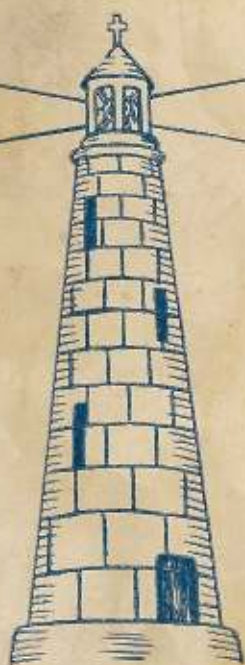


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The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk thro' death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

A table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil annoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

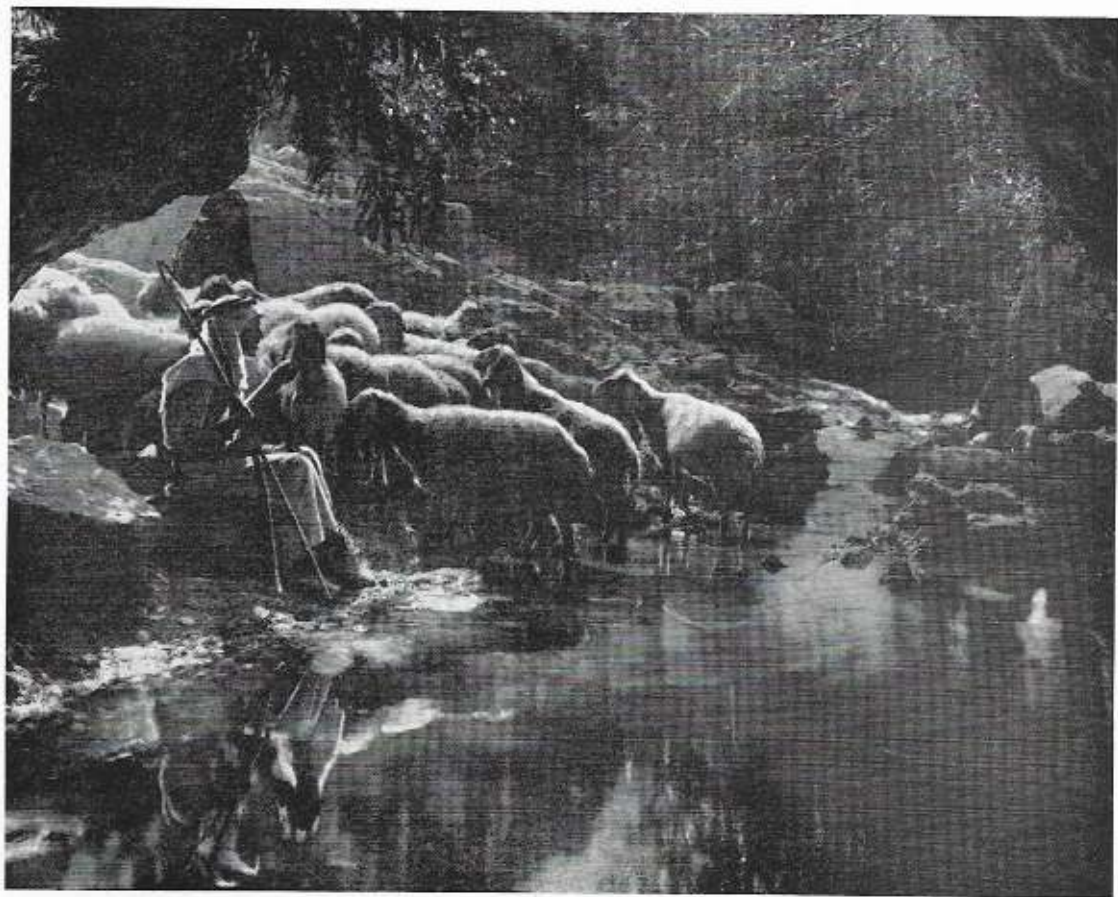
—Ps. 23.

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The man who once has found abode
Within the secret place of God
Shall with Almighty God abide
And in His shadow safely hide,
—Ps. 91.

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The Good Shepherd



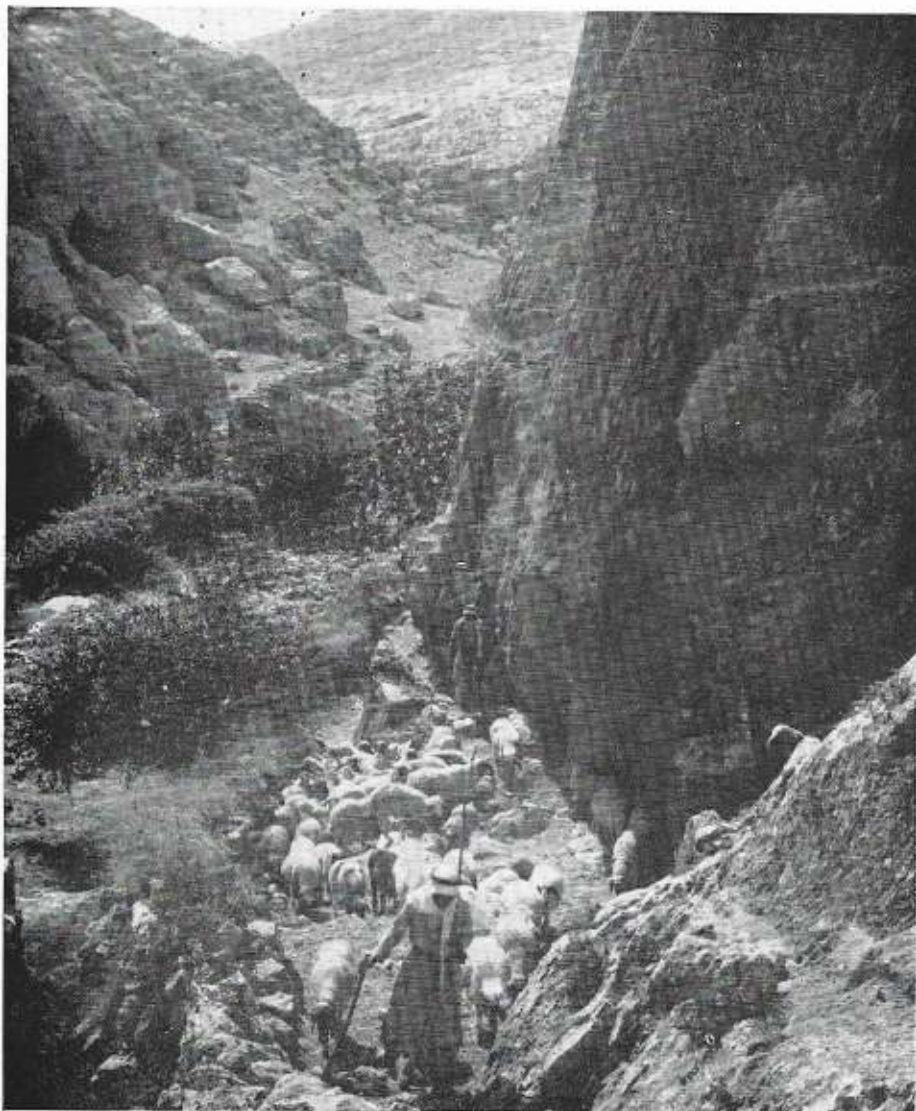
"The Lord is my Shepherd"—Ps. 23:1.

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Thou hast my soul restored,
When I was near the grave;
And from the pit, O Lord;
Alive Thou didst me save.
—Ps. 30.

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Salvation



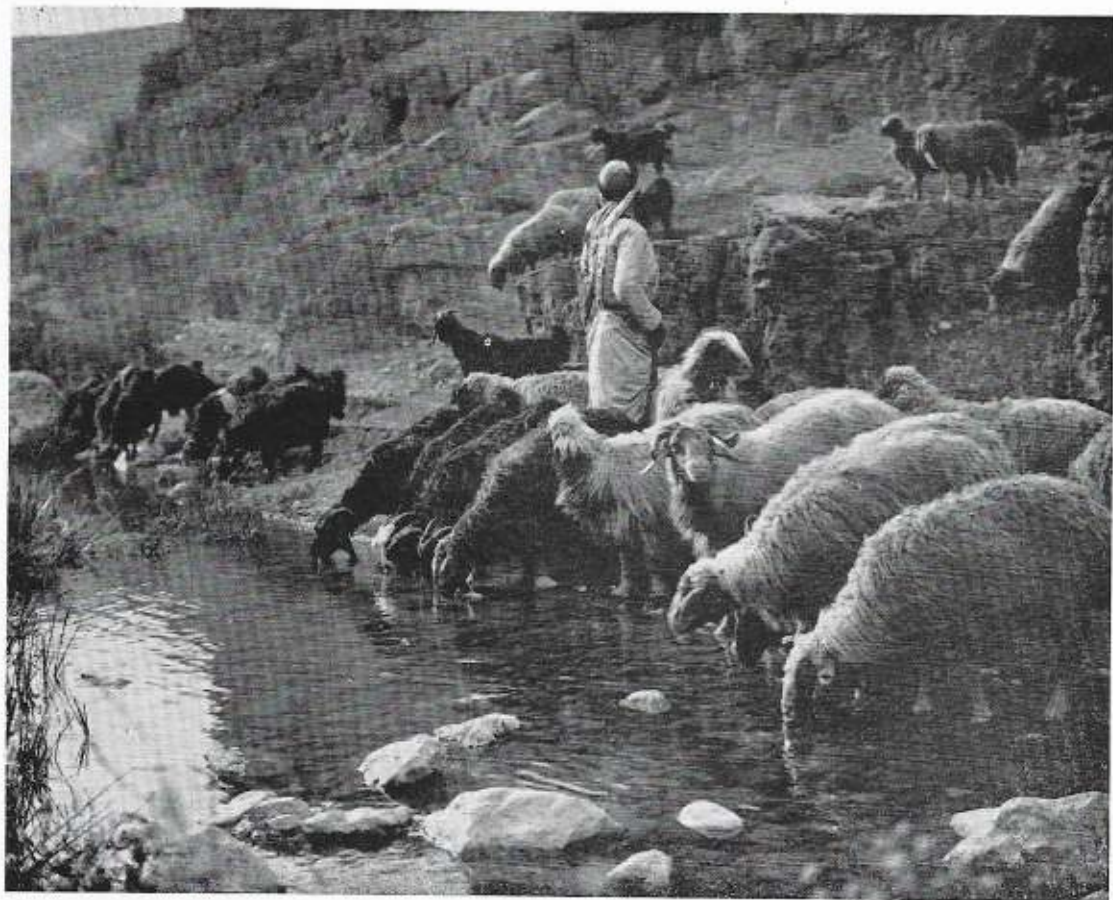
"... thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption; for thou hast cast all my sins behind my back."—Isa. 38:17.

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As pants the heart for water brooks
So pants my soul O God for thee;
For thee it thirsts, to thee it looks,
And longs the living God to see.
—Ps. 42.

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Thirst



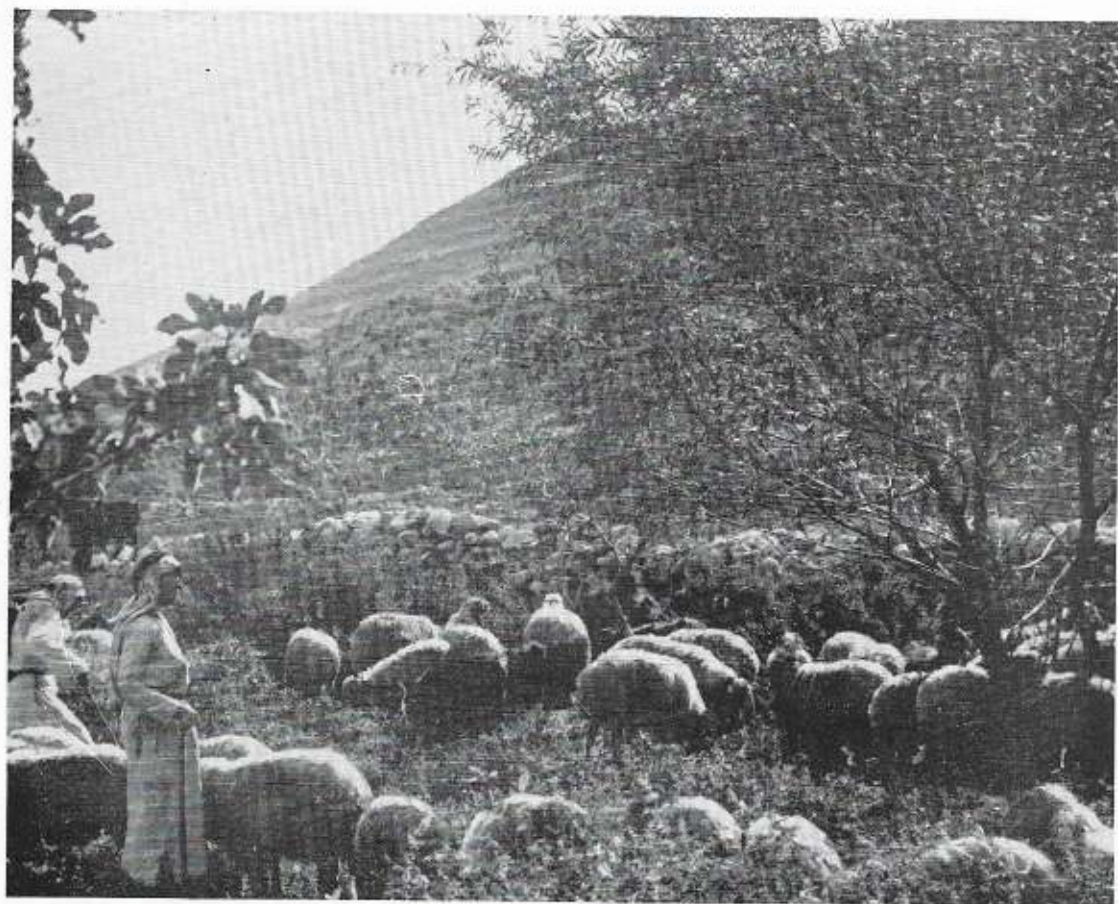
"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be completely satisfied."—Matt. 5:6—Wey.

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The counsel of Jehovah stands
Forever firm and sure,
And of his heart the purposes
From age to age endure.
—Ps. 33.

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Instruction



"Teach me Thy Way O Lord"—Ps. 27:11.

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Thou my sure portion art alone,
Which did I choose, O Lord;
I have resolved and said that I,
Would keep Thy holy word.
—Ps. 119.

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Fellowship



" . . . if we walk in the light, as He is in the light we have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

1 John 1:7.

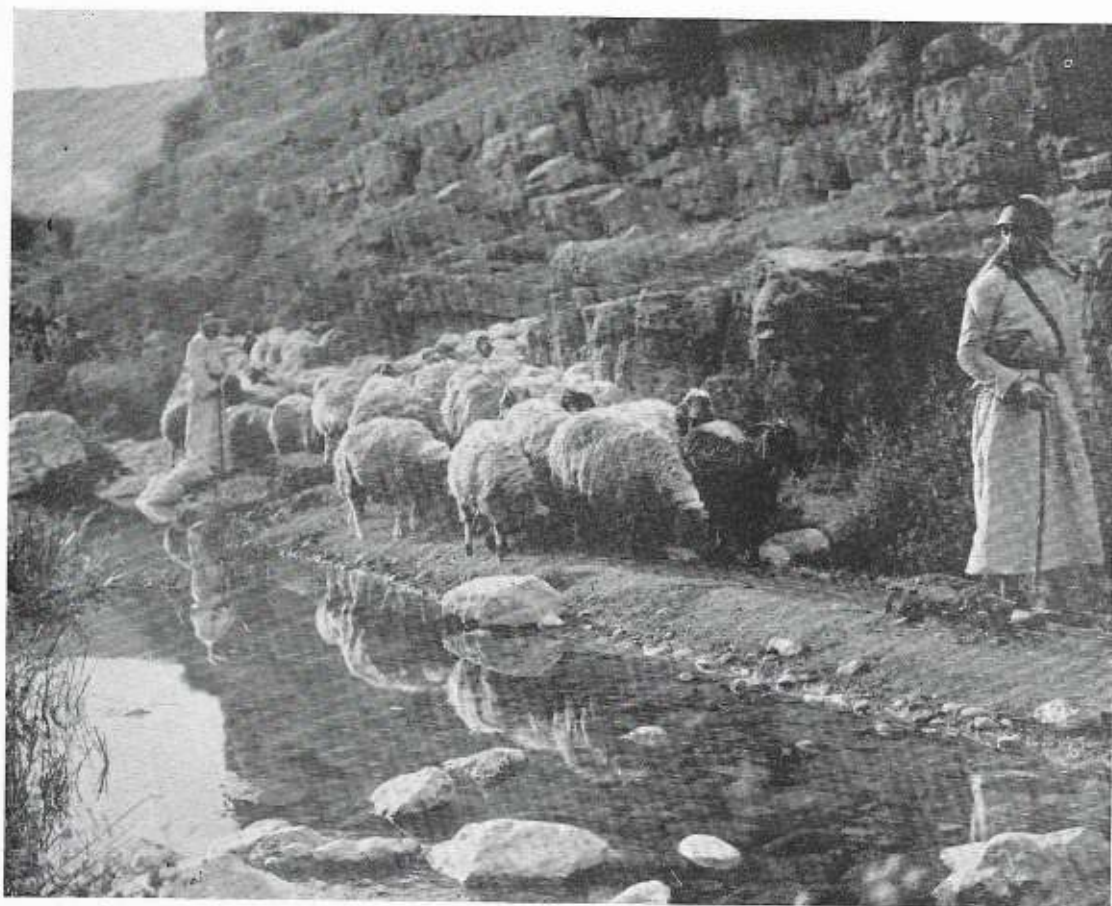
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Hold up my goings, Lord, me guide
In paths that are divine,
That so my foot-steps may not slide
Out of those ways of Thine.

—Ps. 17.

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Service



"..... when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him for they know his voice."—John 10 :4.

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Dedication

To the members of the Executive Board of the Florida Bible Institute, who under God, in such great measure are responsible for the phenomenal growth the school has experienced, this Beacon is affectionately dedicated.

Their wise counsel, their mature judgment, and united purpose, have done much in bringing to fruition the vision for the Florida Bible Institute God gave to its founder.

Their unselfish investments expressed in so many different ways is the result of their supreme love for their Lord, their profound respect for their leader, and their genuine interest in the work of the Florida Bible Institute in training young people for effective world-wide Christian service.

Through them we have been made the recipients of many choice blessings, therefore we gratefully acknowledge with one voice our appreciation to the members of our Executive Board.

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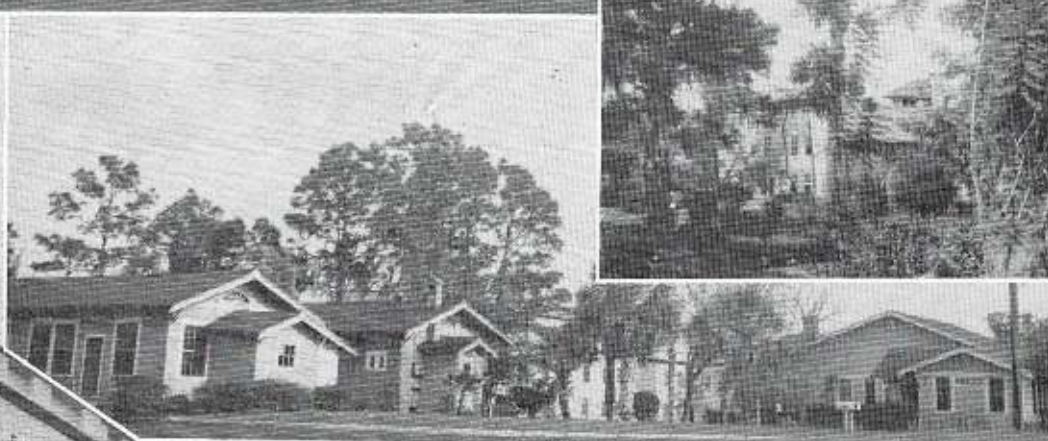
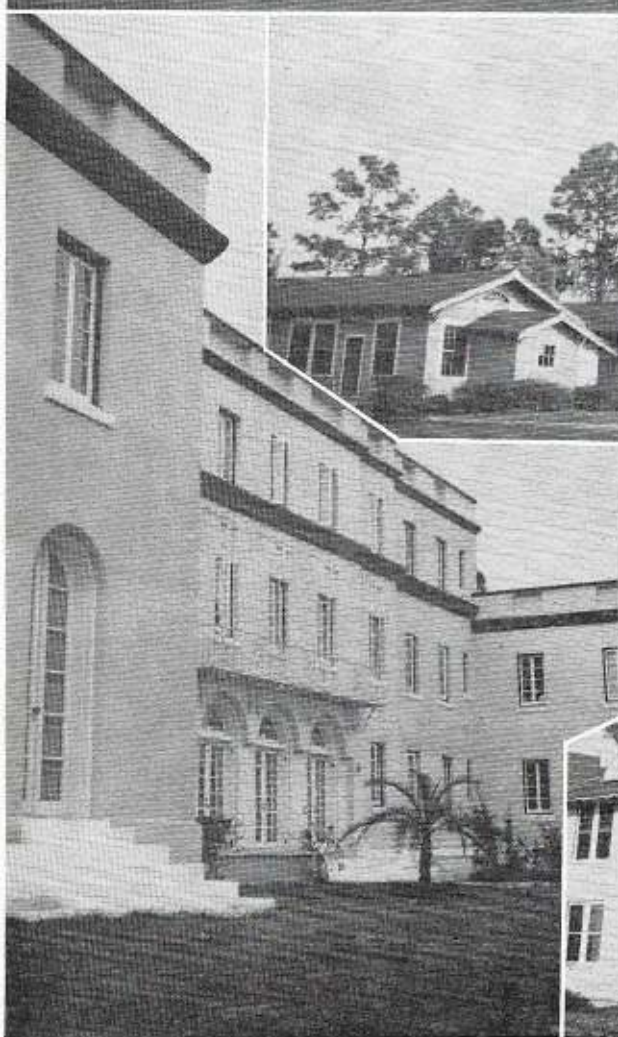
The Class of 1940 has received a great heritage in the traditions which have come to us from the seven graduating classes which have gone forth from the halls of their Alma Mater.

Not only has the Class of '40 sought to maintain these high traditions, but they have earnestly striven to raise them, as well as to blaze new trails for succeeding classes to follow.

According to tradition it has fallen to us to give to you the 1940 Beacon. We trust you will like the new features introduced for the first time in this year's class publication.

The time spent in study at the Florida Bible Institute has meant much to us, in the development of our Christian Character, in the deepening of our spiritual life, in the grounding of our faith upon the sure foundations of God's word and in the efficient training received for effective Christian service as we seek to follow our great Shepherd in the various paths of service in His great harvest field, into which He may lead us. Your earnest prayers in our behalf are earnestly solicited.

ADMINISTRATION





The President

Behind every great work is a Man of Vision. Someone has well said, "God's Method Is a Man." The Scriptures declare, "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2:17.

It is the young men who see visions, for it usually requires a full life time to see a vision fully materialize.

The rapid growth of the Florida Bible Institute stands as a mute testimony to the God inspired vision behind it. This "Modern Miracle" is a monument to the vision, faith, sacrifice, and untiring labors of the President, Dr. W. T. Watson.

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A Tribute to the Faculty

A school is often known for its beautiful buildings, its spacious and well landscaped campus, or its geographical situation. But in the final analysis it is the type of students it graduates which becomes the acid test of the Institution.

Any school is fortunate in having any one or more of these important characteristics. The Florida Bible Institute is especially favored of God in being able to boast of all three.

As to the buildings, furnishings and equipment, the present facilities represent an original investment of nearly one-half million dollars.

The school is located at a bend of the lazy Hillsboro River and is surrounded by the beautiful Temple Terrace Golf Course.

In the brief span of years since the first graduating class left the halls of their Alma Mater, students have been filling responsible positions; as pastors, evangelists, teachers, church secretaries, childrens and young peoples workers, and home and foreign missionaries.

Students who have entered other institutions of higher learning for further training in their chosen fields of service, have taken places of honor wherever they have gone, and thus have reflected the high type of training received at the Florida Bible Institute and do honor in a practical manner to the high quality of the Faculty who so faithfully sought to develop the latent talents of each student.

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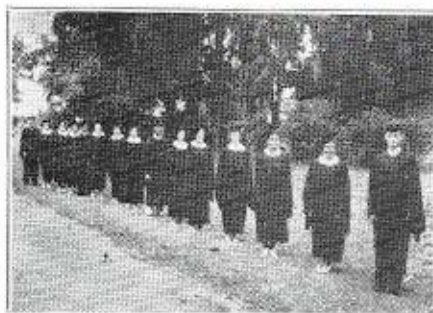
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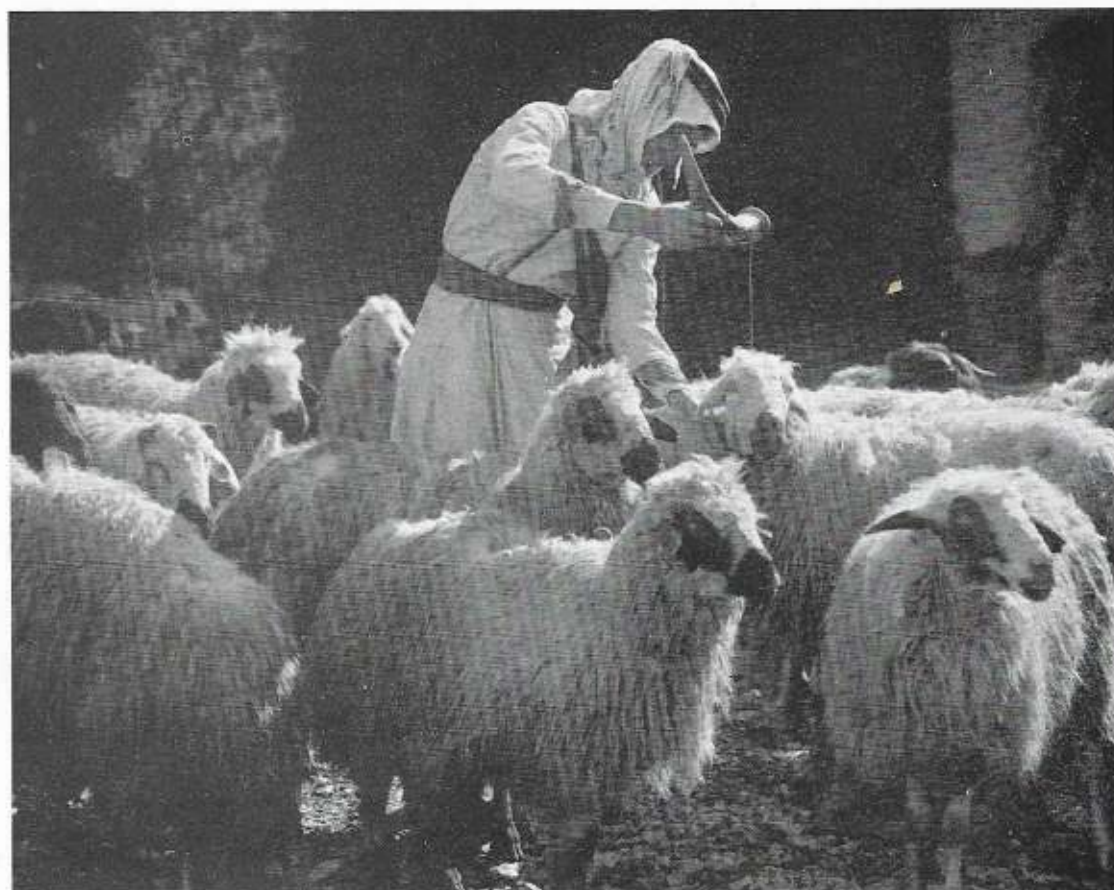
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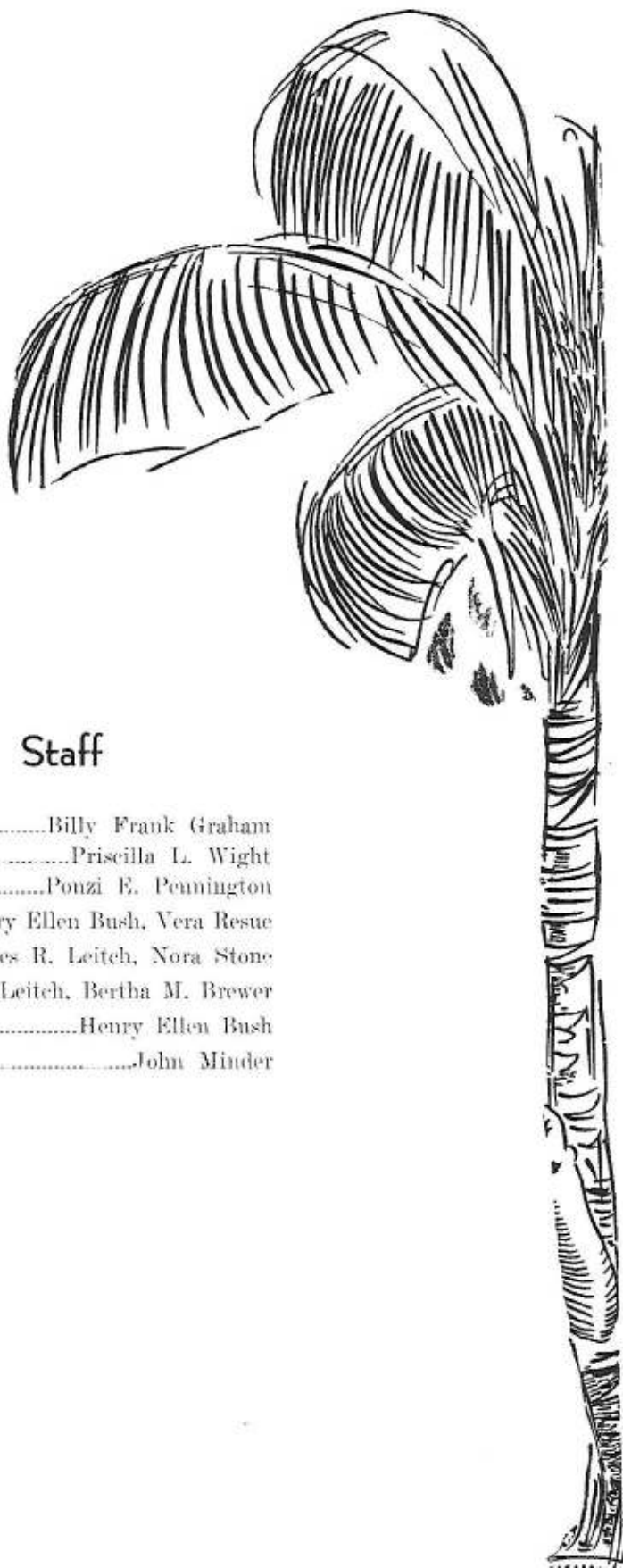
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Anointing for Service



A table Thou hast furnished me,
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
My cup, it overflows.

—Ps. 23.



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Class Song

Lead Us

By Henry Ellen Bush

The Class of 1940 we,
As, "All for Christ," we stand
Do raise our hearts to Thee in prayer,
Oh, "Lead Us" by Thy hand.

Through days of joy and gladness too,
Thy grace with us has been,
And as we leave the halls we love,
Do guard our lives from sin.

O, Cross of Christ within our view
Teach us thy path to choose
That in the tests of life we face,
The vision ne'er to lose.

To fields of harvest lead us now,
And make us servants true,
That we may show the Love of Christ
Whatever we may do.

So, when our work on earth is through
Our Leader then we'll meet
To sing His praise and then to lay
Our crown at Jesus' feet.

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HENRY ELLEN BUSH

Address: Birmingham, Ala.

Favorite Song: Beneath the Cross of Jesus.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only." Psalms 71:16.

Personal Aim: Children and Young People's Work.

Course: Missionary.

Activities: Chorus, Salutatorian, Senior Trio, Radio Work.



JAMES R. LEITCH

Address: West End, Cayman Brac, B. W. I.

Favorite Song: Blessed Assurance.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say on the Lord." Psalms 27:14.

Personal Aim: Missionary to Africa.

Course: Bible.

Activities: Pastor of the Ozona Gospel Tabernacle, Men's Chorus; Volley Ball, Shuffleboard.

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VERA G. RESUE

Address: Tampa, Fla..

Favorite Song: Have Thy Own Way, Lord.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." Phil. 3:10.

Personal Aim: Bible Teacher.

Course: Bible.

Activities: A Capella Choir, Chorus, Sunday School Work; Shuffleboard.



BERTHA M. BREWER

Address: Walhalla, S. C.

Favorite Song: Jesus Lover of My Soul.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." II Tim. 2:15.

Personal Aim: Teacher.

Course: Bible.

Activities: Chorus; Volley Ball.



PONZI E. PENNINGTON

Address: Birmingham, Ala.

Favorite Song: He Keeps Me Singing.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it and fear and shall trust in the Lord." Psalms 40:3.

Personal Aim: Evangelistic Work (Singing and Preaching).

Course: Bible.

Activities: Song Leader and Soloist at the Tampa Gospel Tabernacle and Radio Work, Senior Trio; Volley Ball, Tennis.

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NORA STONE

Address: Birmingham, Ala.

Favorite Song: Rock of Ages.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner." 1 Peter 2:7.

Personal Aim: Missionary to Africa.

Course: Missionary.

Activities: Hiking.

MILDRED E. McLEAN

Address: Lambertton, N. C.

Favorite Song: He Is So Precious to Me.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus," Phil. 4:7.

Personal Aim: Church Secretary.

Course: Church Secretarial.

Activities: Chorus, Sunday School Secretary.



LAWRENCE BUTTS

Address: Milford, Ind.

Favorite Song: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." Jno. 15:16.

Personal Aim: Bible Teacher and Evangelistic Singer.

Course: Bible.

Activities: Choir Leader, Chorus, Men's Chorus, and Quartette; Tennis.



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PRISCILLA WIGHT

Address: Hartwell, Ga.

Favorite Song: Beneath the Cross of Jesus.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loveth me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Personal Aim: Church Secretary and Young People's Work.

Course: Bible.

Activities: Chorus, Ladies' Trio, Senior Trio, Radio Work (Singing and Secretary); Volley Ball.



GRETTA LEITCH

Address: West End, Cayman Brac., B. W. I.

Favorite Song: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14.

Personal Aim: Nurse.

Course: Bible.

Activities: Hiking.

BILLY FRANK GRAHAM

Address: Charlotte, N. C.

Favorite Song: Faith Of Our Fathers.

Favorite Scripture Verse: "I exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3.

Personal Aim: Evangelist.

Course: Bible.

Activities: President of the Senior Class, Assistant Pastor of the Tampa Gospel Tabernacle, Chaplain of the Tampa Municipal Trailer Park; Tennis, Volley Ball, Swimming.



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Class History

When the dear old Alma Mater extended her arms to encircle the babes of 1937, the following Freshmen were embraced: Henry Ellen Bush, Birmingham, Ala.; Mildred McLean, Lumberton, N. C.; Rebecca Craven, Mooresville, N. C.; Pauline Bragg, Largo, Fla.; Bill Connor, Hendersonville, N. C.; Priscilla Wight, Asheville, N. C.; Billy Graham, Charlotte, N. C.; Cecil Blanton, Charlotte, N. C.; Duanne Austin, New York City; Kathleen McLain, Statesville, N. C.; Vera Resue, Tampa, Fla.; Beth Blowers, Brooklyn, Michigan.

Later on Bertha Brewer of Walhalla, S. C., entered this cradle of learning, followed by Warren Walker and Ponzi Pennington, Birmingham, Ala.; Lawrence Butts, Milford, Indiana; Floy Matthews, Charlotte, N. C. On November 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Bragan, former graduates of F. B. I., returned from the British West Indies, where they had been missionaries for two years. When it was learned that with them were two new members from the "Islands," to be added to the Freshman Class, there were questions in the minds of the faculty and students: "Are these Islanders black, yellow, red or white? Do they speak French, German, English, Spanish, or what?" When Greta and Jim Leitch reached the school, curiosity was not satisfied: "Yes, they are white, but what language are they jabbering? Surely not English!"

Dr. Watson, the beloved President, in his speech of welcome truthfully called this the best looking, best behaved and the best potential Seniors that the Florida Bible Institute had ever received into her lap of learning.

Homesick feelings were soon dispelled by the desire to be busy, the eagerness to learn and the joy of being among spiritual friends. A successful two weeks' revival meeting was conducted by Rev. T. Perry Brannon, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Seniors, Juniors and Freshmen received great spiritual blessings and soon felt that they were one great family at F. B. I. through Christ. Many of them consecrated their lives to the Lord's service. Where else existed such a group—unity of spirit and sameness of purpose! Surely God had smiled on this beautiful spot and set it aside for the development of His servants. These newcomers called it, "The garden spot of Florida," "a little touch of Paradise on earth," "a small Garden of Eden."

They spent many delightful hours becoming acquainted with their new environment,—the moss-laden pines and the spiny palms; the sleeping hibiscus and golden elder; Seminole rose and graceful oleanders. Students, students everywhere! Some were playing tennis; some were having their first games of shuffleboard; many were taking hikes to the near-by orange groves and many were strolling along the winding, sparkling Hillsboro River. Was there ever a more fitting place for a Bible School?

The Freshmen enthusiastically entered into a new field of endeavor, a spiritual faculty to instruct, class-mates to encourage, and God to guide and protect—with the understanding of the Word of God and teaching it to all nations as their goal!

In time real school work began in earnest; these unsophisticated yet eager young Freshmen found their proper places in classrooms for Bible study, Music and English. And soon they made themselves efficient in kitchen, on the lawn, and through the halls—from basement to tower they made themselves useful. Talents were not long to remain dormant and unknown.

The social life at F. B. I. will be long remembered by the class of 1940, for they have had many hours of wholesome fun together.

Trips to the beach were a new experience to most of the class. They were

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thrilled to see for the first time the beautiful, blue-green waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and to enjoy a swim in the salt water. The three F's of Florida will always charm.

F L O R I D A F I S H I N G F R U I T S F U N

The Freshmen proved themselves mischievous when the Juniors and Seniors went to Bok Tower, and on their return were minus clothing and had to endure limburger cheese.

September 6, 1938, Alma Mater must call her Freshmen Juniors. Four new faces were present in the class huddles: Helen Stephens, Miami, Fla.; Jean Phillips, Birmingham, Ala.; Mabel Whitten, Maine; Walter Conklin, Miami, Fla.

Rev. Perry Brammon was again present with his inspirational messages to start the Juniors off right. This was a great time of spiritual refreshing and life decisions for the Lord's work.

October 30, after the Hallowe'en party with the regular spaghetti supper, students, faculty and guests gathered in the lounge to hear the great debate of the Juniors which settled the question "Should F. B. I. remain co-educational?"

Day of days to choose for an outing! Spring again! April 1st! "All fools' day."—the Juniors selected for a trip to the beach and boat ride. Everyone knows the story—"Stuck in the mud, and home in the wee hours of the morning."

Also in April Vera Resue reached another milestone in her young life and members of the class went to her home for a surprise party. Remember Lawrence's confession and the old bus bedecked with ribbons?

In September, 1939, we returned to F. B. I. to start our last year. A revival conducted by Evangelist Jimmie Johnson of Bob Jones College proved a great blessing and every one was inspired to do greater things for his Lord and Savior.

After checking the roll, the secretary found Floy, Cecil, Jean, Mable, Byrum, Walter and Helen were missing. We were sorry to lose seven beloved members of the class but were glad to welcome to our group Nora Stone, of Birmingham, Ala.

The Oyster Supper given by Mr. Leach, November 25, 1939, was enjoyed by all. Juniors dated Seniors and Seniors dated Freshmen. Conditions were "No date, no stew."

During the Spring vacation, the Seniors made a trip to northern Florida which "Carried-a-Storm." The group left the Institute Wednesday, conducted a service at De Leon Springs and then went to Melrose. Each night services were conducted in the nearby towns. Souls were saved and all received a great blessing. Another source of enjoyment were the places of interest visited. The first was the Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine. It was here that Bill was left in the slave market. We also enjoyed the Ravine Gardens, Silver Springs, Green Cove Springs, and others. Arriving back at School on April 2nd, 10:30 P. M., every one was tired but happy for the blessing of the trip.

April 29th the class again ventured on a trip to Sarasota, Venice and Fort Myers. Five services were held and every one had a blessed spiritual time.

Time and service have made many and various demands of the class of 1937-1940, so the graduation day arrives with the following to be graduated: Vera Resue, Henry Ellen Bush, Nora Stone, Bertha Brewer, Mildred McLean, Greta Leitch, Ponzi Pennington, Billy Graham, Jim Leitch, Lawrence Butts. The excellent voices of Priscilla Wight, Henry Ellen Bush, Ponzi Pennington and Lawrence Butts were discovered and they were soon pressed into service, telling

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the love of the Savior in song to the church and radio audiences. Billy Graham was the evangelist, and in the last three years many souls have been won to Christ through his soul stirring messages. Jim Leitch also felt the call to the pulpit and for the past school term has served as pastor of the Ozona Gospel Tabernacle where great blessing has come as a result of his faithful ministry. Vera Resue received the alumni scholarship, awarded in 1939, and became valedictorian of the class of 1940. She has given heed to her calling to teach the word and at the present time is teaching a Bible class at the Tampa Gospel Center. Greta Leitch, with her excellent scholastic record, will return to her native land, Cayman Islands, where she hopes to become a medical missionary. Nora Stone and Bertha Brewer and Mildred McLain have completed their course which equips them for Sunday School teachers, Bible School teachers and trained leaders in various fields of Christian service.

As the doors close on three happy years which are now history, the door opens into a future of service for their Lord and King—may they ever be found faithful.

Class Log

September 12. The doors of the Florida Bible Institute were opened wide. It was good to see so many of the old students back. Those in the Freshman Class were sized up and we were glad to report that they met our approval. They made a few mistakes; but, of course, that was to be expected. Some of us can still remember Charles Rhine's arrival with a big umbrella and an overcoat on his arm. (Remember, this was in Florida and in September at that.)

The revival services with Jimmie Johnson soon took our whole attention. We all felt that his services were just what we needed. They gave us a good start for the year. Our minds were turned to our precious Savior and our goal was set before us. We dedicated our lives anew to our Master and determined to be efficient in our work for the year.

September 14. The Get-Acquainted Party. This was a time when each one sought to learn the other fellow's name, for every individual had his name pinned on his back and when one forgot another's name, all he needed to do was look at the name tag on his back.

October 29. The Hallowe'en Party—Remember the mystery ghost with the skeleton? We found out later that it was Dr. A. A. Smith.

November 1. Mr. and Mrs. Markham arrived. The Freshmen had heard so much about "the major", that they were anxious to meet him, and they were not disappointed.

November 25. An Oyster Supper—given by Mr. Fred Leach to every girl who brought a young man as her companion, for this is leap year, you know.

November 30. Thanksgiving Day—The President chose to change the date for this day but we chose to celebrate the traditional date. This day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, beginning with an inspiring chapel service in our new Auditorium at which time our President, Dr. Watson, told of his wonderful experience and opportunity in speaking to the thousands and thousands of children and also many men and women, who attended the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Underprivileged Children at God's Bible School in Cincinnati.

December 13. The Seniors took a trip to Indian Rocks where we discovered that Mr. Minder was a grand cock. Remember the steak, Seniors!

December 14. Christmas Holidays Begin—The air was charged with excitement

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as nearly all of the students got ready to leave. By the way, the suit cases were not the only things packed; we came to this conclusion as we watched some of the cars drive away.

January 4. Vacation slipped by all too soon; however, it was good to get back to work again.

January 28-February 4. Mid-Winter Bible Conference—We had no classes during this time but there was plenty to do. The speakers were as follows: Dr. Vance Havner, Dr. Albert Hughes, Dr. E. J. Pace, Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, Dr. H. M. Shuman, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, Mr. Homer Rodehaver, Dr. E. Ralph Hooper, Dr. R. E. Neighbour, Rev. John Hay, and Dr. John McNeill.

February 6. Classes were resumed and another new schedule was put into effect.

February 8. Clifford Hollifield was the speaker and we found his lecture on radio-broadcasting very helpful.

March 1. Dr. R. R. Brown was the speaker. Remember the Volleyball Game when he showed us how to play?

March 19. Asbury Glee Club were the honor guests. Remember it, girls! The girls went to hear the boys sing, but the boys of the Institute decided they had better go along and keep track of the girls.

March 29. The Senior Trip to North Florida—We made our headquarters at Lake Swan near Melrose, Florida, and held services in the surrounding communities. Souls were saved and many were blessed. We enjoyed swimming and boating at the lake and visited the Ravine Gardens, Palatka, Florida; Silver Springs at Silver Springs, Florida, and The Fountain of Youth at St. Augustine, Florida. We broadcasted over stations WFOY at St. Augustine and WTMC at Ocala, Florida.

One of the outstanding events occurring on the trip was the solemn ceremony conducted by the "king" (Lawrence Butts) in bestowing the honor of Knighthood upon Billy Graham. We can still see Billy kneeling humbly before his Majesty (?) and hear the "king" very graciously (?) say, "I now pronounce you—dead." The "king" with his self-appointed subjects was very prominent (in more ways than one).

March 31. Miss Grover seems to be interested in Storms. Her interest is not in Florida Storms either for he is from New York.

April 1. The Seniors return but no April fools.

April 2. Back to Classes once again.

April 18. Beautiful pictures shown by Mr. Ross Woods.

April 29. Senior Trip to South Florida—We traveled 200 miles and held services in the Bayshore Baptist Church, Ft. Myers, Fla.; the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Ft. Myers also, and in the Baptist Church in Venice, Fla. We broadcasted over the Ft. Myers Radio station and the Sarasota Radio station.

May 10. Class Program at Florence Villa Baptist Church.

May 11. Banquet

May 12. Class Program at Tampa Gospel Tabernacle.

May 12. Baccalaureate: Rev. Ralph E. Boyer was the speaker.

May 13. Commencement Exercises.



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Sports

Many and varied are the sports and recreational activities of the students, faculty, and guests of the Florida Bible Institute. Because of the geographical location of the Institute there are many sports that can be played the year around. Tampa is called "The Year Around City" with an average temperature of 70 degrees. The well kept cement tennis courts, the tiled swimming pool, the large and beautiful Temple Terrace golf course, the beautiful Hillsboro river with its hanging Spanish moss, the shuffleboard courts and the spacious lawns, are all inviting to the student, professor, and guest of the Florida Bible Institute. With the Gulf of Mexico only 40 minutes drive from the Institute many trips are made to the sun-bathed Gulf beaches to enjoy an afternoon of bathing in the healthful salt water.

Canoeing

Canoeing is loved by all perhaps more than any of the sports participated in by the students of the Institute. Seven expensive canoes are owned and kept free to all that wish to spend an afternoon of leisurely moving down the tropical Hillsboro river. Visiting friends of the school often marvel at the tropical beauty of the Hillsboro river as they glide along in a sleek, graceful canoe. The boys often find great sport in playing "King of the Boat".

Tennis

Tennis is another of the interesting recreational activities. Most any afternoon one can look down at the tennis courts and see exciting tournaments taking place between students and faculty.

Golf

The Temple Terrace golf course winds itself in and out the large handsome streets of Temple Terrace and the lawns of the Florida Bible Institute. Many days there are those that spend a great portion of the day in going over the 18 holes of the golf course that has been said to be one of the finest and most beautiful in the south. Fine greens and a few sand pits make it inviting to the amateur golfer who is trying to make par.

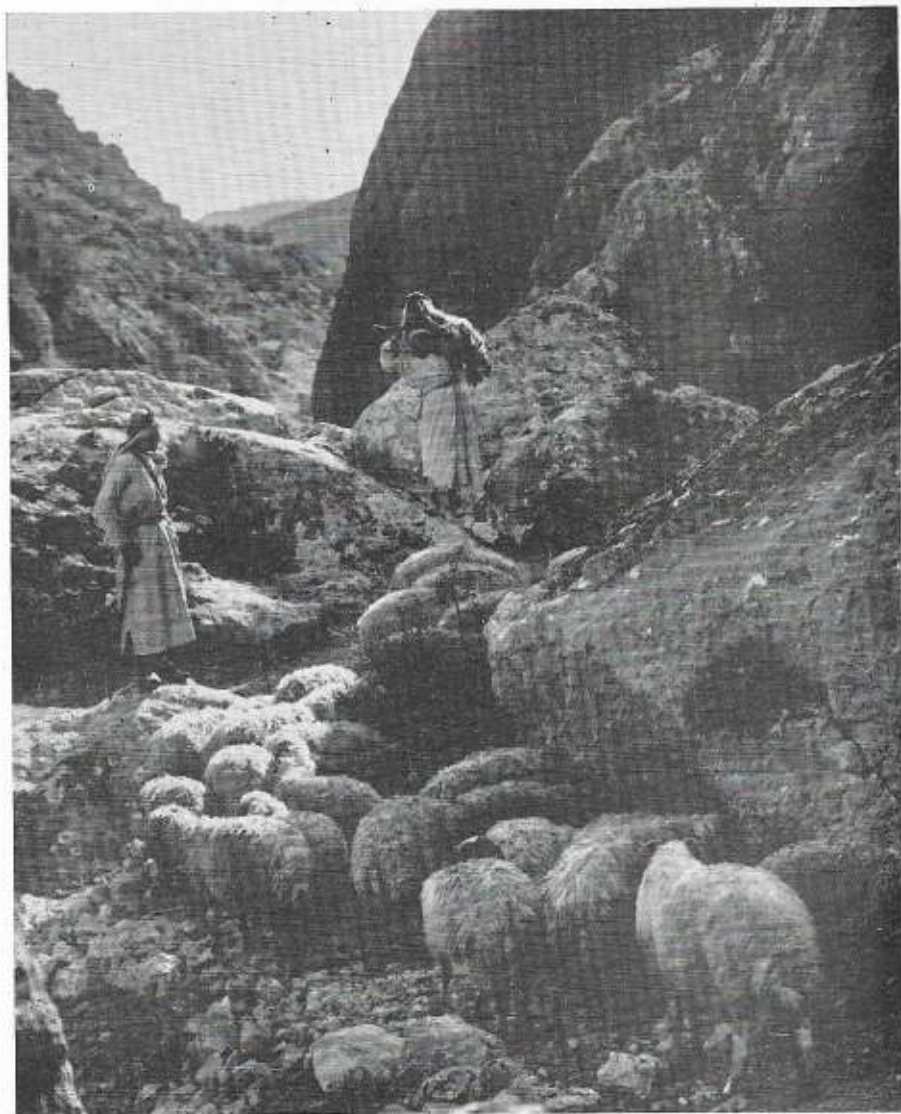
Volley Ball

Volley ball is enjoyed by more students, faculty, and guests than any other one sport. The Freshman Class challenges the Juniors, after which the winning team is challenged by the faculty, to be later played by the fast stepping, experienced Senior Class. Many tournaments are staged throughout the school year which brings clean sportsmanship and keen competition to all.

In these various sports the students, faculty, and guests not only get physical recreation but they are brought to realize what joy there really is in good clean sports and it also helps them in their spiritual lives when they discover the joy there is in following Jesus.

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Leadership



Jehovah hear thee in the day when trouble he doth send,
And let the name of Jacob's God from every ill defend.

—Ps. 20.

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Practical Work

Students at the Florida Bible Institute have many opportunities to follow the Good Shepherd in ministering to His flock and in bringing lost sheep into the fold.

The activities in this phase of school life differ as widely as the needs. The Institute seeks to anticipate the needs in the various fields of Christian work and seeks to train the student for effective work in the field of his choice.

Each week sees students active in different phases of the Lord's work. Some are regular teachers of Sunday School classes in the different churches in the vicinity of Tampa, others are active in Young People's services, street services and children's meetings conducted by the young ladies are regular events.

The young men are doing very effective work as preachers, song leaders, mission workers and in conducting street meetings. Many calls come to the Institute each year for evangelistic services conducted by the young men whose ministry in this field he has signally blessed.

During the Tourist season trailer camps within a radius of 35 miles of Tampa are visited regularly by student groups which have brought much blessing.

Music is a very important phase of the student ministry. The very acceptable manner in which students fill appointments in various vocal combinations from solos to anthems rendered by the Institute Chorus, speaks well for the splendid training received. In addition to regular musical assignments, special programs are frequently arranged throughout the school year. Four regular radio programs each week over the three principal radio stations of the West Coast of Florida are dependent upon the Institute for their music.

With such valuable varied training in practice as well as in theory we can well understand why students make good as Christian Workers, in their chosen fields of service after leaving the Institute.



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Motto - - - "Saved to Serve"

Verse - - - Proverbs 11:30

Song - - "In the Service of the King"

Colors - - - Blue and White

Flower - - - Gardenia

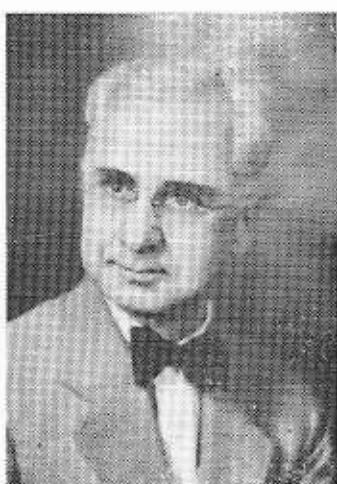
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Motto - "Holding Fast the Faithful Word"

Verse - - - - - Proverbs 3:5,6

Song - - - - - "Living For Jesus"

Colors - - - - - Red and White

Flower - - - - - Red Rose

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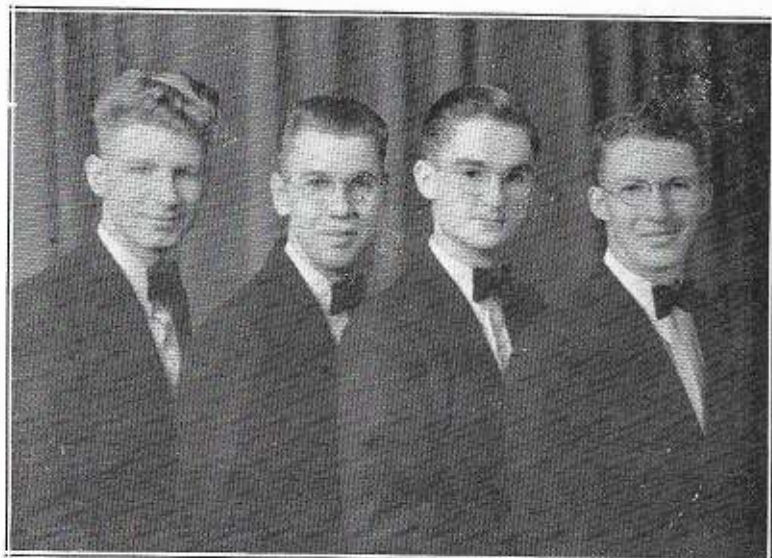
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F. B. I. Alumni Association

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Another mountain peak in the path of life has been reached—and our Shepherd leads on! Thus, for eight years our Alma Mater has been faithful in her objective, "training for definite Christian service at home and abroad". Each year a noble band of devoted and well trained young people have come into the ranks of the F. B. I. Alumni Association.

Each class coming into our Association means new recruits to help carry out our mission of bringing other lost "sheep into the fold" in order that they too might hear His voice and respond to His call.

Members of the class of '40 are finding a warm welcome into the fellowship of the Alumni Association. Our heartiest welcome to them and trust that with our united effort in behalf of F. B. I. that we all make the coming year the greatest in the history of the school.

The work which is being done by members of the Association is of such a high character that it bespeaks well the value of the training received within the walls of their Alma Mater. One by one they have gone out to fill their own place in the ranks as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, musicians, Bible School Workers, church secretaries, young people's workers and instructors in other Bible Schools.

It is the aim of the Alumni Association to do all in their power towards the upbuilding of their Alma Mater in every phase of its life; to hold high its standards and traditions, by being true to Christ, true to His Word and faithful to the One Who is our Great Shepherd.

TO THE CLASS OF '40

It is with pleasure that we welcome you into the ranks of the Alumni Association and we believe your addition to our Association will result in mutual blessing to you and former members of the Association. To each of you we bid Godspeed and may the thrill of the call of the Master ever burn brightly within your hearts.

"Savior, like a Shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care."

And "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

May you face the coming days with courage,
And be sustained by faith,
And tho' you travel far, so far,
God grant your road may turn this way,
And bring you back sometime,
To your Alma Mater, F. B. I.

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- Cloud, Rev. Steve, '36 (Married), 6309 15th St., Tampa, Fla.—Evangelist.
Culp, Virginia, '36, Tampa, Fla.—Secretary.
Duncan, Rev. Grant, '36 (Married), Grant, New Mexico—Pastor.
Hutchins, Mrs. Bryant (Madele Edwards, '36), 2149 N. W. 41st St., Miami, Fla.
Smith, Mrs. Thomas (Eleanor Goodman, '36), Miami, Fla.
Hendry, Rev. Pierce, '36, Lake Magdalene, Tampa, Fla.—Pastor.
Hendry, Mrs. Emily (Emily Wheeler, '37), Lake Magdalene, Tampa, Fla.
Pullara, Martinique, '36, Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.
Shank, Laurel, '36, Buffalo, N. Y.
Peacock, Mrs. Leanord (Jessie Van Dongen, '36), St. Petersburg, Fla.
Berger, Mrs. John (Nanette Villines, '36), Rt. 2, Box 501, Bessemer, Ala.
Ware, Hazel, '36, Toccoa Falls Institute, Toccoa Falls, Ga.
Williams, Willzell, '36, Branch Ave., Tampa, Fla.
Rich, Rev. Howard, '37 (Married), Eden, New York—Pastor.
Green, Rev. Phillip, '37, Florida—Pastor.
Rich, Kathleen, '37, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Young People's Worker.
Clements, Clara, '37, Moody Bible Inst., Chicago, Ill.—Student.
Cavanagh, Inez, '37, 2819 Taliaferro St., Tampa, Fla.—S. S. Worker.
Street, Rev. Howard, '37, Shanbundu Kahemba, via Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa—
Missionary.
Street, Mrs. Rene, '38 (Rene Corley), Congo Belge, Africa—Missionary.
Hall, Ruby, '37, Marion, North Carolina.
Gustafsen, Roy, '37, Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.—Student.
Phillips, Betty, '38, Houston, Texas—Worker, Bible Cyclorama.
Boyer, Winifred, '38, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mrs. Robert Jones, '38 (Eva Pettigrew), Macon, Ga.—Pastor's wife.
Duncan, Ruth, '38, Florida Bible Institute—Secretary.
Houser, Betty Ann, '38, Venice, Fla.—Bookkeeper and Musician.
Marshall, Sylvia, '38, Chicago, Ill.
Alexander, Mary Ann, '34, Detroit, Michigan—Church Secretary.
Jewell, James, '34, New Castle, Pa.
Robles, Mary Louise, '34, R. F. D. No. 1 (Lake Magdalene), Tampa, Fla.
Bragg, Rev. Ervine, '34 (Married), Lumberton, N. C.—Pastor.
Van Dongen, Mrs. Edith, '34, St. Petersburg, Fla.

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- Jones, Mary Katherine, '39, 2322 Laurel St., Tampa—Worker, Hope Mission.
- Swanson, Mrs. Melvin, '34 (Louise Ellis), St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Brock, Brunette, '34, Florida Bible Institute—Office Secretary.
- Epperson, Rev. Charles, '35, Raleigh, N. C.—Pastor.
- Bragan, Rev. Harris, '35 (Married), Florida Bible Institute—Supervisor.
- Bragan, Mrs. Harris, '36 (Margaret Scott), Florida Bible Institute, Tampa.
- Molan, Mrs. Horace, '35 (Dorothy Lennon), Demorest, Ga.—Pastor's wife.
- Caulkins, Louise, '36, Lake Harbor, Mich.—Sect. Maranatha Conference.
- Wolter, Mrs. Victor, '36 (Gretchen Hunker), Salisbury, Mo.
- McQuarters, Mary, '36, Lionilli, Ky.—Gospel Chapel Girls—Missionary.
- Rogers, Mrs. Ed, '36 (Margaret Maupin), Clearwater, Fla.
- Gannon, Susanne, '36, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Pastor's Secretary.
- Lefforge, Everett, '36, Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago—Student.
- Bragan, Rev. Murray, '36 (Married), Cayman Brac, B. W. I.—Missionary.
- Godfrey, Rev. Robert, '36 (Married), —Pastor.
- Massey, Rev. Charles, '38 (Married), Statesville, N. C.—Pastor; and Instructor in Charlotte Bible Institute, Charlotte, N. C.
- Massey, Mrs. Charles, '39 (Emily Cavanaugh), Statesville, N. C.—Pastor's wife; Instructor in Charlotte Bible Institute.
- Adams, Rev. Robert, '39 (Married), Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle, Birmingham, Ala.—Assistant Pastor.
- Adams, Mrs. Robert, '39 (Betty Beard), Birmingham, Ala.—Pastor's wife.
- Noblett, Claud, '39, Nyack, New York—Student—Missionary Elect.
- Gibson, Lucille, '39, Crystal Beach, Fla.—Worker, Faith Mission.
- Thompson, Murriell, '39, Laurel, Fla.—Missionary Elect. Ky. Mts.
- Meyer, Walter, '39, Hackensack, New Jersey.
- Edwards, Mrs. Marvin, '36 (Lorraine Mileham), Miami, Fla.
- Messervy, Katherine, '39, Florida Bible Institute—Worker.
- Gibbons, Bernice, '38, New Castle, Pa.—Missionary Elect.
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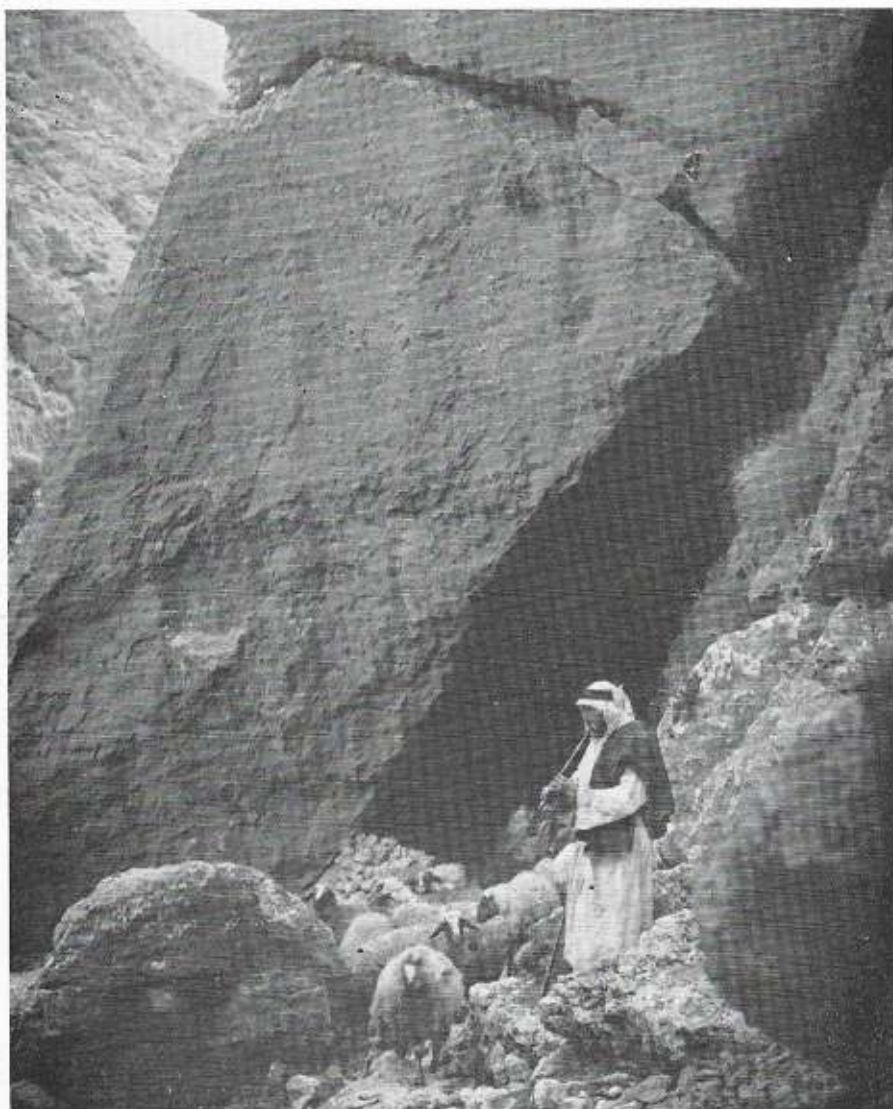


Praise God with harp, and unto Him,
Sing with the psaltery;
Upon a ten stringed instrument
Make ye sweet melody.

—P. 33.

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Praise



"All thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord"—Ps. 145-10.

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LADIES TRIO

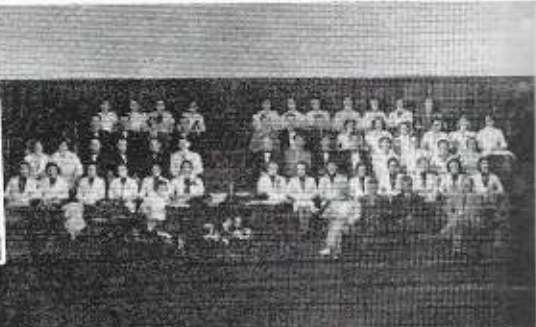
The Music Department of the Institute has had an exceptionally interesting and successful year.

By means of its various organizations such as Institute Chorus, Ladies' A Cappella Choir, Men's Glee Club, Ladies' Quartet and Trio, the spirit of the school has been spread over a wide territory giving blessings to thousands. In addition to personal appearances there has been the enormous coverage made possible by the radio ministry, which has reached untold millions through the facilities of at least seven Florida Radio Stations. Regular programs of more than two hours weekly are presented over three principal stations of West Florida.

Musical activities were climaxed at the close of the school year by a Festival of Sacred Song presented over the Orange Network, at which time a transcription was made for rebroadcast over powerful shortwave international stations to a world wide audience.

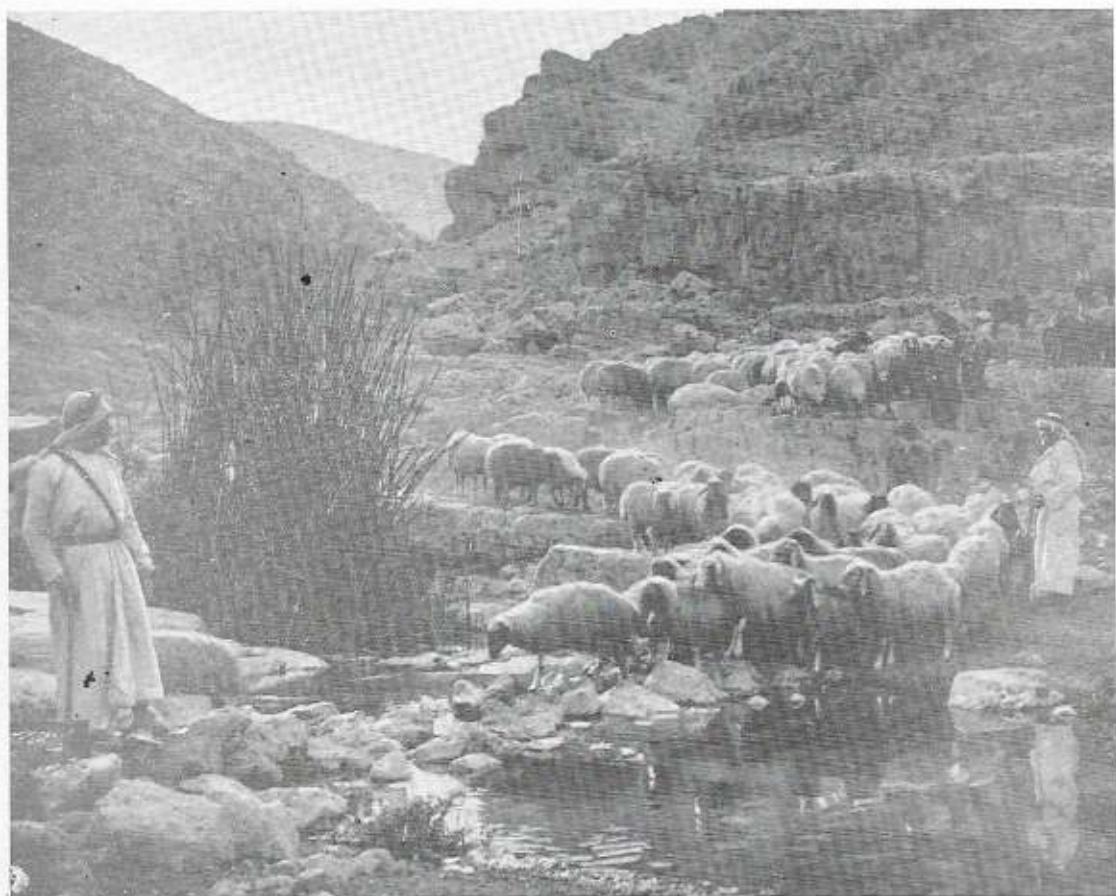
Recognition of the wonderful opportunity of broadcasting the precious message of salvation by means of gospel singing and have tried to meet this obligation with all the strength and variety possible.

The training received by the students themselves in participating in these activities is invaluable in many ways: in quality of voice, in expression and interpretation, in exactness and underneath it all a burden to give out the message and exalt our adorable Lord Jesus Christ whether by solo voice, duet, trio, or chorus.

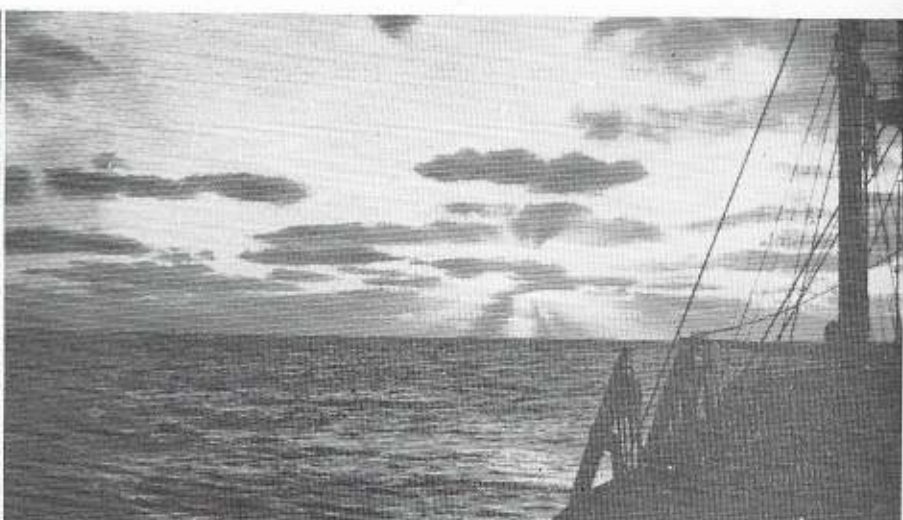


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Missions



"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold ; them also I must bring."—Jno. 10:16



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Missions

Let the heathen walk in a single file at a brisk walk before you. Every hour will pass the population of a town of 3600.

Hour after hour, from morning until night, from night until day; days, weeks, months and years that procession will pass on. It will never end; for by the time one generation has passed on, another stands ready to take its place.

This is the march of death; and every second, a soul that has heard little or nothing of the gospel of Christ enters the world of the departed. For every breath you draw four immortal souls pass from heathenism into eternity.

Ceaseless, silent, swiftly moving
Down the realms of night,
Day by day a vast procession
Passeth out of human sight.

Millions yet on millions teeming
Still the ranks unbroken keep.
Onward ever onward sweeping
To that last, that awful leap.

Can we stand and watch them passing
One by one to Christless night,
With our hearts unmoved by pity
With their awful doom and plight?

Christian soul awake, arouse thee!
For today is still thy trust
Give to them the gospel message,
Go or send it now, we must.

The Florida Bible Institute offers a course in missions whereby its chief aim is to familiarize the students with the needs of the home and foreign mission fields. Every year missionaries, home on furlough, address the student body, giving them the actual facts of missionary life on the foreign field. These messages tend to freshen the burden of prayer for the lost, and inspire greater zeal in the students to reach those who have never heard the story of redemption.

The Missionary Prayer Band meets every day at noon for prayer for the home and foreign fields, who are holding up the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard.

From the halls of the Florida Bible Institute have gone forth a good number of missionaries: to Africa, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Street, '36 and '37, respectively; to South America, Orland Corwin, '34, who will be sailing in the near future; the British West Indies, Rev. and Mrs. Harris Bragan, '36, who are now returned to this country; Rev. and Mrs. Murry Bragan, '36, now on the field. Some are engaged in Mission work in the mountains of Kentucky and others are making further preparation to go to the various fields in the near future.

It is the desire of the school to continually strengthen this department that young people may receive the vision of world wide gospel missions; that those who are in heathen darkness may hear and believe the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Summer Bible Schools



OPEN THE DOOR FOR
THE CHILDREN.

The Florida Bible Institute realizes the need of religious training for the children of our country.

We need more time in our churches today for teaching the Bible to boys and girls. Most churches devote less than one hour each Sunday in Bible teaching in Sunday School, but that is not enough religious training, even though it be well organized.

Boys and girls of today spend about 25 hours a week for 9 months or 900 hours a year in public schools and are taught every thing but the Bible. They go to the movies, listen to radio programs several hours a week, read comic strips, books and magazines; many of them come from non-Christian homes and even more come from broken homes.

Our public schools close for 3 months in the spring, and at this time 27,000,000 pupils of Summer Bible School age are dismissed to spend a summer of idleness. They have nothing to induce constructive living. Millions of these would be glad to go to Summer Bible Schools 3 hours daily, for 2 weeks or more if they only had the opportunity.

What a challenge this is to Bible School Students and Church Workers.

The Florida Bible Institute trains its students for Summer Bible School Work. Students of the school in the past 8 years have enrolled over 50,000 children in such schools, who otherwise would not receive this training.

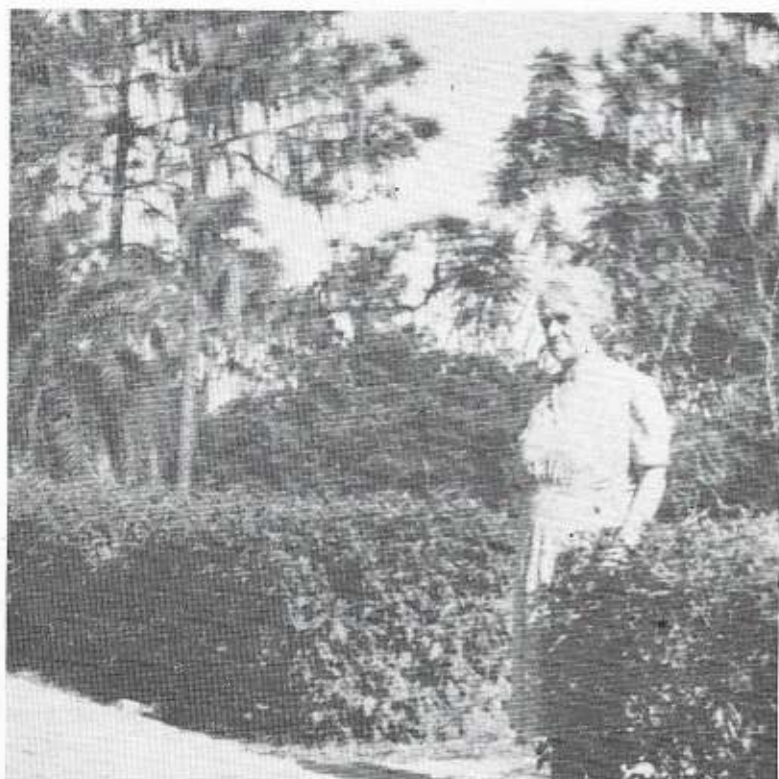
Summer Bible Schools offer great opportunity for winning boys and girls to Christ, and to Christian living. "As a twig is bent so the tree is inclined." Boys and girls of today are the fathers and mothers of tomorrow, shall we not train them for the future?

These schools have been held in fourteen states and also in the British West Indies.

The future is ripe unto harvest, and the students of the Institute are anxiously looking forward to enrolling even more boys and girls than before.

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In Memoriam



Mrs. Naomi Ruth Richey, widow of the late Claude P. Richey, passed to her rest and reward, in her apartment at the Florida Bible Institute, Temple Terrace, Tampa, Florida, Monday morning, March 11. She joined in glory her late husband on his birthday anniversary. In 1928 they dedicated their full time and talent to Gospel work. They gave five years to Toccoa Falls Bible Institute, Claude as supervisor of men's work, Ruth as house mother. Later they labored in the same capacity at the Florida Bible Institute. Claude passed away three years ago. This faithful pair were affectionately known in both Bible schools as "Pop and Mom". They both laid down their life for a better one after only a few days' illness.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

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Salutatorian Address

"The Challenge We Face"

By HENRY ELLEN BUSH

Youth today is in a state of feverish frustration as they eagerly search for something lasting and real upon which they can base their lives, their hopes, and their ambitions.

We are living in an age of strife, every where we turn we meet it. Our newspapers are full of war, crime, divorce and financial trouble. World conditions are at the lowest. The wars that we are seeing now are the worst we have ever known. This generation has seen a great advance in science, wickedness, and sin. Earthquakes, famines and the worst of calamities have been witnessed by us.

Are these great fulfillments of Prophecy not a challenge before us, to men and women of every rank? They should call us to think of eternal things and our own relation to God. This is our challenge to fight for Him. The world is craving a revolution but why not give them a revelation of Christ in His fullness?

Men always follow a leader; the Romans followed their Caesars; Crusaders followed Richard the Lion-hearted; Italians died gloriously for Garibaldi; Alexander the Great's footsteps were blotted out by the feet of those who followed him; at the sound of Napoleon's voice men dropped their tools and followed. These are dead, but Christ marches on to victory in spite of foes, but where are the soldiers of Christ?

At no time during the past century has the Christian church faced the opposition that it does today. Out of 735,000,000 people in America and Europe nearly one-third disclaim connection with Christian churches. Many more are influenced by anti-Christian religions of Communism and Fascism. In the whole world the spread of Christianity in the last decade has lagged behind the increase in heathen and pagan populations. There are only 737,000,000 Christians, whether true or false, out of the 2,200,000,000 in the world.

H. R. Knickerbocker—the world correspondent—on return to America said, "I do not think we shall ever see peace again". Truly, we cannot until the Prince of Peace shall come. Then seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be?

The Challenge is to faith in a living, and returning Christ—to venture for Him. David Livingston gave his all and said "anywhere provided it be forward". Hudson Taylor, the father of China's Inland Mission, has said, "Faith laughs at impossibilities and obedience raises no question".

The Captain waits your answer: the world is in need: Christianity is a missionary religion, but there is still a need for messengers in the "regions beyond". Hitler has said, "Which will you be, German or Christian?" No less than 60,000,000 Chinese are homeless and starving. The moral conditions are appalling. They have little education or reformation, but less of Christ or Christianity.

Today, Christians of Russia are slaughtered by the hundreds, the Word of God is taken out of their homes, and even missionaries are refused entrance in this country. We must admit that a great "without" has been written on Heathenism. Men and women are toiling without a Bible, without a Sunday, without prayer, without songs of praise. They have homes without peace, young people without ideals, children without innocence, mothers without wisdom or self-control, pov-

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erty without relief, sorrow without remedy—this is as black as night, but the worst is death without hope. I. Cor. 6:11. "And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." We have the Word of Life in our possession so why not tell those who know Him, not?

The 20th century report of World Missions points the finger of guilt at us as it shows that the fundamental difficulty is not men nor money but a lack of spiritual power. The Christian experience of the church is not deep, intense and living enough to meet the missionary and the world need. What will we do about it? The only hope is for Christians to avail themselves of the abundant life in Christ, that He may be a living and vital part of their lives.

The pictures of conditions in our own, so-called Christian America are of no brighter hue. Our educational systems have failed in training our youth in morals as well as the Bible. Five years ago the classes in public schools were opened with Bible reading. Today the Word is denied as being inspired of God, and is entirely omitted. There was never a period in American history when less religion was taught in the schools than today. Our crime and juvenile court records surpass those of all other nations.

Today we have 27,000,000 boys and girls classified as Protestants who are growing up practically without any religious education. The home furnishes the environment for the most impressionable years in life. The school furnishes the intellectual environment; the church the spiritual environment. If these fail—what then?

The children of today will be the men and women of tomorrow. We are living in an age when young people think of little else than having a good time. The need is great so let us chart our position and ask ourselves—Am I satisfied? The great trouble with the army of Christian soldiers is that too many are serving in the band. What a miserable response the challenge of the Divine Captain receives! He cries, "Whom shall I send," and apart from a few souls whose hearts respond, the call falls upon deaf ears. Dr. Lockyer has well said—"The cause of our weakness and cowardice is the lack of constant contact with God." Our lives should be swayed by the Victor of Calvary. Then we would be self sacrificing and have a zeal to go forward.

There is only one Gospel, and the centrality of the Cross in Christian experience remains unchanged. Let us, therefore, strive together for the faith of the Gospel, "that in all things He may have the preeminence."

"A call for loyal soldiers
Comes to one and all;
Soldiers for the conflict,
Will you heed the call?
Will you answer quickly,
With a ready cheer,
Will you be enlisted
As a volunteer?"

The world is hungry for the living Christ—lived through you. The heathen are dying without God and without hope, and America is fast drifting from the Faith of our Fathers.

THIS IS THE CHALLENGE WE FACE!

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Valedictorian Address

"We Accept the Challenge"

By VERA RESUE

There never has been a time in the history of the world when young people were being challenged as now. There has never been a greater opportunity to demonstrate virile Christianity than now. "Christ's enemies are daring to charge that the world disorder and the conditions in which we find ourselves are proofs that Christianity has failed and therefore it is doomed."

We cannot deny that the days in which we live are unusual. The world seems to be running toward destruction at great speed. It seems as though Christianity has not been able to keep up. Some time ago, a missionary interviewed a young woman who had recently been released from prison where she had spent some years under condemnation for communistic activity. Her husband had been executed and she had suffered the loss of everything for her principles. The missionary asked her why she had adopted these views. She replied, "That I might help to release the oppressed and set them free." When the missionary reminded her that Christ did this very thing, the young woman made this significant answer, "I know it, but Christianity does the work so slowly."

We cannot deny that the days in which we live are perilous. Europe is rejecting our Saviour and is setting up their own gods for worship. War has broken out. Blood is being shed.

As we look to the foreign field the "Macedonian call" of missions is a challenge in itself. Millions have never heard the matchless name of Jesus.

Here in America at every turn, we see the evidence of sin. It seems as though the church has failed. The modernistic churches have forgotten that the purpose of the church is to witness for Jesus Christ and His saving power.

Truly, this is a dark picture; but through the darkness, somehow we can see Jesus stepping forth again, showing forth His Grace, Power and Glory, in young people who have responded to His call. It was dark at Calvary but the dawn of resurrection brought Light to all men.

The early church faced darkness as Rome began to take complete control. It seemed as though the light was near extinction but God was waiting for someone who would dare to accept the challenge. Martin Luther was that "one". He heard the Voice of God and in the face of opposition from every side, he stepped forth from the darkness bearing the True Light—"the Light that lighteth up the world." Again we see dawn; but as we delve back in history of the Christian church we find that these conditions existed time and again. Each time God had a chosen human instrument to shine forth His Light in the darkness. Men like Luther, John and Charles Wesley, Moody and others were ordinary men but men who heard the Voice of God. Their surrounding conditions were as black as night but they had God.—"If God be with us who can be against us?" It has been said that Luther revolutionized the world. It was not he but Christ working through him. The time is ripe for another Luther, Wesley, Moody, ———. There is room for another name in this list. There is a challenge facing us.

As we face the conflict, I am so glad that we do not have to face it alone. Christ is our Great Commander. He is the greatest leader the world has ever known. The Romans followed their Caesars. Napoleon had the ability to direct a great

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army. Alexander the Great had a host at his command and they went forth to conquer; but none of these great army leaders ever had the prestige, honor and power that our great Commander has. As H. L. Hastings has written—"Woe to a world that vainly tries to escape from Jesus Christ. They may deny His deity, dispute His power, disbelieve His resurrection, explain away His existence, deride Him as phantom, insult Him as a "spirit medium," philosophize over Him as a myth, accept Him as a mere human teacher, misquote His words to sustain their opinions, pervert His teachings, and despise His precious blood; but when all this is done, their difficulty is not removed, for Christ the King still lives at God's right hand. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever"; the Christ who had glory with His Father "before the world was," shame with man during His earthly pilgrimage; and who, having suffered these things, has entered "into His Glory,"—that same Jesus still lives in all the majesty of His divine character and in all the powers of an everlasting life. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him. Death could not destroy Him. The sepulchre could not hold Him. He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils as a living, personal Christ; rejected, crucified, exalted, glorified, and coming again in like manner as He ascended; to raise the dead, to judge the world, to save His people, to be glorified in His saints, to crush the usurper, to destroy His foes, and to reign for ever as the Lord of all. I repeat—no other great leader ever had the prestige, honor and power that our Leader has. The promise of our Leader's presence is genuine. The power of His presence gives courage. His smile breathes strength to weary warriors. His peace calms and gives fortitude as we struggle on. He is all in all. His love constrains us. His sacrifice for us brings us low at His feet. His purpose challenges us. So as His soldiers we go in utter abandonment that men might come to know the Saviour.

He does not send us out without equipment. He has given us His Everlasting Word. We have His promise that "His Word will not return unto Him void." This is why our Bible Training is so important. The Bible is the Source Book of Christianity for this age and for all ages to come. We have the revelation of God in the scripture. Enlightened reasoning can show that it is rational and basic and that it affords an adequate explanation of creation. It explains the cause of these deplorable conditions as sin or disobedience to God. It provides a way of salvation from sin in the person of Jesus Christ. It gives glorious prospects for the future in the foretelling of Christ's return to this world when the god of this world . . . Satan, our enemy, will be put forever under His feet and the kingdom of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever.

I like to think of the training that we have had in these past three years at the Florida Bible Institute as the putting on the whole armor of God that we might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

With our loins girded about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, with the shield of faith wherewith we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, with the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

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