rev. Frank C. Barber, Brown, '34, pastor of the Elmwood Baptist Church, Providence. The couple have two children, a girl of five years and a new son born September 29.

Barbara Bowen, '41, was a recent visitor at the College, renewing her friendships with members of the secretarial staff of which she was formerly a member. The beautiful Barbara is now Mrs. Frank Kearns, an executive of the Socony Vacuum Oil Company, and lives in Caracas, Venezuela.

Among the many letters received by the Editor of the ALUMNI BULLETIN expressing pleasure in receiving the October issue was one bringing the "life history" of May E. Gould, '33, up-to-date. The former Miss Gould said those famous words "I do" in 1941 to Mr. William F. Maloney. Mr. and Mrs. Maloney and their two children—aged three and one years—now live in Westerly.

William C. Scott, '42, now out of the Service and happily married, is with the Cudahy Packing Company in Detroit.

Virginia Richards, '44, clever daughter of a clever father (our own genial Professor Richards) is now assistant to the Credit Manager of Coro, Inc., Providence.

Josephine M. Conway, '34, has been Mrs. Frank E. Moon for over two years now. She and Mr. Moon make their home in Providence.

Another alumna who changed her name and address some time ago is Helen Waller, '33, formerly of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who is now Mrs. Leslie S. Ace of Chalfont, Pennsylvania.

And Evelyn J. Burr, '34, advises us that she is now Mrs. Milton V. Long of Providence.

The former Eleanor Burroughs, '42, has been Mrs. Robert Blake, '42, since 1943. Bob is now Bursar at Bryant College and he and Eleanor recently enrolled Robert H. Blake, aged seven months, at Bryant.

Frederick W. Brownell, '29, was ordained an episcopal priest in Virginia in the late Summer and is now rector of Abingdon, White Marsh, Virginia. After graduation from Bryant, Mr. Brownell entered the Church Army of the Episcopal Church as a missionary in New England and later in the Blue Ridge district in Virginia. Upon completion of his missionary work, he entered the Theological Seminary of Virginia and was graduated in 1944.

Avis Gardiner, '43, is now Mrs. D. B. Boatwright. In a very interesting letter from Avis, she writes that she has not yet used the training she received at Bryant in the Teacher-Training course, "however, I will never regret having taken it nor having known the people in the course." Mr. and Mrs. Boatwright now live in Columbus, Ohio, and while Mr. Boatwright, now discharged from the Service, is attending Ohio State University, Avis is acting as Secretary to the Vice President and General Manager of the International Derrick & Equipment Company in Columbus, and keeping house. "Give my regards to all the members of my class, and may the coming years give you a bigger and better Bryant," Avis said.

Blanche Sheffield, '46, is now Secretary to Mr. Aaron E. Elfenbein, Attorney, in New London. In a recent letter expressing her pleasure at receiving the last issue of the ALUMNI BULLETIN, Blanche writes that she is very happy in her interesting work and that she hears regularly from a number of her classmates who, too, "seem to have very good positions and seem started toward success."

In a characteristically enthusiastic letter, Marion Pothier, '46, writes from New Milford, Connecticut, how

much she is enjoying her first teaching position. "Please tell Mr. Mercier and all the members of the faculty that I was asking for them, and that I miss Bryant very much, but that I wouldn't give up teaching to go back for the world."

Esther Thurman, '34, was a familiar figure around Bryant a couple of weeks in November when she was pinch-hitter for Florence Park, '36, Mr. Allan's assistant. Miss Park (Mrs. James Collier) was on the sick list and Esther, who had just returned from a four months trip to California, came in to help out.

The pint-sized Miss Thurman, who was secretary in the Placement Bureau for five years, drove all the way to California and back, and up and down the coast from Los Angeles to Portland, Oregon. Her mother accompanied her, but Esther drove every foot of the twelve thousand miles. She has now taken a very important position at Rhode Island State College.

May Ballou, '30, is Secretary to the Chief of the Procurement and Supply Branch in the Department of State, Washington, D. C. Before that she was for three and a half years with the Office of Strategic Services in Washington. May writes an interesting letter to the Editor of the ALUMNI BULLETIN and wonders what has become of some of her classmates of 1930—Dorothy Cook, Alice Collins, Edith Boyd and Theresa Ruggiero.

Can anyone give Miss Ballou any information about these classmates of hers? If so, please send it in to the Editor of the ALUMNI BULLETIN.

John Hardiman, '39, is now with the American Oil Company.

June Steiner, '46, was a visitor at her Alma Mater one November weekend. June, who is now with the Aetna Life Insurance Company in Hartford, was the guest of Rose Turcotte, '47.

Rita McGuinness, '41, is now Mrs. Rita Black and the mother of a two year old son. Mr. and Mrs. Black, and Master Black, are living in Pittsburgh, where Mr. Black is completing his last year at the University of Pittsburgh.

Luella Gavitt, C.T.T., '45, gave up her teaching work some time ago to become Assistant to the Registrar of the University of Nevada, where brother Bill—Bryant, '40, is getting his Master's degree. Walter Gavitt who was called away several months ago from his studies at Bryant is in the Coast Guard.