25-Million Sets Record



Kenneth N. Taylor, right, holds the 25-millionth copy of the *Living Bible*, which he later presented to Cliff Barrows, left, vice chairman of the Billy Graham Association.

Fourteen years later in 1971

Taylor had completed paraphras-ing the entire Bible. A few copies

came off the presses just before

Christmas 1971 and book dealers

began crying for more copies.

The typically conservative Taylor

had far underordered on the first printing. 1971 was a banner year

for Tyndale House. Even through

1972 back orders were usually on hand awaiting delivery from the

printing house.

Taylor never intended, from

the very first, to make any profit for himself out of his paraphrased Scriptures. He said that "The

Bible is God's word, not mine.

He just allowed me to make it a little more readable and under-

Taylor decided to put all of what would normally be consid-

ered the author's royalties into a foundation. This foundation would fund, along with the dona-tions of private individuals, Liv-

ing Bibles International, an or-

ganization that would paraphrase

the Bible into the contemporary

languages of the people in many

other countries. Currently this work is going on in over 100 other

languages around the world, with 31 New Testaments and 5 entire

Bibles now completed. This pleases Taylor because he believes people can better live out their faith when they better under-

stand what God is communicat-

ing to them through His word.

Each time a Living Bible is sold,

more funds go into the work of

paraphrasing the Bible into other

Because it was new, the Living

Bible was the best selling book of

any kind (fiction, non-fiction, Christian or secular) in both years

of 1971 and 1972. This is an unmatched record in itself in the

publishing business. This is one

of the reasons Taylor was recently presented the annual

Gutenberg Award by the Chicago Bible Society. He now joins the ranks of other Gutenberg awar-

dees such as Billy Graham, Her-

Still now - ten years later - t

Living Bible sells over 1-million

copies every year. And as for Tyndale House, it is still growing

and currently has over 400 Chris-

And, Taylor still marvels re-

membering 1956 when he began

paraphrasing the Bible on a scratchpad while riding a dingy,

crowded Chicago and Northwest-

tian titles in publication.

bert Hoover and Fulton Sheen.

nguages.

standable.

Even in these days of inflation Testament, which was an instant when people deal in millions, 25million of anything is a huge amount. And, when it comes to Bibles, the sales of 25-million copies in just ten years is almost unbelievable, but that's just what the Living Bible has done.

Actually, the Living Bible got its start in 1956 when a resident of Wheaton, Illinois commuted back and forth to Chicago, and began paraphrasing the letters of Paul into contemporary English so that Americans who think and speak colloquial English could better understand what they were reading. As Kenneth N. Taylor the man on the commuter train later explained, "... what people were missing out on was the meaning of the Scriptures. The words the older versions used weren't the only words available to express God's meaning." Ap-parently Taylor was right, because at least 25-million people now have a better understanding

of the Bible because of his work. The road wasn't easy for Taylor, however. The Bible was published in portions to begin with, and at first sales weren't all that encouraging. Living Letters was published at Taylor's own expense because even the publishing house he then worked for rejected the manuscript. In 1962 only 800 copies sold. Then Billy Graham came across a copy of Living Letters, liked it, and contacted Taylor. In fact, Graham was so impressed he ordered 50thousand copies to be used as giveaways on his telecast. Within a year, Living Letters was a best

Taylor began a small publishing company in his garage and named it "Tyndale House" for William Tyndale who was burned at the stake for translating the Bible from Latin into English some three centures earlier. Taylor kept on paraphrasing until he had completed the Living New

Golden Gleams

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

-1 Corinthians 10:31.

I make no haste to have my numbers read. Seldom comes glory till a man be dead.

-Robert Herrick. Bryan Memorial Learning Center King and Queen



and Queen representatives for thanks to the many busi-Bryan Memorial Learning nesses, Deep Branch School, Center. Our beautiful queen is Jennifer Mew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mew of and community friends and Fairmont. Our handsome king families who gave their time, is Johnson Lowery, Jr., son of energy, and donations to make Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Lo- our Halloween Carnival a wery of Pembroke. The Staff at huge success

Pictured above are the King Bryan wishes to extend warm Robeson County personnel,



"Pa, what is flattery?" "Flattery, my son, is hav-someone else tell us the gs we have always thought about ourselves."

Long Hair, Too "Did you have the car out night, son?" 'Yesh, dad, 1 drove

"Well, tell the fellows one of them left his little lace hanky in the front seat."

An ignorant individual seeks only the facts that bolster his own prejDEEP BRANCH CARNIVAL HELD OCT. 30



Deep Branch was the scene of much excitement on Octo-

Pictured above are the new Halloween King and Queen, Bruce Sampson and Constance N. Locklear, being crowned by Mr. John N. Sampson, princi- Dorothy Chance.

pal of Deep Branch Elementer of Mr. and Mrs. James Locklear. He students were representatives from the 2nd grade classroom of Mr. and Mrs. Grace Locklear, and Mrs.



Shown above are 1st place Locklear, daughter of Mr. and tary. The King is the son of runner-ups Samuel Barton, Mrs. Lester Locklear. The stuber 30, as the new Halloween Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Samp- Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. dents are in the 4th grade Carnival King and Queen were son. The Queen is the daugh- Samuel Barton, and Lucindy classroom of Mrs. Phyllis



Shown above are the 2nd Debby Prevatt are their class place runners-up--Eddie room teachers. Sampson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edward Sampson, and this time would like to express Carolene Hunt, daughter of our gratitude to everyone for

Said the principal, "We at Mr. and Mrs. Curile Hunt. their support during our fund-Mrs. Doreen Hall and Mrs. raising Carnival."

BRIEFS

Inflation rises to 15.2 percent in July.

Voyager 2 shows scientists some surprises.

Talks between Sadat and Begin start again.



