

DONALD T. BRYANT BEGINS 15th YEAR

Mr. Donald T. Bryant, Musical Director of the Columbus Boychoir begins his fifteenth year of association with the School this year. Born on a farm in Knox County, Ohio, Mr. Bryant graduated from Capital Univ. in 1941. As an undergraduate, he was the recipient of a National Creative Arts Scholarship, the second Capital student to receive such an honor. Mr. Bryant exhibited early interest in a musical career. At four years of age he pumped away on a wheezy old reed organ and could play most of the church hymns by ear. His first formal instruction on the piano came during the summer of his eighth year. At thirteen and fourteen he spent two summers studying piano and theory at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. His first year of intensive piano study came at the age of fifteen. During these years he studied in Columbus while living in Chesterfield, Ohio (a distance of fifty miles). Many trips were made by hitch-hiking and walking cold, lonely roads. In 1935 Mr. Bryant graduated from high school and toured with "Daddy" Graves, an evangelist. Besides playing for the musical part of the services, Mr. Bryant had a beautiful baritone voice and sang quite frequently.

During the years at Capital University, a Lutheran School, Mr. Bryant frequently appeared on musical programs with Miss Lela Cultice. While presenting such a program near the end of their four years of schooling, Mr. Bryant and Miss Cultice announced their engagement. The program was being presented for the governor of Columbus in the ballroom of the Neil House in Columbus! The wedding was held in the early fall of 1942.

During the years of World War II, Mr. Bryant served as a chaplain's assistant in the armed service. In this capacity, he was frequently in charge of the musical programs. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and promptly re-entered Capital University to attain his second degree. First was a Bachelor of School Music and the second was Bachelor of Composition and a certificate for voice study.

From Columbus, the Bryants moved to New York City where he enrolled in the Julliard School of Music. Here Mr. Bryant earned his Masters Degree in piano and studied voice with Mark Harrell. During these years Mrs. Bryant found much to do to occupy her time for a son had been born into the Bryant home in 1944, Travis Bryant. For many hours Mr. Bryant officiated at the piano in Julliard and Mrs. Bryant officiated at a typewriter in the School office!

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TRUSTEES MEET

The Board of Trustees of the Columbus Boychoir School held their fall meeting at the School on Sunday, October 21st. Fifteen members of the board were present to hear Executive Director, Lauren D. Rhine report that the School is enjoying one of its largest opening enrollments. Mr. Donald Bryant, Musical Director, reported on the Lincoln Center program and the coming appearances of the choir for this coming concert season.

The Board elected Mr. Fred Blaicher, President of Palmer Square, Inc., as Treasurer to succeed Garrett S. Boetsma. Mr. James S. Thompson, former president of McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., was elected as Assistant Treasurer. These men will serve for the 1962-63 School year.

Mr. Rhine reported on the program of the summer camp and clinic. The board announced plans to continue the camp on the School's campus in Princeton. Additional sanitary facilities will be prepared for camp and for School shortly after the beginning of the new year. A wing will be added to the Cottage to give Mr. and Mrs. Jones additional living facilities and a new bathroom containing five showers and lavatories will be constructed in the cottage in addition to present facilities.

Mr. William Lanning, President of the Board, announced plans to appoint a committee for the preparation of plans to appoint a committee for the preparation of plans to celebrate the School's Silver Anniversary in 1964-65.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be in February, 1963.

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Canada, beginning November 8th and ending December 11th. En route, the young choristers will visit points of interest, study American geography and history first hand and enjoy the thrills of travel.

A feature of the program will be a complete, staged version of Menotti's beloved one-act opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," with four adult soloists assisting the boy in the title roll.

Four boys have been rehearsing the lead part as "Amahl" for this tour: James Walker of Toronto, Canada; Allan Tucker of Covington, Va.; Douglas Kelner of New Hope, Pa., and Larry Baldwin of Springfield, N. J. Playing the role of "the Page" will be two boys: Lester Erich of Easton, Pa. and James DeLoach of Greenwood, Miss.

The role of Amahl's mother will be taken by Miss Elaine Johnson of New York City. Miss Johnson played this

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NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES

Major rearrangements for the Library were made during the summer. The former Headmaster's office has become the Library and the Library has now become Mr. Rhine's office.

With the introduction of a new reading program throughout the School, renewed emphasis is being placed on independent reading or "reading-for-the-fun of it". Current book circulation is greater for the first six weeks of school than any two periods of last year! Thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Donald Wolfe, Reading, English, Latin-Upper School, the Library program is proving to be a big attraction to students and faculty.

ALUMNI NOTES

The Columbus Boychoir Alumni Association held its first Annual Weekend July 20-22. Twenty-one alumni participated in the program.

Friday evening the festivities included informal singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and reminiscing over old times.

Camp was in session and the alumni slept in rooms which they had occupied years before.

Saturday included a ball game between the Alumni and the Campers (needless to say, the Alumni won!), group singing led by Mr. Bryant and accompanied by Mr. Haley, greetings to members who could only visit on Saturday, and a business session held in the afternoon.

Some items of business discussed were: adoption of a formal set of by-laws, an alumni directory, inclusion of alumni friends in the organization, time and date for the next meeting.

Saturday evening a party was held at the home of Bill Spofford, '58, the party was enjoyed by all!

In attendance were: Royce Anderson, '61; Buzz Bourrisseau, '58; Travis Bryant, '59; Joe Chubet, '58; Ray Colcord, '61; Ted Davis, '58; Bob Deane, '59; Jerry Felton, '61; Bill Gross, '54; Carl Jeschke, '59; Jim Johnson, '56; Ted Poister, '58; Bruce Potekehen, '59; Marshall Price, '61; Randy Jacob, '57; Bill Seyfarth, '55; Bill Spofford, '58; John Stewart, '54; Bob Summer, '55; Judd Sweeney, '57; and Bill Wolfe, '55.

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event. Television coverage of the program was outstanding.

Not too many people will be able to say, "I was at the opening performance at the Lincoln Center of the Performing Arts"; but far fewer will be able to say, "I sang at the opening performance!"