

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



In 1871 a woman in Chicago was milking her cow. Beside her a little oil lamp with a flickering flame gave a small outward glow. The cow kicked over this small lamp; and before the lady realized what was going on, the flame kindled a wisp of hay, then another until all the hay in the stable was on fire. The next building caught on fire, and then another. Soon the fire spread across the river into the main part of Chicago and burned over a territory one mile wide and three miles long, leaving only two buildings standing. One little flame from the lady's lamp laid Chicago in ashes.

The purpose of Christian education is to take the lives of Christian young people who have potential to become leaders for the Lord Jesus Christ and to set their hearts on fire with zeal, enthusiasm, and devotion to Christ. It is hoped that the flame thus kindled will spread from their hearts to other hearts, and ultimately the result will be the salvation of many souls.

The Communists began as a small core of dedicated men numbering around two-score about the turn of this century. Their

devotion, sparked by the power of Satan, has resulted in a following numbering in the millions and they dominate a large portion of the world. Their growth as a philosophy and way of life parallels the growth of the early church as it grew and became the dominant religion in the early centuries after Christ.

Modern day Christianity needs a revitalization. Our own denomination needs some enlivening force to make it a vital force in the life of society wherever it is represented. Of course, only the Holy Spirit can give it that spark of power which will ignite it and so set it on fire that it will spread its influence the world over.

Christian education can play a great part in bringing young people to a blending of their lives with the will of God so that they may become the influence that they should for Christ. If our College could foster growth in one boy who would become a Paul Palmer it would justify our program. Pray that Oklahoma Bible College will set on fire the hearts of many young people who will go out into society and spread the flame of their lives to other lives.

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OBC "Harvester" Wins Rating In National Yearbook Competition

The Oklahoma Bible College was one of three Oklahoma colleges to win honors for outstanding achievements in yearbook production in the 33rd annual yearbook con-

test sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University.

A second place rating was awarded the 1967 college yearbook, the Harvester, in its junior college division. The results of the national competition were announced in mid-October at the annual yearbook conference at Columbia University in New York City.

The administration of the College expressed its pleasure in the awarding of this honor when Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, president, said "We think it is wonderful that this attainment could be achieved by a Christian college such as OBC."

SEEKING ADS FOR 1968

Realizing the precedence that has been set by last year's staff, the 1968 staff is striving to make this year's edition one which will also bring honor to OBC. Business Manager Richard Rust is seeking ads from individuals, businesses, churches, and associations. The cost of the ads are: a full page - \$40.00; one-half page - \$25.00; one-fourth page - \$15.00; and one-eighth page - \$10.00. Those who would like to support this ministry of the College should contact a member of the staff before the deadline, January 31, 1968.



DONATES \$1,000-- The Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, left, a Free Will Baptist minister for over forty years, presents OBC president Dr. J. D. O'Donnell with a \$1,000 check for the College. The elder O'Donnell has pastored and done evangelistic work in several states including Texas, Alabama, and Oklahoma during his ministry. A related story is carried inside this issue.

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CAMPUS EXPANSION APPROVED

Approval for the construction of two dormitories on the Oklahoma Bible College campus was given during the October meeting of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The construction program, which will provide housing for 144 students on campus, was approved by the Oklahoma State Association in its meeting at Ada, October 17-19. The two-year program will be launched immediately to provide \$455,532.00 for the construction of a men's dormitory and a women's dormitory each to house sixty students. Of this amount, \$300,000.00 will be raised by a

Coming Events At OBC

The second annual Talent Night will be held in the Chapel of OBC Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. The event, which will be open to the public, will feature performances by students in the fields of music and drama. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

A program of Christmas music will be presented by the OBC Choir Thursday, December 14, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

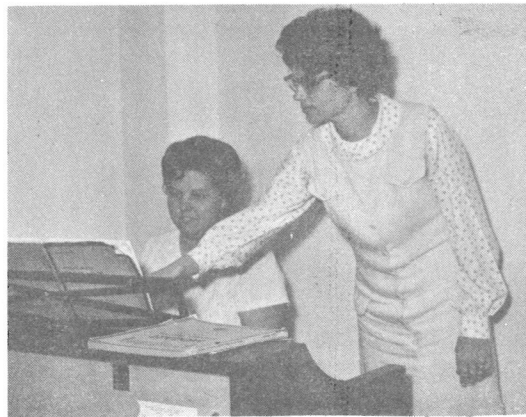
Students were dismissed for Thanksgiving holidays November 22-27. Christmas vacation will be December 15-January 2.

Recent Chapel Speakers

Recent speakers in the daily OBC chapel hour have been missionaries Ernie Deeds of Brazil and Lonnie Sparks of Ivory Coast, Africa; the Reverend Ken Elledge, former Tulsa pastor; and the Reverend Bob Shockey, Field Representative for the National Home Missions Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

bond program. The first dormitory will be started as soon as plans are drawn and sufficient finances are available. The second dormitory will be built during the second year of the campaign as funds are available.

Projected expansion plans call for the erection of a multi-purpose building to complete Phase A of the master campus plan as recently unveiled to the College Board of Trustees and viewed at the State Association. This third building would house a kitchen, dining hall, chapel, and library or classrooms. When Phase A of the building plans is completed, the College will have needed facilities to instruct a student body of 200 in all areas of academic work, according to OBC President, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell. The student body enrollment for the present semester now stands at eighty.



NEW FACULTY MEMBER --- Mrs. Ellen Thompson, the newest member of the OBC faculty, instructs Mrs. LaBeth Myers during a private piano session. Mrs. Thompson, wife of OBC music director Carroll Thompson, is teaching in the private music field.

GIFTS STRENGTHEN OBC'S EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Four recent gifts totaling over \$4,500 have been given to Oklahoma Bible College to help continue the ministry of Christian education in this Free Will Baptist college.

The First Oklahoma Association has been the benefactor of OBC with two recent gifts totaling \$2,500. The Association voted in their November meeting to give OBC \$1,000 received in partial payment of the sale of some associational property. They had earlier returned \$1,500 worth of matured bonds to the College. Another donor who wished to remain anonymous returned a \$1,000 matured bond to the school.

The Reverend E. A. O'Donnell, long-time Oklahoma minister, recently presented the school with a \$1,000 check during a chapel period. Brother O'Donnell, uncle of OBC president Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, then spoke to the student body and related instances when he, too, walked the halls of institutions of learning, particularly the old Tecumseh College, one of the earlier Free Will Baptist colleges.

The contribution of interest coupons by those who hold bonds is another area of appreciated support. Although these coupons are redeemable only twice each year, each gift helps to underwrite the many expenses in operating the College.

Gifts to the Harvest Day campaign continue to be received through the Co-operative Plan of giving according to a report from the State Promotional office. The College has also received gifts directly from friends of the school for this annual drive; however, the compiling of an official tally is not yet feasible.

These generous gestures encourage the administration and Board of Trustees particularly as plans for campus expansion are being made.



TAKING A BREAK --- Bible Conference speakers Harrold Harrison, left, and Malcolm Fry, center, converse with OBC president Dr. J. D. O'Donnell during a conference intermission. Brother Harrison of Nashville, Tennessee, and Brother Fry of Tuscon, Arizona, delivered messages to receptive students and visitors alike during the meeting November 8-10.

Mid-Semester Honor Roll

The names of eleven students were placed on the mid-semester Honor Rolls of Oklahoma Bible College. They are as follows:

PRESIDENT'S LIST:

Gayle Gardner Purcell, Okla.

DEAN'S LIST:

Annette Beall Fort Worth, Texas
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