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The Men Behind LBI

Our Board of Directors is an essential part of LBI. They formulate the major policies of the school and chart the academic goals.

Many are successful business men and revered pastors who have attained success primarily because they are workers. They are leaders who accept responsibility, analyse situations and make decisions. Whatever task they undertake, they are accustomed to giving much of themselves to it. They are men filled with a creative spirit. They enjoy doing the difficult, even accomplishing the seemingly impossible.

A group of such men give to LBI the same leadership abilities that have made them successful in their own work. Each Board member contributes the knowledge of his own special field. The result is that expert guidance is readily available for any problem or decision.

It is with sincere and deep appreciation that this issue of LBI NEWS is dedicated to our Board of Directors. We are confident that, with the leaders of these spiritual men, the ministry of LBI will expand and that God will bless His work at this school.



DR. PERCY H. HARRIS

A Note from the President

On May 5, Dr. S. A. Witmer, President of the Accreditation Association of Bible Colleges, delivered the commencement address at LBI's twenty-first graduation. This climactic event concluded perhaps the best year LBI has ever experienced.

Two special conferences highlighted the year. In the fall Dr. Dwight Pentecost's messages on Prophecy thrilled us with the apparent soon return of our Lord. The spring conference with Dr. Charles Ryrie gave us a renewed glimpse of Biblical Theology and the life of the Apostle Paul.

The successful choir and Maritime tours and the increased number of LBI Sundays broadened LBI's ministry. The coming of our Extension Director, Mr. Harry Morrison, added greatly to our assets. Dr. Cramer's doctor's degree enriched our faculty's standing. Improvement in facilities, especially in the dining room, enhanced our school. The vast advance in the calibre of our literature will be seen further in our new student brochure and calendar.

Several new Alumni groups were formed. Now Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, and Dallas, Texas, have Alumni chapters.

Our students have shown increasing maturity and spiritual development. This year God used them to lead seventy-one souls to Christ. A study of denominational beliefs and organization was added to their courses.

We are grateful for all God has done.

As we enter our twenty-fifth year, we look forward to an even better year. The inquiries and applications indicate a larger student body. Our new Evening School will increase LBI's outreach. Pray that God will lead those of His choice to the school. Pray that all LBI's ministries will be used of God to bring honour to His glorious Name.

Academic Advances

B.R.E. in Bible. Our three-year General Bible course now leads to a Bachelor of Religious Education degree for students with Grade XIII or our Special Year of Arts. Those with Grade XII receive a diploma as before.

Special Year of Bible. This one-year course is offered for the person wanting to increase his knowledge of the Word of God. Half the course is Bible; the rest the student chooses. A certificate is given for this course. Grade XII is a prerequisite.

Basic First Year. All students entering any course at L.B.I. this fall will take a similar first year. Designed to give a broad grasp of various Christian fields, the year includes Bible Survey, Personal Evangelism, Christian Education of Children and Youth, Missions, and Elements of Music. If a student does not have Grade XIII, but wants to work for a degree, he takes our special Year of Arts in his second year. Then he completes his degree course.

OUR COVER PICTURE

"Board Members Gather for Annual Luncheon"

Left to Right:

D. J. Firth, London, Ont.
E. Hunt, Lambeth, Ont.
R. M. Winslow, London, Ont.
J. W. Boles, Ottawa, Ont.
W. H. Hulbert, London, Ont.
J. Falconer, Kitchener, Ont.
F. B. Dixon, London, Ont. (partially hidden)
G. Bauer, Waterloo, Ont.
D. M. Alloway, Willowdale, Ont.
E. S. Kerr, Oakville, Ont.
H. B. Wild, Toronto, Ont.
M. Steinmann, Toronto, Ont.

Not shown:

E. J. Cossey, London, Ont.
S. Healey, Pembroke, Ont.
J. Hockney, Peterborough, Ont.
R. M. Martin, Chatham, Ont.
A. R. Pyke, London, Ont.
W. R. Quinn, London, Ont.



DR. ALBERT E. CRAMER

Faculty Member Earns his Eighth Degree

Our Mr. Cramer is now Dr. Cramer. LBI's professor in Old Testament and History has earned his Doctor of Theology degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

His dissertation was entitled "The Old Testament Approach to Idolatry". He analyzed the methods by which the prophets condemned idolatry and commended the worship of Jehovah. For example, one method used by Isaiah to rebuke idolators was burning sarcasm; another was lessons from his-

tory. Always in the past, idols had failed but God had remained true.

God's service was not always Dr. Cramer's goal. Raised on a farm in Iowa, he wanted to be a farmer. When a converted Russian Jewish evangelist held tent meetings in his district, young Albert walked a sawdust trail to receive Christ as Saviour. He eagerly continued to plan how he could be the best farmer ever! But one April night, alone under the stars, he knew that God asked him to serve Him. Looking up, he claimed, "Since Thou art big enough to make stars, Thou art big enough to serve."

Overseas combat in World War II intervened before Dr. Cramer began twelve years of study for eight university and seminary degrees. He specialized in Old Testament and History, but did considerable work in New Testa-

ment, Education and Mathematics. After receiving his Bachelor's degree, he saw that he needed more Bible training. At the St. Paul Bible College he was impressed with the unique program of the Bible College—a Bible-centred curriculum. Here he met Josie Ackelson, an Iowa school teacher, who later became Mrs. Cramer.

After one year at LBI, Dr. Cramer is already a favorite with our students. A graduating student, speaking for her classmates, summarized their impression of Dr. Cramer: "brainy; a sense of humour; an all-round person". The Lord was generous to us to include LBI in His plans for Dr. Cramer's life.

LBI's fruit cellar is well stocked every fall because of the many friends who give fruit and vegetables to feed our students. Our dietitian, Mrs. Thompson, will appreciate any produce that you have for the school.



Who Supports LBI?

Students?

Students do not pay for the complete cost of their training. To train one student for 8 months costs \$15.00 a week, 12 months of the year. This amount is above his room, board and tuition.

Government? Denominations?

LBI is not underwritten, does not receive grants, and is not denominationally supported.

Systematic givers?

Some Christians like to have fellowship in this work systematically. For their convenience there is a program called the Stewardship Fellowship. Upon request and without obligation, a set of monthly envelopes will be forwarded to those wanting to share in this ministry.

Every Christian?

If each Christian who reads this bulletin were led to support the work of the school on a regular basis in the amount of \$5.00 a month,

- (1) current expenses could be met,
- (2) needed repairs could be taken care of, and
- (3) the expanded program for this fall and winter could be completed and carried out in confidence.

YOU?

YOUR opportunity to invest is now. YOUR DECISION AT THIS MOMENT WILL MAKE A VITAL DIFFERENCE IN THE CRUCIAL WEEKS AHEAD.

Students Tour Maritimes

"Won't you come back next year?" was the request again and again during LBI's Maritime Tour last spring. Everywhere the team went they received a warm welcome. Even while in the Maritimes, they were invited to conduct extra services but could not because of previous engagements. As our president said, "God certainly went before us and prepared the way."

The month-long trip began in Pastor Jack Hockney's church in Peterborough, Ontario, on May 10. From there, Dr. Harris, the girls' trio (Marjorie Schindel, Velma Foreman, '59, and Jeanne Perry) and the trumpet duet (Harold Arbo and Brian Bridle) worked their way through Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Radio broadcast, youth rallies, and thirty-five services did not keep the team too busy to enjoy beautiful Maritime scenery. Visits with enthusiastic Alumni added to the tour. They found Pastors Ted White '49, Lew Farrell '50, and Phil Collins '58, all doing a fine work for the Lord.

They were well received at the New Brunswick Bible Institute. Dr. Harris spoke in chapel at the United



LBI's trumpet duet, Brian Bridle (left) and Harold Arbo, provided the instrumental music on the Maritime Tour last spring. Together with Dr. Harris and the girls' trio, they took part in thirty-five services.

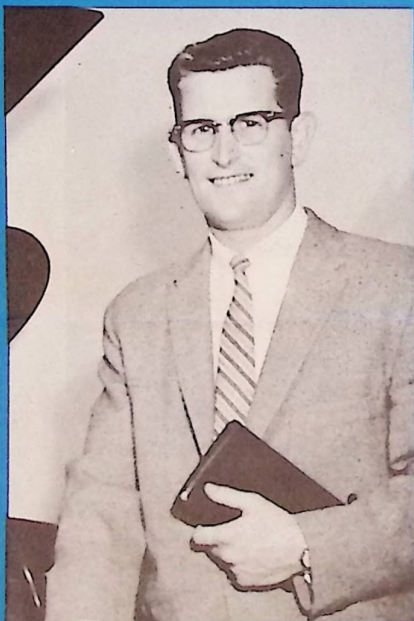
Baptist Bible Training School. He delivered the commencement address at the Atlantic Bible Institute.

The tour ended in a great youth rally and workshop in Smith Falls on June 6 and 7.

Those of you who prayed for this tour can now praise God for His marvellous working. The safe trip, the obvious blessing, and the many valuable contacts were from Him. If He wills, next spring will again see an LBI team in the Maritimes.

Evening School

Beginning in September, thrilling subjects will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday evenings; for example, "The Middle East and Israel", "How to Understand the Bible", "Earth's Early Ages", "Marriage and the Family" and others. Those doing assignments and taking examinations may earn the Evangelical Teacher Training Certificate in three and a half years. Write for literature to The Director of Evening School; or call General 2-2694. No previous education is required for enrolling in the evening school.



Doug Routledge

Doug Directs Young People

LBI does not cease to exist in the summer. And neither does its influence in the lives of our students.

Doug Routledge, a senior next year, enthusiastically reports of an unique summer ministry in Plymouth, Michigan. As youth director, Doug suggested this program for young people. An early Saturday morning prayer meeting is followed by breakfast in a local restaurant. Then the young people return to the church. There Doug leads them in a Bible study and the Hi-Teens Choral Practice. Saturday evening is devoted to a recreational program. Sunday morn-

ing Doug teaches their Sunday School class. Sunday afternoon they go out on Gospel teams.

The young people have received this unusual program with youthful zest. The first day Doug approached with trepidation. But over twenty appeared at the early prayer meeting. Over forty came to the evening recreational period. Now the numbers are even greater and, best of all, many are digging into God's Word as never before. They are earnestly praying for their friends.

It is no wonder that God is blessing. As a result of Doug's ministry, ten people received Christ as their Saviour at a recent service. Five more who already knew the Lord surrendered their lives to Christ.

Doug is one of many students whom the Lord is using this summer.