

REV. JOHN EDWARD TALMAGE

(photograph in hallway)

Rev. Talmage was born September 23, 1912, in Kwangjo, South Korea, being the son of Presbyterian missionaries to South Korea. He graduated from Columbia Seminary in 1936 and then served the Winder, Chestnut Mountain, and Gainesville West End churches in 1936 and 1937.

Rev. Talmage spent 41 years in Korea as a missionary. He knew and worked with the "Cranes" in Korea. When talking with Rev. Talmage on the telephone, he wanted to know how Ms. Gladys Hanes, Ms. Pearl Kinney, and Ms. Carolyn Nelson were doing.

Rev. Talmage currently lives at Black Mountain, N.C., in good health except for poor eye sight.

The following is a copy of an interesting annual newsletter he sent to Mrs. Rosa Ouzts in 1963.

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Dear Friends)

Clickity; clakity, clickity, clakity! That is the sound of the little hand-worked machine nearby that is pulling the rice heads off the straw. The fields that were green only a few months back) and then recently, yellow, have now been cut. The rice is in!! The bins are full!! This year Korea can look with less anxiety for they have just harvested a bountiful crop!

While this goes on round about us) our group here: at the college continues to sow the seed for tomorrow. "Line upon line, precept upon precept, the material mastered in a day seems painstakingly slow, and yet we can see the young people developing right before our eyes. In another month our second graduating class will complete its course. Final examinations arc just before Christmas, and then these twenty-eight or twenty-nine students will move out to other walks of life, some to teach some to the army, some to various types of business, and others to graduate school and seminary.

Last year our first graduating class made the finest record in the country on the national examination required before diplomas could be given. This year there will be no such examination for it has been discontinued. Some folks are saying that the Lord set up those examinations just to give Teejoa College a good boost. Anyway, we're grateful. But we believe that our class this year would have done just as well if they had had to take the same test.

Last week we saw another example of sowing the seed. In the spring

when John was at the little church of Yoogoo, one of the members, a widow, begged him to stop by the hospital to see her son who was lingering near death. He had had four opera dons and was scarcely skin and bones. We arranged to have him sent to our Presbyterian Medical Center in Chunju where he was given good care and recovered. This time when I visited Yoogoo for the faD examinations, the mother could hardly contain her joy and seemed to want to give John the credit for the fine recovery ... but this is another star in the crown of the devoted doctors and nurses in the Medical Center. And so last week John received (he young man, Kim Kyu Pyung, into full membership of the church, it was with deep feeling of gratitude for the saving of the man's body as well as his soul.

This fall our family situation is ell shifted around again (as usual), but this time, Bill, our youngest son, has left for Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, leaving just us two (Rocky and John) at home. Bob, our Marine, is in Okinawa for a year and we're hoping hard he can get over here for Christmas. John, Jr. and his wife, Sylvia, continue to do graduate work in the University of Kentucky. Here our days stay full. Rocky teaches English to our college freshmen, and Bible to the high school for missionary children. John visits the churches on Sundays and works at the college during the week. We are thankful that God has blessed us and kept us in good health this year.

And may He bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Rocky &- John Talmage