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# BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE NEWSETTE

## Autobiography Of A Newsette

I am the Bridgewater College Newsette. I am very young; in fact, this being my first public appearance, I doubt whether I am entitled to the dignity of a real autobiography. But because I have already lived for some time in the minds of my progenitors and because I cherish high ambitions for a long and useful life, I hope you will not think me arrogant.

Unlike Athena, I did not spring full-grown from the brain of my parent. I am but a little tyke, who comes onto the academic scene cautiously but confidently. In the future, Bridgewater willing, I shall grow into a zestful adolescent, and perchance eventually into a solid citizen of the college community. In any event, my claims to recognition are based on principle and not on age.

There are several facts which make my coming into existence desirable. First of all, I realize that a college does not live by any one of its constituent elements alone. Rather, a college is a fusion of students and faculty, of friends and alumni. Consequently, it is strong as all these elements are strong and ready in their loyalty to the institution as a whole. One of our alumni at the distant ends of the earth is as much a part of Bridgewater as the student and teacher who daily commune with the great intellectual resources of the past on the campus.

Despite my youth, I already know a lot about our college. I know the trustees and the administrative officers, who put at our disposal the facilities with which to conduct this engaging process of higher education. Through the long summer days (and nights too!), while Wardo underwent an internal transformation and became a modern, fresh-as-paint residence hall, I watched happily and expectantly, knowing that this was another stride in Bridgewater's progress. I know the hopes which those who assume responsibility for the college entertain for the future.

I know the faculty and students too—their work and play, their efforts to learn the solid truths which even an unsolid world

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## SPIRITUAL LIFE INSTITUTE

Several prominent leaders in the Church of the Brethren and a distinguished American clergyman, whose name has not yet been announced, will participate in the Spiritual Life Institute of the college January 4-9, 1942. The announced speakers are Dr. D. W. Kurtz, La Verne, Cal.; Dr. M. R. Zigler '16AB, '37DD, Elgin, Ill.; and Dr. William M. Beahm, Chicago.

One of the principal events of the college year, the Institute is planned primarily for the inspiration of the students of the College and the ministers of the Southeastern Region of the Church of the Brethren Friends and alumni, however, are cordially invited to attend, in so far as they can.

## Three New Teachers Enter Professorial Ranks For New Year

Three new instructors joined the Bridgewater faculty when the college began its annual sessions for the sixty-second time as the oldest co-educational college in Virginia.

Prof. Morley J. Mays, a graduate of Juniata College and of the University of Pittsburgh, has been appointed chairman of the English department, succeeding Dr. John S. Flory, who retired after forty-seven years of service to his alma mater. He holds the rank of associate professor. For the past three years he was engaged in philological research at the University of Chicago. For one year during that time he was a University Fellow, and at another time he was a teaching assistant.

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## Wardo Becomes Almost New Hall As Result Of Extensive Renovations

### OTHER BUILDINGS UNDERGO REPAIR IN EFFORT TO KEEP COLLEGE AHEAD

In an improvement project unpassed since the erection of Cole and Rebecca Halls, Wardo Hall, the home for Bridgewater men for more than thirty years, underwent a complete interior renovation just prior to the opening of the new term.

The only vestiges of the Wardo that was are the old stair cases. Making this residence hall a model of comfort, convenience, and attractiveness are new maple floors, newly plastered walls, new bath facilities, new lighting equipment, a rejuvenated heating system, and new individual clothes closets. In addition, four upholstered pieces of furniture have been placed in the first floor lounge. On the Saturday afternoon prior to the opening of the new session the welcome mat was laid for townspeople, friends, and faculty to view the latest effort to keep Bridgewater ahead.

#### Other Buildings Repaired

Two other buildings received minor repairs during the summer. In

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## Bridgewater Complimented By Prominent Virginia Educator

Calling for a return to stabilizing principles which may guide sound thinking, Dr. Raymond V. Long, Director of School Buildings for the State Department of Education, Richmond, addressed the annual convocation on Wednesday morning, October 1, formally signaling the beginning of Bridgewater's 62nd year.

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## Bridgewater Dames Organized To Give To Worthy Projects

No mere gab-fests are the meetings of the Dames of Bridgewater College, an organization of faculty wives and women, which meets monthly to plan for contributions to the attractiveness and convenience of the college buildings.

In the five years of their history, the Dames have given Venetian blinds for the chapel and for the Yount Hall parlor, draperies and slip covers for the Yount Hall parlor, draperies for the lounge in Rebecca Hall, complete furnishings for the reception room in Rebecca, and glassware and silverware for their own teas and socials and the functions of other college organizations in the Cole Hall apartment.

As the Dames begin their sixth year, under the presidency of Mrs. Harry G. M. Jopson, wife of the biology professor, plans are taking shape for several projects by which funds may be raised for additions to their growing list of contributions.

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#### Need for Principle

"In these days of world-wide social flux, indeterminate thinking, and disturbed social consciousness," Dr. Long began, "it is highly important—more important than ever—that we arrive at some successful conclusions in our thinking. For such conclusions to be successful, however, they must be based on principles that have been proven sound and enduring. The difficulty that most of us confront is in distinguishing the sound and the enduring from that which is transitory and ephemeral."

As Dr. Long continued, he asked, "Where then can we turn for those stabilizing influences that will in reason guide our thinking along well trodden paths, that will make for mental security, that will fit us for enduring leadership in these troublous times? For my part I would choose those religious and education-

al institutions that have withstood the test of time. Such institutions are not founded upon transitory or ephemeral theories. If they are, they cannot long endure. While the leadership in these may fluctuate as to quality and aggressiveness, yet if they have stood the test of time, it is safe to conclude they are founded on principles that are sound and enduring.

#### Pays Tribute to Bridgewater

"You have here at Bridgewater an institution and a leadership that is recognized throughout the State and the Nation as conservative, and at the same time progressive, an institution that is contributing much to sound and safe thinking in these troublous days. Any one who governs his thinking around principles on which this institution is founded can justly be proud of the fact that he has successfully tied his attitude toward life, and his behavior, to principles that are sound and enduring."

After discussing the serious problem of stabilizing thinking, Dr. Long turned to the further problem of "using that thinking to the end that we make a contribution to the race heritage." He suggested that perhaps the greatest difficulty to that end is "our inability to get our thinking across." In most of the relationships of life, particularly in some of the professions, the primary problem is that of communication and interpretation, Dr. Long said.

#### Questions Occupational Training

As a particular example of the need for interpretation, Dr. Long cited the fact that the schools "have failed to interpret to youth many of the technological processes all of us should comprehend in order to meet successfully everyday problems." On the other hand, he cautioned against injecting into the elementary and secondary school, "programs that are designed to develop occupational skills that will equip youth to enter occupations and trades."

"The general understanding of Vocational Education is, however, that it is in some sort of vague manner the panacea for the ills that confront us in connection with youth unemployment and the lack of trained workers in the defense emergency.

## Data From Registrar Give Encouragement

While many colleges and universities have been reporting serious declines in their freshman enrollments, Bridgewater this year has an increase in its first-year class of better than ten per cent over last year.

This is one of several encouraging facts about the current enrollment released by Registrar Everett R. Shober. Not only is the freshman class one of the largest in recent years, but there are more resident students and more women students than the college has ever had before.

The whole freshman class numbers 103, the membership coming from eleven states, the District of Columbia, and Cuba. There are 180 resident students as against 173 last year; and 117 women as against 112 last year. There are, moreover, fifteen new students who have transferred from other institutions, including such well-known ones as Washington and Lee University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Randolph-Macon College, and Hollins College. Six former Bridgewater students have returned for further work after a lapse of one or more years.

This much misunderstood phase of public education illustrates the need for careful interpretation of matters that may be fairly clear to a few intimately acquainted with the subject, but quite vague and indefinite to the masses who are vitally concerned."

The convocation was presided over by President Paul H. Bowman, who conferred two baccalaureate degrees after Dr. Long's address. Those who completed their work are H. Lawrence Rice, Frederick, Md., and Albert S. Dulaney, Charlottesville, both of whom were awarded their degrees *in absentia*. Their names were presented by Dean Charles C. Wright.

The convocation was an academic occasion, attended by the faculty in academic costume. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. H. L. Hoffman, pastor of the Bridgewater Methodist church.

## College Alumna Gives Identification Plates For Chapel Portraits

Any doubts which may exist about the identity of the Bridgewater dignitaries whose portraits line the chapel walls will now and hereafter be dispelled. Brass name plates for the portraits have been given to the College by Mrs. Carmon G. (Katherine Flory '17) Blough, of Evanston, Ill., and have been installed.

On her own initiative Mrs. Blough called attention to the need recently and offered to provide the remedy. Moreover, she has asked that the College advise her periodically of similar needs which she could supply herself or bring to the attention of the Chicago alumni chapter, of which she is president.

Mr. Blough, who once taught in Bridgewater's commercial department, is a partner in the Chicago accounting firm of Arthur Andersen and Co., 120 S. LaSalle St. The Bloughs' only daughter, Elizabeth Jean, matriculated as a freshman at Bridgewater this year after her parents had given her the choice of a large number of prominent colleges in the Middle West and East. Soon after the opening of the semester she was elected vice-president of her class.

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cannot change. I saw the old students return to the campus. I saw the new ones, comprising one of the largest classes in recent years, come to begin preparation for a future they could not foresee. Now the new year is under way, and men and women of good will live together under the shadow of Bridgewater's peace.

I know about those who once were students at Bridgewater and who now are doing the work of the world. No less than the others these are an integral part of our college. With their help all of us together can consolidate our position as a very good little college and strike a blow for a greater future.

## THREE NEW TEACHERS

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appeared in your local newspapers this year have probably come from Mr. Mays' office, for, in addition to his teaching, he is Director of Publicity, the first in Bridgewater's history to hold that office.

### Wilhelm A Quaker Leader

Prof. Holmes Wilhelm has assumed his teaching duties in the field of modern languages. A graduate of Guilford College, N. C., and holder of a master's degree from the University of North Carolina, Mr. Wilhelm is chiefly interested in comparative linguistics and in Old French in particular. His scholarly interests have taken him through the French areas of Quebec.

Mr. Wilhelm has been an active leader in the Society of Friends in his native state. At present he is a member of the permanent board of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting from the Yadkin Valley Quarter. He is also an intermediary between his Quarter and the trustees of his alma mater, which is a Quaker institution. At various times he has been elder, overseer, and Sunday School superintendent in his local meeting.

### New Home Economics Teacher

The new instructor in the home economics department is Mrs. Alice Freeman Hall, a graduate of Earlham College, Indiana, and of Columbia University. During the summer of 1938 she made an extended tour of Europe for three months. A period of contemplated study at the University of Paris during the following winter was curtailed by the international crisis.

Mrs. Hall is a young lady with a variety of interests. She indulges in photography, which may or may not be explained by the fact that her husband, at present located in Atlanta, Ga., is affiliated with Bell and Howell, manufacturers of photographic equipment. Her athletic propensities, which include riding, make her particularly apt to assist in women's physical education at Bridgewater.

## Library Suggests Gift For Periodical Files

Bridgewater's library is a workshop amply stocked with tools for study and pleasure reading. At a number of points in its collection, however, desirable and even important publications are lacking.

From several quarters recently has come a request for a subscription to the popular magazine *Fortune*. Perhaps some well-favored alumnus is now a subscriber to this periodical and could relieve what would be for the library a rather heavy drain on its periodical budget by presenting his copies to the college. If that alumnus is like most readers he peruses his magazine for perhaps a week and then lays it aside with only a peep into it ever afterward. Eventually the understanding but efficient housewife packs a bundle of them off to cellar or attic to make way for a new supply.

By sending *Fortune* to the Bridgewater library after he has completed using each issue himself, someone can put at the disposal of three hundred people one of the important journals of the day. After it is used, it will be placed in permanent files especially provided for that purpose.

## WARDO BECOMES ALMOST NEW HALL

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Founders Hall the large room on the third floor which was formerly used as a speech studio has been divided into two class rooms, and the smaller room on the second floor which was formerly the typewriting classroom has been converted into a faculty office. The latter will facilitate the conferences between faculty and students which for many years have been a feature of the Bridgewater program to provide guidance for its students. Another classroom and the second floor hallway have been newly floored with maple, and all the interior walls have been repaired and repainted, as were those on the first floor of Memorial Hall.

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