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"Deed-A-Day Club" Prompts
Response Among All Races

By Robert O'Brien

DALLAS (BP)--The little Black boy cried when the ambulance came to take Mrs. Cavanagh to the hospital. He was afraid she was going away and wouldn't return.

They just can't do things like that to people you love, he thought, tears streaming down his face.

The ambulance driver didn't know what to make of the situation, but Eula Cavanagh did. She explained to the youngster that she was going to the hospital to get well and that she would be back soon.

With that, the little black face smiled; so did the larger white one.

Mrs. Cavanagh smiles again when she remembers the loving concern that passed between them that day. Children--black or white--have a special place in her heart.

It's been that way since she was 12 years old and formed her first "Deed-A-Day Club"--her unique ministry to children.

Mrs. Cavanagh, a retired government nurse, is a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church here. But her "Deed-A-Day Club" is a personal ministry which transcends institutional organization.

Club candidates must promise to do one good deed a day for someone for the rest of their lives. They learn to talk to God through prayer, they learn to encourage the unwanted and the unloved to join, and they learn God's plan for salvation.

Mrs. Cavanagh doesn't remember how many children have accepted Christ--but there's at least one missionary she knows of who first found Christ in a Deed-A-Day Club.

Until four years ago, all the club members were white children who lived in her neighborhood. Then the community began a racial change which left her as the only white resident.

Now, Mrs. Cavanagh's adopted brood is black and the Saturday afternoon meetings continue all summer as usual. She believes race should be no barrier to Christian love.

"Everytime I think I'm getting too old or too tired or too busy to continue the Deed-A-Day Club," Mrs. Cavanagh says, "God gives me a beautiful little experience that encourages me to continue."

One of these experiences was as far back as World War I when, as any Army nurse, she was giving an alcohol rub to a wounded service man.

"This can be your good deed for the day," he said.

As the conversation continued, she learned that he was a member of the Deed-A-Day Club who had been enlisted overseas by her cousin, who had been the very first Deed-A-Day member. Each club member is asked to enlist others wherever he or she goes.

"Children don't have to be Christians to join," Mrs. Cavanagh explains, "just do a deed each day. Even if they don't become Christians, they learn the joy of helping others. Soon they find themselves doing many nice things for people they didn't think they could ever like."

Mrs. Cavanagh has lived in Dallas for more than 20 years. A nurse in Veterans Hospitals for 40 years, she retired while serving at Lisbon Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

Tangible results of her influence on children's lives have been to instill the values of learning to work hard for what they want to accomplish and learning the art of love and forgiveness.

Once a grief-stricken little Negro girl returned a quarter she had stolen from Mrs. Cavanagh. "Will you not hate me?" she pleaded.

"I'll love you more," Mrs. Cavanagh responded. "You have my forgiveness. Now you pray for God's forgiveness."

And she did.

**Baptist Evangelist Indicted
For Fraudulent Bond Sales**

HOUSTON (BP)--A federal grand jury returned a 12-count indictment against Southern Baptist Evangelist Paul Carlin and the Paul Carlin Evangelistic Association here, charging the evangelist with using false and fraudulent statements to sell \$200,000 in seven per cent first mortgage church bonds.

Securities and Exchange Commission officials in Fort Worth said that the association represented itself as being tied in with the Southern Baptist Convention when it was not, and that the proceeds from the bonds were used for expenses and debts, not for building or improvements.

The indictment further charged that the association made false statements to investors concerning the use that would be made of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, concerning the safety of an investment in such bonds, and concerning the financial condition of the association.

The evangelist had earlier been permanently enjoined against selling any additional bonds in November of 1967 by a federal judge, but the indictment said he continued to sell bonds through January of 1968, making false claims to do so.

The indictment also charged that the defendants had failed to disclose the fact that the association had received less than \$2,500 in free-will gifts and revivals, that the association had large operating losses during the period of the bond sales, that the association had no reserves or provisions for re-purchase of its bonds, and that the association had a mortgage of \$16,000 against its property and had defaulted on the mortgage.

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Hoffmeyer Named To Baylor Post

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr., director of the news bureau at Louisiana College in Pineville, La., has been named to the journalism faculty of Baylor University here as supervisor of all laboratories and publications advisor.

Hoffmeyer is a former public relations director for Missouri Baptist Childrens Home and former staffer for the New Orleans Times-Picayune. He is a graduate of Baylor and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and did graduate work in journalism at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

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**Indiana Board Sets
\$560,000 1970 Budget**

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)--A 1970 budget of \$560,676 was recommended by the Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana for consideration at the state convention next November.

The board voted to increase the percentage of its budget going to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention from 27.4 per cent to 28 per cent in 1970. The state goal of \$335,000 would be an increase of 11 per cent over the 1969 budget.

The board also set institutional criteria for entering institutional ministries, voting to require at least 300,000 members or 1,000 churches in the convention before establishing such institutions as hospitals, colleges, or benevolent homes.

The convention currently has about 50,000 members in 227 churches.

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