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Love Solution To Youth Problems Says Minister

Vic Jacopson, pastor East Hill Baptist Church in the Soho District of London, England, gave the following interview with Southern Baptist minister and writer, James Evans McReynolds, during the 43rd annual Student Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

McReynolds: Brother Jacopson, we are most appreciative of your visit to the United States. You have spoken on 32 American campuses and numerous churches. Would you share with us something of your background?

Jacopson: It was almost ten years ago now, that I was in a prison cell in Winchester, England thinking of my past life and anticipating the trial that was to come up because I had broken into houses and factories. I was to face the penalty prescribed by law in the English court of justice.

I was thinking about the events of my life, about my early childhood. My father had died when I was a year old and I was placed in an orphanage in Southampton. So I do not remember my mother. I spent the early days of my stay at the orphanage, until I was about eight years old, wondering if my mother was still alive or if she might come to claim me and the rest of my brothers and sisters. I wondered if there was anyone in the world who really cared. Those days were filled with wonder and bitterness. The bitterness turned to rebellion against society, grown-ups and authority, and because of that it was very early in my experience that I found myself in trouble with the police.

Twice before I had left school and was up before the juvenile court. Trouble has always attracted me. At the age of 15 I was back in Southampton, back on the streets by myself wondering if there was any purpose in life.

I then joined the Army. I was told that the Army would make a man out of me. After only nine months of service, I was kicked out, and I was back on the streets.

Jacopson: Because I found no purpose, and because of my Army failure, I was frustrated. I found it easy to join a gang of teddy boys (you call them hoods) and to lie and to cheat and to find excitement in many different ways.

I was one of hundreds of thousands of street kids. At the age of 18 I was back in front of the courts again. This time there was more serious charges, I was told I would have to wait for three months for a remand, and it was in those three months that I began to think and to read.

McReynolds: What kind of material did you read? Do prisons in England have Bibles or tracts?

Jacopson: I read a book that was left in my cell by another prisoner. Most prisons in England contain no Bibles, but the book that I read turned out to be a New Testament in a hardback form.

Out of boredom, I began to read it. I got as far as chapter five in Matthew before I really got into the spirit of reading the New Testament. I read, "Blessed are the peacemakers..." and I began to question. "Blessed to those who could stay on top, and you can forget this peace making lot" was my response. But then as I read on and read of the life of this man who said those words, I began to see something of the real love of the man called Jesus, and the claim that this man who gave his life to be a peace maker impressed me.

By the time I got to the end of Matthew's Gospel, I was down on my knees quietly praying... and crying. Those tears were tears that I sought to fight back all the years before, but now they were flowing because of the realization that somebody cared.

And it was because of that experience in prison and my becoming a Christian that I have found my service to be among people on the streets, people in trouble, and people who are, what we call in England, unattached.

McReynolds: Where have you seen to carry out this ministry?

Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

.....With Lib
 By Elizabeth Dinwiddie Keith

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Blue Ridge Road, were Mrs. Edna W. Pope of Franklin Springs, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Lewy Morris of Georgetown, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Fulton and son, Al, of Columbia, S. C. Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Pope, and Mrs. Morris are sisters. Mrs. Fulton is their niece.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Miller, Sr., last week were Mrs. Grace Chadwell of Knoxville, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Proffitt and Linda of Fountain City, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller and Lisa of Charleston, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Miller of Marion.

On Tuesday Mrs. R. V. Horton and Mrs. Tate McCurry of Marion were spend-the-day guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Longcoy, Jr., with friends from Asheville, attended the Kemper Open Golf Tournament in Charlotte, last weekend.

Mrs. V. J. Bellis, Jr., and sons, Jerry and Larry of Greenville, N. C., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ham and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Robinson, Debbie and Gary. Dr. Bellis will join his family here this weekend. Both Dr. and Mrs. Bellis teach at East Carolina University, Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nanney returned last Thursday from Murray Hill, N. J., where they visited their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Nanney and children, Lisa, Stephen and Bruce. Stephen returned home with his grandparents for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Woodrow Beddingfield and Mrs. A. C. Leonard spent last week with Mrs. Beddingfield's sister, Mrs. J. I. Thomas at her cottage at Ocean Isle, N. C.

Mrs. Fred Ensley, Jr., and sons, Mark and Jeff of Greenville, S. C., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Osteen, Sr., and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ensley of Swannanoa.

Miss Karen Osteen was among the group from this area attending the regional rally for the Western North Carolina Pony Club at Spring Dale racing stables, Camden, S. C., last week. Karen was Stable Master for the winning C1 Team.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheelon were called to Long Island, N.Y. because of the death of Mrs. Wheelon's eighteen year old nephew, John Clisnaam. Funeral services were held Monday morning.

Mrs. B. A. Moeller had as guests last week her children, Dr. Charles (Mickey) Moeller of Chicago, Dr. Marian Schnepfe and her husband, William of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Sarah Workman of Baltimore, Md.

Dr. and Mrs. John Cooley and Mrs. Cooley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Baker of New York City, spent the weekend with John's mother, Mrs. S. S. Cooley. John has just completed his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital. Following a visit with his brother, Austin Craig Cooley and family in Rochester, N. Y. Dr. and Mrs. Cooley will go to Kananaka, Alaska, where he will be affiliated with the Public Health Center.

Mr. and Mrs. George Joyner and children, Ann, George, Susie, Nancy, Michael, William, and John of San Juan, Puerto Rico, are spending two months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Joyner. The Joyner children brought with them as a guest, Peggy McGill, also of San Juan.

George is with the Weather Bureau at International Airport, San Juan.

Mrs. M. J. Clarke of Fayetteville spent the weekend at her home on Briarbrook Road.



Miss Taylor

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Taylor of Poplar Hill Road, Swannanoa, N. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Kay, to Mr. Douglas C. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Waynesville High School and works at Highland Hospital. Virginia is a graduate of Charles D. Owen High School. A June 26 wedding is planned.

Hardins Honored

The Rev. and Mrs. Elbert F. Hardin of Ridgecrest, N. C., were honored on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Monte Vista Hotel, Saturday evening, June 21. All their children and families were present except their son-in-law Chaplain (LTC) Louis M. Jackson, who is in Germany.

The long tables, in the shape of a horse shoe, were covered with yellow tablecloths with streamers of ivy, interspersed with nosegays of Shasta daisies, the Hardins wedding flowers, and small gold angels. The head table was decorated with an arrangement of yellow roses, flanked by golden wedding rings and two golden candelabra holding golden candles.

After a family prayer and grace was said by Rev. Hardin, a four course dinner was served to the family and guests.

Clyde D. Hardin of Rockville, Md., the only son, acted as master of ceremonies. He and his uncle, Dr. Wallace C. Clyde gave informal toasts to the honored couple.

A skit about the Hardins fifty years together, written in rhyme by their daughter, Mrs. James H. Sawyer of Nashville, Tenn., was read by the master of ceremonies and acted out by the children and grandchildren. One granddaughter wore Mrs. Hardin's wedding dress and carried a bouquet of Shasta daisies tied with a bow of maline from the original bridal bouquet. Many songs loved by the Hardins were sung by Anne Jackson of Stuttgart, Germany and Jim and Susan Holt of Jacksonville, N. C.

Many merry incidents were acted out by other grandchildren.

This was the first time, since the wedding fifty years ago, that Mrs. Hardin, her sister, Mrs. Oliver, and her brother, Dr. Clyde, were all there together at the same time.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Hardin those present were: Mrs. Seward Oliver (sister of Mrs. Hardin) of Columbus, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. William Lubeche

Owen Senior Babe Ruth

The Owen Senior Babe Ruth League is made up of 16-18 year olds. They play in the South Buncombe League made up of Canton, Enka, Henderson County, Teamsters, 20th Century, and Owen.

The games are played on Tuesday and Saturday at the Valley Springs field and Thursday at the Canton field. Games times are 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

The Owen team is composed of Wessie Rogers, Donnie Haynes, Jed Osteen, Tommy Powlas, Bill Powlas, Larry Burleson, Don Cordell, Bruce Harris, Gene Parker, Mike Bright, Danny Shook, David Hensley, Doug Davis and Phil Reese. Phil has just joined the team after a shoulder injury during high school ball this year.

Owen won their first game last week with a 4-1 victory over Canton. Jed Osteen had a triple. Donnie Haynes, Wessie Rogers and Phil Reese had singles to lead the hitting. Phil Reese gave up only two singles in posting his first victory.

The Owen team is sponsored by Operation Youth and Beacon Athletic Association.

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Area Students In Deans List

Culowhee, N. C. - Academic honors at Western Carolina University have been conferred upon 357 students from Western North Carolina, according to an announcement by Dr. W. Newton Turner, vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Turner said they are among 738 students on the Dean's List for the spring quarter of the current academic year.

Students on the Dean's List must earn a quality point ratio of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 for the quarter, and must maintain an overall average of at least 2.0. Only students with at least two quarters of residence at the university are eligible for the honors list.

The students from local communities are:

BLACK MOUNTAIN: Johnny L. Carson of 104 S. Cotton Ave.; Thomas L. Logan, 100 East Blue Ridge Avenue; Sanders V. Hudson III of 601 N. Fork Road.

SWANNANOA: Cynthia G. Cook of Rt. 1, Charlotte J. Ray of 316 Wilson Ave., and Linda J. Hudson of Tanglewood Park.

Church Music Connected With Secular Boom

RIDGECREST, N. C. - "The general boom in secular music and the boom in church music are linked together," Cecil Sherman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., told 3,000 Southern Baptists attending the 29th annual Church Music Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here.

"Of all the Southern Baptist programs only the graded choir is growing. Sunday School has declined for the past several years. Training Union (the Southern Baptist training program) has declined until it hurts. Everything has declined except church music," Sherman said.

"Church music is carrying many of the programs of Southern Baptist churches today. Southern Baptist prosperity in church music is the coming of the kingdom. Jesus had a word for a folk who are having such success. It was 'To whom much is given, much is required,'" Sherman concluded.

Ivey Completes Basic Training

Airman Mark E. Ivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben U. Ivey, 109 Dogwood Drive, Black Mountain, N. C., has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He is remaining at Lackland for training as a security policeman. Airman Ivey, a graduate of Charles D. Owen High School, Swannanoa, N. C., attended Montreat Anderson College, Montreat, N. C.

Swimming Classes At Christmont

Instruction in Red Cross beginning swimming will be offered at Christmont Assembly on N. C. Highway #9, south of Black Mountain, beginning next week. On Monday morning, June 30, at ten o'clock, registration will be held for all persons, school age through adults, interested in taking beginning swimming lessons. Lessons will begin on the next day, Tuesday, July 1, and will continue for two to three weeks. Children's classes will be taught in the mornings and adults classes in the evenings. Specific times for the lessons will be decided after the number and age levels of people interested is determined.

Music Varies With Times

RIDGECREST, N. C. - Using illustrations of church music from the Gregorian chants of the Middle Ages to such modern arrangements as "Oh Happy Day," "Good News," and "Tell It Like It Is," Cecil Sherman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., pointed out that church music can be as varied as church people and that no one form of church music has been canonized as proper.

Speaking to 3,000 persons assembled for the 29th annual Church Music Leadership Conference here, Sherman used Paul's counsel that he "became all things to all men in the hope of winning some," to say that there need not be a generation gap in church music.

"The gospel is changeless," Sherman said, "but the form or medium used to present that message changes with each generation."

"After listening to a variety of church music selections, the Ridgecrest audience was told by Sherman, "And from all these forms of music, from all ages, in the hope of winning some."

Swimming Classes At Christmont

All interested persons should come for registration on Monday at ten o'clock and dressed for swimming. There will be no charge for the lessons.

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The annual July 4th Golf Tournament at Old Fort Golf Course, will be played July 4th thru July 6th.

Players may qualify anytime Friday, July 4th. Starting times will be assigned for Saturday and Sunday.

Practice rounds can be played from June 28th thru July 3rd. The field of players will be limited to 72 players.

Lakey Gap Homecoming

Lakey Gap Presbyterian Church will hold its annual homecoming Sunday, June 29. Following the morning worship service a picnic dinner will be served. There will be special music. All members, both old and new, and friends of the Church are extended a most cordial welcome to attend and bring a picnic dinner.

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