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D. V. B. S. PRESENTS!!!

BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSES

The Junior and Junior High Departments of the Daily Vacation Bible School will present their closing program tonight, September 10, at 15-15, 7:00 PM. We hope to share some of our discoveries that we have made about Christian Living with our parents and friends.

The program will be divided into five parts. In the first two parts each division will present exercises that will typify some of the activities that we have been engaged in. Then each department will present a drama. The Junior Department will present "Martin the Shoemaker." The Junior High group will present a radio drama, "The Good Samaritan." In closing we shall be led in a worship service by the Junior Department.

THANK YOU

Through the medium of the Bible Echoes press the church school and its faculty wishes to express their gratitude for the wonderful support and kindnesses of the following:

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Last but not least to our own Rev. Henry Bovenkerk for his untiring work and support.

A word to Dr. Felston Christopher. Your enthusiasm and your presentation of much Vacation Church School material has made it possible for us to culminate a successful two weeks of happy and useful fellowship with the young people. Thank you from all of us.

CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT

Have you seen the results of the children's exhibit at 8-15? It gives one a bird's eye view of what was accomplished at Manzanar's first Daily Vacation Bible School. Possibly your brothers and sisters have things on exhibit.

Let's go to ★ ★ ★
SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Gee, I sure enjoyed it didn't you Ayako?"

"Yes, the two weeks certainly flew fast."

"So long, Haruko."

"So long, Miss Takamune."

Thanks for the fun we had."

With these expressions the children returned happily to their homes with more knowledge in their little heads.

Let's shift the scene back to the first day of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Flash! time marches backward.

"Everyday with Jesus is sweeter than the day before."

Hear that? It seems as if the roof was going off. Who's that poppy, energetic song leader? Why it's none other than Miss Ruth Takamune, our principal at 9-15. She opened the first day by leading the group in songs, prayers, and stories. The children had expressions of joy on their faces. They were surely enjoying the Bible School.

Flash...time flies.

We approach one of the project rooms and we hear, "Flash...buzz...buzz...ding, ding."

"Hello, oh, you want the Editor-in-Chief?"

"O.K. Hey, Aiko!"

A charming young girl came up to us to explain what was going on. Strange but all of the editors were girls. How come?

"We have two boys but they're always out on errands it seems."

Walking over to the drama class, we asked our guide what she had learned. She replied,

"I have learned to be a good neighbor, to make use of one's talents, to be faithful, and to stand by Jesus whenever anything is said about Him for He is now with us guarding us."

"Oh, oh, there goes the bell"

It seems that we won't have time to finish our visit, so come to the program tonight at 15-15 and learn of some the activities engaged in by the Junior and Junior High Divisions.

- Faith Murakami and
Fumi Maeda age-13

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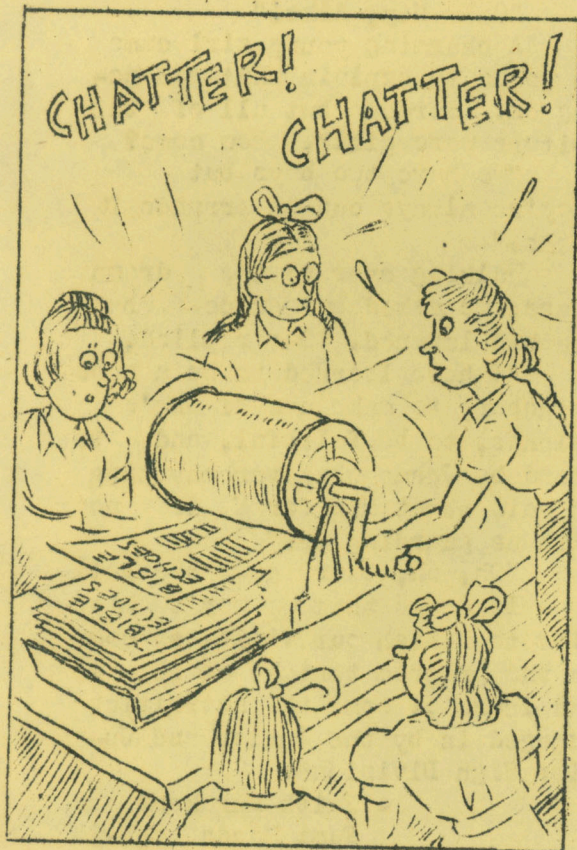
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NEWS FLASHES!!!

Who were seen walking from one Daily Vacation Bible School to another on Monday? They are two reporters of the Bible Echoes staff. They were none other than Clark Kent (Superman) and Lois Lane better known as Mariko Nakagawa with George Nishimura, teachers at 9-15. We are thankful for their work.



NINERS OF 15 - 15

Age 9 yrs.

We like our airplane contest and our teachers, Hanabusa and Pat. We are all worshipping God very good.

-Yoshio Takouchi

We have a long recess and get together and get to play and it's fun.

-Takao Takouchi

We play with clay and paper mache and have a party.

-Shiro Soko

We play and sing songs.

-Ichiro Yoshimoto

We sing and pray and make things with paper mache.

-Etsuo Iwasaki

We have fun at the Daily Vacation Bible School. We make things with paper mache. It is fun to make things with paper mache. We sing songs and hear stories. We play games also.

-Koshi Ono

I come to the Daily Vacation Bible School to learn about Jesus, to learn more about the Bible, and to learn how to do things. I learn how to work with clay, paper mache, and how to get along with others.

-Takatos Matsuno

TENORS OF 15 - 15

Age 10 yrs.

I came to Daily Vacation Bible School to sing hymns, hear stories, play with paper mache and learn about God's love.

-Bobby Iwata

I like Bible School, because they teach me paper mache. I like the story that Mrs. Ichida told us and also the one that Mr. Fujimori told.

Takeshi Towata

I like to play with clay and paper mache and write in the notebook and like to sing and hear stories from Mrs. Ichida and Mr. Fujimori.

-Shiro Matsuno

I like the Bible School, because we learn to not fight and good manners. We also learn about our Bible.

-Okiru Yoshida

ART CLASS OF 9 - 15

Ages 12 to 14 yrs.

Wham! Bang! Boom! Ouch my foot! Hey, quit shoving!

"Alright you guys, get to work!"

Well, well, it looks like John Hohri finally got his art class under control. The class worked very frantically on their paper mache map of Palestine all this past week.

This map which is finished with colors will be in the 11 - 15 Sunday School.

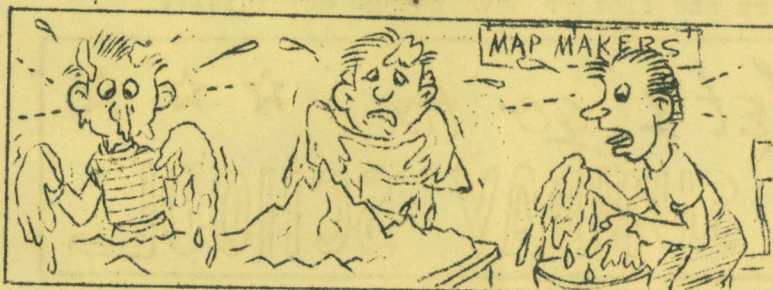
DRAMA GROUP

Ages 12 to 14 yrs.

What's been going around in the Dramatic Class recently? Well, they wrote the radio skit about the "Good Samaritan Neighbor." It is going to be one of the programs of the Closing Exercises on Friday night.

Do you know who produced it? Well, it's one of our most capable teachers, Miss Miriko Nagahama with the help of her cooperative students: Sachiko Kusayanagi, Tomiko Yamada, Frances Nishioka, Mary Honda and Hiroko Mano.

Well! News has been flashed that two boys joined the Dramatics Class.



PRIMARY DIVISION

17 - 15

We opened our Daily Vacation Bible School with such qualified and interesting personnel, bubbling over with enthusiasm, such as: Mr. Yoshiteru Murakami, Miss Mary Hiram, Miss Taeko Kajiwara, under the supervision of Mrs. Wakahiro.

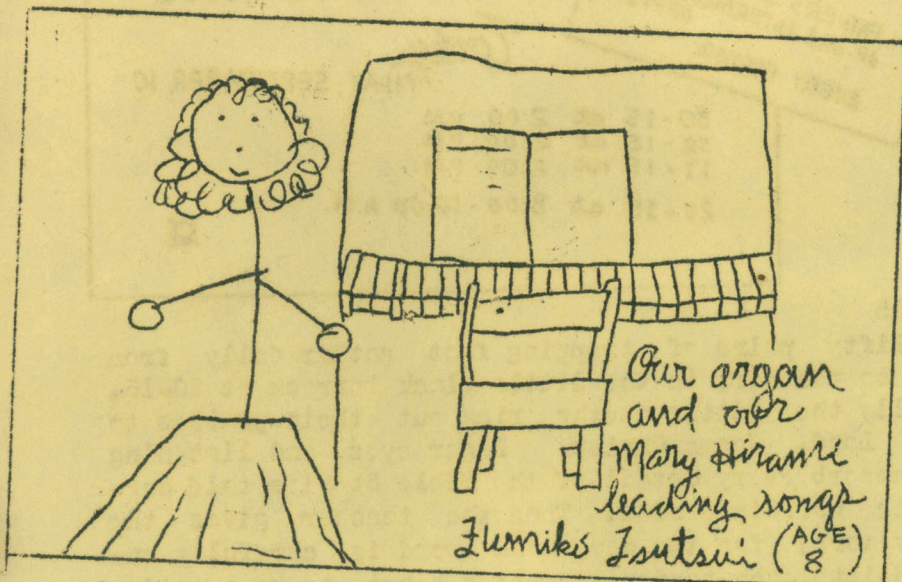
We are more than happy to report that our attendance the first day was far above our expectation. There was a total of thirty-six, (twenty-one boys and fifteen girls). In tune to the excitement and enthusiasm of the pupils and teachers alike----- to our great amazement, the enrollment has been increased by an additional twenty.

Since Mr. Murakami, the head man of the boys division was in great need of assistance; what should happen?--in comes our "life saver," Mr. Tadashi Tatsui, better known as "Tub" with strength of a Superman (?) to assist Mr. Murakami. We are also happy indeed to have the cooperation and helping hands of Mr. E. Sakamoto and Mr. H. Wakahiro, who come to assist the boys in their handwork.

After a week of untiring services, Miss Taeko Kajiwara was called to her former post of duty at the Children's Village. All of us greatly miss her. Once again, answering our call to the urgent need of teachers we are more than glad to have with us, Misses Toshiko Umeki and Sayuri Tsujimura, who came to fill the vacancy left by Miss Taeko Kajiwara. Thank you for your cooperation and wonderful services each and everyone---again, "THANKS."

Handwork accomplished: Letter holders (for fathers), thank you cards (for outside churches sending us materials), framed pictures (for mothers), scratch my back sandpaper cat (for mother), paper beads (for little sister).

The motto of 17-15 Bible School is "Jesus First, Others Second, Yourself Last." All the handwork the pupils make, as their motto suggests, is for others and nothing for self.



I am going to the Daily Vacation Bible School because we make things and we sing.

I like to come to the Bible School because I like to learn more stories about the Bible. I like to sing songs about God.

I like to go to Daily Vacation Bible School, because we make things. I like to make lots of things. We learn about Jesus and God.

Fumiko Tsutsui-age 8

30 - 15

I like to come to the Daily Vacation Bible School because I learn about Jesus.

Gloria Morimoto-age 6

I like Daily Vacation Bible School, because I learn about Jesus. We sing and make many things.

Yoko Sassa-age 6

I like Daily Vacation Bible School, because I learn about Jesus and because I have lots of fun.

Masao Nishimoto-age 6

I like to come to the Daily Vacation Bible School because I learn about Jesus.

Henry Kokubun-age 6

I like to come to the Bible School to learn more about Jesus.

Yasuko Motowaki-age 7

I like to come to the Daily Vacation Bible School because I learn about Jesus.

Bobby Nakamura-age 6

-COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL--

We are having a good time. We made some dogs and some other things. We learned some new songs. I like to go to the Bible School, because we learn good things. We hear good stories. I like my teacher. My teacher's name is Meriko Yoshiyama. Mrs. Sakata is very nice, too. I like all the teachers. We are going to learn some more things. I am very anxious to learn.

Yoshiko Honsho-age 10

I enjoyed the Daily Vacation Bible School very much. We made dolls, dogs, vases, doll pins, puppies, book marks, and many other things. I learned many new songs. I enjoyed it so much that I want to go another week but I am sorry it is going to end today.

Emiko Motooka-age 11

"Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

PRIMARY DIVISION

20 - 15

A Bible Story well told leaves a lasting impression upon young minds and hearts. Boys and girls of 20 - 15 have profited by having Mr. Murakami as their superintendent, for a great story-teller is he. The twinkle in his eyes is catching, spreading merriment to all the children.

In keeping with the season, dainty blue, purple, and pink morning glories were seen climbing up the trellis in the form of handwork. Imitation

churches with stained glass windows and painted towers remind us of the days gone by, of God's House we left behind us in the process of evacuation.

Now we close our doors of Daily Vacation Bible School with reluctance, for we have enjoyed each hour spent with the children.

32 - 15

"Smile, smile, Christians we can smile".....the voices flow out in childish strains every morning from the 32-15 Daily Vacation Bible School. How true this is. Dark may be the days and dreary, but God has given us a smile to cheer us along. Our group though lacking in quantity, we are proud to say, that the quality is beyond compare. Whether in worship or handwork, each child responds with eagerness, as one grasping for a precious gem.

Tiny seeds are transformed into decorative beads. Old tin cans and newspapers are changed into useful vases under the magic touch of the pupils and teachers. Common clay is formed into animals, fruits, and household furniture by the imaginative and creative minds of the boys. May God help us as teachers to carefully and prayerfully mold each one entrusted in our care.

THANK YOU.....From the Primary Division and Mrs. Kashitani

1. Rev. Bovenkerk for your kindness in purchasing many needed materials.
2. Mrs. Ichida for your untiring enthusiasm and services.
3. Miss Takamune for the use of your treasured books.
4. Mrs. Wakahiro, Mrs. Sakai, Mrs. Sakata, and Mr. Murakami for your able superintendency.
5. Each Primary teacher for your influence and varied instructions.
6. Mr. and Mrs. Y. Ikeda for preparing and teaching the handwork to the teachers.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Sakata for preparing picture frames, stencilling churches and songs.
8. Mr. and Mrs. Sakai for instructions in the art of "Origami," wooly dogs and printing the registration blanks.
9. Mr. Murakami, Adjutant Ichida, Mr. Akagi, Rev. Fujimori, Rev. Omi and Rev. Kashitani for speaking to the various Primary sections.
10. Mrs. Wakahiro and Miss Misako Kawamoto for typing the lesson sheets.
11. Mr. Hiram for the use of the folding organ.
12. Mr. Yosh. Murakami and "Tubby" for carrying the organ back and forth.
13. The Education Dept. for the use of the scissors.
14. The janitors of 30-15, 32-15, 17-15, and 20-15 for cleaning the halls.
15. Each father and mother for sending their child to Daily Vacation Bible School.

We wish to specially thank Miss Margaret Clark of the Van Nuys Presbyterian Church for her donation of papers, color work, and pictures. We appreciate your interest in our work.

FROM
PRIMARY DEPT

FATHERS and MOTHERS
JR. and INTERMEDIATE
DEPTS.
EVERY PASTOR

WELCOME
TO OUR OPEN HOUSE

Today
TODAY, SEPTEMBER 10

30-15 at 2:00 P.M.
32-15 at 2:00 P.M.
17-15 at 2:00 P.M.
20-15 at 8:00-10:00 A.M.

30 - 15

Fifty pairs of tripping feet gather daily from eight to ten a.m. in the little black barrack at 30-15. Joyfully the little mouths ring out their praises to their Lord, Jesus Christ. Eager eyes and listening ears absorb every detail of the Bible Stories told during the worship period. Then the teacher gives the memory verse for the day, each word is carefully engraved into each tender throbbing heart, to be a guidepost and help for future use.

After the division of classes, restless hands make objects of beauty and usefulness--all showing the love of God. Though separated from the world and surrounded by barbed wire and watch-towers, we find that God still cares for us as we look into each upturned face and sparkling eyes of the 30-15 Daily Vacation Bible School boys and girls.

JUNIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

9 - 15

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

WHEN I THINK OF GOD'S GREAT WORK

When we look at the great Sierra Nevada mountains, the stars and moon at night and the white clouds, blue sky, mighty ocean, green trees, and flowers which are so beautiful, we feel the greatness of his powers.

We feel small, useless and humble when we see all of God's great creation, which we behold everyday in our lives.

-Ayako Kawamoto-age 12

LORD BE WITH ME THIS DAY

by Ken Yoshikura

Oh precious Lord to Thee I pray;
To watch and guide me o'er this day.
And if at times I may do wrong;
Strengthen, guide, and keep me strong.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

We are making a Devotional Booklet to listen to God everyday. We are reading stories and finding scripture verses to match the stories. We are writing prayers to put with the stories. All of us are working on a book. Kenneth is writing a poem. We are hoping to finish the little booklet by today.

-Haruko and Florence age 12

FROM THE BOOKLET

A page by Florence Niguma age 12
Matthew 7:14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

If we obey our elders and study hard, eat the right things and go to church we are going on the narrow road, but if we do not obey our elders or play too much and eat the wrong things and do not go to church, we are going on the wrong road.

PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, please help us to walk on the narrow road instead of the wrong road.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

AROUND 9 - 15

HOW MUCH DOES CHRIST MEAN TO ME?

Christ is my Saviour,
My strength and comforter.

Because of His death
on the cross, by His precious blood He saved me.

When I am sad His words cheer me.

Through this Daily
Vacation Bible School I
have come closer to Him.

Fumi Maeda-age 13

HAS IT BEEN WORTHWHILE?

It was worthwhile
coming to the Daily Vacation Bible School because I learned many new things. I learned more about Jesus and His doings. I learned grace before meal and many prayers. I feel more closer to Christ now since I came to the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Tayeko Iwasaki-age 13

It sure did some good to me. By going to the Daily Vacation Bible School I learned more about the Teachings of Christ. Because I learned these things, I want to make Christ more real in my life.

Lily Yoshida-age 14

It has been worthwhile coming here because I learned new songs, verses, and the ways of Christian Living. After learning all of this, Christ means much more to me.

Faith Murakami-age 13

Through the Daily Vacation Bible School I have learned much of the Lord's Word and was drawn closer to Christ. It also taught me to be as in James 1:22, to be a doer of the word, and not a hearer only. I am in the Worship Committee. We were taught what worship is and why we have hymns and prayers.

I have art for my project. We were making a paper mache map of Palestine when I was switched over to the Drama Group to take part in a radio skit.

Yukio Takikawa-age 13

NEWS ITEMS AROUND 15 - 15

Junior Dept. - Rev. Fujimori

Dilemma! The Boys' hobby class was ready to plunge into their paper mache project---minus an instructor. Mr. Sakurai (Who is an expert) was hustled in from Block 28 to give a demonstration. The day was saved for our erstwhile instructors-to-be Pat, Akira, Hanabusa and Yoshio.

Wednesday morning's worship service conducted by Kazuyoshi on the theme "We Worship God Through Our Gifts" was indeed inspiring. At the conclusion of the service the entire class consecrated themselves to Christ. As part of the service individual gift offerings were made by the pupils.

9 - 15

Attention!

Draw your sword!

Aim at!

Charge!

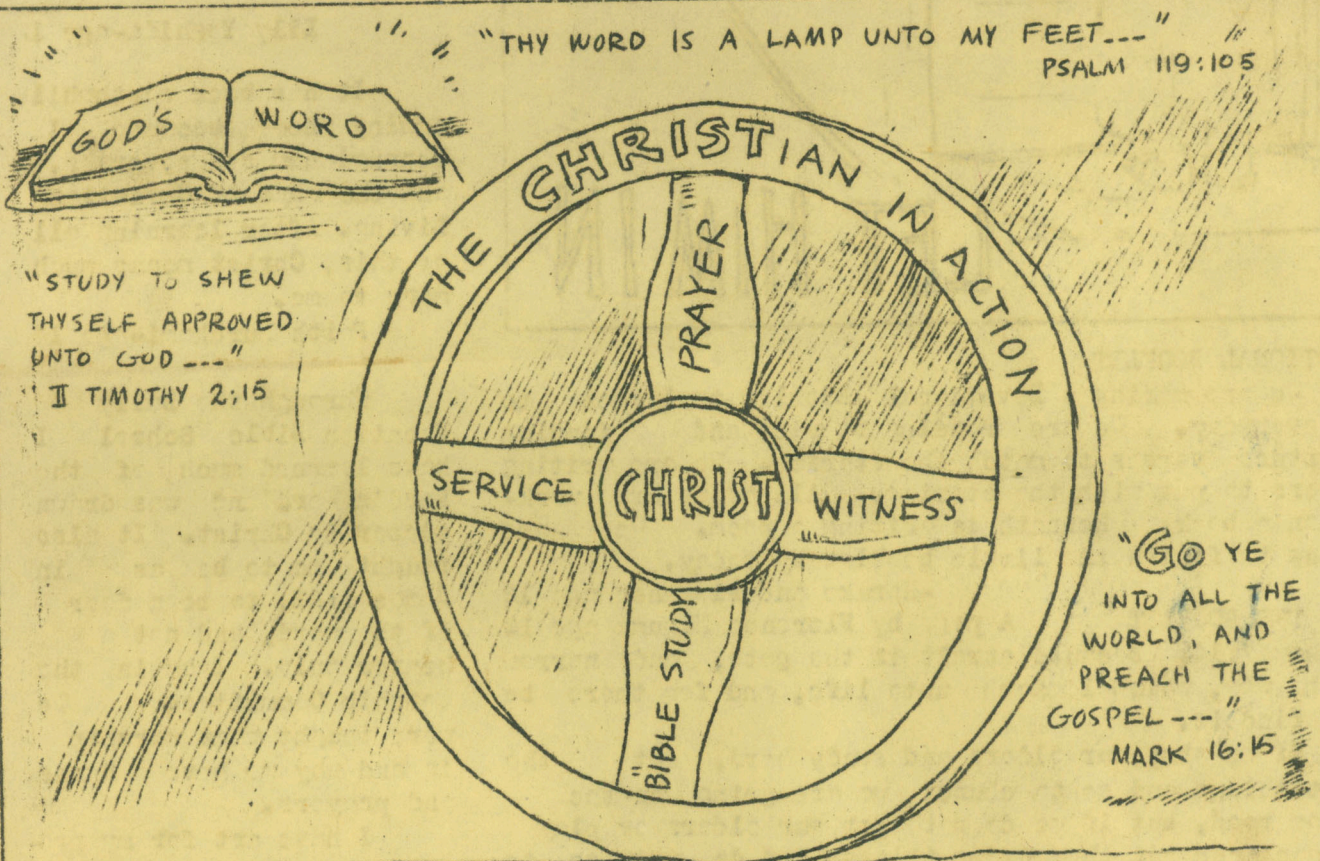
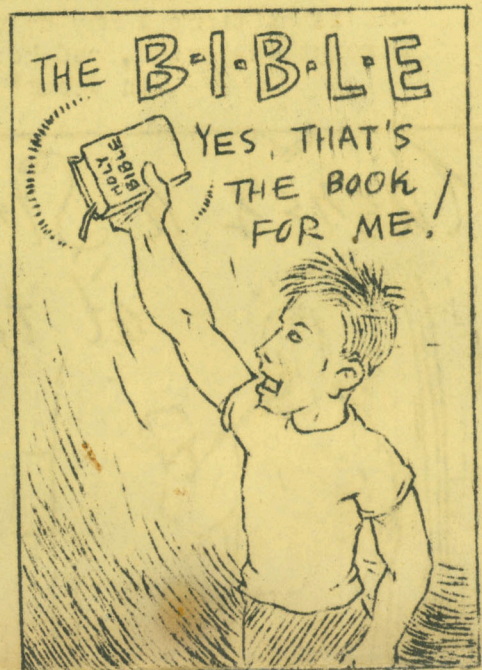
The sword drill is on!

Doesn't it sound like a sword drill of the ancient days? We're the soldiers of Christ. This is a new way of becoming familiar with the books of the Bible. If you want to see how it is done, come to 15 - 15 tonight.

9 - 15

THIRTEEN YEAR OLD BOYS' CODE

1. To keep God first in my thinking, other's second, and myself last.
2. To grow spiritually by reading the Bible and praying everyday.
3. To learn to love those who are not Christians for Christ sake.
4. To never condemn others.
5. To tell others more about God and to talk less about myself.
6. To acknowledge my weakness to God so that His grace might grow in me.
7. To have Christ as the motive of my life.



"... HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT; FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING."

JOHN 15:5