

A
special
tribute
to
Dr. Billy
James
Hargis

Christian Crusade

Dr. Billy James Hargis: "All I want to do is preach Jesus and save America!"

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A special pictorial issue

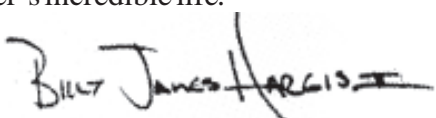
Number 2

Dear friend, in these 32 pages, the life of my father, Dr. Billy James Hargis, is portrayed in both black and white as well as color photos.

His was an incredible life and a ministry that with your faithful help for more than 50 years proclaimed warning to America.

The vision lives on – as we enter our 54th year of publication. My pledge to you is that *Christian Crusade Newspaper* will continue to inspire, challenge and inform you – as together we carry forth my father's warning to America as Watchmen on the Wall.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy by this special pictorial edition of *Christian Crusade Newspaper* as we take a nostalgic look back at my father's incredible life.



BILLY JAMES HARGIS II,
Publisher, *Christian Crusade Newspaper*



COVER PHOTO of my father holding the Bible is the picture he gave my mother on their honeymoon.

ABOVE: The picture of my father that hung in my room when I was a boy

HARGIS: A MAN OF GOD

He seemed so impossibly big, this man of God. I was once told that when he strode the stage, the entire place shook! The same could be said of him on a world stage. Like a full-force gale, he blew across the mid-western plains and from there, clear around the globe.

Now, alas, the winds of destiny have carried him beyond to a higher plane while we celebrate in his in his wake ... but, my, how much we miss him.



Intense and certain: a photo taken at Bob Jones University around 1960



Dr. Billy James Hargis meets many of his Christian Crusade friends, 1972



On the Summit porch in Manitou Springs, Colorado



Praying at Crusade homecoming



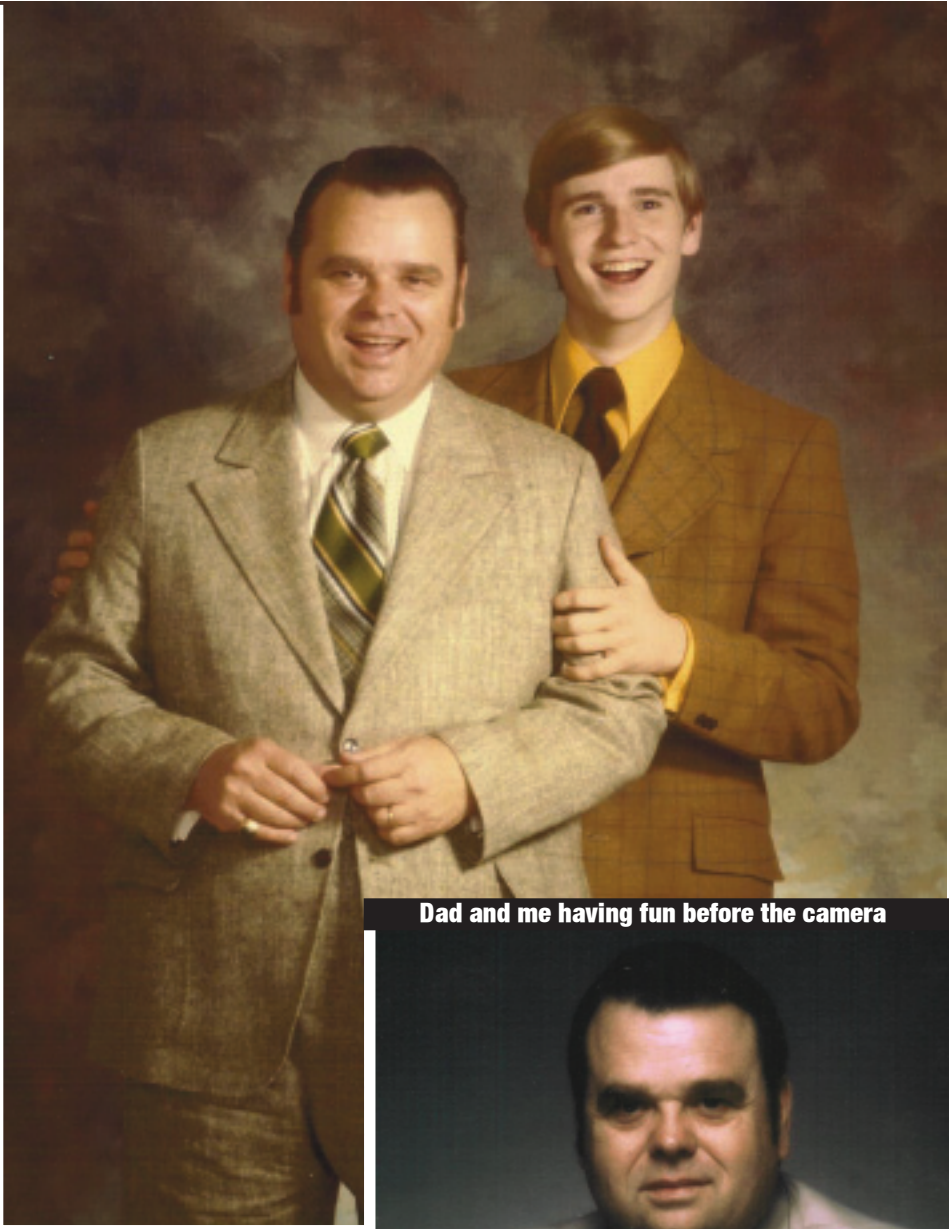
With Grandpa, Dad outside the church where he was ordained



Three generations of Hargises: Dad, Grandpa and me



Hargis family poses before “Christ in Pilate’s Judgment Hall” by Gustave Dore, 1969



Dad and me having fun before the camera



Steeped in the Word: God’s man for the hour



Hargis family, 1973



Serene and self-assured: Nashville, 1980



Having a chuckle on TV



Still doing the Lord’s work at his desk, 2004

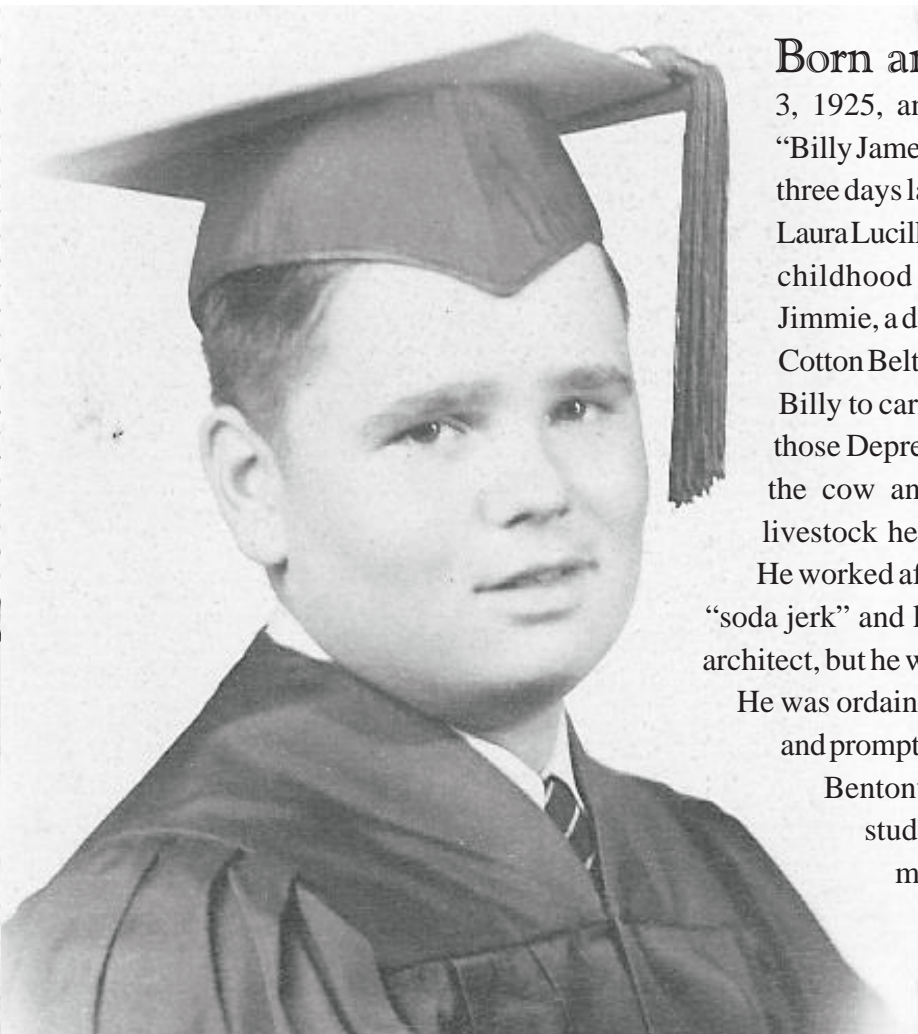


One of a series of photos I took of Dad standing in his front yard, autumn 2002

His Boyhood in Texarkana



Newborn Billy James and his proud new parents, 1925



Born an orphan on August 3, 1925, and named by his nurses “Billy James,” the infant was adopted three days later by Jimmie Earsel and Laura Lucille Hargis and spent a happy childhood in Texarkana, Texas. Jimmie, a dollar-a-day worker on the Cotton Belt Railroad, relied on young Billy to carry his own weight during those Depression-era times. Milking the cow and feeding their meager livestock helped build his character. He worked after school as a drug-store “soda jerk” and later as an assistant to an architect, but he was determined to preach. He was ordained as a minister at age 17 and promptly left to study the Bible in Bentonville, Arkansas, one of 14 students attending the first semester of what would eventually become Ozark Christian College.

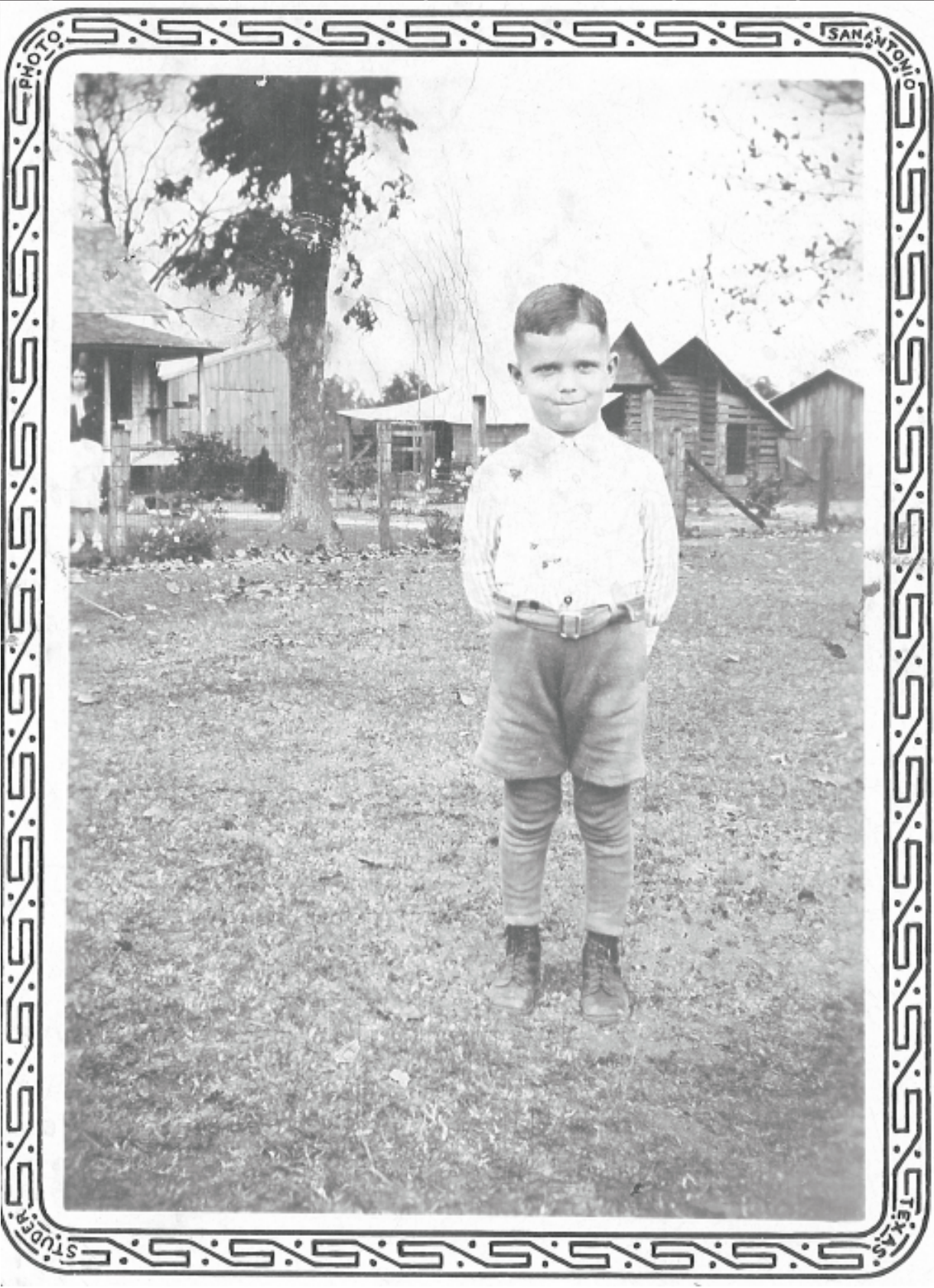
Though not an “A” student, Dad worked hard and graduated from Texarkana High School ready for the world



Laura Lucille and her baby boy all dressed up for church



Bible college student Billy James studying the Scriptures



With his mother watching from the gate, Billy James, a happy little boy at his childhood home, 1931



Fresh-faced and eager to serve God



Baptising a young convert in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost



With new members who came to Christ during his tenure, Granby, Missouri



Scene from one of his many early church revivals

Young pastor & evangelist

Fairly well bursting at the seams to get right to the business of doing God’s work, Dad gave fully of “the strength of his youth” pastoring small rural congregations in Granby, Missouri, and Sallisaw, Oklahoma. His natural abilities and rhetorical skills began to develop and flourish as did the congregations wherever he served .

Walk, Ride, Crawl or Fly to Hear
Evangelist, Billy James Hargis
IN THE
CHRISTIAN YOUTH REVIVAL
MONDAY, AUG. 19th THRU SUNDAY SEPT. 1st
Fair Park Christian Church
3401 GREENWOOD ROAD
L. L. OLIVER, PASTOR

Oscar Ingold, famed writer says: “His earnest appeal to the human heart, and his passionate love for Christ, shall make him one of America’s greatest evangelists.”



J. Dale Wilson, famed poet of “Fire side Poems,” wrote in his words:

Bro. Hargis is endowed with the Spirit,

He preaches only the Word of truth,

And his remons appeal to every one,

Both men, women, and youth.

BILLY JAMES HARGIS

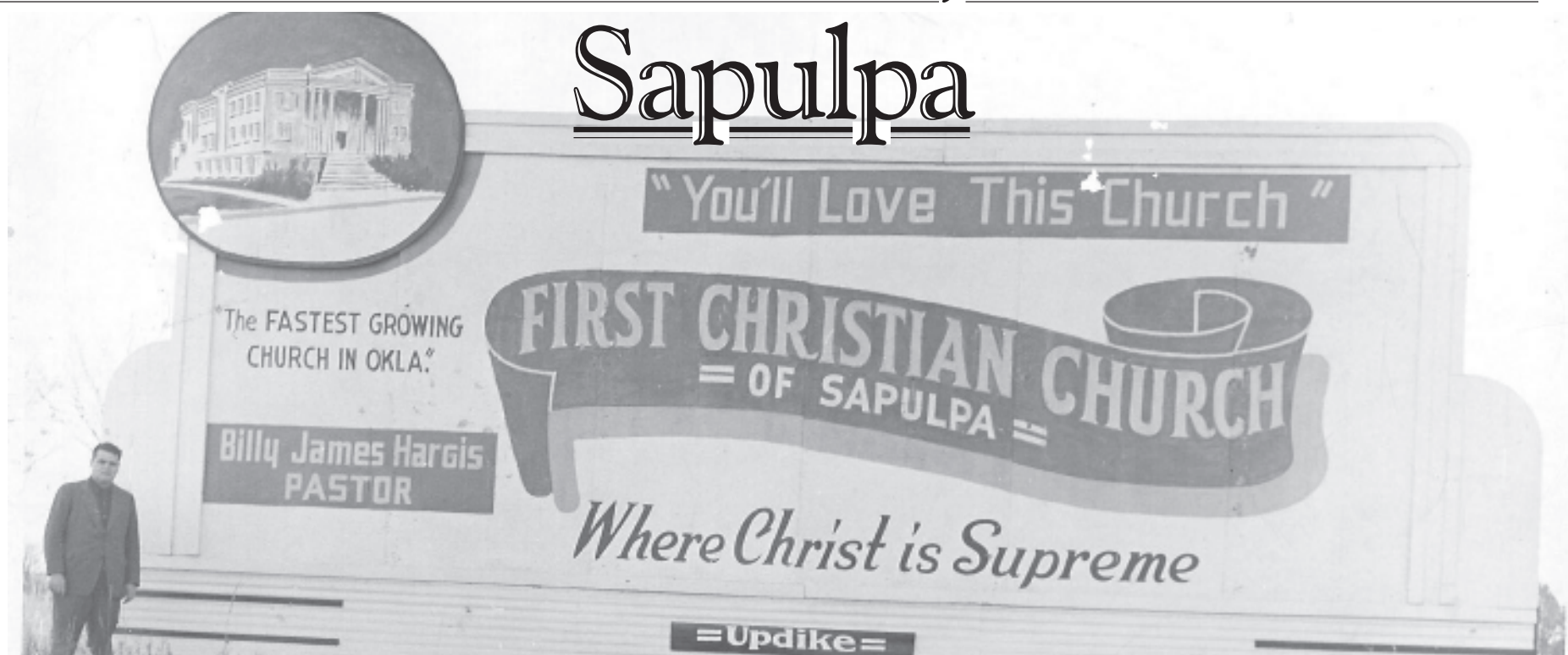
Missouri said—“Evangelist Billy James Hargis is a powerful speaker, filled with spiritual zeal and Christian fervor. His inspirational sermons are well received. He’s dynamite in a plain package.”

Oklahoma said—“His inspirational sermons hold your attention from start to finish. He’s one of the best.”

And you will say words of praise, too, when you hear him! The Fair Park Christian Church says: “DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.”

EVERY EVENING AT 7:45

Momentum! Radio, revivals & Sapulpa



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Dad heralds his first great pastorate, First Christian Church of Sapulpa, Oklahoma



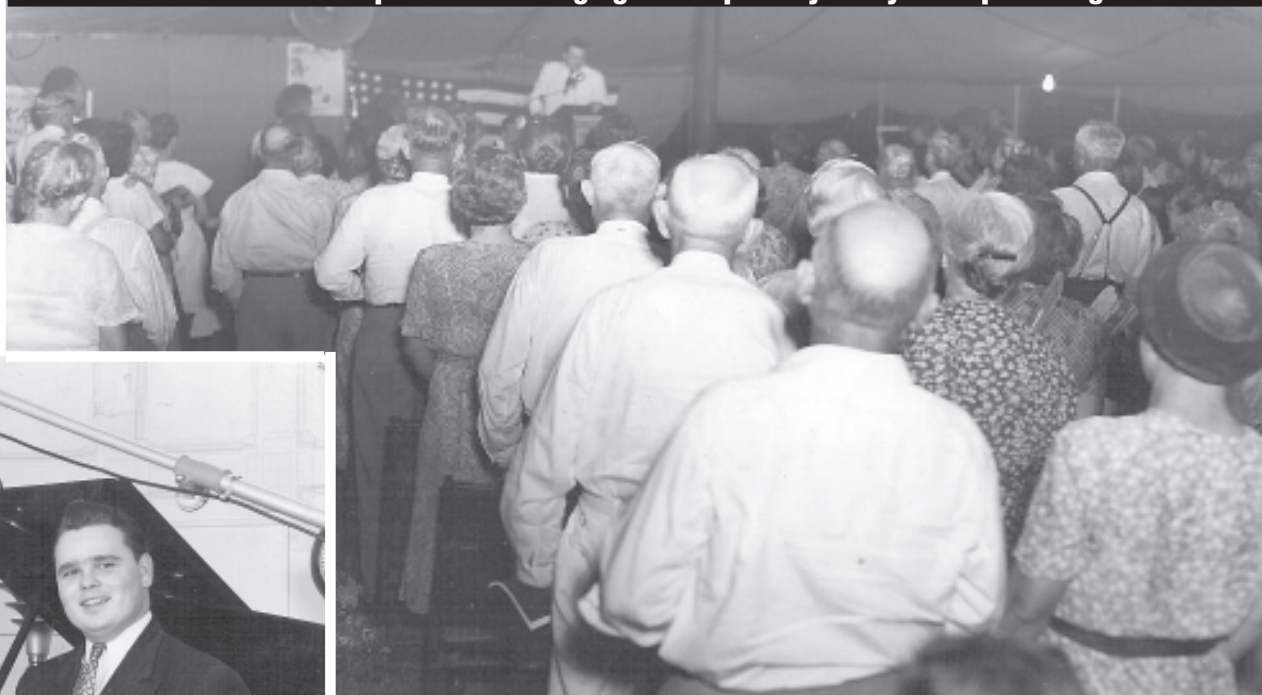
On fire for Jesus



"Billy James Hargis is on the air"



On the church steps with new congregants inspired by his dynamic preaching



Great tent revivals and brush arbor meetings inspired the faithful



Virgil and Blanche Brock, composers of "Beyond the Sunset" joined in broadcasts

After hearing the young evangelist, the Pulpit-Search Committee from the large First Christian Church of Sapulpa, headed by B.T. Blunk, called Dad at the surprisingly young age of 23 to come and pastor their their great, red-brick sanctuary only a very few miles from downtown Tulsa. Soon billboards sprouted up, daily radio broadcasts were instigated and nationwide revivals began leading my father in unexpected new directions. Undoubtedly, though, the ministry of Billy James Hargis was gathering steam.



Posing with those who accepted Christ as Savior during his Sciottoville, Ohio, crusade

Before Billy James Hargis' greatest dreams could take wing, however, he would require ballast to stabilize his flight. One cold winter night, the winds of revival blew him into the little hamlet of Sciotoonville, Ohio, just next door to Portsmouth, right across the Ohio River from Kentucky. There at the Sciotoonville Christian Church, God smiled on Billy James Hargis and crossed his path with that of the lovely young church organist and pianist Miss Betty Jane Secrest. Time stood still. The charismatic evangelist swept the young lady quite off her feet as after one conversation with him, she went home and told her mother, "I think I'll set my cap for Hargis." And, indeed, she did. For one week they dated until the revival was done and Dad had to move on to another in Kentucky. But one week later, he called her back and said he couldn't live without her. That was all it took. On December 21, 1951, they were married in the Sciotoonville church. They honeymooned at the Grand Ol' Opry in Nashville, Tennessee and then she met his parents in Texarkana.

The preacher takes a bride

On the honeymoon, he shared with her his intent to become a full-time, non-denominational evangelist. It was a huge and uncertain step, but the young bride trusted completely in her husband's faith and the whole world lay ahead of them.



Having been awakened to the threat of international Communism by his friend and mentor, A.B. “Brother Mac” McReynolds of the Kiamichi Mountains, Dad was enlisted by a fellow anti-Communist pastor and leader, Dr. Carl McIntire of

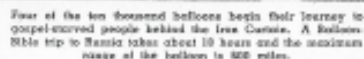
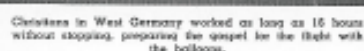
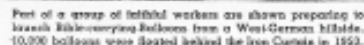
the International Council of Christian Churches. Entrusted with finding ways of getting the Bible to people enslaved behind the Iron Curtain, Dad was catapulted onto the national stage by his commanding of the Bible Balloon Project. Attaching Bible portions in every Eastern European tongue, Dad was responsible for flying a million balloons into every persecuted nation of the Eastern Bloc and, indeed, into the Soviet Union itself. In the process, he found himself on the pages of every great American newspaper and was for the first time and forevermore both a national and international figure.



With Evangelist Dr. E.F. Weber, Dad holds aloft one of his "Bible balloons"

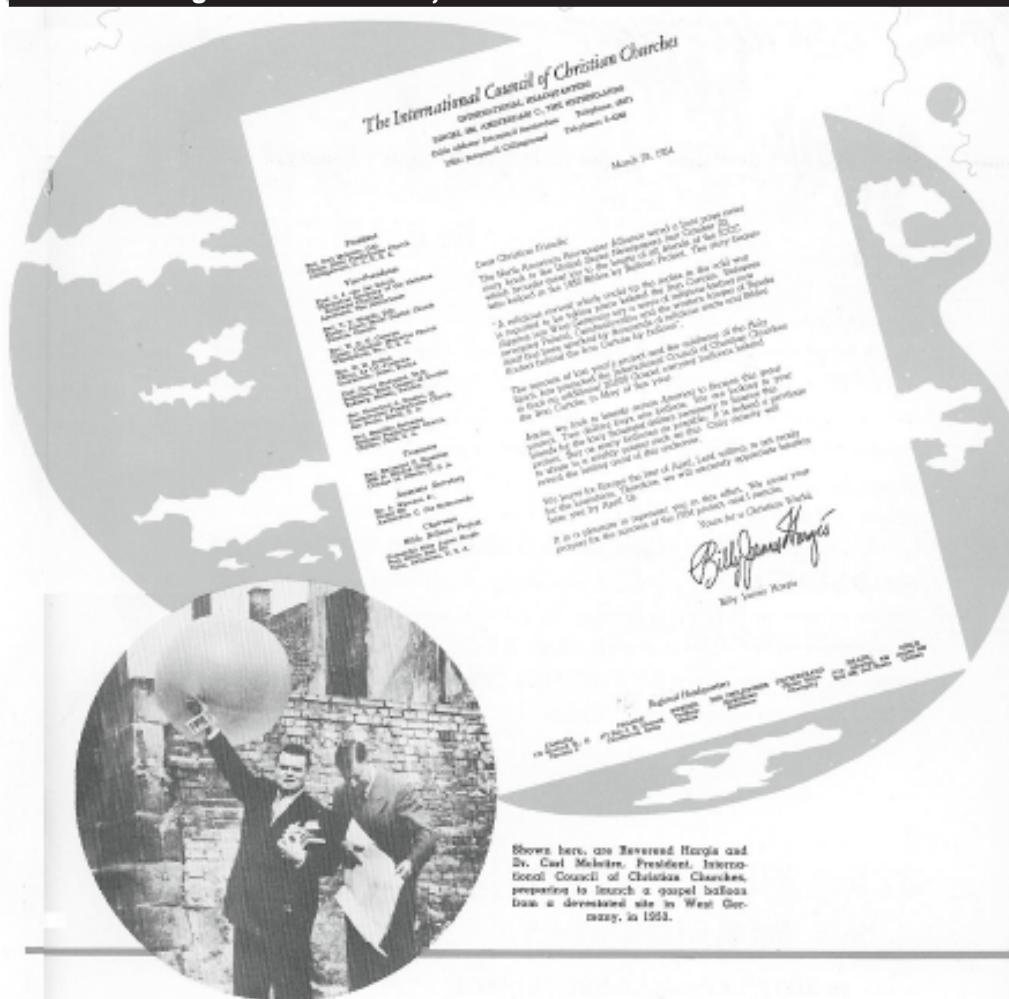
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BEHIND THE
IRON CURTAIN



What does this mean? It means that the infiltration of God's word into countries which deny God, is bringing hope and joy to thousands of people. It means that the 10,000 Bibles fused behind the Iron Curtain in 1955 are responsible for the Word of God reaching people who otherwise would never know what it was to see a Bible at all. It means, also, that we can't stop now. The seed that has been planted must be cultivated so it will not die. And more people must know about the God which has been denied so long by the Communistic rule. Yes, you can help float Bibles behind the Iron Curtain by pledging your financial and powerful support to this project. A Bible-Balloon message costs approximately \$2.00. Buy as many as you can. Send your contribution to -

BIBLES BY BALLOONS PROJECT
EVANGELIST BILLY JAMES HARGIS
P. O. Box 877
Tulsa, Oklahoma



IN CIRCLE ABOVE: Dad is seen releasing a Bible balloon with the late Dr. Carl McIntire



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Balloons Attack Iron Curtain in May!

NEWS

IN CAPSULE FORM

Sagmount Christian Resort, Joplin, Missouri, opens May 9th. Services at 3:00 p. m. each Sunday. A homecoming service for Billy James Hargis is planned at Sagmount, June 6.

Evangelist Billy James Hargis was the guest speaker on Dr. E. F. Webber's "Radio Church of The Air" Program, Monday, March 29th. Broadcast was heard over these stations: KWFT, Wichita Falls, Texas; KCNC, Fort Worth, Texas; KLYN, Amarillo, Texas; KGLC, Miami, Oklahoma; KLPR, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and KRMG, Tulsa. On Tuesday, March 23, Mr. Hargis was the guest speaker on Rev. Floyd Hitchcock's "Faith Of Our Fathers Program", heard over KWTO, Springfield, Missouri, 5:00 a. m. each morning.

Evangelist Billy James Hargis will speak in Churches in New York City three days before leaving for Europe - April 18, 19, 20.

Announcer Keith Bretz will read weekly reports from Mr. Hargis while he is in Europe, over the CHRISTIAN ECHOES HOUR, heard each Sunday at 1:00 p. m. over the 50,000 watt radio station, KRMG, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The International Council of Christian Churches will meet in its (Continued on Page 12)

JESUS CHRIST IS STILL THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

IS GOD'S GREATEST NATION UNDER THE

HEAR

BIBLES FOR RUSSIA*

Program

- Monday through Friday -
4:55 - 5:00 P. M.

Featuring

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KRMG, Mosette, Missouri
KDMO, Carthage, Missouri
KSEK, Pittsburgh, Kansas
KLEK, Parsons, Kansas
KGLC, Miami, Oklahoma
KUOA, Sikeston Springs, Arkansas
KBBS, Springdale, Arkansas

* This special series will continue through Good Friday, April 16.

Hargis To Speak In Jerusalem!

SUNDAY SERVICE TO BE HELD AT GARDEN TOMB!

Billy James Hargis has been invited to address a Christian Service at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, Sunday, May 16. The pulpit is located within six feet of the Garden Tomb, from whence our Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected. Above the pulpit, towers the most famous (Continued on Page 12)



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A Sad Spectacle

—An Indication of Treason!

By REV. CARL MCINTIRE, D. D.

We unite them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness... Wee unto them... which justify the wicked for reward... Therefore as the flame devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossoms shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. —Isaiah 5:20.

The Christian people of America are to be presented with the strangest spectacle ever offered to them in the name of the church. Eight churches from Russia, who are the agents of Khrushchev and Bulgarian, are to be the honored guests of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Reds, in their drive for world power, have won their greatest single victory in the field of propaganda by using the churches. Atheistic, materialistic, anti-Christ Communism holds in the iron grasp of its fist the churches in the lands which it has conquered, and it is now using them, together with the churches of the West, for its own revolutionary ends. In the name of better understanding, peace, and brotherhood, the National Council of Churches has responded to the overtures of the Reds, for this up level exchange.

The Russians used the visit of the United States churchmen to Moscow for (Continued on Page Four)

Miracle Launching Completed

Doctor Hargis Gives Report of Launching At Carnegie Hall Rally in New York City

(Publisher's Note: Dr. Billy James Hargis, Chairman of the Bible Balloon Project of the International Council of Christian Churches, is home from a most successful Bible Balloon launching in Germany this past month. On the day he landed (Friday, May 25) in the U. S. A. from Europe, he delivered an address at an ICCO Rally in Carnegie Hall, New York City. We are pleased to print the address of Dr. Hargis, so that those who made possible this great effort by their liberal support of the project, can share in the joy of victory. ELM.)

I have just returned today from the borders of the Iron Curtain in Western Germany, where I witnessed the launching of balloons containing some 200,000 Bible portions intended for Communist-dominated peoples. For four years, the ICCO has sponsored the Bible Balloon Project. A large number of balloons carrying Scripture Texts have been released each year.

At least 50,000 portions of the Bible were launched in 1953... 100,000 in 1954... 250,000 in 1955. Each balloon is capable of lifting five portions of the Bible which are printed in Czech, Slovak, Polish, Russian and German. Scientific tests prove that the carriers can float great distances, some as far as 3,000 land miles.

The balloons are launched from the Bavarian forest in Western Germany and we have a trained staff who have helped us with each launching since 1953. The workers are refugees now living in West Germany who escaped Communist tyranny. We feel that if we continue to bombard the Iron Curtain with copies of the Word of God, the Iron Curtain would soon crumble, as free men, now yoked with the bondage of slavery, shake off the chains that bind them. All the oppressed souls need is encouragement to revolt against the tyrannical leaders. This project to float the Bible portions to them will provide incentive to resist tyranny.

The claim that the oppressed souls in

NBC-TV PROGRAM

Dr. Billy James Hargis will speak over the NBC-TV Network, Sunday, July 29. Dr. Hargis has chosen for his address on the half hour television program to be seen nationwide, "THE GOSPEL REVIVAL AMERICA NEEDS."

Write Christian Crusade for list of stations and time of the program.

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JOPLIN, MISSOURI AIRPORT, APRIL 16. Shown here are: (left) Jess Seacrest of Portsmouth, Ohio (father of Mrs. Betty Jane Seacrest), Chaplain of Sagmount and Charles Seacrest of Virginia Front row - Billy James Hargis and Glenn O. Young, both Europe to supervise the floating of 20,000 Gospel Carrying balloons.

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floating Bibles into the U. S. to oppress people under the tyranny of communism".

Mr. Hargis floated 10,000 gospel carrying balloons into Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Poland last September from a west German launching site. He was returning to Europe to float 20,000 Bible carrying balloons over the Iron Curtain under the auspices of the International Council of Christian Churches.

OF THE WORLD, AND AMERICA UNDER THE LIVING SON!



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Bible-Balloons Help Hungarian Revolt

COMMUNIST ENVOY BLAMES REVOLUTION ON "PROPAGANDA"

November was a banner month for Christian Crusade's Bible-Balloon project, with positive proof that recent launchings of Bible portions had a direct bearing on the revolt of Hungarians against their Communist masters.

Christian Crusade headquarters had already received information from the launching site in Western Germany that the effect of the Bible portions was being felt behind the Iron Curtain. Then, one of our friends sent a clipping quoting an Associated Press dispatch out of Moscow, wherein a Communist radio commentator blamed the Hungarian revolt on "American dollars and propaganda... including booklets floated across the line by gas balloons."

Then, on Sunday, November 11, on the floor of the United Nations, Arskody Sobolev, Communist envoy, again openly blamed "American dollars and propaganda, such as leaflets and booklets floated into Hungary by gas-filled balloons." Since Christian Crusade's Bible-balloon project (Continued on Page 13)

DR. HARGIS VISITS PUBLISHER OF AMERICAN MERCURY MAGAZINE

Early in November, Dr. Hargis was called to Washington and New York to meet with some of America's great leaders in the cause of Christian Americanism. During his stay in New York, he spent considerable time in personal conferences with Russell Maguire, publisher of the American Mercury Magazine, and nationally prominent in industry, government

Although it was to meet persons long admired each listener to Dr. Hargis Crusade evangelist Mercury.

Because of the Christian American specially prepared the coming year, anation subscription



Russell Maguire, left, publisher of American Mercury Magazine, and Dr. Billy James Hargis, publisher of Christian Crusade Magazine, compare notes on their two publications during Dr. Hargis' recent visit to Mr. Maguire's New York office.

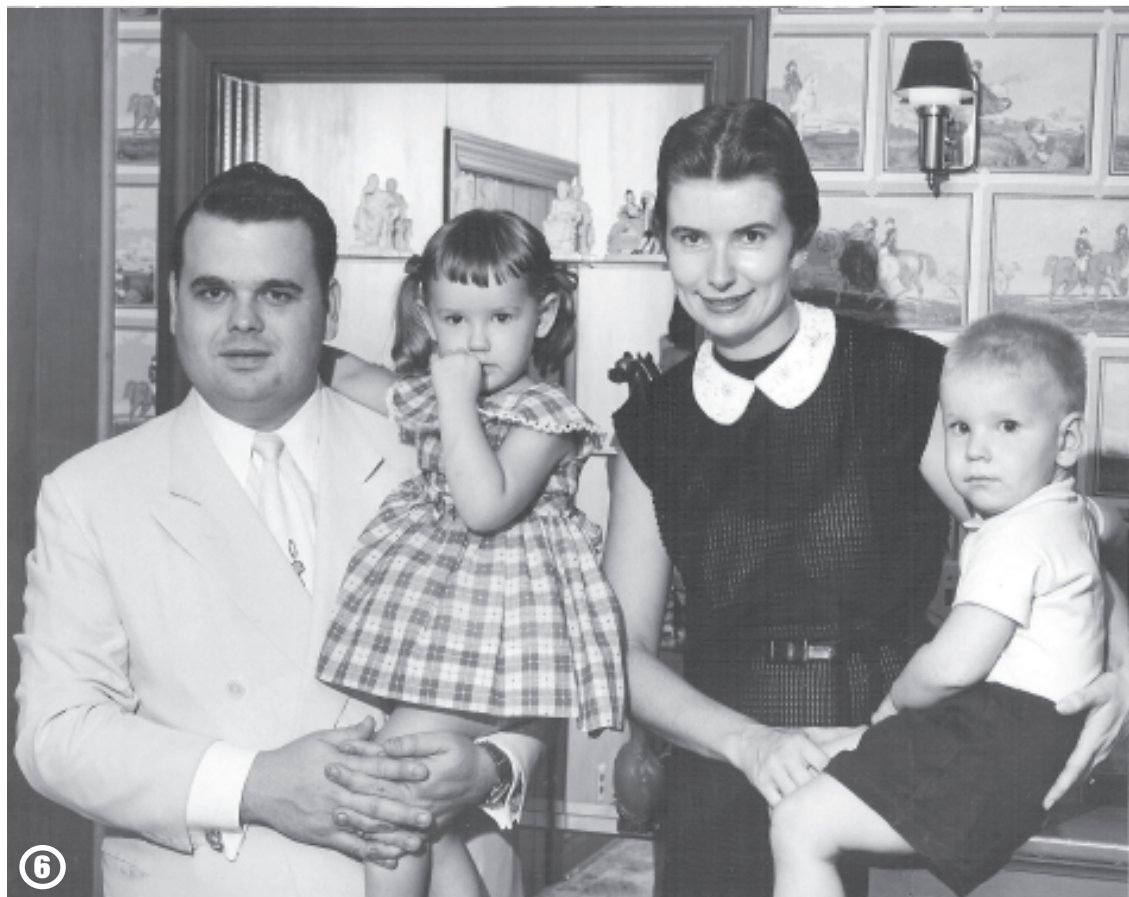


DR. HARGIS' RADIO BROADCASTS THREATENED BY PRESSURE GROUP

Christian Crusade radio broadcasts from Mexican stations were seriously threatened during early November, by Communist forces which conspired to have Dr. Hargis' broadcasts cut off.

Note the changing mastheads and various articles represented on these pages of what became the *Christian Crusade Newspaper*. They tell the exciting story of a ministry exploding in energy, activity and growth. Trips to the Holy Land, services at the Garden Tomb, a rally at Carnegie Hall in New York City, expanded radio stations, a national broadcast over the NBC-TV network ... and already pressure groups and politicians were trying to destroy it!

The young family grows





THIS PAGE,
clockwise from top left

7. Mother was sometimes able to accompany Dad on special trips as was the case here. With their plane situated behind us, Bonnie and I bid them farewell on the tarmac of the Tulsa Municipal Airport.

8. Suitbag in hand, Dad poses for one last shot before boarding his plane. He is holding the hand of my sister Bonnie, who is attired in full Easter dress and hat. For my family, departures such as these were a difficult, but necessary constant.

9. Joined by Grandma and Grandpa Hargis in their only studio photograph with us, the entire family is pictured in 1965.

10. A lovely moment by the fireplace as Dad spends some quality time with his youngest born, Brenda Jo, born October 5, 1960.

11. This is one my mother's favorite pictures of Dad, one she keeps in a special little frame on display. Reclining in his rocking chair at the Summit, mid-1960s, Dad seems lost in reverie as he contemplates his life and ministry.



OPPOSITE PAGE,
clockwise from top left

1. September 13, 1952, Mom's parents (center), brother (to her right) and niece (down front), come to visit Mom and Dad in their first home, a church camp in Sagmount, Missouri. They are joined on the left by the camp cook and on the right by its handyman.

2. Born January 11, 1953, Bonnie Jane Hargis joined a family that would be comprised entirely of "B.J.'s" (Billy James and Betty Jane, of course, having been our parents' names). As indicated by this picture of Mom holding Bonnie, Dad would spend many days and nights away while on crusades, but upon her birth, the former orphan boy marveled that it was the first time he had gazed on another human being and known them to be a true blood relative.

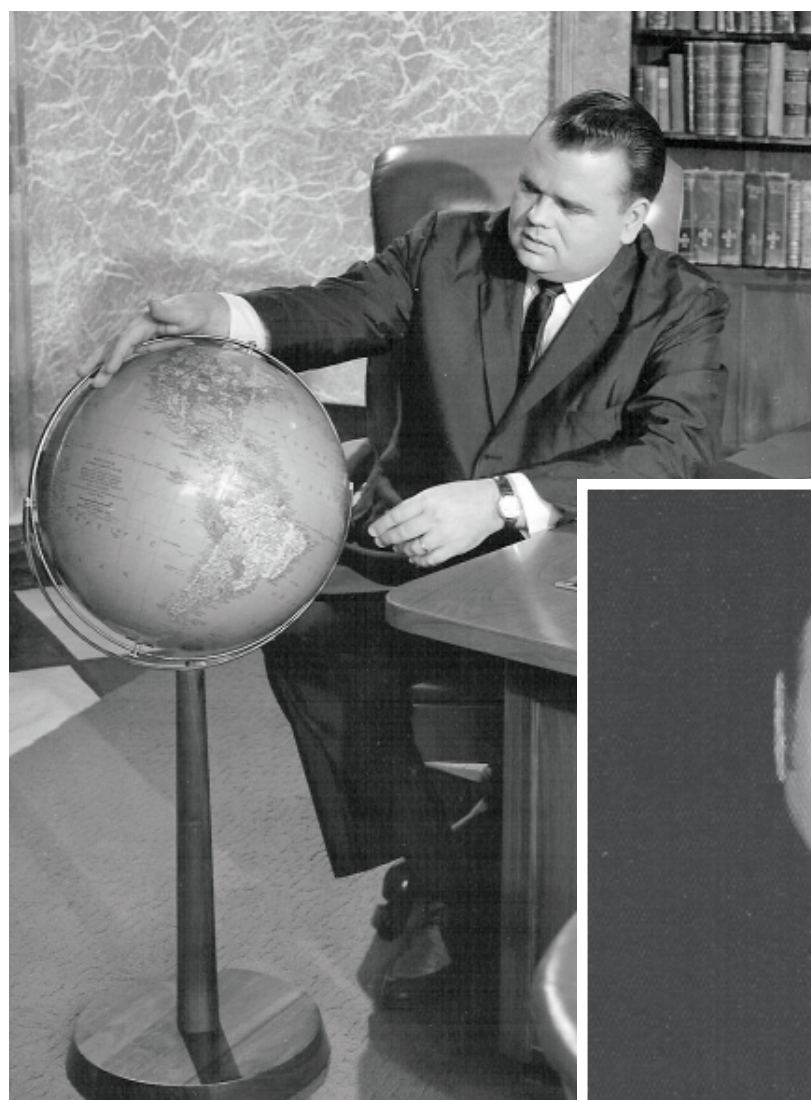
3. July 1953 with his parents, wife and baby daughter, Dad celebrates the unveiling of his portrait, painted by Leroy Wade.

4. In her mother's arms, the infant Becky Jean, born November 23rd, 1958, makes her debut in a Hargis family portrait.

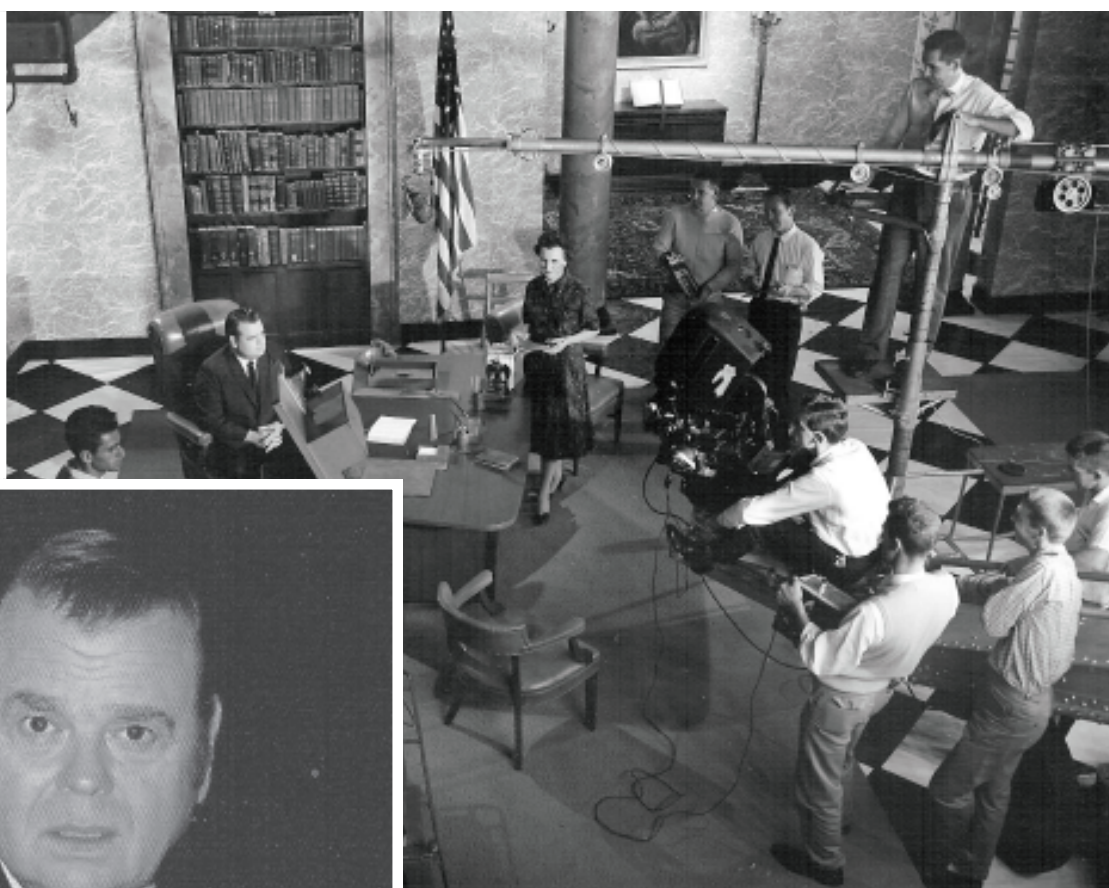
5&6. Mom and Dad supporting their first two children on the occasion of my second birthday, July 28, 1956.



Billy James Hargis is on the air!



"The sun never set on the ministry of Billy James Hargis"



Dad's TV program carried by hundreds of TV stations nationally



At the same RCA microphone on which he spoke resulting in the landmark Red Lion "Fairness Doctrine" ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court



Live television interview on the Kupp Show in Chicago



After an all-night fund-raiser at 1 million watt radio station XEG in Monterrey, Mexico



Taping his broadcasts, which aired over 500 stations across America



Live television interview on the Kupp Show in Chicago



Broadcasting with Rhodesian counter-intelligence chief Harvey Ward



Standing next to Dad, Dorothy Stenholm, director of his TV programs produced at Bob Jones University



NEW INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
CHRISTIAN CRUSADE
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The Christian Crusade magazine trumpets a new headquarters



Ministers from every state came to Tulsa for his "Preacher's Conventions"



With Dr. Russell Grow, confidant and ACC dean

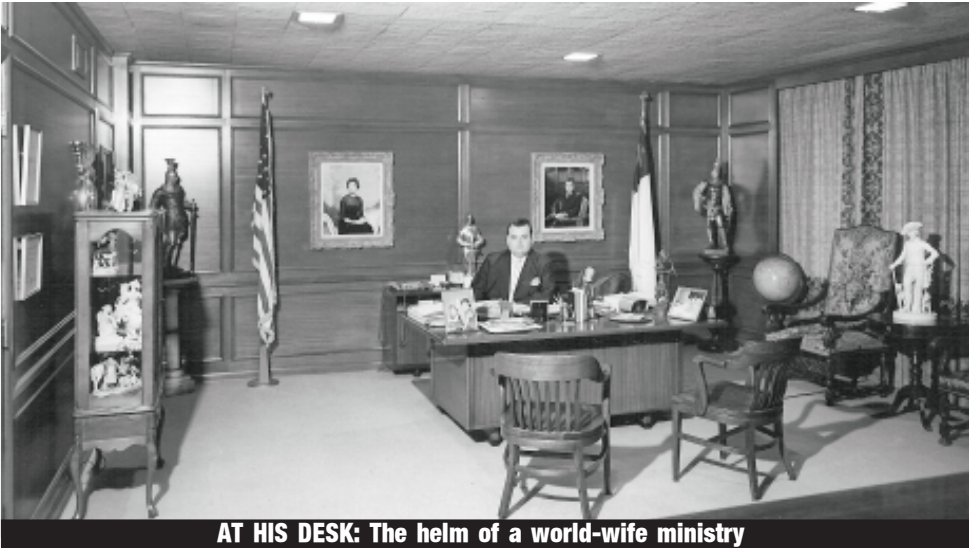


Christian Crusaders flocked to the Cathedral for leadership schools and conventions



A session of students at the summer youth camp Dad founded

Expansion ... a ministry on the march



AT HIS DESK: The helm of a world-wide ministry



Billboard at 2808 S. Sheridan Road in Tulsa stakes out the future



Plans unveiled for world headquarters



Secretary Mildred Morris and farm hands Glen Morris and Mr. Kyser



The Cathedral of the Christian Crusade nearing completion, 1966

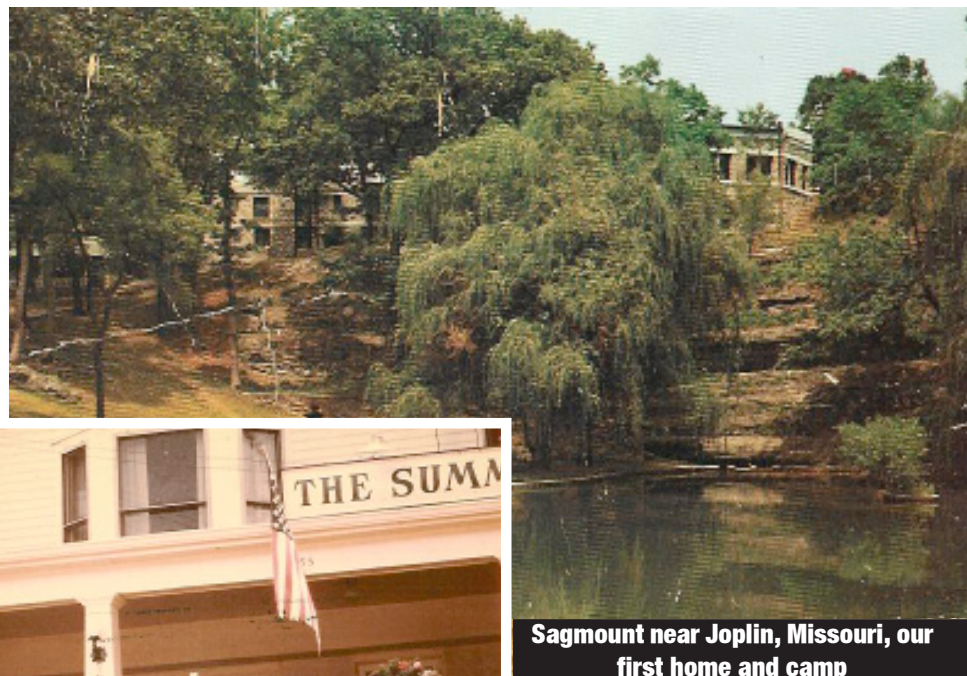


All-American Kids visit U.S. Capitol, joined by Tulsa Congressman Page Belcher

From Sagmount to the Summit: a Grand View!



Postcard of the old Grand View Hotel near Pikes Peak which became the Summit



Sagmount near Joplin, Missouri, our first home and camp



Dad rocking with guests on porch of anti-Communist retreat



Family before brand-new Cathedral of the Christian Crusade, 1967



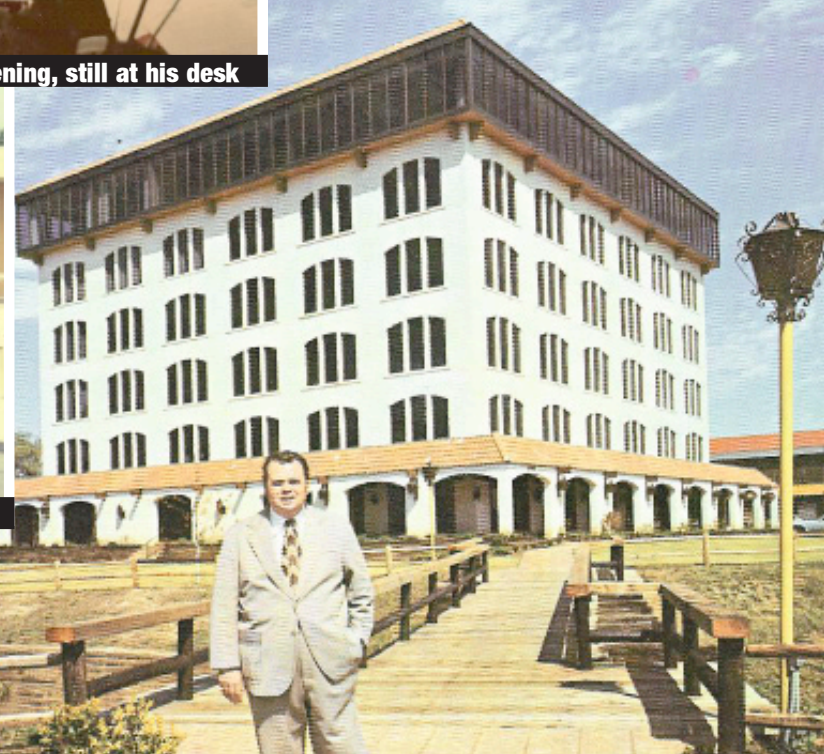
Late in the evening, still at his desk



Near 61st and Lewis in Tulsa, this building featured a drive-up museum of religious art



Third-year American Christian College group shot, 1973



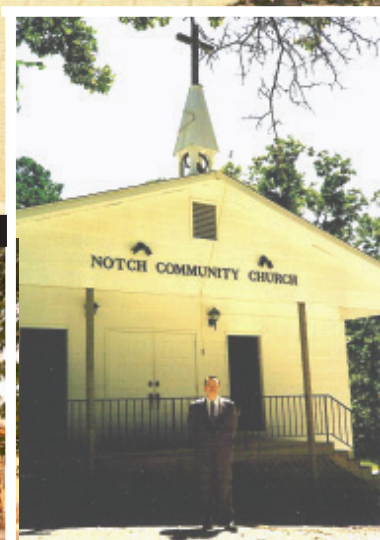
International headquarters 1976



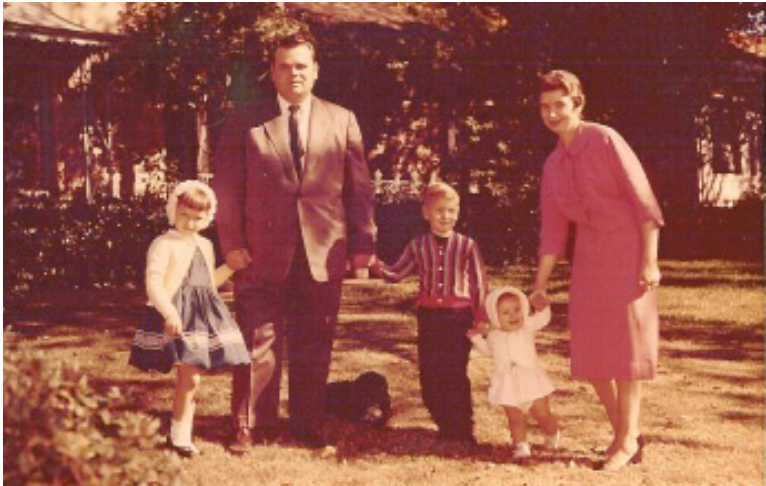
Students, members, and Korean "Guy & Doll" chor in balcony join family in worship



His beloved Rose of Sharon Log Chapel



Last pastorate near Branson



With dog, Blackie, in our front yard at 2555 E. 26th Place, Tulsa

“Mommy’s here.
Daddy’s here. We
are all together!”



Holding his two youngest



All three birthdays in the same week



Research Director Julian Williams



Breakfast with Becky



Fun by the Silver Eagle



Visiting Grandma's and Grandpa's



Look who's here!



Napping with Brenda



Happy birthday, Bonnie



Singing for my dad



All comfy and cozy



Roadside in Arizona



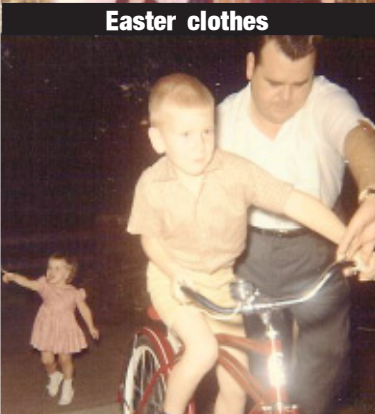
Christmas morning



The Palamino Motel pool



Easter clothes



Look, no training wheels!



Heading to L.A. convention



Let's eat some cake



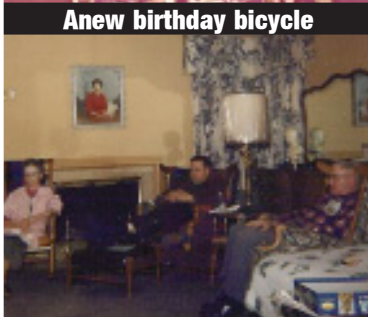
Easter egg hunt



With all four kids



Anew birthday bicycle



Dad with parents at home



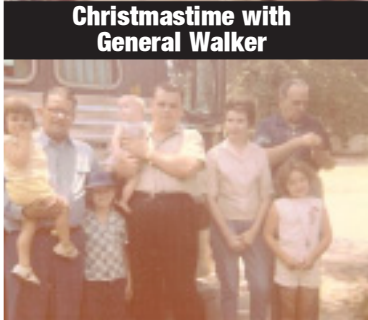
Our trip to Disneyland



Amidst Christmas carnage



Christmastime with General Walker



With bus driver Les Dunavant



Make a wish



Proud of my dad!



Gathered by the tree

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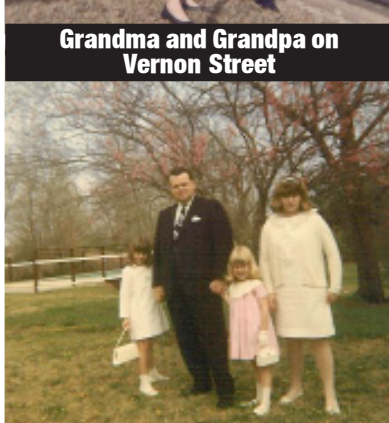
Groundbreaking



Besieged by trick-or-treaters



With Uncle Jim and tour bus



Grandma and Grandpa on Vernon Street

Home from church

Birthdays, holidays, vacations and



Family Christmas in Neosho



Sharing a good time in Becky's kitchen



Relaxing with Benny and Elmo



Sitting on one of two concrete horses that mark my parents' door



Holding hands with Bonnie and the Pierre Choinsard family



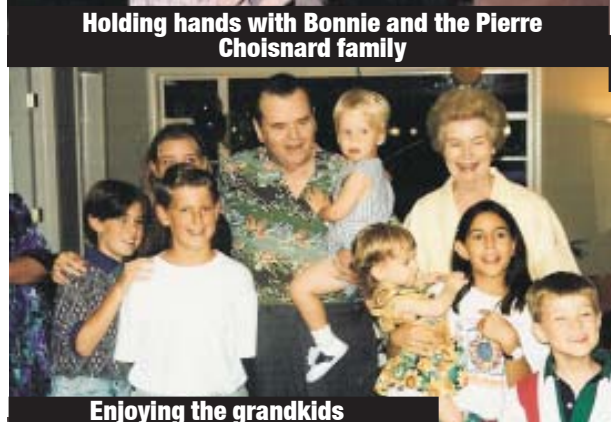
With his wife and firstborn, Bonnie at original house on farm



Father and son



Dad behind the camera, the day Walter Brennan came for dinner



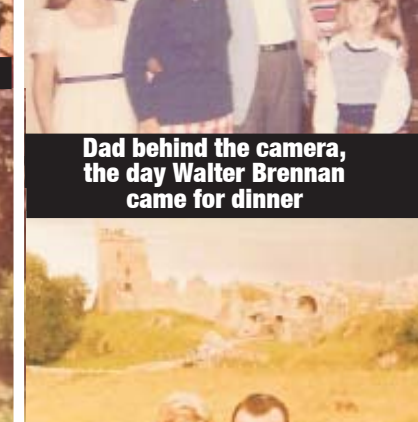
Enjoying the grandkids



Loving Grandpa



Best of friends



Castle ruins at Loch Ness, Scotland, 1977



First grandchild Annie Page



His baby, Brenda



Marc and Lucy



With grandsons at Homecoming



Loving on Dad at the lake



Rose of Sharon tree swing



A sweet moment with second daughter Becky Jean



Chillin' with Gracie and Lucy



All bundled up for a white Christmas



With his three lovely daughters



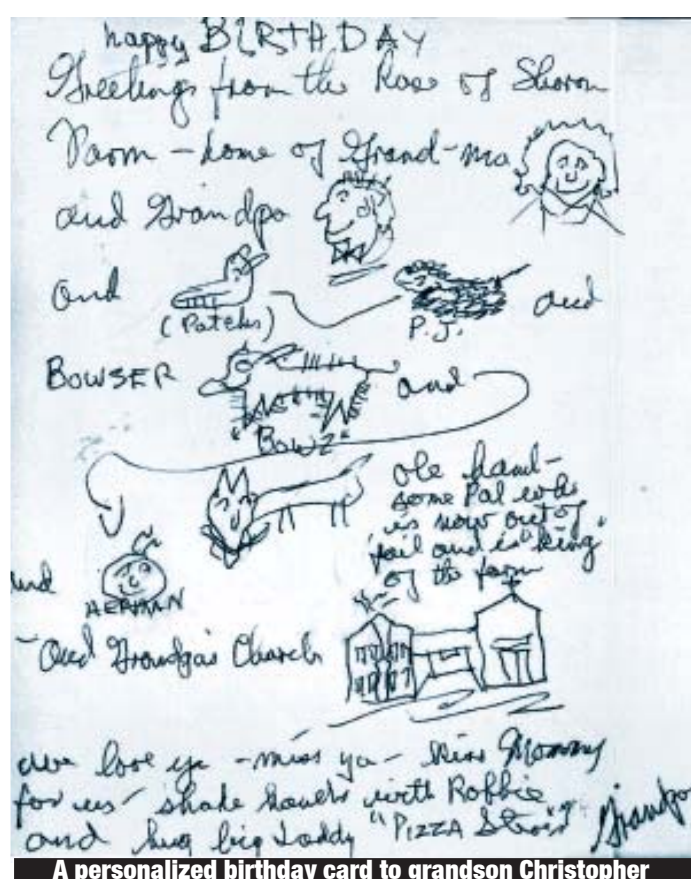
All his girls



A family gathering for Mom's 70th birthday

Father, grandfather and great-grand

and Christmas ... Life with Father



A personalized birthday card to grandson Christopher



Are you sure you're listening, Grandpa?



Sharing a card with little Lucy



Grandson Robert graduating from high school



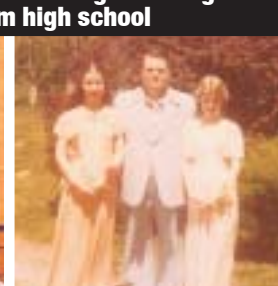
A couple of cool dudes



Billy III's first haircut



Grandsons Robbie and Topher in his TV chair



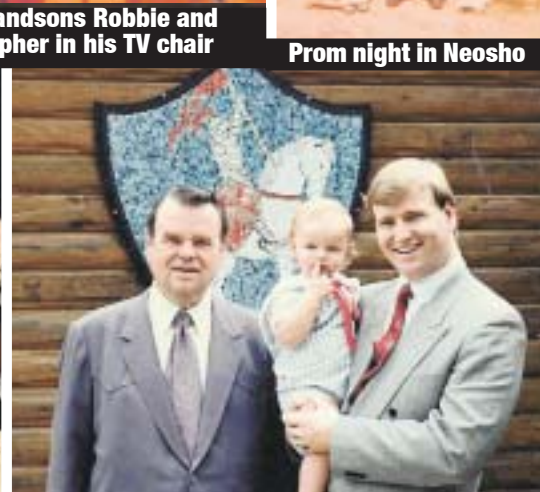
Prom night in Neosho



Grandpa with Benny and Betty Grace



Here, let Pa Paw fix it



Son to the father. Father to the son.



Back in Ohio for Uncle Jim Secrest's funeral



In Houston with Billy James Hargis III



A birthday celebration



Having fun at the Dixie Stampede in Branson



Like family, Dad's right hand, Ruby White



Jack and Annie Page Frank



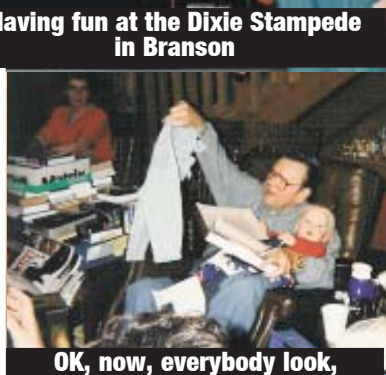
Are we just going to look at it?



Under the mistletoe for 50th wedding anniversary



The three Billy's



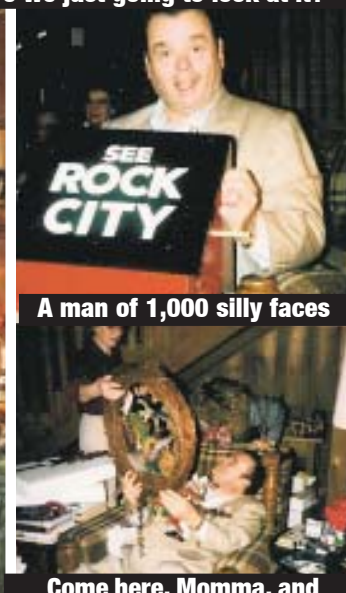
Dad loved giraffes



Dad loved giraffes



Hey, this is great. What is it?



A man of 1,000 silly faces



With B.J. Thanksgiving morning in Houston 2003: "What's this kid trying to do to me?"



Would the hat look better with this stuck in it?



You can talk, I'm gonna eat



Shhhhh! Dad's asleep

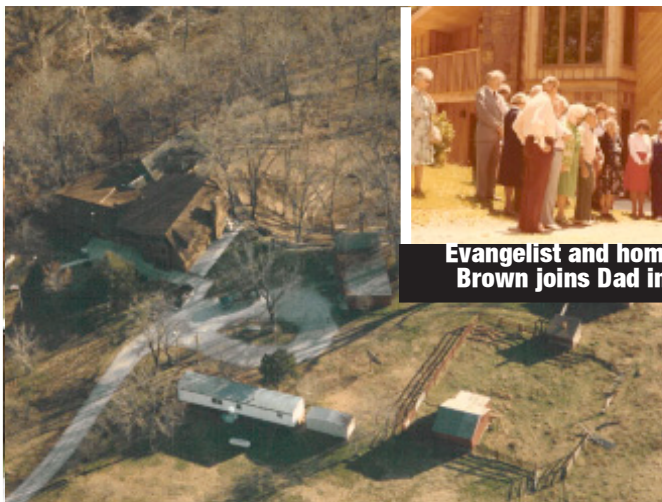
ndfather ... Dad, we love you!!!



BJH: Down on the farm ♦♦♦



Dad checks the front gate at the Rose of Sharon Farm



Overhead shot of Rose of Sharon



Evangelist and homebuilder J.L. Brown joins Dad in blessing it



An Ozark welcome



Christmas Eve at Laura Lucille Chapel



A place to "wait on the Lord"



Time for family ...



... and time for God



Dad in his chair, the remote control was for him alone



Loved the A-frame, but those darn woodpeckers!



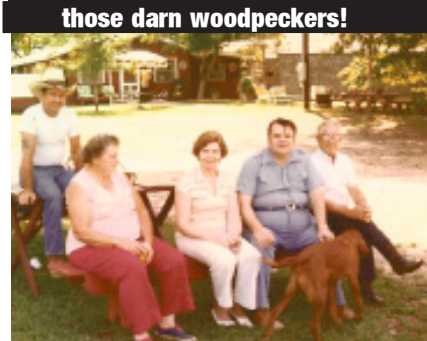
On pathway down to the spring



Lookin' good!



Fresh-water spring and dear friend Cliff Kyser



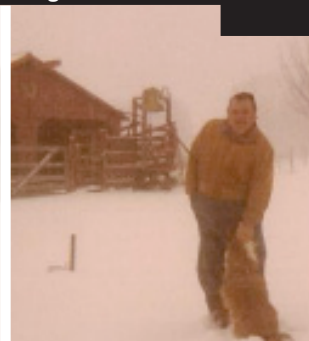
Genvieve Hopper drops by



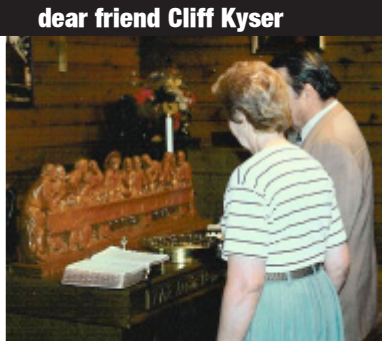
Let's rest here



They hear their master's voice



Petting Lassie in snow



Remembering the Lord's Table

♦♦♦ and still the people came



With Garland Faw, Carl Teel, Charles Secrest, Robert Wilmouth and others



With John Moi, son of Kenya's president, and aides



Dad listens intently



Blessing Dr. Herder Lee of Taiwan with J.L. Brown and ACC student Dr. Sing Tai



Jimmy and Wilma Snellon



Homecoming at the Rose of Sharon: The year's highlight



"Leavin' on My Mind" with Rusty Goodman

A national leader and trusted advisor



At the 1963 Oklahoma City convention with perhaps the greatest anti-Communist radio commentator ever, Fulton Lewis, Jr.



Sword of the Lord editor Dr. John R. Rice, 1972



Dr. Joseph Jackson, president of the Natuional Baptist Convention



Mom and Dad welcome Governor Lester Maddoux and wife of Georgia



Bracken Lee, Governor of Utah



Governor Orval Faubus delights Dad by presenting him with an "Arkansas Traveler" award



Pulitzer-winning columnist Westbrook Pegler, 1962



OPERATION MIDNIGHT RIDE: Dad and trusted friend Maj. General Edwin A. Walker were on the headlines of nearly every major American newspaper



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., dedicating youngest daughter Brenda Jo at the Hotel Tulsa



Novelist Taylor Caldwell



General Willoughby published regular intelligence reports in *The Weekly Crusader*



Welcoming America's most decorated WWII hero Eddie Rickenbacker



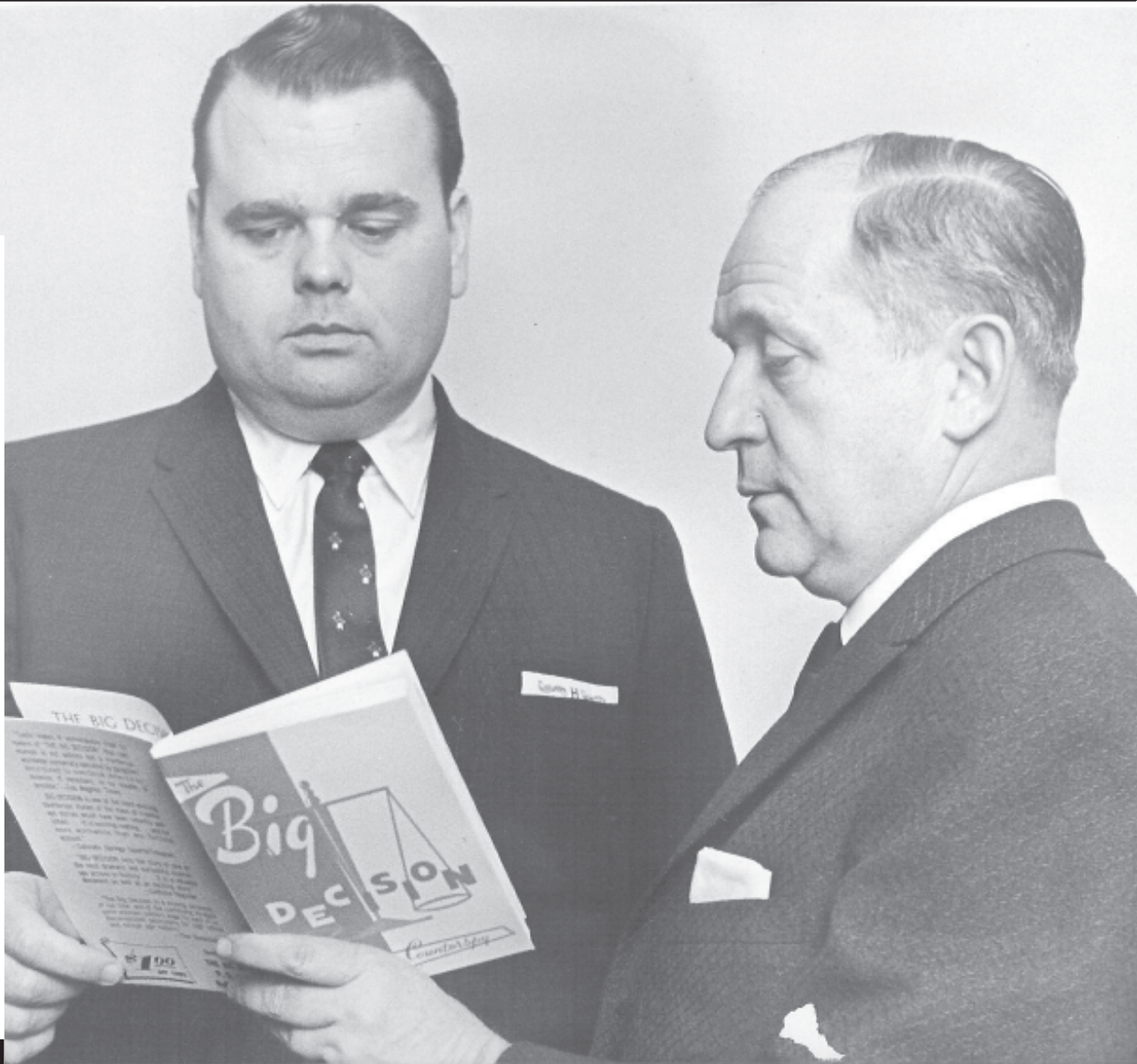
As General Charles A. Willoughby applauds



Dad chats with Louisiana Congressman John Rarick as they participate in Washington, D.C. march for victory in Vietnam



Addressing the crowd at the Mayo Hotel, Tulsa. No bawling or jumping here



FBI Counterspy Matt Cvetic was a patriot and a friend to Christian Crusade, which sponsored his lectures

Respected by world leaders and heads of state, he carried his message for Christ and against communism around the globe



General Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the Republic of China



Dad with First Lady of Free China, Madam Chiang Kai-shek on Taiwan



President of the Dominican Republic, General Trujillo



The George Washington of South Korea, President Syngman Rhee



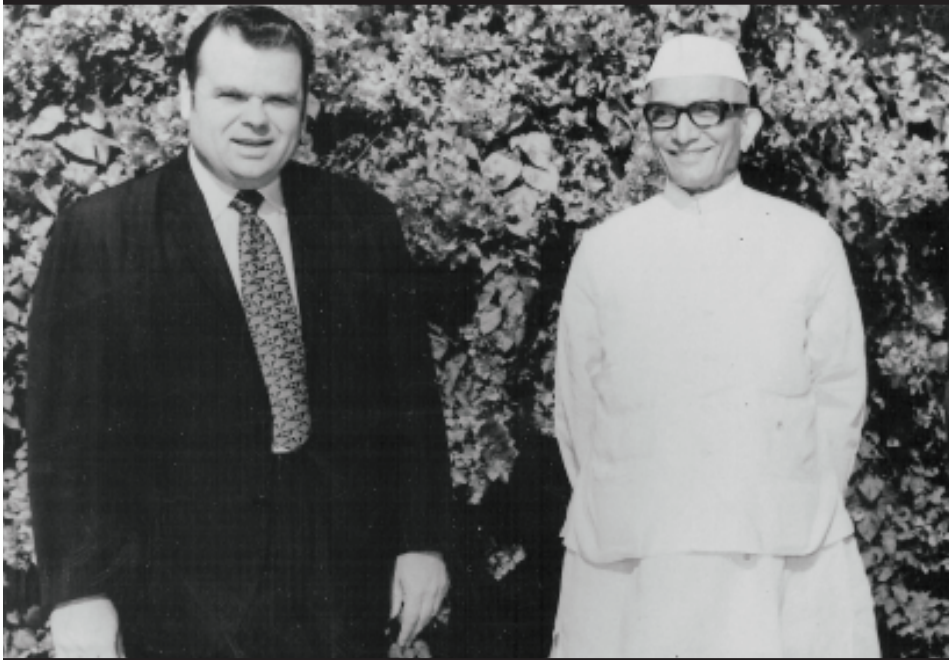
Listening to Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Douglas Smith



Being introduced to President Park in Seoul by General Lee and Dr. Kim of the David Livingston Foundation



Dad with South Korean President Park, his wife and Christian Crusade supporters



Champion of Democracy, Prime Minister Desai of India



Addressing a Cathedral audience, Fidel's sister, Juanita Castro, denounces him



Mom and Dad joined by personal physician Dr. Philip Joseph, left, visit with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Douglas Smith and trusted friend Harvey Ward



President Lee of the Republic of China

To the Holy Land and Beyond



My uncle, Charles Secret, Dad and me by a 2,000-year-old olive tree at the Garden of Gethsemane



Beneath Golgotha, "the Place of the Skull"



Dad was great friends with Solomon Matter, keeper of the Garden Tomb and spent many hours there in solitude



One of more than a hundred groups of Christian pilgrims my father personally brought to view the Garden Tomb



Reading Scripture in the empty tomb



Mom and Dad before the Temple Mount



Waving from atop camel, Dad shares the beauty of old Jerusalem with followers as seen from the Mount of Olives



Alone at the Tomb early in his ministry, he would return with thousands



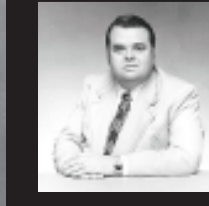
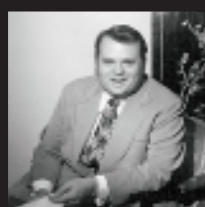
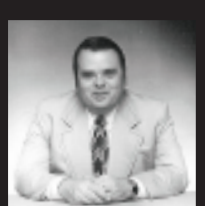
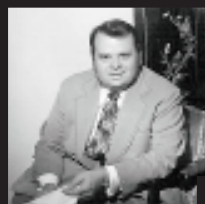
Christian Crusaders gather on the steps to the Dome of the Rock where Abraham offered Isaac



Welcomed by Korean orphans with Dr. Jess Pedigo of the David Livingstone Foundation



Dad greets an enthusiastic crowd of Christian believers in Africa



DR. BILLY JAMES HARGIS

Founder and Director of

CHRISTIAN CRUSADE:

Portraits of an American Leader



Officers
for God and Country
Billy James Hargis

Loving son, husband and father



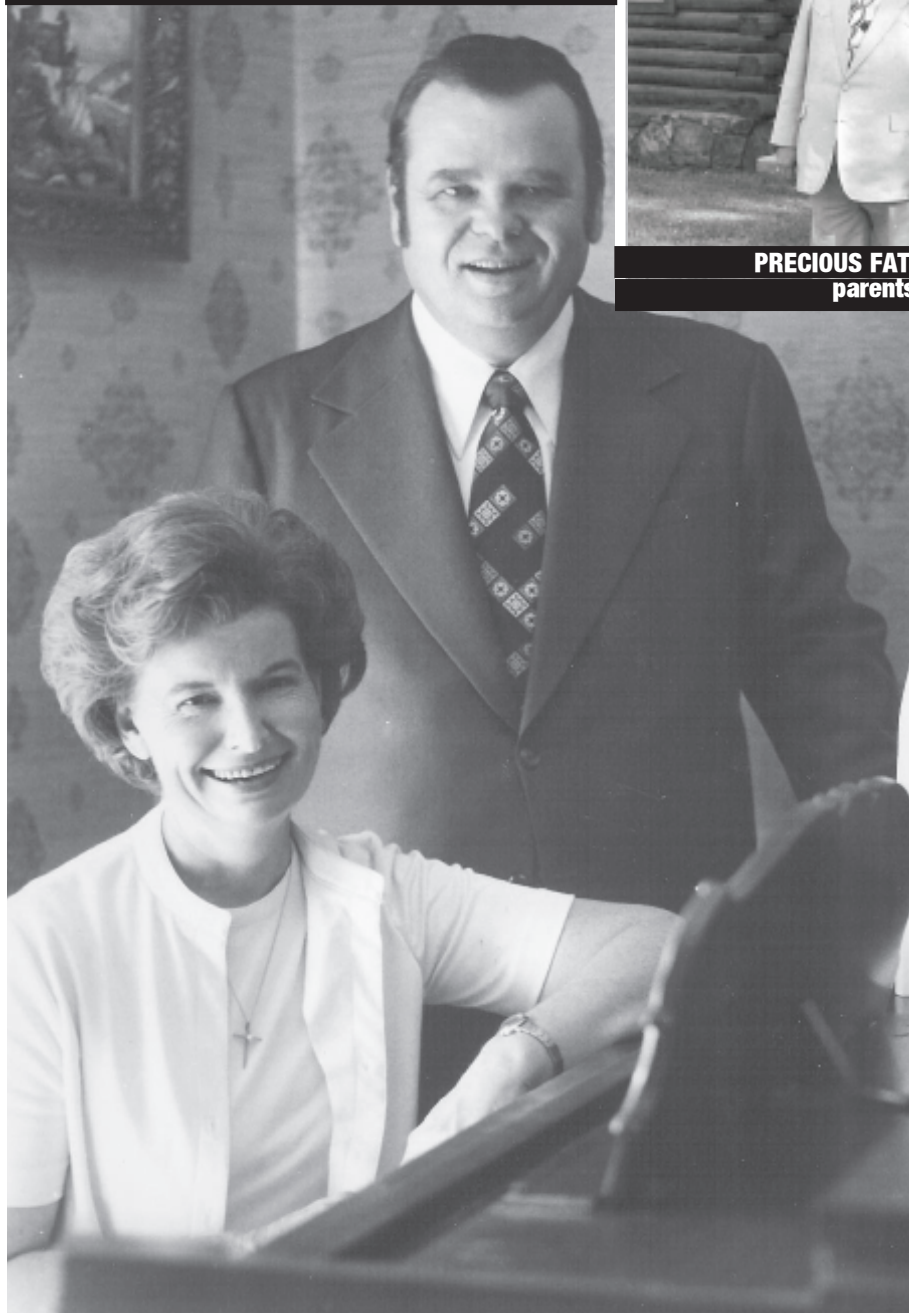
Betty Jane and Billy James Hargis



Photographed in Nashville



PRECIOUS FATHER ... LOVING MOTHER: Me and my parents at the Rose of Sharon Farm



The preacher and his pianist celebrating 25 years of marriage on their way to 52



"You and me against the world," Dad and me together in Colorado



Before Mount Rushmore



Hear, see and speak no evil



Covered in wrapping paper, Mom and Dad



Fightin' Communism



Mom and Dad clowning on picnic table



My first fish! With Harry Clarke whose father wrote "Into My Heart" and "Fishers of Men"



Maybe we have no car trouble, not even a flat



A moment of reflection



Dad feeding cattle in Texas



Come home it's suppertime, his loving parents



Becky, Dad and Comer with Grandpa at the farm



His parents 50th wedding anniversary gathering in Texarkana, their pastor, Robert Wilmouth on far right



Laura Lucille and Jimmie joined by Dad's former Scoutmaster Mr. Trask



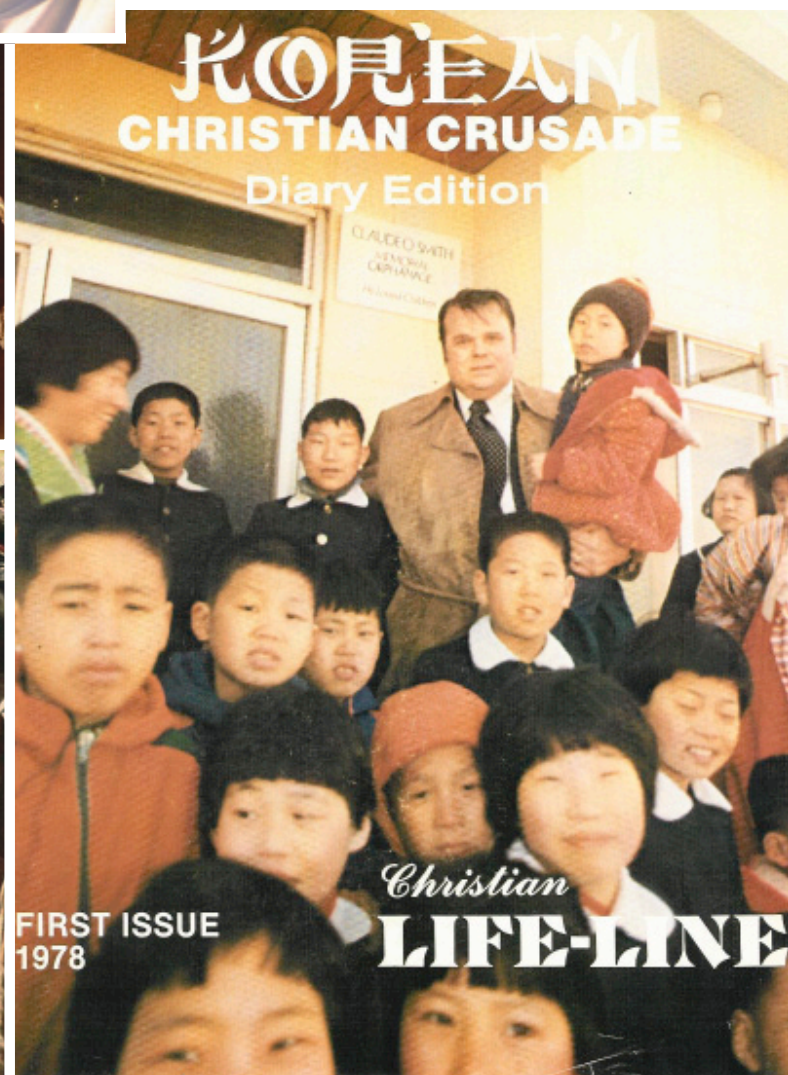
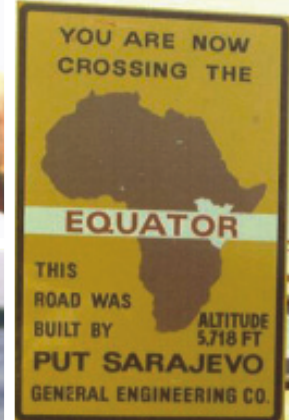
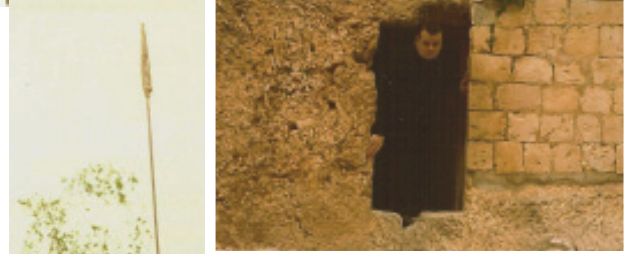
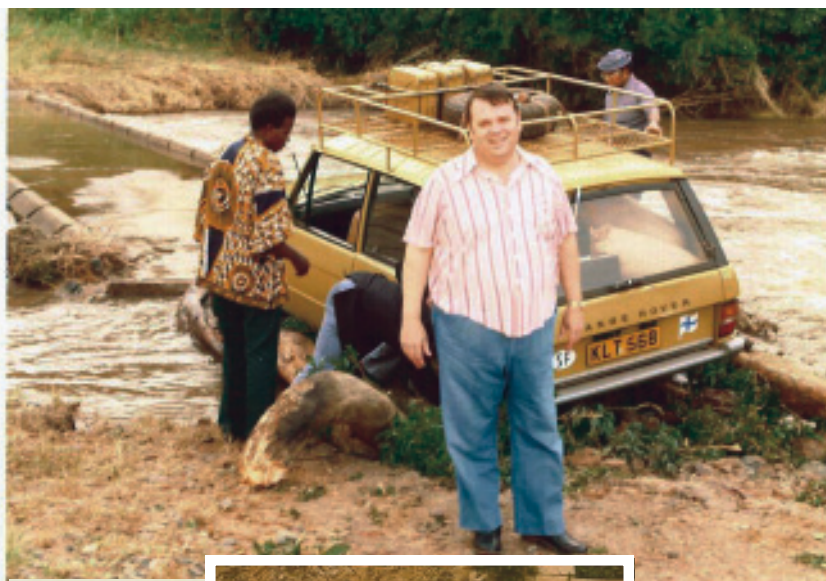
Justifiably proud, Dad at desk with parents



Thunder on the Right ... one of Dad's many great rallies for God and country



Being awarded with an honorary doctorate degree at Bob Jones University. Dr. Bob Jones Sr. stands on far right with Dad. On right is Dr. Bob Jones Jr. and Noel Smith, editor of the Baptist bible Tribune of Springfield, Missouri. All wonderful men and close friends of Dad's.



... he went unto all the world
and preached the Gospel!