

The President's Paragraphs

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Christians live and serve in a new world today but a rapidly changing one which will be vastly different tomorrow. For Christians to give effective witness for Christ, it is very important for them to know the type of world in which they live. Notice especially these five things which characterize today's world.

1. Rapid social change. Customs and mores that have been accepted as traditions for years are being discarded. Every standard, even explicit biblical commands, are being replaced by relative concepts.

2. War. War within nations and between nations is an ever present reality. Our own United States has been in three great wars within the lifetime of twenty-five year olds.

3. Rapid transportation. Man has reached speeds above 4500 miles per hour in our atmosphere. Speeds above 15,000 miles per hour are common in outer space. Huge airplanes are now being built to transport several hundred people.

4. Mass communications. News events, such as the assassination of President

Kennedy, are a matter of household conversation in practically every country in the world in a matter of minutes. Radio, television, and newspapers disseminate news at an amazing rate of speed.

5. Population explosion. George Washington was president of a nation numbering around 4 million. The total world population when Jesus was born was approximately one-half or less of that amount. Today's world of over 3 billion is expected to double within the next 35 years.

This picture of the world makes us realize somewhat of the great problem now facing Christian education. More workers, workers trained in the latest techniques of communication, workers of strong character and conviction, workers with the greatest leadership ability are all needed to witness in today's world.

Oklahoma Bible College is only a small part of the total Christian education movement, but I feel that this College will play a vital role in preparing tomorrow's leaders among Free Will Baptists.

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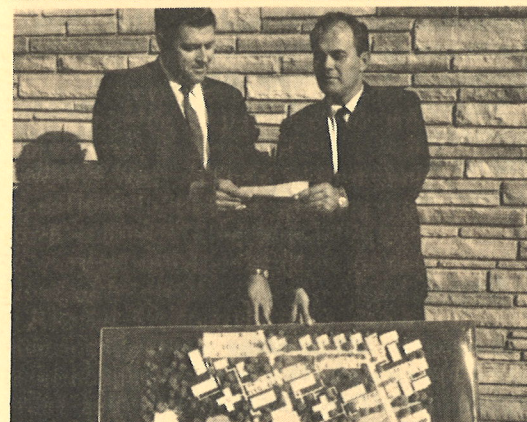
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OBC MISSIONARY CONFERENCE SET

Using as a theme the words of Joel "...multitudes in the valley of decision..." nine Free Will Baptist representatives



SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE DAY---After learning that the final tabulation showed that \$2,000 in cash gifts and pledges had been received for "Operation Participation" during a recent "OBC Sunday" at the First Church in Poteau, Oklahoma, pastor Bailey Thompson, right, and OBC's Promotional Director Lynn Wood rejoiced that the people had responded to this immediate need of Oklahoma's only Free Will Baptist college. Mr. Wood termed the day successful and noted that only when our people respond willingly and generously will "Operation Participation" become a success. In the foreground is a miniature model of the proposed campus.

from the home and foreign fields will seek to challenge students and visitors alike during the annual Oklahoma Bible College Missionary Conference set for March 19-21. The activities will begin with the opening service Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., continue both Thursday and Friday with services at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., concluding with the Friday evening service. Each evening service will be held at the Southern Oaks Church, 7201 South Santa Fe, Oklahoma City, with the day services being held in the campus chapel.

Scheduled to participate in this anticipated event are: Miss Laura Belle Barnard, former missionary to India and present director of the Missions Department of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville; Howard and Willie Gage, Eddie Payne, and Bill Jones, returned missionaries from the Ivory Coast, Africa; Robert and Judy Bryan, missionary appointees to Africa; Robert Francis, home missionary appointee to St. Paul, Minnesota; and Fred McCoy, home missionary appointee to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Gages, Mrs. Bryan, Payne, and McCoy are all natives of Oklahoma.

Although the Conference is designed to meet the needs of OBC students, pastors and laymen alike will profit from sharing in these missionary experiences. The noon meal will be available at a nominal cost to visitors attending these services.

DRAMA TO LAUNCH JUNIOR-SENIOR DAY

The performance of Helen Kromer's play, "Take Any Street," on Friday night April 25 will begin the two-days of activi-

Play Cast Selected

Seven students have been chosen to fill the roles in the forthcoming production of Helen Kromer's one-act play, "Take Any Street." The play, which is about secularism in a mushrooming suburban community, will be presented Friday, April 25 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Moore.

Cast in the play are Janie Hill, Atkins, Arkansas; Lorraine Schreiner, Denver, Colorado; Kathy Barclift, Kansas City, Kansas; Arilla Wode, Collinsville, Oklahoma; Floyd Wolfenbarger, Springfield, Ohio; David Laird, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Pat Beck, Ninnekah, Oklahoma. Serving as prompter will be J. W. Johnson, Houston, Texas.



THE CITY RESCUE MISSION in downtown Oklahoma City is home for many men such as the unidentified one at the right who meets OBC students Richard Terry, center foreground, and Andy Percy following a service. Several fellows regularly conduct services at the Mission as their Christian Service assignment. At left is Mr. Herman Janzen who, with his wife, operates the mission.

ties which are being designated as Junior-Senior Day on the Oklahoma Bible College campus. The annual event, which is honoring both juniors and seniors this year, is slated to begin on Friday night so that all prospective students may have the opportunity to see at least one of several extra-curricular activities which are a part of campus life. Junior-Senior Day will conclude on Saturday afternoon, April 26.

The activities of the two days are being planned to better acquaint junior and senior high school students with the College, its curriculum, faculty, students, and facilities. Its purpose is to emphasize the value and need for education based upon Biblical principles and obtained in a Christian atmosphere.

Pastors and youth leaders are urged to encourage their high school juniors and seniors to attend this event which is being planned in their honor.

Students See "Action"

A total of 124 persons were won to the Lord through the Christian Service Department of OBC during the first semester of 1968-69, according to a report by Director Eugene Workman. These decisions were witnessed by students as they engaged in various phases of the Christian Service Department.

A total of 2,568 tracts were distributed by students during the semester. They also delivered a total of 553 messages, lessons and songs while engaged in their Christian Service assignments or in regular worship services.

The practical aspect of applying that which is obtained in the classroom is an important phase of a Bible college education. Each student is assigned to a group in which he participates on a regular basis.

Musical Entries Named Tops In Talent



TALENT CONTEST WINNERS in the annual OBC Talent Contest were left to right, David Parish, second place winner; Sue Ann Hinesley, first place; and Gerald Davis, third place.

Three musical numbers were the top choices of the judges in the annual OBC Talent Contest held February 7.

Receiving the first place trophy, for the second consecutive year, was sophomore Sue Ann Hinesley. The Tulsa student won her honor with "The Bijou Song" from Gounod's Faust. The second place winner from the field of ten contestants was David Parish, a sophomore from Ardmore who sang "The Impossible Dream." Freshman Gerald Davis of Oklahoma City won third place with his guitar arrangement of "Malaguena." A dramatic interpretation of Robert Frost's poem, "The Death of the Hired Man," won honorable mention for Karen Rhoades, Tulsa.

Other contestants were David Laird, Tulsa; Sue Mullins, Alma; Charles Gann, Tulsa; Kathy Barclift, Kansas City, Kansas; Danny Higginbotham, Moore; and Thomas Marberry, Bryan, Texas.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the occasion was "Dusty" Cooksey of Healdton. The event is sponsored by the OBC Student Council.

NEWS BRIEFS

Nine new students were among those who enrolled for the 1969 spring semester at Oklahoma Bible College. They are listed with their hometowns as follows: Waldo Young, Oklahoma City; Larry Cleveland, Norman; Harlan Henderson, Norman; Danny Higginbotham, Moore; Joseph Kennedy, Purcell; Lester Waggoner, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Steven Davis, Oklahoma City; Ruby Horaney, Moore; and Dale Lane, Chickasha.

Mr. Thomas L. Marberry, a sophomore from Bryan, Texas, has been selected as a member of the Governor's Council of Young Oklahomans representing Oklahoma Bible College. According to Governor Dewey Barlett, "one of the purposes of this Council is to develop better communications between my office and the young people of Oklahoma." The first meeting of the Council was held January 22.

Dean's List Released

Eleven students maintained a 3.0 grade point average for the first semester of classwork at Oklahoma Bible College and have thus earned the right to be admitted to the Dean's List.

Pat Beck, So.....Ninnekah
Gerald Davis, F.....Oklahoma City
Clyde Gillentine, So.....Dallas, Tex.
Sue Ann Hinesley, So.....Tulsa
Nora Jernigan, So.... Ft. Smith, Ark.
Thomas Marberry, So.... Bryan, Tex.
Larry Messer, F.....Salina, Kan.
Paul Meyer, Fr.. Corpus Christi, Tex.
Sue Mullins, F.....Alma
Karen Rhoades, So.....Tulsa
David Sutton, So.....Oklahoma City