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BBI ALUMNI NEWS

FEBRUARY, 1950

FROM THE ALUMNI

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Another year is starting and how I do Praise the Lord for the privilege of serving Him here in Montana. This past year has been a time of rejoicing for the souls saved and for evidence of growth in some of the young Christians. Other things have given much cause for heartache and many sleepless nights. How I praise God that He alone has the answer. Our responsibility is to faithfully give out the Word and trust Him for the results.

Need I tell you that the days and nights too are very full here? I work part time, then there are two Bible Clubs during the week and the Sunday School, Morning Worship and Youth Meetings, on Sundays. All require preparation.

During the summer we had two successful Vacation Bible Schools. Both were well attended and we rejoiced especially at the regularity of the boys and girls. Souls were saved and the youngsters gave evidence of real knowledge of the Word.

The work grows slowly here. Butte remains a town controlled by Catholicism. Other ungodly sects are active too. Right now, I am busy answering questions about the Mormon religion. Every one is meeting the Mormon missionaries and hearing their doctrines. They then ask my opinion. My aim is always to give them the Word of God, and show the falsehood in the other doctrines. Do pray that I may always be wise in what I say.

Our greatest need here is for consecrated Christian workers, and a breakdown of the indifference on the part of the adults in the community. Will you pray with us for these things, that the Lord Jesus Christ may in all things be exalted here?

Yours in His service,
Zelma Clinesmith ES'46
Beck Hotel
118 West Park Street
Butte, Montana

Marie Berg Starke, beloved sister in Christ and a classmate at BBI, recently was taken home to be with the Lord. Upon graduating from BBI she gave forth her testimony of the reality of Christ in her life in the following words:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast".

Eph. 2:8-9

I thank God that I can say I am a sinner saved by grace. Being a Sunday School teacher for many years, I have the desire to learn more of the Word, and I thank God for leading me to BBI where I have had the privilege of studying under Spirit-filled teachers and have learned to love the Word with a deeper spiritual insight. My prayer is that I may ever be in the will of the Lord to serve Him better."

Marie was a member of the West Side Evangelical and Reformed Church where she taught the teen-age group and where she was a counselor of the Junior League. She was active in the Christian

Business Fellowship Group. On Sunday afternoons she worked with little children whom she loved at the City Mission.

We shall miss her at BBI but someday we shall meet her in the Glory Land and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I have just completed my work at BBI. My husband and I are not sure where we will serve our Lord. We are ready to go forth into the place where He will lead.

Mrs. Ernie Ferguson
DS'49

I'm truly thankful for Christ, and that He became my Saviour early in life. He has become more precious and real to me every day and I'm looking forward to knowing Him better and for Him to guide me in the way I should go.

I'm thankful too for BBI -- a place where the Word of God is honored and taught. It was at BBI that I received Bible training and also training in other subjects which have helped me so much in Sunday School and Bible Club work. Most of all, BBI has made Christ more real to me and One who is able to solve every problem of my life. I'd like to sum up my testimony with the words of the following song.

"All that I want is in Jesus,
He satisfies, joy He supplies;
Life would be worthless without
Him,
All things in Jesus I find."

Martha Manas ES'46

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FUTURE BBI STUDENTS -

6# 5 oz Vernon Samuel Mitchell became the fourth member of the Vernon Mitchell family on February 22.

5# 8 oz James Everson Bennett became the third member of the Bill Bennett family on December 6.

Praise be to God for the fact that all are doing well.

ATTENTION ALUMNI -

1. HAVE YOU FILLED OUT AND SENT IN TO THE BBI OFFICE YOUR ALUMNI QUESTIONNAIRE? IF NOT DO SO.
2. HAVE YOU JOINED THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION? IF NOT FILL OUT THE BLANK ON THE NEXT PAGE AND MAIL IT TO THE ALUMNI TREASURER.
3. HAVE YOU WRITTEN MRS. CELENA TIGNEY 1072 ELBON ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS 21, OHIO ABOUT YOURSELF? THE ALUMNI WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOU.
4. WRITE TO YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI - AN ALUMNI DIRECTORY IS ATTACHED TO THIS PAPER.

ALUMNI SOCIAL

By the time this paper reaches you, the second Alumni Social will have been held. We thank the Day School Alumni, who under the direction of Leon Urich, planned and directed the entire social.

The next event will be the Annual Meeting. This is the most important event of the year - make every effort to attend. Watch for the announcement.

OTHERS CONTRIBUTED SO YOU COULD ATTEND BBI - HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED SO OTHERS CAN ATTEND?

SCHOOL NEWS*

BBI Day School experienced a real Holy Spirit-led revival on February 24. The whole student body, ignoring the schedule mapped out for the World Day of Prayer, yielded to the Spirit, one by one, with confessions and consecrations. The Lord really worked in mighty power.

The day began with prayer at 8:00 AM, and continued in the classes until 9:20 AM. Then the whole school assembled in the Prayer Chapel. Rev. Charles Ohman spoke on "The Cost of Revival" and Rev. Edwin Miller took a little time to explain "Youth's Part in Revival". John Sergey, former operatic star from Chicago, was present to sing and bring a few words. From that point on, to the end of the day, the Lord "Worked in mysterious ways - His wonders to perform".

The BBI Male Quartet has been used of the Lord very regularly lately. During the month of February they took charge of the Hebron Youth Rally at Elyria; presented a service at the City Mission, at which two souls were brought to know Him; conducted services one Sunday at The Hayden Avenue Gospel Church; conducted services in North Jackson, Ohio; and also in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. In March they will present one in Michigan City, Indiana.

The plans for the BBI Male Quartet for this summer are now materializing. They intend to cover thirteen States on another tour reaching from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Coast. Just the four fellows in the Quartet will be making the tour with Vernon Weber speaking.

*The "School News" was contributed by Kenneth Andrus (Day School Student)

Eternal Spring

The ice, like rhinestone, glitters on the bough,
And snow through frosted air burns cold, white flame,
There is no vibrant music to allow
The exultation that the heart would claim.
We long to see the thin, green leaf unfold,
To hear the caroling of birds arise
Accompanied by the wind-harp's lucid gold,
And clasp the warm enchantment of blue skies.
But there are endless melodies to sing.
And deeper wonder than a season's theme,
For God's great love is everlasting spring,
Surpassing thrill of evanescent dream,
Dear heart, look farther than the bursting pod,
And know the boundless, changeless love of God!

Joy Taylor DS'49

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