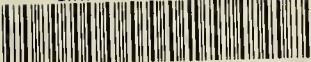


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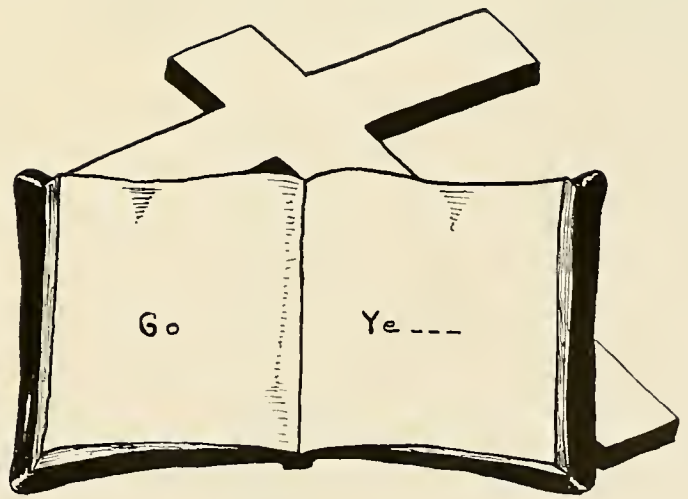
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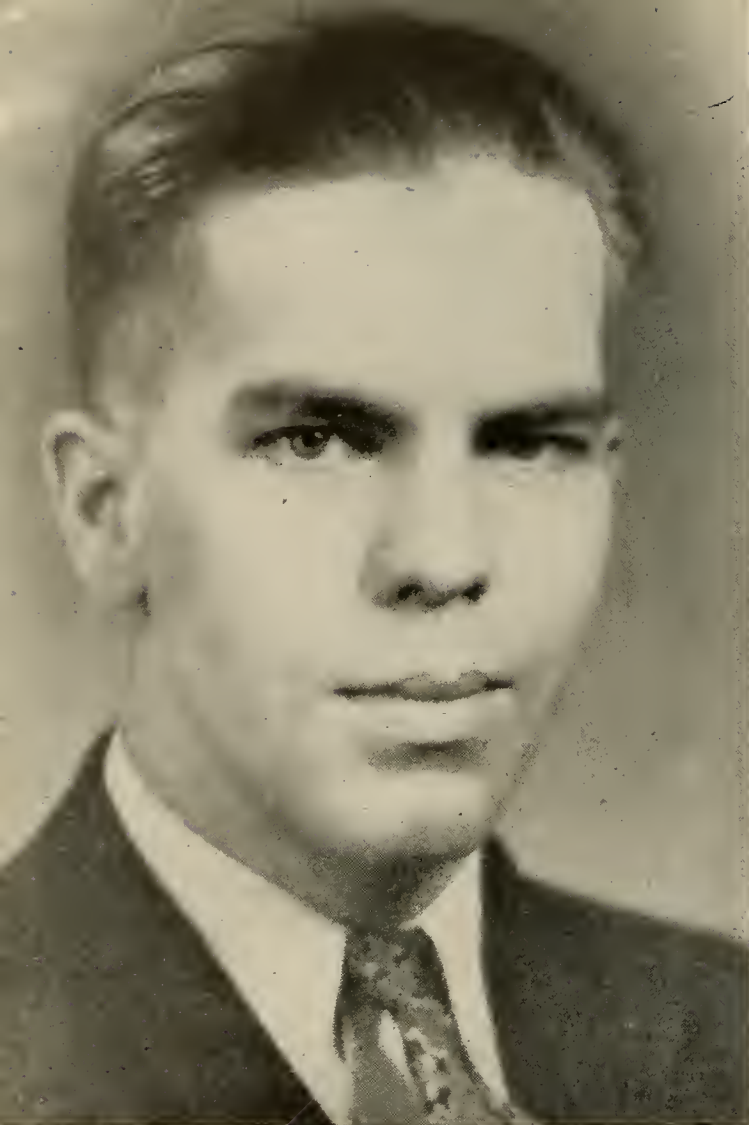


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Dedication

Because he sincerely desires to aid, and to uplift those around him. . . .

Because he maintains his fine character and high ideals. . . .

Because he never fails to see the "other side". . . .

Because his Christian life is a constant testimony to God's love and grace. . . .

We, the class of '45, affectionately dedicate this *Commoner* to Professor Lloyd E. Fish.

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Foreword

SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS! ON THE FAR-FLUNG BATTLEFRONTS OF THE WORLD THE WARFARE AGAINST SIN AND IGNORANCE AND SUPERSTITION GOES ON WITHOUT CEASING. TO THE MISSIONARIES OF THE GOSPEL—WHOM WE DELIGHT TO HONOR IN THE THEME OF THIS BOOK—THERE CAN BE NO PEACE WHILE MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE DYING, WITHOUT CHRIST, IN THE DARKNESS OF HEATHENISM. THIS VOLUME OF THE *COMMONER* PORTRAYS THE LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF STUDENTS AND STAFF AT BRYAN UNIVERSITY, BUT THROUGH AND BEYOND THESE PAGES RINGS THE URGENCY OF THE COMMAND "GO YE . . .", AND IN THE DAYS THAT LIE AHEAD SOME OF THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF WHOM THESE PAGES TELL WILL TAKE THEIR PLACES IN THE FRONT RANKS AS . . . SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS!



The Warfare of Faith

BELOVED FELLOWSOLDIERS :

It is well that we understand our task in keeping and earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Our responsibility goes far beyond a defense of the Bible as the Word of God. The Bible itself is our weapon, and our greatest strategy is to use it aggressively as a weapon. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Bible is its own defense. With this in mind, a minimum of time and energy has been given to defending the Bible here at the William Jennings Bryan University. Rather, the Bible has been put to the test. The Bible has been taught as God's Word by godly teachers. Scripture has been compared with scripture. Students and staff members have been urged to read, to study and to meditate on God's Word. The Spirit of God has opened the scriptures unto us. Lives have been and are being transformed.

The results have been as God intended. Our hearts have burned within us. Lives have been cleansed and set apart for His service. Many have gone forth to wield the Sword of the Spirit. Others will follow, some to give a simple witness to Christ's saving and cleansing power, and others to teach and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and His Word.

In a few short years, we have seen the marvelous result of such a simple program of spiritual warfare, even though on a limited scale. There are many full-time Christian workers at home and abroad, and there are those who will support them. We would not forget the Bryan University soldiers for Christ in the Armed Forces. Others will follow in the train of those who have gone before.

Pray ye, therefore, that this practical program may be enlarged. We have tasted the first fruits and anticipate greater victories, should the Lord tarry. Let us go faithfully about His business "Till He Come."

Earnestly yours,

JUDSON A. RUDD,
President.



In Memoriam

It was on December 11, 1943, that the Lord called home our beloved Dr. Harris H. Gregg. Nationally known as a Bible teacher, preacher, and expositor, Dr. Gregg had held pastorates in many parts of the United States and in Canada. Leaving active pastoral work in 1938 he gave his time unsparingly to Bible conferences in Canada, England, and throughout the United States, to the extent of his strength, and beyond.

Dr. Gregg was a most humble, gracious, and loving Christian. He knew and loved the Word of God as few men have, and was a true soldier and defender of the cross. His ministry to us in chapel and in Bible classes was both an inspiration and a blessing. The phrase he used most frequently was, "Oh, what a wonderful Saviour." Truly, in losing Dr. Gregg, we have lost one of our best and very dearest friends: but for him, "to die is gain."



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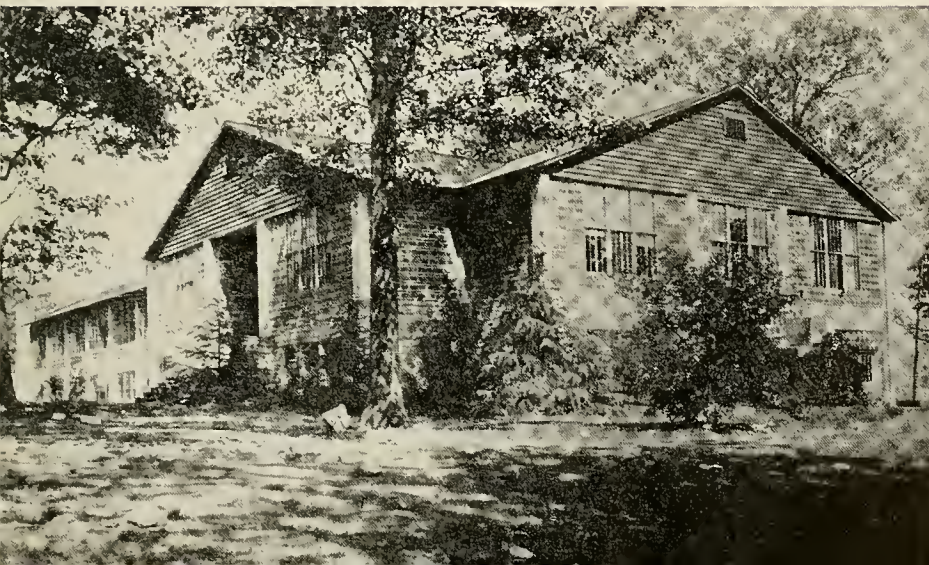
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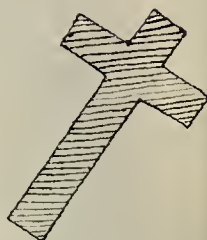


A Salute to Bryan Men in the Armed Forces

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Where is the person who today remains untouched by the fateful carnage of war? Indeed, the hearts of countless millions are with loved ones "on the land, on the sea, and in the air." We of the *Commoner* Staff cannot hope to fully express the love and appreciation of our student body toward those of our number gone forth into the service of our country, but we do desire, in this page set apart for them, to show in some small measure the appreciation we have for them. Best of all, we are assured that those who have left us are not only giving their best for their country but are maintaining a clear-cut testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. We also, who remain at home, are determined to be faithful to our responsibilities, and constant as we undergird our soldiers and our sailors with our prayers.





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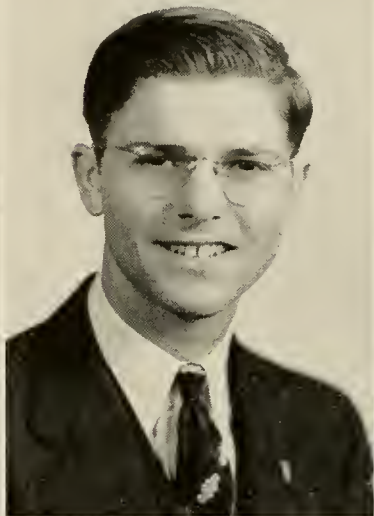
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CLYDE BROGAN

North Benton, Ohio

Gold; Pastors' F'ship 1, 2, Sec. 3, Pres. 4; Child Evan. 3, Pres. 4; *Who's Who* 4; '43 *Commoner* Art Ed.; Forensic 2, 3, 4; Class V-Pres. 2; Journ. 3, V-Pres. 4; Gospel Singers 1, 2; Choir 1, 2.



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Jacksonville, Florida

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Winter Garden, Florida

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EUGENE ROSENAU

Bronson, Michigan

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Hudson, Michigan

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PEGE HEGE
Medina, Ohio

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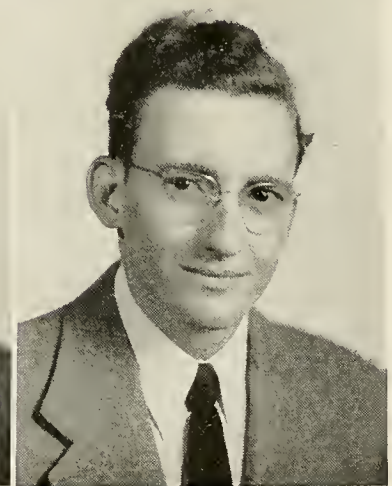
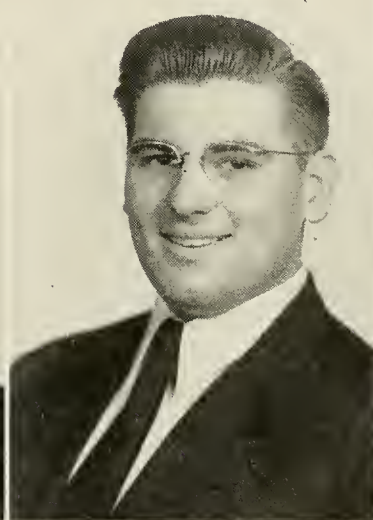
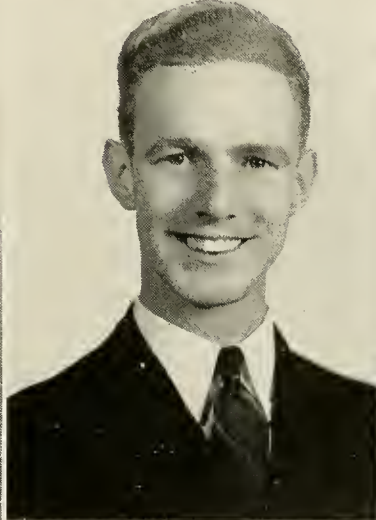
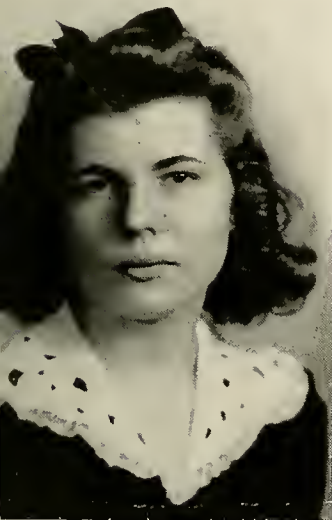
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CALVIN MILLER
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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JEAN NEFF
Altoona, Pennsylvania

Scarlet; F. M. F. 1, 3, 4, 5; V-Pres. 4; Lay Amb. 2; Stud. Coun. 1; Forensic 1, 2, 3, 4; Cor. Sec. 2, 3; Archery 2, 3, 4; Sec.-Treas. 2; Choir 2, 3.



NELLIE STOVER

Wapato, Washington
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Memphis, Tennessee
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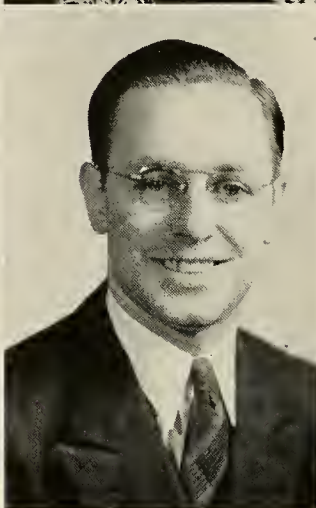
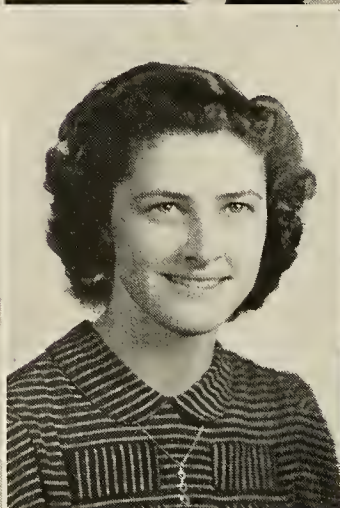
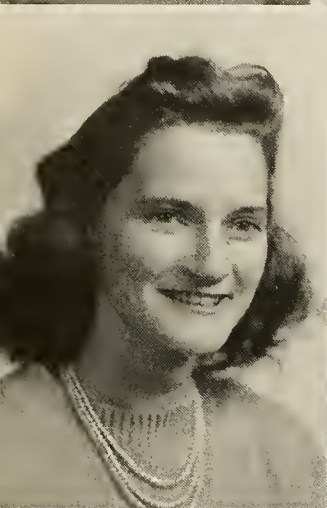
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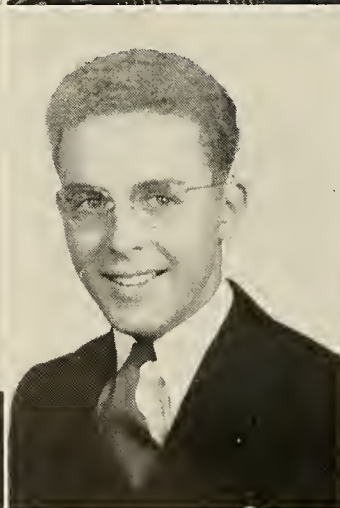
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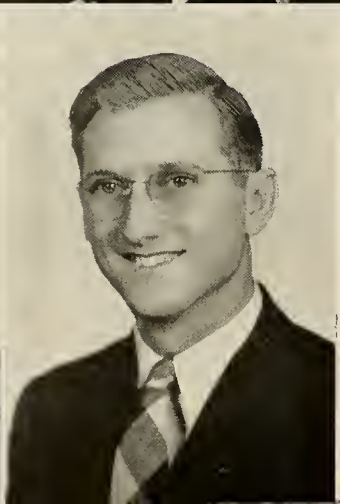
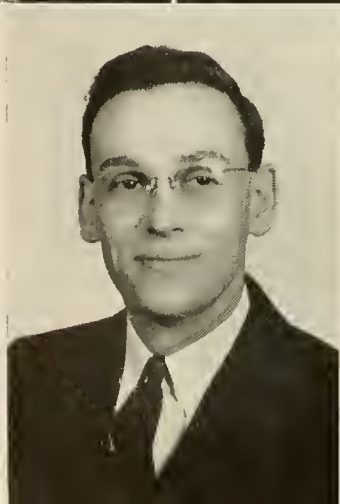
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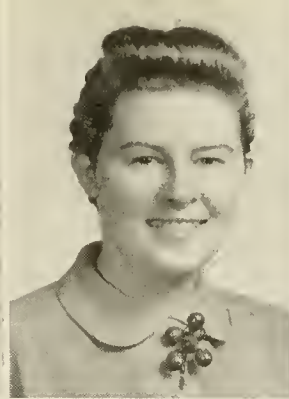
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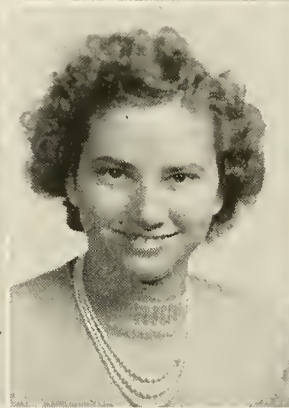
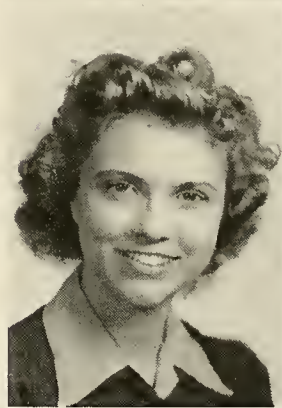
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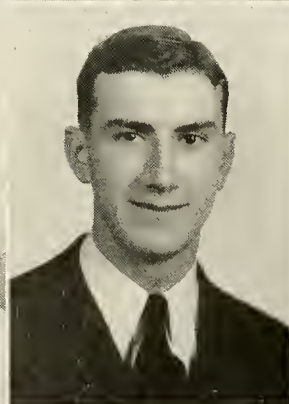
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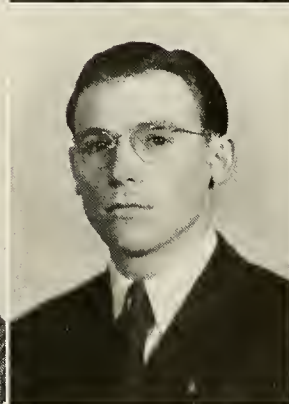
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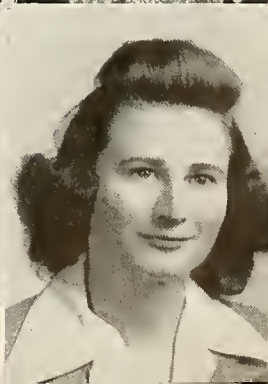
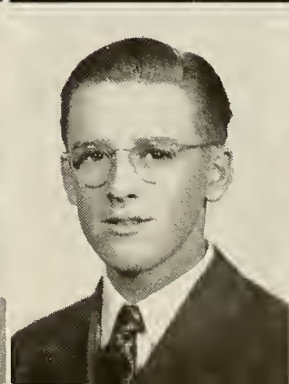
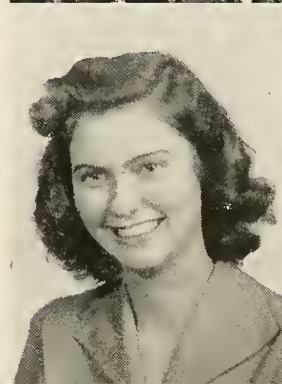
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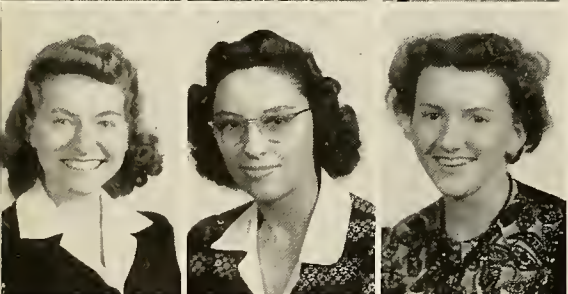
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ORGANIZATIONS



Lay Ambassadors

Not everyone is called to be a pastor or a missionary but everyone does have the privilege of being a witness for Him. The Lay Ambassadors, one of the groups of the Christian Service Association, is an organization with a two-fold purpose; first, bringing to the Throne of Grace those who are out serving our Lord and Saviour; and second, giving profitable opportunity to all who desire to be ambassadors for Christ right where they are. Meetings are held every other Wednesday of each month, alternating with the C. S. A. prayer meeting.

Front row—H. Geiger, F. Reed, E. Ziegler, P. Hege, A. Northrup, President; J. Brubaker. *Second row*—L. Borgard, L. Howland, P. Porter, E. Campbell, B. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer; M. Rogers, Vice-President; A. Kettenring. *Third row*—A. Henderson, D. Borrer, T. Stuteville, B. Birch, A. Garber.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

“Suffer the little children to come unto me.” . . . Believing that the Master would have us begin with the children, the Child Evangelism Fellowship has been organized. The basic purpose of this organization is to unite those interested in children’s work and to open up opportunities for experience among the children of this section. Finding the children in schools, in homes, and on the street, various members of the group teach them, through object lessons, choruses, and stories, the message of the Gospel and the will of the Lord for their lives. The children are eager to hear and to learn, and much good has been accomplished in their lives.

Front row—A. Tucker, L. Howland, R. Kuhn, C. Brogan, President; H. Geiger, M. Rogers, D. Borrer. *Second row*—P. Porter, T. Stuteville, E. Healan, Vice-President; M. Brickel, C. Miller, E. Ziegler, A. Kettenring, Secretary-Treasurer; B. Birch.



Student Pastors' Fellowship

The Pastors' Fellowship, another branch of the Christian Service Association, is an organization whose membership includes those students who are called of the Lord to the ministry of the gospel.

Members of the Fellowship encourage one another in Christian life and service. Young men find profit in discussion of the methods and problems of the ministry, and in opportunity for giving and hearing gospel messages. Through active service in schools, churches, and mountain communities, the men of this group are equipping themselves, with God's help, for a full life of service.



Seated—L. Pifer, Secretary; C. Brogan, President; J. Sullivan, Vice-President.
Standing—S. Wemp, F. Lance, E. Miller, D. Baker, W. Tressler.

Foreign Missions Fellowship

The Foreign Missions Fellowship is a branch of the Christian Service Association consisting of young men and women who intend to serve the Lord in foreign fields as God leads the way. Also included are students with an interest and love for foreign missions, and missionaries.

Meetings may consist of a round table discussion on some missionary topic, or of a number of book reports on missionaries' lives, showing how God can work, and how He does work in their lives. Sometimes there is a meeting given over to introducing the needs and difficulties of missionaries or stating requirements of missionaries to various mission boards.

Those who have attended these meetings can truthfully say that they have received much blessing and that hearts have been touched as God shows the need for missionaries to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Front row—C. Graham, R. Kuhn, Mrs. Pettit, M. Miller, E. Goodman, M. Baldwin, N. Stover, Secretary-Treasurer. *Second row*—Mr. Pettit, A. Tucker, A. Wildern, Vice-President; G. Pifer, J. Neff. *Third row*—R. St. John, A. Moginot, E. Healan, E. Rosenau, District Representative. *Fourth row*—A. Wyllie, President; G. Hay, C. Miller, M. Brickel. *Not pictured*—B. Batson, C. S. A. Representative.





Forensic Union

College life is a blend of formal and informal gatherings all combining to make a well-rounded college curriculum. The Forensic Union is one of those organizations which educates a student in the methods and procedures of a formal meeting.

The Union meets every other Tuesday of each month. The meetings are started with devotions, followed by a minute of silent prayer for men in service. Then follow special music, extemporaneous and impromptu speeches, book reports and poems, all centering on the chosen theme of the evening. Parliamentary drill and the critique complete the program. In closing, the roll is called, then business is brought before the Union. A motion to adjourn brings to an end a pleasant evening.

Seated—M. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary; A. Wyllie, Debate Manager; G. Hay, Corresponding Secretary; S. Hemberger, President; P. Hege, Recording Secretary; B. Batson, V. Sorge, Critics. *Second row*—M. Baldwin, P. Porter, E. Goodman, E. Miller, M. Miller, C. Graham, J. Brubaker, A. Henderson, E. Kennard, H. Geiger. *Third row*—C. Miller, E. Peck, A. Ramer, W. Tressler, M. Levengood, R. Hooks, T. Stuteville, D. Baker, J. Quimby, J. Sullivan, A. Moginot, L. Borgard, F. Reed, C. Brogan, L. Howland, B. Smith, A. Tucker, S. Wemp.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club has a four-fold purpose. One of the aims of the members is to acquire the ability to understand Spanish better, and to be able to speak the language more fluently. Then, the club upholds in prayer those missionaries and Christian workers who are serving the Lord in Spanish-speaking countries. And as they pray for the workers, club members become better acquainted with work in these countries. At each meeting a different country is discussed; and a talk, given by one of the members, acquaints the group with facts concerning that country.

Meetings of the Spanish Club are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Front row—H. Geiger, M. Miller, President; Mrs. Pettit, A. Henderson, J. Brubaker. *Back row*—A. Garber, D. Borrer, C. Miller, A. Moginot, D. Baker, A. Tucker, T. Stuteville, Secretary-Treasurer; A. Wildern. *Not pictured*—A. Kettenring, Vice-President.



Journalism Club

The Journalism Club was formed with the purpose of serving as a means of expression for the journalistic minds and talents of the students. The club receives instruction in modern methods and practices of the journalistic world. Most important project of this organization is a share in the writing, editing, publishing, and distribution of the *Newsette*, official monthly publication of the university.



Seated—F. Reed, Secretary-Treasurer; Virgil Sorge, President; C. Brogan, Vice-President. *Standing*—P. Hege, L. Howland, J. Brubaker, M. Rogers, B. Smith, E. Kennard. *Back row*—A. Wyllie, E. Peck.

Newsette Staff

As the official publication of the university, *Newsette* travels monthly throughout the nation, bringing "Echoes from Bryan Hill." Edited and published by students, under faculty supervision, *Newsette* affords opportunity for the development and expression of literary talent, and brings the many friends who read it current information of plans, happenings, and progress on the hill.

From a humble beginning in 1935 as a mimeographed paper of forty-five copies, *Newsette* has grown in size and style to its present importance and a circulation of nearly twelve thousand. Members of the Journalism Club contribute the articles concerning student and school happenings; members of the staff write from time to time concerning their respective fields; and pertinent quotations from other publications frequently find a place.

Clank of the press, smell of the printer's ink, and the whirl of the folding machine that has recently supplanted the hand method, bring nostalgic memories to every student who has been a part of the university.

A. Wyllie, Proof Reader; M. Rogers, Assistant Editor; P. Hege, Circulation Manager; V. Sorge, Editor; Mrs. Fish, Alumni Editor; Dr. Rudd, Faculty Adviser.





Scarlets

Scarlets, chosen as are the Golds by an equal division of the student body, fight hard to equal and excel the performance of their friendly opponents. Like the Golds, they are endeavoring to demonstrate true Christian ethics by "striving lawfully," fighting the battles hard, yet maintaining the unity that goes beyond the temporary division. The forensic tourney—they say—will give them the final boost to victory.

M. Brickel, G. Hay, L. Howland, N. Stover, D. Borrer, R. Kuhn, E. Ziegler, E. Healan, J. Neff, J. Brubaker, A. Garber, T. Stuteville, E. Goodman, A. Northrup, A. Ramer, M. Miller, B. Birch, J. Quimby, S. Hemberger, Forensic Captain; A. Moginot, R. St. John, A. Wyllie, Sports Captain; S. Wemp, J. Sullivan, Captain.



E. Kennard, C. Graham, H. Geiger, P. Hege, A. Tucker, B. Smith, E. Campbell, A. Wildern, M. Baldwin, A. Kettenring, M. Rogers, C. Hoyt, A. Henderson, M. Levengood, J. Gulley, F. Reed, P. Porter, G. Pifer, V. Sorge, W. Tressler, Captain; F. Lance, E. Miller, Sports Captain; E. Peck, L. Pifer, C. Miller, C. Brogan. *Not pictured*—B. Batson, Forensic Captain.

Golds

Golds, traditional rivals of Scarlets in forensics and sports, constitute an important, they would say "most important," part of the student body. Competition has been keen, with football tied, and the Golds holding an edge to date by virtue of basketball victories in two closely-contested games. Pressing hard for the decision in the forthcoming forensic tourney, the Golds confidently expect to continue their record of recent years.



Camera Club

The Camera Club is composed of the group of students who are interested in photography. Members are instructed in the fundamentals of picture-taking, developing, printing and enlarging. At its disposal the club has a well-equipped dark-room, flood-lights and other necessary equipment for the amateur. Members delight in the magnificent mountain scenery surrounding the university campus and take full advantage of the picture-taking opportunity. Wartime shortage of film and supplies has curtailed activities this past year, and compelled thrifty use of cameras. Nevertheless, many delightful scenes and events have been "snapped" to preserve memories of happy hours.



Standing—M. Miller, F. Lance, C. Miller, B. Birch, M. Rogers, Prof. Fish, W. Tressler, J. Brubaker, E. Peck, P. Hege, S. Wemp, J. Quimby. *Seated*—L. Borgard, N. Stover.

Kneeling—J. Brubaker, Vice-President; E. Kennard, C. Graham, B. Birch. *Standing*—D. Borrer, Secretary-Treasurer; W. Tressler, President; J. Neff, P. Hege, E. Peck, L. Borgard.



Archery

A campus organization dear to the hearts of many students is the Archery Club. Shaded spots on the gently rolling, tree-covered campus provide an ideal setting for archery, and the merry laughter of the spectators and the determined expressions on the faces of those who draw the bow indicate the combination of pleasure and seriousness with which the archers approach their sport.

Despite the many demands on time and energy which compete for the student's attention, archery serves a useful function in the recreational life of the university.



Front row—L. Borgard, N. Stover, B. Batson. Back row—A. Wyllie, C. Brogan, S. Hemberger, W. Tressler.

Who's Who

The first edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* was printed in 1934. Included is a list of college and university students who have proved outstanding in character, scholarship, leadership, and capacity for future usefulness to society. Each year outstanding students are given this distinction of listing among the foremost American youth.

Who's Who has several purposes: to be an incentive for students to get the best results from their college experiences, to compensate students for genuine achievements, to serve as a standard of measurement for students comparable to that of other recognized scholastic and service organizations, and to recommend successful students to the business world.

Student Council

The Student Council is a representative body serving as a go-between for students and faculty. It consists of nine students, two from each class, one non-resident, together with the two dormitory counselors and the university president. Students eligible for election to the council are nominated by the faculty. The names are then presented to the respective classes and voted upon.

Regular meetings are held each Thursday, with the council president and vice-president alternately presiding.

It is one of the many duties of the Student Council to present to the faculty any and all suggestions or problems presented by the students.

B. Batson, Vice-President; W. Tressler, A. Northrup, Secretary-Treasurer; Prof. Fish, M. Rogers, A. Moginot, S. Hemberger, President. *Not pictured*—A. Garber, D. Baker, M. Levengood.



Hermits' Hall

Hermits' Hall has been the men's dormitory for Bryan students during the past six years. Twelve spacious rooms provide living quarters for the "hermits," this year hailing from ten different states. From eight o'clock in the evening until six o'clock in the morning silence reigns throughout its halls, save for occasional backslidings when a mysteriously-propelled tin can or two clatters down the corridor. Late on a Sunday evening the occupants of Hermits' Hall kneel together in one of the rooms, reverently petitioning the Heavenly Father to bless them together with true fellowship and unity of mind. Many are the hearts that have been touched for Christ within the walls of Hermits' Hall.



V. Sorge, W. Tressler, S. Hemberger, C. Miller, D. Baker, F. Lance, E. Miller, Prof. Fish, Counselor; J. Sullivan, S. Wemp, J. Quimby, E. Peck, A. Moginot, C. Brogan, R. St. John, A. Wyllie. *Not pictured*—E. Rosenau, B. Rosenau, C. Simmons.

Front row—M. Rogers, A. Ramer, L. Borgard, Rev. Brownlee, Mrs. Brownlee, J. Brubaker, M. Brickel, A. Wildern, B. Birch. *Second row*—P. Porter, E. Healan, A. Henderson, G. Hay, R. Kuhn, E. Kennard, A. Tucker, D. Borrer, C. Graham, F. Reed, E. Zeigler, P. Hege, B. Smith. *Third row*—C. Hoyt, J. Gulley, T. Stuteville, A. Kettenring, M. Baldwin, A. Northrup. *Fourth row*—E. Goodman, M. Miller, J. Neff, A. Garber, L. Howland, H. Geiger, N. Stover, A. Graham.



The Octagon

The Octagon, home of the "fairer" sex, is far from a dull place. Indeed, with some three dozen girls living within its walls, it couldn't be dull. Rev. and Mrs. Brownlee—familiarly known as "Pop" and "Mom"—are counselors, comrades, and sympathetic friends to the girls, comforting homesick freshmen or heartsick seniors with equal impartiality. The spacious central lobby, into which all the rooms open, is the center of social life for the girls. Used for study, for parties, for prayer-meetings, and on Saturday nights for "dates," the lobby is attractively furnished offering a "homey," cheerful welcome to the "Octagonettes" and their friends.



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SPORTS AND MUSIC

A further result of the war situation and reduced student enrollment is the limitation of activities of both the Music and Athletic departments. However, these phases of school life have yet been able to function effectively. Special music has been provided for several of the downtown churches. The athletic program has featured football, basketball, tennis, and other favorite games.



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Front row—C. Graham, Circulation Manager; S. Wemp, Editor; G. Hay, Assistant Editor; Forest Lance, Photograph Manager. *Back row*—A. Northrup, Business Manager; Prof. and Mrs. Fish, Faculty Advisers; J. Quimby, Advertising Manager; B. Smith, Art Editor.

It is the sincere desire of the *Commoner* Staff of 1944 that this annual may serve both as a friendly portrayal of collegiate life at Bryan, and as a reminder of the irrevocable call of God to "go into all the world."

Although scholarship and social life comprise an important part of Bryan activities, the staff wishes also to present the spiritual life and aspiration of the school. The theme of Missions is carried out on each division page as a testimony of Bryan interests abroad. Even though the present turbulent conditions of the world seem to discourage missionary endeavor, there are still numerous fields open to the gospel. Well-trained young people, fully yielded to the will of God, are needed to answer the call.

South and Central America, Mexico, Alaska, and many other countries are in need of workers. Even through the devastation of war, many ways have been paved for carrying the gospel to parts of the world otherwise impenetrable. Is this not a sufficient call to prepare for the future and to be well equipped for the service of God?

In the effort to produce an effective and complete book, the staff faced grave problems presented by the shortage of paper, film, and labor. Each member, however, has contributed much in procuring pictures, writing articles, and organizing the book as a whole.

If this book has brought happy memories; if it has reminded you of your responsibility to the Lord Jesus; if it has been a blessing in any way; we, the Junior Class, are satisfied that the hours spent in publishing the book have been worth while.

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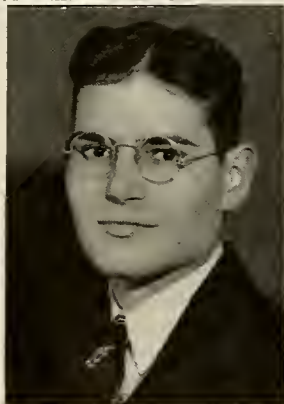
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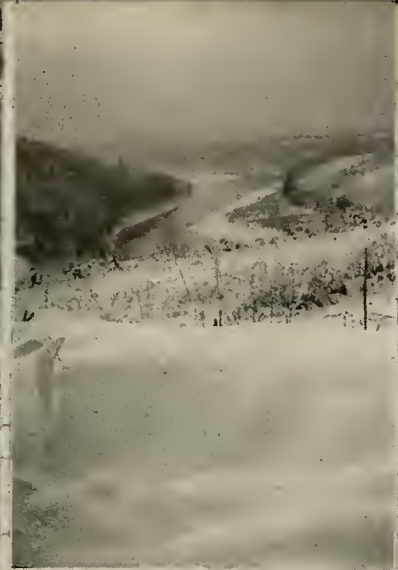
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In a special way, we are bound with cords of Christian love to our own missionary alumni. Short years ago, they walked these halls, their voices lifted in prayer and song and praise. They pored over books, they joined in sports, they worked beside us in the many places of service. And through it all their faces were turned steadfastly toward the regions beyond, where God was leading.

In a special way they are ambassadors, too. We hold them in our thoughts and uphold them in our prayers. And we delight to do them honor on this special page of the 1944 *Commoner*. May God richly bless and keep and use them.



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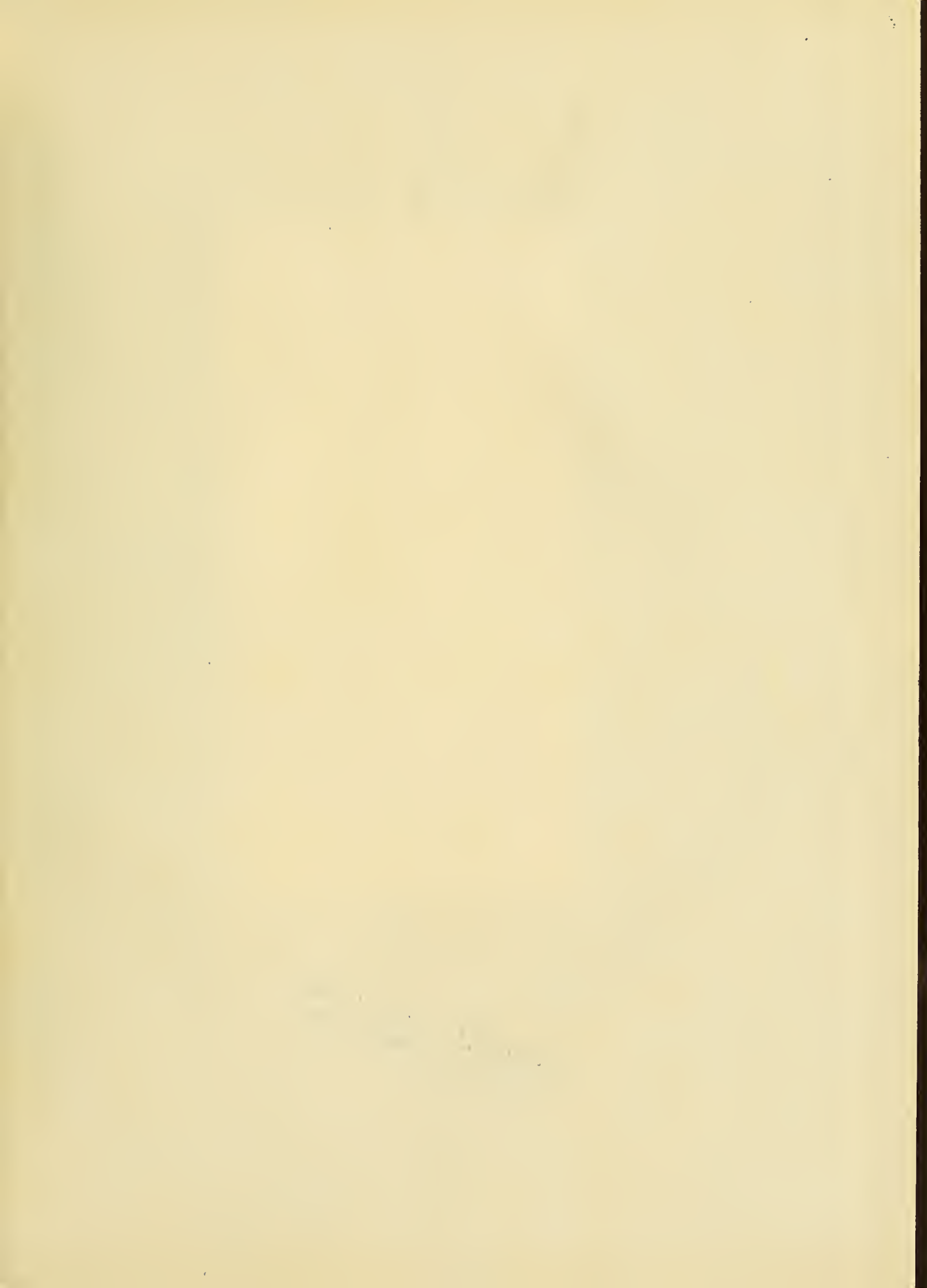
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