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ASSOCIATION RECORDS BANNER YEAR

"SUMMER MISSIONS"

Summer missions is coming to a strange place with the hope of setting it on fire for the Lord...and discovering with a jolt that we are here to plant or water-- and perhaps only rarely to reap. It is knocking on doors 'til the knocks become routine... but it is being humbled and heartened repeatedly by responses which defy routine. It is beginning a day with dread...and ending it with a deepened burden and determination to fill the myriad needs we see. It is telling the story of "Moses in the Bulrushes" yet once more... and seeing yet a different response from a child to whom it is new. It is returning from surveying in-different hearts--to a home wherein Christian love and welcome abides. It is being heartened and renewed by the zeal and concern of God's people in this area. It is being torn apart repeatedly by the vision of endless white fields.

For me it has been the gaining of new insight into that word "missions." For missions is the "planting" of a Christian life and witness --in whatever place one is. There is no such thing as "summer missions." For missions, once its reality is felt, must become a life-time proposition.

-- Marilyn Mayse

(See p.2 for testimonies of summer missionaries)

The 7th annual association meeting, held at Amherst, Sept. 10 & 11, revealed a record-breaking year: (last year's figures in parenthesis)

STATISTICALLY: Baptisms 77 (26); Letter 100 (51); Total Mbr. 735 (538); S.S. 820 (725); T.U. 293 (262); W.M.U 161 (119); BRO. 36 (52); V.B.S. 709; Receipts \$72,201 (\$48,000); Missions Giving \$5,516 (\$3,762).

NEW WORK: No. Tonawanda (7/4)

NEW OFFICERS:

Moderator: Jim Whitt
Assistant: James B. Mitchell
Clerk: William H. Raper
Assistant: Robert F. Craig
Treasurer: John W. Adams
Trustees: Cullen Crane; Vance Saveill; John Lutey
S.S. Supt.: Bob Rowe
T.U. Dir.: Mrs. J. Mitchell
WMU Pres.: Mrs. C. Bishop
Bro. Pres.: Marlin Biele
Eva. Chmn.: James O. Beck
Miss. Chmn.: Curtis T. Porter
COMM. CHMN. (report 1966):
Program: Craig, Gooch, Whitt Magruder
Nominating: Beck, Mashburn, Crane
Long-Range: Whitt, Magruder, Porter
Obituary: Mrs. John Harbridge
Resolutions: Swartzlander, Adams, Mrs. Craig
New Churches: Mitchell, Whitt, Magruder
Calendar: Raper & Dept. Heads
Camp Chmn.: Bob Rowe
1966 SESSION: Orchard Park, Sept. 9, 10--Jim Whitt, Preacher; Bob Rowe, Alternate.

The meeting was highlighted by two messages from Dr. Ray E. Roberts, Ex.-Sec'ty., State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Curtis Porter gave the annual sermon and Chas. Magruder, area missionary, the closing message.

AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Grace Baptist, Rome, N.Y., was host for the area fellowship meeting of So. Baptists in the Northeast.

Encouraging progress and projection reports were heard from the four area superintendents of missions: Paul James, Metropolitan; Elmer Sizemore, New England; John Tollison, Central; and Chas. Magruder, Frontier. The Maryland & Ohio Conventions were represented by Dr. Gresham, J.N. Evans, and Arthur L. Walker.

A 2 year schedule of action was adopted looking forward to operation as a Northeast States Convention, January, 1968. The next meeting is set for Sept. 23, 24, 1966 at Amherst Church, Tonawanda, N.Y.

New officers: Paul Becker, Chmn., Walter Agnor, Assoc., Curtis Porter, Sec'ty.

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, Louisville, Ky., was inspirational speaker for the 1965 sessions.

TESTIMONIALS FROM THE SUMMER MISSIONARIES SERVING IN FRONTIER ASSOCIATION IN SUMMER, 1965:

SHELTON BRUNSON: Summer is gone; the die has been cast, impressions have been made. Was it an effective witness?

The summer has been one of disciplined work for Christ's cause in an area of this "Christian Country" where the Beatle's life histories are more well known than that of our Lord's. The work has not been exciting: It has been quite challenging. Each church has been unique in itself; each area of survey different.

I find in Frontier Assoc. churches a determination and tenacious spirit to propagate Christ's name, of which some of our Southern churches could take note. Leaders like Chas. Magruder, Jim Whitt, Curtis Porter, and Al Johnston are sent to you; are called of Him.

With young people, like our team members, it is a pleasure to work. Not one single incident of dissension have we had this summer: It has been one of complete harmony. We hope the work done, though small, will help each church.

JAMES GRIFFIN: Frontier Association first strikes you with its vastness. From the hills of Penna. on the south to the glacial plain of the lakes area on the north; highways, cities, and farms are all Frontier Association, but more than this it is people--many, many, people. Then, you begin to look and you see it is a people with a need, and some with a desire also. Now I find a smaller group of people. They must be a peculiar clan because many of the other people ask, "What are they doing here?" This clan call themselves "Southern" and it is plain to see they are south of no one but Canada. As I get to know these Southern Baptists better, I find they are a very faithful and industrious folk who have a purpose here. This purpose is

filling the need of the "other people." They are making slow but ever accelerating gains. Our prayers are for their ever more successful witness.

MARILYN MAYSE: "Lord, guide us as we see what others lack and need. Then teach us how to share with them. Amen."

As I've traveled over this area I've witnessed people without so many of the luxuries I take for granted. One of these is the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This summer I've met children who seemed to never have heard that Someone died for their sins and they never tired of the story of Jesus. Another luxury is the use of the Bible. One child reported she had never had a Bible in her home and had no idea how to use a Bible. There has always been several Bibles in my home, taken for granted so much that they were seldom read. But when these children find out what the Bible is, they never tire of the instruction on how to find the different books and verses that pertain to their lives. The luxury of freedom of speech is so seldom used. I consider it a privilege to talk about my Savior. I earnestly pray others will make use of so precious a luxury. This summer has been one long experience that has meant more to my life than almost any other. The feeling--just to see a child you have told of Christ accept Christ as personal Savior--cannot be described. The experience makes all the slammed doors worthwhile. It is now my prayer that someone will continue to cultivate and work with these children. May they never be neglected. The curious minds--that bring up such deep questions that make

you search your thoughts--need so greatly to be filled. Perhaps they too, one day, can be doing the kind of work we have been doing this summer. May they be more of a missionary and not just a worker.

ROSS WEST: Several things stand out as I consider the summer's service in North Tonawanda--the greatness of the need for a Christian witness in the area, the dedication of Christian laymen and leaders here, and the necessity of relying upon God as each step is taken. Each of these lessons was impressed upon us as Martha and I worked here this summer. The North Tonawanda Baptist Chapel is now a living reality, mainly because God wanted an outpost of New Testament Christianity to be established there. Martha and I are humbled and thrilled to have been a part of His work in Western New York.

MARTHA WEST: No missions study book could ever have taught me as much about pioneer missions as personal experience has this summer. From the beginning I was impressed by the dedication of the Christian leaders and laymen in Western New York. Now I, too, having been the wife of a summer pastor, realize the urgency of the task here. I have learned that God can use even the least talents of His servants to meet the challenge in this difficult area when we surrender to Him completely and remember to give the glory to Him as He blesses our efforts. I thank God for this opportunity of service and growth.

MARILYN RANDALL also served this summer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AREA MISSIONARY

Charles E. Magruder

August 26, 1964 - August 25, 1965

SUMMARY OF ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

Advancement and adversity; blessing and burdens; hallelujahs and heartaches--- this is Frontier Association! It is a place where the "faithful few" are more faithful, but fewer. It is a place where God's man works harder, but sees less results. It is a place where courage, patience, and long-suffering are the cardinal virtues on part of pastor and lay alike. And need? --- always there is the need; the need to share Christ with the great multitude of individuals who do not personally know Him as Saviour and Master. And this is the challenge which becomes the heartbeat of the Frontier Pioneer, keeping him struggling on against almost overwhelming odds --- but never alone, for the One who gave the promise, "I am with you alway" is there. And God has given the victories! Small in comparison to some places, but large and ever welcome here. Reports given in this annual meeting will indicate many gains over last year, for which we thank God and those who have labored for Him to make them possible.

CONGREGATIONS. We now have six churches, six chapels, and three mission extensions.

NEW CHAPEL. A new mission outreach was launched with the establishment of the North Tonawanda Baptist Chapel, July 4, 1965, sponsored by the Amherst Baptist.

NEW PASTORS. Great needs were filled in several congregations during this associational year with the coming of new pastors. James B. Mitchell to Orchard Park (9/64); Alfred A. Johnston to Grand Island (9/64); James O. Beck to Lockport (12/64); and Bob Rowe to Bolivar Drive, Bradford, Penna.(7/65).

SUMMER PROGRAM

Summer Missionaries Serving:

Marilyn Mayse, Music Faculty, Hardin-Simmons Univ., Abilene, Texas
Marilyn Randall (S.E. Louisiana College) 4362 Hollywood, Baton Rouge, La.
Shelton Brunson (Grad., Ga.Tech.) Rt. 3 - Box 246 - Sylvania, Ga.
James Griffin (Southern State) Rt.1 - Box 45 - Fulton, Ark.(will return to U.of Ark.)
Ross West(Grad., La.Tech.) New address: Apt.Q-4, Seminary Village,
Martha West(" " ") Louisville, Ky. 40207

The single missionaries served in two churches (Bradford & West Lake), five missions (Lockport, Grand Island, Fillmore, Sheridan Park and East) and one new field (Henrietta).

SUMMARY OF WORK:

V. B. S.	- 7	Av.Att.Revival	-- 66	Tracts Used	-11,089
Enrolment	- 324	Surveys	-- 8	Classes Taught	- 5
Tot.Av.Attend.	-224	Homes Surveyed	-3899	Sermons/Addresses-	32
Prof. of Faith	- 5	Homes Visited	- 24	Sang/Led Singing	- 37
Other Decisions-	3	Homes No Answer	-2437	Prof. of Faith	- 0
Offerings	\$67.34	Family Prospects-	288	Other Decisions	- 0
Revivals	- 3	Individual Pros.-	945	Piano/organ	- 49

The married couple served the entire ten weeks in establishing the new North Tonawanda Chapel. They worked in Amherst's V.B.S. and conducted a V.B.S. at the Chapel enrolling 57 with an average attendance of 39, six professions of faith, and a mission offering of \$13.80; Participated in a revival at the chapel with an average attendance of 14. Surveyed 564 homes, visited 137 homes (434 no answer), found 27 prospective families, involving 92 individuals, distributed 1,455 tracts, taught 11 classes, delivered 21 sermons/addresses, sang or led singing 30 times, played piano 12 times, and witnessed 10 additions by letter.

Total expenses from State Convention funds for the single missionaries was \$164.77 (or an average of \$41.19 per); for the married couple \$271.88 (\$200 of which was for apartment rental). This is a total of \$436.65, or an average of \$72.78 per missionary. In addition, the Home Mission Board pays a salary of \$25.00 per week to each single missionary and \$45.00 to the couple. We can appreciate this expenditure of mission funds. In addition, we extend grateful thanks to the individuals and congregations who lodged, boarded, or otherwise cared for the needs of the students while upon the field.

STEWARDSHIP OF MATERIAL MEANS

Represents a 7 month total - Jan-July, 1965 - Aug. figures not available at printing
(See Treasurer's Report for gifts thru Associational Missions)

<u>CONGREGATION:</u>	<u>DESIGNATED:</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE:</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
Amherst	\$425.40	\$ 25.00	\$450.40
Fillmore Ave.	10.50	67.98	78.48
Sheridan Park	33.50	117.19	150.69
North Tonawanda (new 7/65)			
Bolivar Drive, Bradford	301.14	405.31	706.45
First, Orchard Park	144.02	202.67	346.69
LaSalle, Niagara Falls	360.18	46.00	406.18
Grand Island	78.82	72.50	141.32
Lockport	- - -	212.98	212.98
Rochester	181.94	384.30	566.24
East	- - -	- - -	- - -
West Lake, Erie	- - -	- - -	- - -
TOTALS:	\$1,535.50	\$1,533.93	\$3,069.43
1964 Totals(same period)	1,145.65	1,488.26	2,633.91

SUPPLEMENTS - AID - LOANS

HOME MISSION BOARD: M.P.A.(Recipients: Lockport, Sheridan Park, Grand Island, Orchard Park, & Rochester) - - - - \$15,750.00
 LOANS: Church Site Fund, Orchard Park - - - - - \$5,199.50 (approv. pending)
 Church Extension Loan Fund:
 LaSalle, Niagara Falls - - - - - \$50,000.00 (approved)
 Orchard Park - - - - - \$30,000.00 (approved)

STATE CONVENTION OF BAPTISTS IN OHIO:
 New Work Emergency Fund (Grand Island & Orchard Park) - \$400.00
 New Work Loan Fund (Amherst for Orchard Park) - - - \$1,679.50

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY

(Associational Year August 26, 1964 - August 25, 1965)

Days on Field	342	Tracts & Literature Distrib.	12,876
Miles Traveled	33,683	Conferences with Individ./gps.	58
Churches / Mission visited . .	100	Professions of Faith	7
Sermons and Addressess	125	Additions by Baptism	6
Soul-winning visits	128	Additions by Letter	13
Other religious visits	197		

Other Activities: Annual Assoc. Mtg., Area Fellowship, State Convention, Missionary Conferences, taught S.S. methods, Long Range Church Program Planning, Evang.Conf. and Clinic, NY-NJ Steering Comm., Ground-breaking at Orchard Park, Recreation Clinic, Chester Swor mtg., NY-NJ Fellowship Prog.Comm., Planned & executed summer program, Polish anniversary & installation of pastor, SBC at Dallas, conducted tour for Jay Durham & Cecil Etheredge of HMB, Fraternal greetings to 7th Day Baptist Convention at Alfred, N.Y., revivals at LaSalle, Gibson, La., Lockport, Grand Island & Sheridan Park, published 5 issues of the FRONTIER BAPTIST (average circulation of 520).

SUGGESTIONS

We would make the following recommendations:

1. That each congregation follow-thru on its Long Range Church Program Planning, seeking to achieve the goals set, year by year, over the next ten years.

2. That in the realm of mission outreach:

(a) each church continue to have a functioning missions committee.

(b) each church, in consultation with the Associational Missions Committee, seek to sponsor a new mission by pin-pointing a definite area, making a survey, beginning the most suited type of service (i.e., home fellowship, chapel, etc.), and planning now for a mission V.B.S. and revival.

(c) accept as an Associational goal for new church type missions in 1966 that which the churches have set in goal setting instruments as part of the Long Range Church Program Planning, -- a goal of 5.

(d) each church will seek to minister to language groups found in our midst.

(e) each church will seek to minister to various institutions found in our communities.

3. That each congregation continue to work toward the goal of a minimum of 2%, to a maximum of 5%, of its undesignated gifts to Associational causes on a regular monthly basis. A vigorous associational program depends upon the fullest cooperation of each congregation.

4. That each congregation seek to increase annually its percentage giving to world-wide missions thru the Cooperative Program and see that this gift is given priority in the church budget and made faithfully and regularly.

5. That each congregation keep its members abreast with mission advance thru the media of the OHIO BAPTIST MESSENGER, HOME MISSIONS, and THE COMMISSION.

6. That the Association continue to maintain a functioning missions committee to work with the missionary in planning and promoting the mission causes within the association.

7. That the association seek to send its Chairman of Missions and Chairman of Evangelism to Home Missions Week.

8. That each congregation give serious study, much prayer, and participation in planning for the New York State Convention. Send representatives from your congregation to the Area Fellowship meeting, September 24, 25, 1965, in the Grace Baptist Church, Rome, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MAGRUDER

TREASURER'S REPORT		FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION - NEW YORK											John Adams, Treasurer	
RECEIPTS:													Balance Forward \$123.39	
CONGREGATION:	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	TOTAL Yr.	LOVE
AMHERST	\$ 26.11	--	14.97	21.07	--	25.12	--	24.62	20.05	18.40	27.92	18.95	218.46	21.25
FILLMORE	--	1.00	1.38	2.50	2.18	2.42	1.55	3.12	1.87	1.35	1.27	2.75	46.39	25.00
SHERIDAN PARK	--	--	1.49	2.87	3.82	2.42	1.61	3.75	3.20	8.00	2.30	2.90	32.36	--
BOLIVAR DRIVE	10.00	20.00	20.00	--	--	30.00	20.00	10.00	--	15.00	--	--	158.60	43.60
LASALLE	26.91	--	--	6.00	--	5.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	--	20.00	--	79.91	11.00
GRAND ISLAND	--	--	8.86	17.44	--	3.03	--	5.41	--	--	6.06	1.57	42.37	--
LOCKPORT	5.00	--	--	--	25.00	--	5.00	5.00	5.00	--	10.00	--	55.00	--
ORCHARD PARK	--	2.37	--	5.43	4.20	--	18.38	--	7.85	22.49	--	8.59	69.31	--
ROCHESTER	--	105.40	--	--	--	--	53.11	--	--	--	51.74	--	235.25	25.00
EAST	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
WEST LAKE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Assoc. Meetings	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.03	--	19.30	--	--	--	34.33	--
Special Designated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.00	30.00	85.00	125.00	--
TOTALS	\$ 68.02	128.77	36.70	55.31	35.20	67.99	117.68	54.90	62.27	75.24	149.29	119.76		125.85
											Total Monies to be accounted for: \$1,220.37			
														Budgeted:
DISBURSEMENTS:														
AREA MISSIONARY:														
News., Office Exp.	16.67	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	291.67	300.00
Telephone (Long-Dist.)	10.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	147.50	150.00
Housing	25.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25.00	--
Annuity	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	200.04	200.00
PROMOTION:														
Assoc. Officers							36.73					40.00	76.73	50.00
Speakers							25.00		11.60				36.60	--
Multilith (Desig.)										10.00			10.00	--
Grand Island (Desig.)												25.00	25.00	--
Orchard Park (")												25.00	25.00	--
Sheridan PK. (")												25.00	25.00	--
North Tonawanda (")											30.00		30.00	--
Other	4.04			125.85				8.50				10.00	148.39	100.00
TOTALS	\$ 72.38	54.17	54.17	180.02	54.17	54.17	115.90	62.67	65.77	64.17	84.17	179.17	1036.89	800.00

Balance on Hand, Aug. 31, '65: \$ 179.44

FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOC. - N.Y.

PROGRESS & PROJECTION REPORT

CONGREGATION	Annual Report Ending 7/31/65			PROJECTION BY (1) 9/30/66 & (2) 9/30/67 IN AREAS OF: ⁴									
	Mbr.	Receipts	Miss. Giv.	Members ^A	Total Receipts ^B	Coop. Prog. ^B	Assoc. ^B	State Mis. ^C	New Missions ^D				
AMHERST	102	\$16,352	\$1,481	165 195	\$18,000 20,500	\$1760 2255	\$540 820	\$77 90	1	1			
FILLMORE	9	1,048	132	14 20	1,200 1,500	120 150	24 30	- -	-	-			
NO. TONAWANDA ¹	10	164	-	(Not Enlisted in L.R.C. P.P. as yet)									
SHERIDAN PARK ²	32	6,632	182	30 50	4,000 5,000	400 600	120 150	20 35	-	-			
BOLIVAR DRIVE	110	7,158	1,103	(Will Begin L.R.C. P.P. Now that New Pastor On Field)									
LA SALLE	252	12,298	719	250 270	16,000 17,000	1280 1700	320 500	50 65	2	3			
GRAND ISLAND	7	1,366	229	18 27	1,872 2,808	197 309	37 56	18 27	-	-			
LOCKPORT ³	14	3,258	284	30 50	3,000 5,000	330 600	90 150	20 30	-	-			
ORCHARD PARK	55	16,339	510	100 150		(10%) (12%)	(2%) (3%)	25 35	-	2			
ROCHESTER	84	7,586	876	130 166	16,000 20,000	1920 2600	35 48	33 39	1	1			
EAST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
WEST LAKE	60	-	-	70 90	3,300 4,500	330 435	66 90	25 25	1	-			
TOTALS:	735	\$72,201	\$ 5,516	807 1018	\$63,372 76,308	\$6,337 8709	\$1232 1844	\$268 346	5	7			
63-64 TOTALS:	538	\$48,000	\$ 3,762										
Plus Estimates of those not completed:				205 275	30,600 36,650	3,060 4,075	612 1100	75 110	-	1			
				1012 1293	\$93,972 112,358	\$2,397 12,784	\$1344 2944	\$343 456	5	8			

FOOTNOTES:

1. Started 7/4/65
2. Should Constitute by 1966 - making 7 chs. & 10 Chapels
3. " " " 1967 - " 8 " " 17 "
4. Part of 6 Areas in which goals were set for Long-Range Church Program Planning, Ending 9/30/1974

STRATEGIES TO MEET GOALS:

- A. S.S. Enrol. - Pastor & Lay Visitation - Revivals - V.B.S.
- B. Regular Budgeting & Giving Tithes & Offerings
- C. Special Mission Offerings
- D. Surveys - Home Fellowships - Chapels - V.B.S.

Dates to Remember :

- OCT. 21 - Pastor's Fellowship, Youthtime, 8:30 am
29-30 - Associational Officers Clinic, Columbus, Ohio
22 - ASSOC. WMU LEADERSHIP COURSE, LaSalle, 10:00 am
NOV. 9-11 - State Convention, Whitehall Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio
15-19 - ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, Orchard Park (or Amherst)
For ALL people in ALL congregations who work with ANY age group
in ANY organization. Conferences for ALL children.
M NIGHT on Friday night of this week. PLAN TO ATTEND.

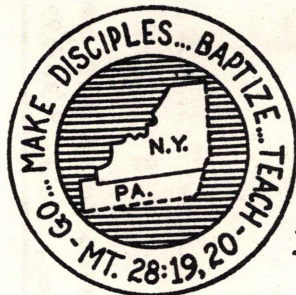
"Hot Flashes" from the Congregations:

AMHERST - Received \$625 from Concord Baptist Association, Virginia, which will be used in several projects about the church - Revival planned Oct. 17-24 with H. L. Tolbert, Portsmouth, Va., preaching.

SHERIDAN PARK - Continues to enjoy a thrust of increased attendance and new members-- a record of 76 in Sunday school recently.

BOLIVAR DRIVE, BRADFORD - Averaged 64 in Sunday school for the month of September (doubled since 3 months new pastor, Bob Rowe, has been on the field) and 26 in Training Union. Several new additions in membership.

ORCHARD PARK, FIRST - The first unit of the new building is now under roof. The church hopes to have occupancy by mid-November.



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