



The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



A man who is writing a doctoral thesis on the Bible College movement in America sat in my office and questioned me about the purpose of Oklahoma Bible College recently. He said that it was his belief that the various Bible colleges were started to defend some particular view. He seemed to intimate that this was generally some narrow view. As he pressed me for the purpose of our college and the particular thing that we had to defend, I stopped him and told him that our great purpose was not defensive but offensive.

It is true that the College is set for the defense of the faith and there will come times that it will be very much on the defensive for the faith for which it stands. Even an army on the move in a great offensive is ever on the alert and ready for any countermove that would throw them on the defense of any position gained. But the main purpose of Oklahoma Bible College is not defensive.

One of the greatest offensive moves in Christendom was launched when our Lord Jesus Christ gave the great commission. Surely a defensive movement might have been expected by this small minority group.

But rather than settling down for defense, Christ launched this group offensively to take the world.

It is true that certain circumstances are continuing to call into existence schools such as OBC. Of the more than 2,000 schools begun in America by religious groups, probably less than 200 of these remain true to conservative doctrines. The major trends in theological circles are all toward a liberal theology which denies the authority of the Bible and the true deity of Christ. The New morality is bringing lower standards even in Christian circles. Materialism is encroaching so on people's minds that spiritual things are being relegated to a minor position.

Oklahoma Bible College is engaged in a positive program of training young people to meet the challenge of Christian commitment to every area of life. It is our purpose to train missionaries, ministers, Christian education directors, and laymen for positions in secular life. In each student who receives his education on our campus, we hope to instill a desire to carry out the great commission wherever his life is spent.

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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE THEME EMPHASIZES NEED OF LABORERS

Under the theme, "Pray ye therefore... that He will send forth laborers," the Oklahoma Bible College will launch its annual missionary conference. The activities are scheduled to begin on Monday evening, April 17, and run through April 19. Both Home and Foreign Missions Departments will be represented on the agenda. Program personalities include the Reverend Homer Willis National Home Missions Director; the Reverend Reford Wilson, National Foreign Missions Director; the Reverend Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan; the Reverend Lonnie Palmer, missionary to Africa; and the Reverend Larry Powell, missionary appointee to the Virgin Islands. Members of the OBC faculty, including President J. D. O'Donnell, will also participate.

A missionary drama, "Tardy April", will be presented at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday



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evening. The play features a cast of five OBC students under the direction of Eugene Workman, speech instructor.

All services will be held on the campus with the exception of the Wednesday evening service which will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Moore.

The program for the three day conference is as follows:

MONDAY EVENING, April 17

- 7:00 Opening ExerciseWilson
- 7:15 Field ReportWillis
- 8:00 MessagePalmer

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 18

- 8:30 Mission Study Wilson
- 9:30 Group DiscussionWillis

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Seniors To Be Honored April 8

Plans are now being finalized for the first annual Senior Day to be held on the campus of Oklahoma Bible College Saturday, April 8. The event is expected to draw graduating seniors from throughout Oklahoma and neighboring states. Registration will begin at 9:00 a. m. with the day's activities concluding in mid-afternoon.

The special day will feature a program of entertainment by OBC students, a full length Christian film, a question and answer session, a time of spiritual

meditation, as well as tours of the campus facilities. The noon meal will be served to seniors at no cost.

This preview of college life was previously announced for April 1, but due to conflicting activities it was re-scheduled for one week later, April 8.

It is hoped that pastors and youth leaders in the various churches will urge their graduating seniors to be a part of this day being planned in their honor.

Conference (Con't. from page 1)

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 18

11:00 Paper.....Palmer
LUNCH

1:15 Mission Prayer Band.....Powell
1:45 Panel..... Led by Mr. Farmer
(All speaker participation)

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 18

7:00 Opening Exercise....Dr. O'Donnell
7:15 Field Report.....Palmer
8:00 Message.....Willis

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 19

8:30 Mission Bible Study..... O'Donnell
9:30 Group Discussion..... Wilson
11:00 Paper..... Hersey
LUNCH

1:15 Mission Prayer Band.....Powell
1:45 Open Forum.....led by O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 19

7:00 Missionary play...."Tardy April"
7:45 Field Report.....Hersey
8:15 Message.....Wilson

Missionary Billows Speaks

Missionary Arthur Billows of Mexico and a male quartet from the Institute of Gold at Monterrey presented a recent OBC chapel service.



TALENT CONTEST WINNER---The presentation of a dramatic reading won top honors for Miss Linda Hudson, Tulsa Sophomore, in the first annual OBC Talent Contest. Here she accepts the first place trophy from Edwin Bowden, Master of Ceremonies. Winning second place was Miss Charlyne Hinesley for a vocal solo with third place honors going to Miss Sandy Davenport for her piano presentation.



YOUNG OBC SUPPORTERS--This group of C. T. S. boys and girls from the Airport Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, raised \$58 for the OBC Library Fund, a project which had been adopted by C. T. S. groups of the First Mission Association. The opening of their savings banks climaxed a short program entitled "When I grow up I want to go to OBC."

First Mission C.T.S. Groups Boost Library Fund

The young people's C. T. S. groups in First Mission Association set a goal of \$3,000 in a drive for funds for the Oklahoma Bible College library. These drives were climaxed in recent Sweetheart Banquets in the various quarterly meetings.

At the banquet held in Oilton at the grammar school on the night of February 11, the Central Quarterly Meeting young people found that they had raised over \$700. Two nights later at a banquet at Borden's Cafeteria in Tulsa, the young people of the Tulsa Area Quarterly Meeting climaxed their drive with the announcement they they had raised over \$2,000. Thus, over \$2,700 had been raised in the two quarterly meetings.

Kings and queens were chosen at both banquets. In the Central Quarterly Meeting banquet, the king and queen from the Allen

Church near Sapulpa was winner. In the Tulsa area the king and queen from the Airport Church, Tulsa, were crowned. Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, president of Oklahoma Bible College was speaker at both banquets.

Texas Giving Increases

In the past two months several new churches and individuals from Texas have joined the growing list of monthly contributors to Oklahoma Bible College.

Support from Texas had been received for some time, but the marked increase has been noted just lately. This interest in the College work by a neighboring state is very helpful and encouraging.

There are two OBC students from Texas. They are Miss Sylvia Fulce, Denison, and Robert Grider, Fort Worth.