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"SONS OF BRYANT, STAUNCH AND TRUE"


Fifty-seven thousand men and women have graduated from Bryant College. Many of them have become busy, important business executives. It is years since some of them have returned to their College. Many of them, however, keep in touch with us, through a letter now and then, or a word-of-mouth message of greeting, and the old Bryant spirit is strong in most of them. Among those who watch the progress of their College with pride and interest are the six men pictured above, who are probably among the oldest living Bryant Alumni.

J. A. Cooke

The earliest graduate among the above alumni is J. A. Cooke, who was graduated with the class of 1873, and since then has had a most interesting career. In 1939, the Providence Journal wrote a very interesting article about Mr. Cooke, describing him as a mellow and genial fellow, even though he once wielded handcuffs in one of the "toughest" parts of Providence. After graduating from Bryant, Mr. Cooke became bookkeeper for D. W. Goodspeed, on South Water Street, Providence, but the long hours (they were often thirteen or fourteen hours a day) were not to his liking, so he took up farming with his grandfather on a big farm on the old (Continued on Page 4)
Congratulations
Margaret McGinley, '34, of North Attleboro, was a Thanksgiving bride: Albert Rose was the lucky man.

Dorothy F. Foley, '40, and Ann Babinski, '40, climaxed their college courtship by a trip to the altar on St. Valentine's Day, in Providence, at the church they both attended while they were students.

Mary F. Koreke, '37, Riverside, became the bride of Dr. William R. Casey, of Pawtucket, February 15.

Word has just been received of the wedding in Berkeley, California, last October, of Constance Clarke, '31, to Mr. Oliver D. Clarke, of Berkeley.

Emma Russo, '32, was the recent bride of Dr. Paul Solito, Providence.

It's Mrs. Douglas Foster now. We knew her when she was Winifred Johnson, '38. Mr. and Mrs. Foster make their home in Pawtucket since their October wedding.

Among the October weddings of Bryant alumni was that of Milton Levi, '39, to Lillian Horvitz, Frederick W. Watts, Jr., '36, was another who middle-aided in October, when he took Miss Ruth Aseline as his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Watts now live in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dorothy Allardice, '35, now answers to the name of Mrs. Harold Gray. It began on the campus, while Mr. Gray, too, was a member of the class of '35, Mr. and Mrs. Gray are living in West Barrington, since their October wedding.

Eleanor R. Tranti, '35, was married in October to Thomas J. Quinn, Jr., Charles E. Swanson, Jr., '35, took as his bride in October Miss Mary G. Sosik. Mr. Swanson was second ranking tennis player in New England for two years.

Raymond J. Mulleney, '21, was married in October to Miss Anne R. McManus, sister of Alice McManus, '26, of Providence. Henry J. Lee, of the Bryant Faculty, was an usher at the very pretty wedding.

Ann Fox, '37, became the bride of John H. Fairfield, a Providence College graduate, recently. Mrs. Fairbrother is a sister-in-law of George C. Fairbrother, a Vocational Advisory staff of Bryant.

Georges Bockstael, C.T.T., '39, now teaching in Lockwood High School, Warwick, Rhode Island, said "I do" about Christmas time, when he took as his bride, Olive Thomas, '36. Another campus courtship with a happy ending.

Adole Rytlewski, one of the heart breakers of the class of '39, has given that organ away at last. She was recently married to Mr. Joseph LaPierre and is living in Brooklyn, New York.

Wilfredo Bazan, one of the most popular students of recent years at Bryant, graduated at mid-year and has returned to his home in Colón, Panama, where he will carry on the business in which he and his brother are partners. "Willie" gave Bryant students and faculty the thrill of their lives a few weeks before he finished his course by taking unto himself a very pretty bride, a Panama sweetheart of six years. Willie continued to live at the dorm and Mrs. Bazan a few blocks away, but every minute Willie could steal from classes would find the newly weds together. Willie returns to Panama not only with a beautiful new wife, but a brand new moustache, and with figurative showers of rice and good wishes, too. He plans to get all the other Panama alumni together and form a Bryant Alumni Club in Panama, and try to bring them back for a reunion soon.

Ruth Williamson, '36, and Roger B. Lincoln, '36, are now Mister and Missus. It was a wonderful campus romance. Another Bryant man, Walter Gay, '36, was best man at the wedding last July.

On The Brink
Dr. Milton C. Winternitz, Dean of the Yale University Medical School, of New Haven, recently announced the engagement of his daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Walter E. Thompson, of Providence. Miss Winternitz is an alumna of Bryant, class of 1939.

The engagement of Roslyn Roberts, '40, was recently announced to Mr. Irving H. Levine. Miss Roberts was one of the speakers at the Commencement exercises last year.

The engagement of Agnes E. Andrews, '36, to John S. Fiore, of Providence, was announced recently.

Sophie Kudriavetz, '37, announced her engagement recently to Mr. Lewis L. Allen, Jr., of Providence.

Pauline M. Scott, '40, and Ernest L. Anderson, announced their engagement recently. Alumni of 1940 were not surprised. This was one of the most ardent of last year's campus romances.

Pauline Morse, '36, is Office Secretary of the Fall River Y.M.C.A. and recently announced her engagement to Mr. Frederick G. Austin.

A New Year's Day announcement was that of the engagement of Joyce Rowell, '36, to Mr. Herbert W. Ellis, '35, Miss Rowell is Secretary at Brown University.

The engagement of Arlene Bentley, '29, was announced in Norwich, Connecticut, recently, to Mr. Howel D. Hyland, of Providence.

Evelyn Thomas, '37, (sister of Mrs. Georges Bockstael, '36, a Christmas bride), will become Mrs. Ernest F. Pike sometime soon. The engagement was announced recently.

Bundles from Heaven
Miriam Oliver, '36, has a young son. Miss Oliver is Mrs. Arthur C. Hart, of Lisbon, New Hampshire.

Viola Wittkainen, '36, of West Yarmouth, Massachusetts, is now Mrs. Nye Crosswell, of Balboa, Canal Zone, where a little bundle from Heaven recently reached her.

It was a little girl at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thrailkill in January. Mrs. Thrailkill is the former Zona Lien, '35. Mr. Thrailkill is also of the class of '35.

Sympathy
Florence M. Buchanan, one of the earliest Bryant graduates, about 1888, died in October at her home in Providence. Miss Buchanan was believed to be the oldest woman in banking in Rhode Island. For forty-six years she had been employed in two city banks, the old Manufacturers' National Bank from 1894 until she went in 1900 to the Union Trust Company. At the latter bank she was Secretary to the Vice President. Miss Buchanan had been prominent in church and social organizations of Providence. The ALUMNI BULLETIN extends its sincere sympathy to Miss Buchanan's sister, Mrs. J. Harry Bongartz, with whom she lived.

Beatrice, Cecelia and Constance Lamb, lost their father several weeks ago. Mr. Lamb was highly respected in his home town, West Barrington, and prominent in the business and fraternal organizations of that community. He was a frequent visitor to Bryant during the days Beatrice, '36 and her sisters, Cecelia, '27 and Constance, '31, were students here and those of us who met and knew him are sincerely sympathetic.

Our earnest sympathy to Florence Gustafson, '27, whose father died a few weeks ago. Miss Gustafson's devotion to her father was outstanding and those who knew her realize how great is her loss. Miss Gustafson was on the Secretarial Staff of the College for several years after her graduation.
Here and There with Bryant Alumni

Robert Dunbar, '39, is now clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Barrington, Rhode Island.

Mary Deery, '40, is now Secretary to the Editor of the Providence Tivistor, Providence.

Elaine Augustine, '40, who successfully passed a rigid test for the Rhode Island Unemployment Compensation Board, recently was promoted to a position in charge of the office of the Junior Placement Service of the National Youth Administration.

Frances Lee, '38, is now Mrs. James H. Kennedy, III, and lives in Oak Park, Illinois, where Mr. Kennedy is Solicitor of the Illinois State Health Department. Frances asks if any Bryant alumni are living in her vicinity, says she'd like to have someone to chat to about the College and its students.

C. Virginia Fanning, '39, is now with the Department of Public Welfare, City of Providence, where she has an interesting position in which she is very happy.

Jean Marriott, '40, is now with the Wesleyan Unit, where her speed short-hand comes into very good use taking dictation over the telephone from the Associated Press.

Lillian Murashke, '40, is now with Damon & Barretes, New York.

Florence Dudron, '40, is now stenotypist with the Railroad Y.M.C.A., near Grand Central Station, New York.

Marion W. Conant, '35, has been Mrs. Carl S. Jackson for the past two years and makes her home in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Frederick W. Brownell, '29, is now Lay Minister of Archdeacon, of Blue Ridge, Virginia, where he has been since 1931, since leaving the Church Army. Mr. Brownell was married in 1934 to Miss Carolyn B. Waters, of Indiana.

Sonnor Singal, '19, has been with the New York Life Insurance Company, Rhode Island branch, since 1932, and is one of the honor men of that company, the leader in paid applications for a recent month.

William P. Berth, '36, is with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, first for a training period in Washington, D. C., and now at the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Connecticut.

Frederick C. Kilgus, '29, was recently appointed Chief Clerk in the office of J. Howard McGrath, Governor of Rhode Island.

Catherine James, '35, was a recent visitor at the College, coming up with one of her sisters who will enter Bryant at mid-year. This is the fourth of the James girls to enroll at Bryant. Anne M. James graduated in '36, Catherine in '37 and Georgia in '37.

Lowell Remington, '39, resigned as Bursar of Bryant College in December, and now has an important position with the Mountain State Telegraph Company, Salt Lake City, Utah. John Von Bonnus, another brilliant '39 graduate, replaced Mr. Remington as the College Bursar.

Evelyn Beebe, '34, Secretary to the Director of Publicity of Bryant, signed in January to accept a position with the Coli Arms Company in Hartford, which is near her home. Olga Novetsky, '40, replaced Miss Beebe at the College.

Dr. J. Anton deHaas Coming

Bryant Alumni who live near enough to attend are invited to the lecture to be given Thursday evening, March 20, at 8 p.m. by Dr. J. Anton deHaas, William Ziegler Professor of International Relationships, Harvard Graduate School, and on the regular staff of visiting university lecturers of Bryant. Dr. deHaas has been lecturing at Bryant for several years now and is probably the most popular of all the university lecturers, with both the student body and alumni. Most of his lectures are given in the afternoon, for students only, but occasionally we are able to get him for an evening lecture. His lecture in Bryant Auditorium on March 20 is given as a feature of World Affairs Week to be celebrated in Providence that week. The subject will be "How We can Finance the Latin American Countries".

Mrs. Jeremiah C. Barber asks the BRYANT ALUMNI BULLETIN to thank the thousands of Bryant alumni who sent cards and letters of sympathy to her when Dean Barber died.

"As much as I would like to see and thank each one personally, I cannot", Mrs. Barber writes, "but I want every one of you to know how sincerely I appreciate your messages. The heartfelt tribute paid 'Jerry' by the alumni association at the fall reunion touched me deeply, and I shall always especially remember those who helped bring sunshine into 'Jerry's last days'.

In Memoriam

Since the last issue of the Alumni Bulletin, Bryant College and its thousands of alumni all over the country have suffered a great loss. On November 9 the College flags were at half mast. "Jerry" Barber had died.

For forty-seven years—ever since he was twenty-seven years old—Jeremiah Clark Barber had taught at Bryant, coming to it when it was a little school in the Hooping Homestead Building. In 1926, President Jacobs recognized his value by appointing him Dean of the School of Business Administration. And last August, at the seventy-eighth Commencement, our College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration. Mr. Barber became ill a short time before Commencement and for the first time in the forty-seven years was unable to attend the exercises, receiving the degree in absentia. By November, when the Alumni reunion was held, his condition was serious and when President Jacobs asked alumni present at that balk to stand in silent prayer for the recovery of our beloved Dean, there were few dry eyes in the audience.

Hundreds of men and women came from all parts of New England to the funeral, to pay their final respects, and telegrams and letters from all parts of the country poured in speaking their love and respect for him.

For forty-seven years Mr. Barber had helped young men and women in the most formative years of their lives, helped many of them up the ladder of success in the business world. Something of the fine, rugged honesty of his New England forebears was inherent in him and was passed on to the students under his direction. He was a sincere and self-sacrificing friend as well as mentor.

Jerry Barber's slow, nasal New England drawl is stilled. The keen shrewdness and twinkling humour of his honest eyes are curtained. The smoke from his old pipe has drifted into nothingess. His old horse-trading stories are but a memory. But Jerry Barber lives on in the hearts of thousands of men and women fortunate enough to have known and loved him.
Sons of Bryant

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Harry L. Humes, the first president, died even longer, he found, so he tried work as a Policeman, and as a street car conductor. In 1887, he left for California with his father—on the very day that Albert E. Potter, former President of the United Electric Railways of this city, was to have chosen Mr. Potter. "Of course, Mr. Potter might have had my job, one day," Mr. Potter said recently.) In California, Mr. Cook opened a grocery store, in the small desert town of Monrovia. The scope of this business was too small for him, however, and in a few years he became a travelling salesman, his work taking him all over the West and Northwest, where he made thousands of interesting friendships and had thousands of interesting experiences which alone would fill a complete issue of the Alumni Bulletin. About a year ago, Mr. Cook came back to Providence for a visit, his first in fifty years, but is now back at his home in Inglewood, Los Angeles county, California, from which he sends to breezy letters now and then, and reads eagerly and with appreciation each new Alumni Bulletin.

Henry Allen Brainerd

The oldest graduate from whom we have heard recently is Henry Allen Brainerd, class of 1871. Mr. Brainerd, too, has had a very colorful career. Many people recall the days when he played Rugby, when E. Benjamin Andrews, late President of Brown University, was the coach. After graduating from Bryant, Mr. Brainerd became a newspaper man, and, as was the custom in the old days, roamed far and near working on many of the leading newspapers and magazines from the East Coast to the West, from Canada to Mexico. A number of years ago he settled down in Lincoln, Nebr. Having lost his left leg, he has since been an invalid and types his own long, interesting letters to us with an accuracy that would be an example to student of typing.

Edwin J. Humes

Edwin J. Humes, of the class of 1883, is an occasional visitor to the College and he looks so young it is hard to believe that he graduated so many years ago. Mr. Humes retired some twenty years ago to devote himself exclusively to caring for his own properties and investments. He had a reservation for the last Alumni reunion dinner, but it was a wild, rainy night and Mr. Humes wisely remained at his beautiful home in the suburbs of North Anthoston, he brought to the Editor of the Alumni Bulletin recently a copy of an interesting article from the Providence Evening Bulletin, of June, 1883, telling about the graduation exercises of his class. The annual graduating exercises of the Providence Bryant & Stratton Business College held in the large hall of the College in the Hopkins Memorial Building at 8:00 o'clock this morning. There was an unusually large attendance of the relatives and friends of the pupils, every seat being occupied, while many were forced to stand during the interesting exercises. The first number on the programme was Quadroon, from Farmer's Mass in 8 flat which was well rendered by Misses O. Edna Smith, and Misses Carrie E. Kiermeyer, contralto and Misses Albert L. Lusk, piano, and Fred A. Daniels, basso. Next came a debate on the question: Rendeer, that Julian Gout was a great man. Mr. C. A. Lamson acted as Chairman, while the affirmative was maintained by Misses Henry P. Bourne, Herkley Wing, John K. Molyne, Leland A. Thurman, and Bryant H. Gardner. Misses Edna J. Humes, Albert L. Lusk, Fred F. Smith, and Henry J. Molyne outstanding in the debate. The debate was spirited and the chairman of the committee was satisfactorily acquitted. At the conclusion of the arguments the chairman called for a song of farewell, and the song, the negative was declared to have been successful. After a piano solo by Mr. Leland A. Thurman, Miss G. E. Smith retited "The Door" with excellent effect. Mr. G. 

Charles A. Horton graduated from Bryant in 1889 and immediately went to work. He rose steadily with the firm and has remained with them for fifty-one years. A year ago, Mr. Horton came back to Bryant for his first visit since he graduated. It was the fiftieth anniversary both as a Bryant alumnus and with Brown & Ivies. That noon, the firm had given him a big surprise luncheon, presenting him with a handsome, suitably inscribed, gold watch, and several other tokens of esteem and appreciation. That evening, Bryant alumni gave him another ovation at the alumni banquet in Bryant Auditorium. He missed the reunion last November because of the very bad weather, so he, like Mr. Humes, had a reservation.

William C. Chambers

Almost the baby of the old Bryant graduates is William C. Chambers, of the class of the then called "commercial course," which in 1901—fifty years ago—re-entered Bryant in 1889 for a secretarial course, and in 1890 received his diploma (Bryant then gave only diplomas for it was not state authorized to confer degrees until 1930). Mr. Chambers is one of the most prominent Adjusters of Fire Losses in the country, with his offices in Providence. Unfortunately we have no picture of him to add to the group above.