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BBI ALUMNI NEWS

NOVEMBER, 1949

B B I DAY SCHOOL

The Day School opened this September 13th, with an enrollment of sixty-six regular and eight special students.

In the first year class there are representatives from six States; Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kansas, West Virginia and Illinois.

Altogether the three classes include students from twelve States and eleven denominations. This shows the way in which BBI is broadening its outreach.

Denominations represented include; Baptist 39, Methodist 2, Presbyterian 2, Brethren 1, Plymouth Brethren 1, Congregational 1, Assembly Of God 1, Reformed 1, Missionary & Alliance 1, Inter-denominational 6 and Un-denominational 1.

Many of the new students are contributing their musical talents to the school.

Wedding bells rang on Saturday September 3, 1949 for Alberta Sherrill and Bob Archer. The ceremony was performed in the brides home by Dr. Hugo Foucar. The couple is now residing in Cleveland, while Bob is attending BBI.

Mr. Clyde Baumgardner and Dorris O'Neil of Dayton, Ohio were united in marriage June 12, 1949 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Dayton.

Roberta Ferguson DS '49

PEACE

Peace —

A gypsy word,
Illusive as a will-o'-the-wisp,
Transient as a naiad's vague loveliness'.
Yet I have heard its voice
In the soft applauding of leaves
Responding to the secret music of water,
And the chorusing of free white wind
That weaves a cocoon about the soul.
I have seen peace in the twilight sky
When tufts of pink fell from the clouds
Like handfuls of kapoo pulled from
lavender pillows,
And the moon slipped from behind a
ruffled cloud
Like a silver coin tumbling from an
apron pocket.
Peace has cast its mysterious calm
When the moon was wrapped in a tissue
paper mist.
I have known peace in sun on softly
rippling water,
Shiny as blue cellophane.

Peace —

Each of these affords its measure.
But the peace of water and sky and moon
Is imprisoned only in itself.
The heart cannot hold vagabond moons.
The hand cannot grasp quicksilver wind.
Only in the ethereal caverns of dream
Can you hold the softness of clouds to
your heart
And decipher the water's music.
But there is a peace that lingers,
That clings when you think it has fled.
God's perfect peace,
The light behind the shadow,
The rainbow behind the storm,
Constant, ever present, everlasting.

Joy Taylor DS '49

FROM THE ALUMNI

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13

Time and time again this verse has been so precious to me. In our own strength we fail and are helpless. But in Christ we are made strong and able to do His will.

God blessed our Daily Vacation Bible School this past summer. It is wonderful to work with these boys and girls. The Primary Department in our Sunday School is growing too! Boys and girls hearts are open to the Gospel Message. What a joy it is to tell them that "Jesus loves them". "Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever".

Frances Vanderkoy

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Luke 11:9-10

How I rejoice, giving all praise and thanksgiving unto my lovely Lord for the way this prayer has been answered through faithful study at beloved BBI! This is the eighth year of study in the Scriptures at the Institute, which has opened and made possible many avenues of service for my Lord. What a privilege and responsibility to share a dispensational study of the Scriptures with adolescent age girls and boys. These classes are held on Sunday mornings and in the home on a week night. Recently another Bible Class for adults started in my home to study dispensations.

This is the eighth year of ministry in a house to house visitation to both Jew and Gentile to unfold to them the way of salvation from the Scriptures.

The greatest ministry of all has been the secret closet of prayer. Beginning January 1, 1948, I set aside an hour at the beginning of the day for prayer. It took months to attain the victory. Because of the burden for precious souls, the time has been extended to two hours. More has been wrought on my knees in these past two years than all the former years of my life where my energy was of the flesh. God's power has been openly manifested in the lives of those for whom He has burdened my soul. BBI has shared in this ministry. May we not grow weary in well doing as the clouds darken about us - let us daily deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow the Lord.

Celena Rose Tigney

CHRIST

-the anointed one came to save sinners. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

FOR THE COLORED

-God has called five of His servants that these might hear the Word of God and be saved. This is accomplished through week-day children's and young people's classes, which have a weekly average attendance of approximately 400. The work of the Lord's Day makes possible the "hearing of the Word" through Sunday Schools with classes for all ages. Pray for special young people's classes now being established. Home visitation makes possible the personal contacts with parents of children in all the Bible Classes. With His directive will, we have the joy and privilege, under Mid-Missions, to assist in conducting the Baptist Seminary of the Bible for the training of colored pastors, Christian workers and Child Evangelism teachers. Four nights a week these consecrated Christians meet for prayer and Bible

Institute training. Many colored churches of the city have felt the impact of this Bible teaching ministry.

IN CLEVELAND

-with its negro population of 115,000 and their appalling ignorance of real Scriptural truths the teaching of 1000 students a week would be only the beginning of a spiritual awakening for these dear ones whom God loves.

Marjorie E. Smith

A REQUEST FROM YOUR ALUMNI REPORTER

Greetings, co-alumni workers of BBI, in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I have been awaiting word from you concerning your labor of love for the Lord. To date there have been only two of you that have replied to the request in the first issue of the ALUMNI NEWS. PLEASE SIT DOWN - NOW - AND WRITE ME, SO THAT YOUR LETTER WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

My address is:

Mrs. Celena Tigney
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Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio

CONTRIBUTIONS

The BBI ALUMNI NEWS is your paper. We would appreciate your comments, criticisms, suggestions and contributions. We need the active interest of each Alumni to make the Alumni Association successful.

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Are you a member of the Alumni Association? If not, cut out the membership blank at the bottom of this page, sign and mail with your dues to our Treasurer, Joe Schoun.

It is our aim to have all Alumni of BBI members of the Alumni Association. Don't delay - do it NOW.

ALUMNI SOCIAL

The first Alumni social has come and gone. A small but enthusiastic group enjoyed the picnic held October 8, 1949.

The next social will be an evening meeting which will be held around the first of February. Arrangements are now being made for this affair.

The success of this affair will largely depend upon each member's effort of attending this social.

Watch for the announcement - plan now to attend.

ALSO IN JOY

It's easy in the storm to kneel in prayer,
When mountains are too high to scale alone,
But God is waiting eagerly to share
The plucking of a rose, a dream made know.

Joy Taylor DS'49

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ADDRESS _____

Fill out this membership blank and mail with your dues (\$2.00) to Mr. Joe Schoun, 7428 Wefel Avenue, Cleveland 9, Ohio.