

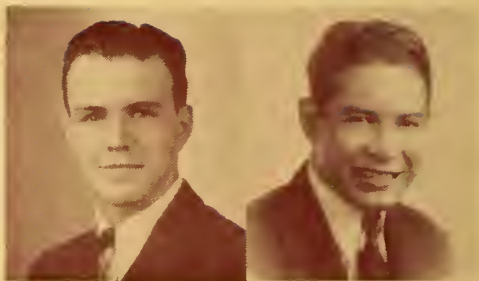


Youth

Leads

Original

Americans



EARL LOUIS RILEY
Creek

BENJAMIN F. BELVIN
Choctaw

IN TRAINING FOR THE MINISTRY

Indian Youth Are Breaking Out New Paths For a Race

Bacone College, the Home Mission school for Indians in Oklahoma, and the only school of higher learning for Indians, is sending its students forth to become teachers, preachers, missionaries, doctors, social workers and home builders.

The School is Christian in its origin and continuing purpose. It fits young people to enter intelligently and unselfishly into the life and work of the world. It strives to keep in view the fact that the development of the spiritual life, in its deepest and truest meanings, is a fundamental part of our educational process.

To accommodate all who wish to enroll, more dormitory room for girls and more scholarship funds are needed.



REV. W. DAVID OWL
with Group of Royal Ambassadors

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Rev. W. David Owl, Cherokee Indian by birth, graduate of Springfield College, Massachusetts, and Rochester Seminary, has been serving since 1927 as pastor of four Indian churches on the Cattaraugus Seneca Reservation. This reservation is about thirty-five miles from the city of Buffalo, New York, and is the largest Indian domain in the state, with a population of nearly fourteen hundred.

Encouraging results have been noted in the conversion of the Indians from the Long House religion to the Christian faith and great strides have been made in the work with young people. Mr. Owl was formerly in the United States Government service and is able to reach the Indians through the medium of case work and by aiding the boys and girls in their desire for higher education. Indians of Christian or pagan affiliation find in him a friendly and safe counselor.



REV. AND MRS. WILKIN WILLIS

A YOUNG CHOCTAW STEPS OUT FOR CHRIST

Wilkin Willis, Choctaw Indian, after graduating from Bacone College went on to complete his training for the ministry in Ottawa University and Andover-Newton and Eastern Seminaries. While a student he spent his summers in Baptist boys' camps as counselor and instructor in Indian arts, crafts and customs. The Indian Baptist churches of Oklahoma had the great joy of ordaining this young man in 1939. Fourteen churches of the Western Oklahoma Indian Baptist Association were represented. He is the fourth Indian, with full theological training, to be so ordained since the time of Roger Williams. The day will long be remembered by those who were there. A young Indian called the meeting to order and led in an impressive devotional service. Wilkin Willis with his bride entered almost at once upon his work as pastor of the Crow Indian Baptist Church in Pryor, Montana. He spent the summer of 1937 on the Indian mission fields of Western Oklahoma, in daily vacation school and evangelistic work.



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DR. AND MRS. W. A. PETZOLDT

DOCTOR AND MRS. W. A. PETZOLDT,
MISSIONARIES

Dr. and Mrs. William A. Petzoldt completed thirty-five years of service as missionaries among the Crow Indians of Montana in December, 1938. Nearly 500 people, Indians from every part of the Crow Indian Reservation with their white friends gathered at Lodge Grass for a testimonial service. Indians and whites were eager to pay their tribute of praise to these two faithful servants of Christ. John Whiteman, son of the late White Man Runs Him who was one of General Custer's scouts, said at this celebration:

"Dr. and Mrs. Petzoldt came at the right time. It was a time when life was very hard for us. We were a lost tribe. We were as slaves . . . In spite of hardship they went ahead to bring the gospel to the Crows."

The ministry of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Petzoldt among the Crows began December 1, 1903. When they took up their residence at Lodge Grass there were no roads, no bridges, no town, no public schools, no whites except a few government people and Indian traders. Neither butter, milk, nor eggs could be obtained that first year. In time the Crows learned the meaning of the Cross and how great was the love of Jesus for them.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This work has been made possible financially by the assistance of many devoted people in the following ways:

- 1 BEQUESTS — the Society is worthy of a place in your will.
- 2 ANNUITIES — a permanent income for you as long as you live, and a gift to the work to extend the influence of your life.
- 3 SPECIAL GIFTS — a good way to make extra investments.
- 4 CONTRIBUTIONS to the Unified Budget — between 7 and 8 cents of each dollar go to this Society.

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