77th COMMENCEMENT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, at 9:30 A.M.
in the ALBEE THEATRE

The Speaker of the Day will be

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. McCONNAUGHY, Ph.D., LL.D., L.R.D., President of Wesleyan University, Connecticut, and Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Connecticut.

The Invocation and Benediction will be given by

THE REVEREND CHARLES TOWNSEND, Pastor of Saint Stephen's Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

The Chairman will be

JAMES F. ROCKETT, M.A., LL.D., D.S. In C.E., Director of Education for the State of Rhode Island.

Commencement Speakers will be:

G. ALDEN LITTLEFIELD, whose subject will be "Perseverance"

and

ROSALYN ADELINE ROBERTS, whose subject will be "Faith".

Honorary Degrees will be conferred upon several distinguished men and women whose achievements have made them worthy of Bryant's Honorary Alumni.

CLASS DAY
Thursday Morning, August 8, 9:30 O'Clock

Bryant Auditorium

The Academic Procession will start promptly at 9 A.M. from South Hall, proceeding across the front campus through "The Gate", to the Auditorium. The Speaker of the Day will be

THE REVEREND DR. MAURICE BARRETT, Headmaster of East Greenwich Academy, East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Chairman of the Exercises will be

DANIEL F. SULLIVAN, President of the Class of 1940, School of Business Administration.

Class Day Orators:

MARGARET DAVIS HART, School of Business Administration.

and

JAMES L. MCCONNAUGHY, School of Office Management, 1941.

Music will be by

THE BRYANT COLLEGE ORCHESTRA

Under the Direction of Professor Ralph Handy

Graduates are urged to invite their relatives and friends to attend the exercises and to have their guests meet President Jacobs and the members of the Faculty and Administrative staff after the Exercises.

No cards of admission will be issued, but a limited number of cards of invitation will be sent to any friends whom you care to invite. Given names and addresses to Publicity Office.

Requests for cards of invitation for Class Day must be made by August 1.

BRYANT'S 77TH YEAR

The seventy-eighth year of Bryant College. The College will begin September 6. Only a month's vacation for you Freshmen who come back for your second year—but that's a lot more than you'll get when you go out into the cold, hard business world after graduation. The enrollment for the coming year is already very large, for higher education for business is going to be in great demand by young men and young women because of the rapidly accelerated industrial condition. President Jacobs declared the other day, however, that there would positively be no increase in the enrollment limits of Bryant, which has been reached every term for 1878, many years—this year the limit promising to be reached earlier than ever by the halls and lecture halls of old Bryant.

COMMITTEE NUMBERS, 1940

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The Exercises will begin PROMPTLY at 9:30 o'clock.

Graduates will assemble for formal exercises at 8:45 in the Inner Power of the theater. Enter by the Chapel Street door.

All degree students will wear black caps and gowns. All non-degree students will wear gray caps and gowns. If you have not yet been measured for your Cap and Gown, by the Waldorf Clothing Company, 210 Union Street, please send AT ONCE, your measurements on the cards given you by the above-named firm.

All young women graduates will wear white collars to complete their gowns. White dresses under gowns are preferred.

"All young men graduates will wear white collars and dark shoes."

The tassel of your Cap should be at the RIGHT SIDE. This is important.

"Tassel at the right side you have received your degree; after the presentation to you of your degree, tassel at the left."

Seniors who already have a college degree may wear black Cap and Gown, and their possession of a degree entitles them to wear the tassel of their Cap at the left. To insure getting the number of Commencement invitations and tickets you desire for your family and friends, please act immediately.

Cards for the Reserved Section are limited to members of your immediate family. Eight engraved invitations may be had by each graduate. Cards for the Reserved Section are not excused by the President of the College.

Arriving at the theatre at 8:45 a.m., put on your Cap and Gown and take your place in line. Lines are arranged in the order of the listing on the program.

At the given signal, the Marshals will conduct the lines of graduates to their places in the theatre. The Chief Marshal will give the signal to be seated. Stood, at signal from the Chief Marshal, while Prayer is being given; and when the time comes for the awarding of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

DO NOT FORGET to change the tassel of your cap to the LEFT side AS SOON AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED your degree, diploma or certificate.

Members of the graduating class who are not present at the Commencement Exercises and whose degree or diploma was sent by mail will be required to pay a fee of one dollar to cover the cost of clerical service, mailing and registering.

Graduates are requested not to have flowers sent to them. Any flowers sent will not be distributed until after the Exercises.

THE SENIOR "PROM"
August 9, 1940, at 9 P.M.
in the Ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel

The Senior Commencement Prom will be held Friday evening, August 9, in the Ballroom and Foyer of the Providence Biltmore Hotel.

The Committee for the Prom includes:

Nicolas F. Fairhaven, Massachusetts.-Chairman.

Charles Nofal, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Arlene Edna Johnson, Higganum, Connecticut.


Soannie Gardner Kirwin, Newport, Rhode Island.

Mary Myers, Burlington, New Jersey.

Russell Irving Cramton, Providence, Rhode Island.

Joyce Elaine Young, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Edward Kawkohl, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

President Jacobs asks On The Campus to remind Seniors who expect their relatives and friends to attend the Class Day and Commencement exercises to show their guarantee when securing their tickets at the office.

Additional tickets may be secured upon request at two dollars ($2) per couple.

Dr. Jacobs reminds Undergraduates also that they are cordially invited to participate in the class Day and Commencement exercises to show their guarantee when securing their tickets at the office.

Next year another Class will be graduating and this year's Freshies may get some points about what the best dressed graduate will wear or how the president. C. G. C. Conducts herself in the glare of Commencement limelight. Cards of admission may be secured by Undergraduates by applying at the office in South Hall.

COMMITTEE NUMBERS, 1940

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Puts on, and proudly wears—

Great thoughts, great feelings,

Puts on, and proudly wears—

Basking in the glare of Commencement limelight.
CLASSMATES OF 1940

To say that life begins in '40 would be an understatement, for these students have lived a full year of our lives. Our Bryant years have given a pattern by which we can mold our lives in years after school.

Our first arrival at Bryant found us untutored, and untrained. From mere personalitv, more into the throbbing, potentialities, we have become trained aboriously, it has not been drudgery. The fast-moving age and so adjust our lives the influences we received will long keep we did here was more than a preparation intense growth period of our lives. If:

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THE ANNUAL GREEK LETTER DANCE, at the sorority of the College combined to make the finest thing they could do to emphasize the Greek Letters did it again. Well, the Greek Letters did it again. What's the plural of Tux, Mr. Handy?)

FELLOWSHIP, more than knowledge, is what the graduate of 1940 needs. With, it CAN reach the heights.

TO MEMBERS OF "THE KEY"

A professor at an eastern university recently described college students as "very similar to coffee; many of the ingredients have apparently been extracted from the bean. Be this as it is, I should like to start a race of personalitv upon the undergraduate. Doubtless many of them have been disheartened by reading the recent newspaper accounts of the University of Illinois issue. The judges bestow honors in five years to come on those of us who own a copy.

There is a lot more work to be done, lessening the view that the east and west have been at large as the poet put it. In the past few months, meeting countless students, I have heard of a committee that can be known. We like our 1940 classmates, Lee, and all you ladies and basies who pro

DANIEL F. SULLIVAN, President Class of 1919.

It pays. You are not inactive, there are frequently other good reasons—reasons of benefit to you—why he should know

Fellow Classmates, is the idea I would like to make to you. Let's stick together! It should not be difficult for us because we did it, marvelously, in our two years here.

When we leave Bryant, the only auditorium we should have to make is physical. Our social relationships should remain solid and strong through the years. For this reason, I am saying not "goodbye" but "So long, you later.

Dean Barber: "You young fellows are never satisfied. In my day, a young man's ambition was to have a gig and a gal.

Another Commencement is here. Another group of Bryant men and women are ready to go from the classroom to life and adventure in the world of business and affairs.

Always at this Commencement period, there is something of affectionate sadness comes to me when I realize that the brighter, coarser grade of the graduating students, another group of my boys and girls, will be mine, so many of them from class rooms and campus when College re-opens in September, but this sadness goes hand in hand with my grade of peace for your future years.

You who are about to begin a new chapter in your lives have read much on the place that awaits you at the Top. Some of you doubtless it is but one short step from classroom to career. I feel that I have learned by my grade of peace for your future years.

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Bryant Marches On!

In the 1940 LEDGER, the author of the very interesting history of Bryant College, Miss Amelie Cannao, Commercial Teacher-Training, '40, writes of the progress of Bryant College has made since it was first begun, as a small school in 1863. Miss Cannao astutely picked one of the outstanding characteristics of Bryant—progressiveness. Many times businessmen and educationalists have called it a "downtown progressive College". Miss Cannao tells us in the LEDGER about some of the changes, the improvements, the progress of the College from its inception to the current year. Since The Lanterns went to press, still more evidences of the growth, the progress, of Bryant are to be told.

Who has missed the quiet (1) haven of the Auditorium the past few weeks know what changes are being made there. The graceful new proscenium arch, the new ivy top walls and light knotty pine base, the sound proof ceiling and walls, the new lights, will have been completed by the time we have a breathing space in those days of "finals" to make a brief pause for auditorium admiration. The first big event for which the newly decorated auditorium will be the background is Class Day on August 8. It's a pretty fine auditorium now and who are graduating this year almost wish we were not leaving, so that we might be here to enjoy it, too, in the new Bryant Auditorium.

Another big step the College makes for the coming year is one it has been working toward for a number of years—of that bringing all the College buildings together. Bryant Hall—on Keene and Hope streets—has been a fine Dorm, but almost like an orphan, off there all by itself. But at last, all the dorms for young women students will be together. At the beginning of the seventy-eighth year, next September, Bryant Hall, named for Mr. H. B. Bryant, one of the earliest Presidents of the College, will have a new home at 117 Hope Street, which the College has just purchased with its fifteen rooms and four baths, and several showers adjoin Gardner Hall on the rear. The fence between the two will be torn down and the last link by which the two buildings are will be thrown together, making each easily accessible to the other. The house is being completely renovated and furnished and already a number of reservations for the dormitory have been booked.

Another big dormitory change will be at Stowell and Salisbury House. This ginning in September residents of both these dormitories will have a common dining room and will both be under the same woman at the Dining room in Stowell Hall, which will be under the direction of Mrs. Parlin, at present Housemother at Bryant Hall. Salisbury Hall will re-ciprocate Stowell's hospitality by turning the present Dining Room of Salisbury into a Recreation Room for the residents of both Stowell and Salisbury. Baden­ton Courts on the land between Stowell and Salisbury will likewise be shared by the girls of both these dorms. Miss Blanche G. Clay has been appointed As­sistant Housemother at Salisbury; Mrs. Christine Doe, who has mothered and spoiled (some of us think) her little charge, the boys of Stowell House, goes to Bryant Hall to become Housemother there; and Mrs. Frederick Carroll, at present Housemother at Stowell, will have her hands full when she leaves the dorms and devoting herself to Salisbury Hall (we admit the description to-mother (pardon us—the s is a slip that passed in the typing) the Scott House trips.

And so at last, Bryant's new buildings are all either on the campus or immediately adjacent to it with the exception of Scott House, which as our historian in The LEDGER so understandably observes, is an interesting block away.

BRYANT FOREVER

Have you heard the words of Bryant's new song yet? Better do it. Class Day and Commencement are the days for every Bryant graduate to raise his or her voice in song and our stirring new "Bryant Forever" is one we'll all join in many times during the Commencement period. Charles W. Hill, '27, wrote the words, which won the prize in the song contest held this year, you remember. Here are the words again, lest you have no copy of "On The Campus" in which they are given.

(Sung to the tune of "God Bless America")
Bryant forever... Alyma Mater, dear... We are wise Beyond measure Having learned our lessons here. With stout hearts And with strong minds We now meet Life's tasks anew Bryant forever Our brain food true. Bryant forever... Alyma Mater, dear... Loudly we'll sing, To your blessing Loyalty through the fleeting years, For our men's and women's And our friendships And our happy days with you Bryant forever... Our hearts ring true.

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THERE ARE A LOT OF UNNUMBERED TURNOVERS AND NOTES AT THE END—but who cares? It was worth it.

Secretarial: "What? You flunked that course too?"
Teacher-Training: "What do you expect? They're not going to give you an exam."

"No, indeed. I'll have my embroidery..."

"Well, I am sure I heard a third and a fourth."
ON THE CAMPUS

COMMENCEMENT NUMBER

SENIOR SPEAKERS FOR COMMENCEMENT AND CLASS DAY: SENIOR "PROM" CHAIRMAN AND ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN

TO SIGMA IOTA CHI MEMBERS

It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that I thank my Sigma sisters for their cooperation and help during my past year as President of Sigma Iota Chi Sorority. I have enjoyed all social and business activities, and I look forward to much work and pleasure in my future years in the Sorority.

I wish to express to Mrs. Novak, our sponsor, my thanks and appreciation for her helpful guidance, patience, and cooperation to all her Sigma girls; and to Mrs. William Lambert, our honorary member, appreciation.

Sigma sisters, I also thank every one of you for electing me again your President—1949-1950—and also for bestowing upon me the great honor of Friendship Girl of our Sorority.

It is an honor and pleasure to be a member of Bryant's only national sorority, and I know all of us are proud of such an organization.

LUCY J. BLAIR

Weekly Matron of Beta Theta Chapter,
Sigma Iota Chi Sorority

TO SIGMA LAMDA PI's

Sigma Lambda Pi is the youngest and smallest fraternity on the campus. Yet, it has taken its important part in the college activities every year since it was organized. Because last year's graduation took a large toll of its membership, the present fraternity consists almost entirely of new members. New officers were elected last fall and the organization has been gradually rebuilding since then.

In February, Sigma Lambda Pi ran the first "Snow Ball" ever held at Bryant College. Amidst a beautiful spectacle of glistening snow, evergreen trees, baloons, and even a Snowman, the gay crowd danced, stopping only long enough to see the glistening snow, evergreen trees, balloons.

Plans are even now being formulated to enlarge the organization and to have it embrace a wider field of activities next year.

As the present presiding officer of Sigma Lambda Pi, I should like at this time to thank my brothers for having so honored me, and I am sure that next fall will find our fraternity a stronger unit both in numbers and in leadership-spirit on the campus.

HERMAN R. ROBINSON

TO BETA SIGMA CHI MEMBERS

At this time when we Seniors will soon be bidding farewell to our classmates and friends, I would like to add a few words as president of Beta Sigma Chi Fraternity. This past year, as in other years, Beta Sigma Chi has enjoyed a successfully active season. This has not been entirely due to the efforts of all new members, this will be largely due to the guidance we have received while at Bryant.

In closing, I would like to add my best wishes for the very best of good luck to all our brothers, classmates, and undergraduate friends and continue wishes to our College.

R. H. HAYDEN, JR.

President, Beta Sigma Chi

TO CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS

The Bryant Camera Club has been doing a number of interesting things this year.

Mr. Ray Ball, of the Artgravure Department of the Providence Journal, was one of the first lecturers of the year. He projected on a screen some of his color photographs which were as realistic as one could imagine. Mr. Ball also gave a short talk and very kindly answered many of our questions. Thanks, Mr. Ball, for always cooperating with the Bryant Camera Club.

The Club also had a few social events, such as a supper at the Fort Arthur and some ice-skating parties during the winter months at Roger Williams Park.

The Camera Club currently desires to own an amateur camera for use as the laboratory is in a very primitive state. All of our members are looking forward to many new and interesting activities during the coming year.

Helen Lynch

President

TO THE MASQUERS

John Milton, in his noted poem, "On His Blindness," said, "They also serve who only stand and wait." For two years I have been president of the Masquers and we have put on several plays. All in the club have had their chance to do their part and to interest others in their own way. Some have had more important parts to play than others, yet, they also serve who only stand and wait—even the procurer.

Soon we shall be leaving Bryant and the dramatic club. The spirit and energy of the graduating members of the Masquers will soon be turned toward other interests. Our club has enjoyed giving pleasure to others. We were happy to see large audiences when we came on the stage and four members want to express their thanks to Miss King for the hours spent with us. She has given her time and energy freely, never expecting any reward.

The Masquers next year will have a grand, newly decorated auditorium. Their plays and acting should be all the better, and I am sure that all will be interested in the coming of the club. All of new members, this will be accomplished.

The Masquers have given their plays and have never charged admission. The new management might suggest charging admission. The money earned could be spent on costumes and scenery. Regardless of future plans, we all shall enjoy returning to see fine plays and recalling the days when we, too, were in the Masquers.

Davon F. Kneston, President

TO PHI SIGMA NU MEMBERS

I wish at this time to thank all the members of Phi Sigma Nu for the cooperation received during the year now ending. With your help all the activities sponsored by the organization met with great success.

This year the fraternity has once again served its purpose in that it has brought its members to new friendships and has held social events enjoyed by Sigma Nu members and all other Bryant men and women.

E.L. FORBES, JR.

President

TO THE BRYANT ORCHESTRA

Under the capable direction of Professor Handy, the 1949 Bryant Orchestra has become one of the best musical organizations that Bryant has ever had.

The Orchestra rehearsals are something that all members have looked forward to with anticipation. It has been an opportunity to express our feelings and appreciation of good music. It isn't just a matter of having to practice. It is something that we enjoy doing.

I can well remember the first rehearsal which I attended. There were very few in the orchestra then. But this small number proved to be the nucleus of what is today an earnest and spirited organization of twenty-five competent musicians.

We are happy if we have contributed any pleasure to the Assembly and other group student meetings of the College.

On behalf of the entire orchestra, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to Professor Handy for his patience and tireless efforts with us.

Those of us who are about to graduate will be leaving with a feeling of sorrow not only our College but also our fine orchestra. I hope that some day in the future we can all get together for a reunion and to play again for our own entertainment and possibly for some College event. It will seem like "old times."

ALFRED C. GINLEY

Concert Master