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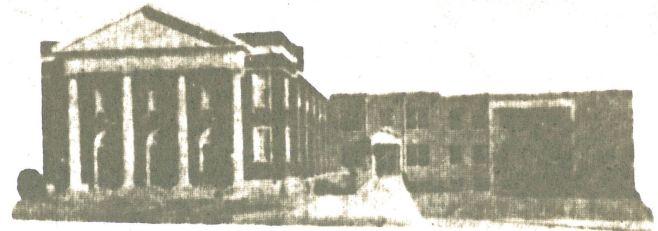
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July 1, 1965

Mr. Frank Cawyer
 Highland Church of Christ
 South Fifth and Highland
 Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Cawyer,

Well, it looks like the end of my active participation on the Herald of Truth. My elders said "No" to your latest proposal—that I take a leave from Lipscomb during January-March, June-August, 1966, and commute to Abilene for the making of television films. They had a meeting on Tuesday evening and discussed the matter thoroughly from every standpoint and unanimously decided not to permit me to participate in the proposed plan. They felt it wiser to discuss the matter in my absence, so I do not know more of the reasons behind their decision. They understood that I would not be away from Hillsboro more than four Sundays and eight Wednesdays during each of the above quarters, according to an arrangement that I had suggested to them.

I have prayed earnestly that the right decision might be made in this matter, and have told our elders that I would abide by whatever decision they made. Although the decision is disappointing to me personally, for I know at least something of the tremendous potential of these television films, I must abide by the decision.

I would like to suggest that Bill Banowsky be invited to make thirteen films next year. In my judgment, he has tremendous potential in this medium as well as in preaching in general. Like me, he would not be in a position to give up his present work. However, I believe his proximity to Abilene would make it possible for him to come down for two or three or four days at a time, often enough to complete thirteen films. Bill and I have a great deal in common—we have studied preaching together at Lipscomb, our graduate work has been in the same field and at the same university, and we have at least some similarities in style and manner of preaching. In my judgment, Bill has the warmth and intimacy—the projection—that you seek in your television preacher. A trial series of thirteen films would let you know whether Bill is the man that you would like to depend upon in the years ahead. I believe he would be an ideal teammate with John Allen Chalk, on radio.

W. Morrow
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W. Richardson
E. W. Smith

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Let me express again to you and to the other elders my deepest appreciation that you have done for me in these five years that we have worked together, and my deepest appreciation for your repeated requests that I work with you in the making of further television films. I wish that it were possible for me to do so. Frankly, for the agreement for me to be away from Lipscomb, I had taken for granted the fact that our elders would also permit it.

Mr. Frank Coyer
Highland Church of Christ
South Fifth and Highland
Abilene, Texas

Regretfully yours,
Batsell Barrett Baxter
Batsell Barrett Baxter

Dear Brother Coyer,

Well, it looks like the end of my active participation in the Kingdom of God. My elders said "No" to your latest proposal that I take a leave from Lipscomb during January-March, June-August, 1968, and commute to Abilene for the making of television films. They had a meeting on Tuesday evening and discussed the matter thoroughly from every standpoint and unanimously decided not to permit me to participate in the proposed plan. They felt it wiser to discuss the matter in my absence, so I do not know more of the reasons behind their decision. They understood that I would be away from Hillsboro more than four Sundays and

- cc: Art Haddox
- Bailey Choate
- Tom Hudgins
- John Allen Chalk
- James Walter Nichols

I am sorry that the right decision was not made in this matter, and have told our elders that I would like to have personally, for I know at least something of the tremendous potential of these television films, I must abide by the decision.

I would like to suggest that Bill Banowsky be invited to make thirteen films next year. In my judgment, he has tremendous potential in this medium as well as an excellent background. If he would not be in a position to make all the films, however, I believe his potential is such that it would be far better for him to make some for the next year or two, and then enough to complete the films. Bill and I have a long history of co-operation—we have worked together for many years at Lipscomb. His previous work has been in the news field and at the same time, and we have at least some experience in the area of production. In my judgment, Bill has the wealth and intensity of experience that you seek in your television program. A trial series of television films would let you know whether Bill is the one that you would like to depend upon in the years ahead. I believe he would be an ideal teammate with John Allen Chalk, on radio.