

Rev. 'Brother Bill' Harrod Provides Oasis for Needy

By MARTHA COLE

DALLAS — (AP) — Through the huts and shacks huddled on the dusty flats of West Dallas the clarion words sounded in the dusk. "Boys and girls—we've got some candy. If you want some candy, come on to the Eagle Ford Baptist Church. Hurry now."

And down the dirt streets they came.

Barefooted children. Dirt caked on their legs and faces. Matted hair. Clothes held together with safety pins. Castoff clothing from the better homes of Dallas.

By families they came, a big brother holding the hands of his little brothers and sisters. Some of them were Latin Americans. Some were Anglo.

Out of two-room homes with the chicken coop in the back, from one-room shacks — out of their struggle to exist, the children came down the dirt and gravel streets for a mile around.

There was candy for almost 100 children at the church.

The last time snow and sleet and ice covered Dallas, the clarion went out from the loud-speakers atop the little church:

"People—are you cold? Come on down to the Eagle Ford Baptist Church. We'll keep the heat on tonight. Come on."

Out of shacks where the wind whistled through the cracks, scores of families for a mile around appeared, clutching ragged, miserable bundles of cover for pallets.

And there was warmth for them. When the first blue norther of winter whistled across the flats of huddled poverty, the call sounded:

"You need shoes? Come on down to the Eagle Ford Baptist Church. We'll have shoes for you."

Some of the children came barefooted in the icy wind.

And there were shoes for them. The voice they heard from the loud-speakers atop the little church is that of the Rev. W. L. Bill Harrod. And they know that Brother Bill keeps his promises.

"I am nothing—just a distributor for the Lord," Brother Bill says.

He's a big, brawny man, 51 years old, who'll tell you he once was

a drunkard and a gambler.

"But I was saved 14 years ago this coming Easter Sunday night," he says. He was a welding foreman when he gave up his job 12 years ago to preach at the Eagle Ford Baptist Church on the flats of West Dallas below the levees on the Trinity River. Thousands lived there in misery.

"My salary was \$10 a week and my church was a hut with a dirt floor and tin soda pop signs for a roof," he says. "The first day I had 23 in Sunday School and the offering was \$1.75."

Rockefeller Ideas Please Washington

By SIGRID ARNE

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Nelson A. Rockefeller just goes to show that a man with a big idea doesn't have a chance to stay at home.

His main home and business are in New York but Washington is forever calling: Please do this, do that.

Rockefeller has just been tapped again. On Dec. 16 President Eisenhower appointed him special presidential assistant for a staggering job: "To advise and assist in the development of increased understanding and cooperation of all peoples."

Fortunately for Rockefeller this time he was already in Washington. In June 1953, he became undersecretary of the Department of

Health, Education and Welfare.

When he came down from New York in June 1953 to work at HEW, it was about the fifth time some president had asked him to drop his own business and help out.

He's like the man who built the good mousetrap. He came up with an idea that looked good to people in authority.

It brought him to Washington in New Deal days (he has always voted Republican) to set up the Inter-American Affairs Office to work out President Roosevelt's "good neighbor" policy with Latin America. At the end of World War II he was undersecretary of state for Latin American affairs.

In 1950 President Truman took his idea and made it a world plan, the Point Four program. Rockefeller became chairman of the advisory board.

He's worked closely with 21 foreign governments—and with all the top U.S. departments. He's never been in a front-page scrap—a pearl of great price in any president's basket.

Meanwhile, he has helped run two private family corporations in Latin America. For what? For the same central idea.

Rockefeller explains it this way: "If we can help people of other nations to build up a better life, on their own initiative, we have made friends. They can be proud of themselves. They can keep going without governmental help."

Philippines Use Walton Ag Papers

Two publications written by Prof. E. V. Walton, head of the Agricultural Education Department at A&M have been adapted for use in the Philippines agricultural education program.

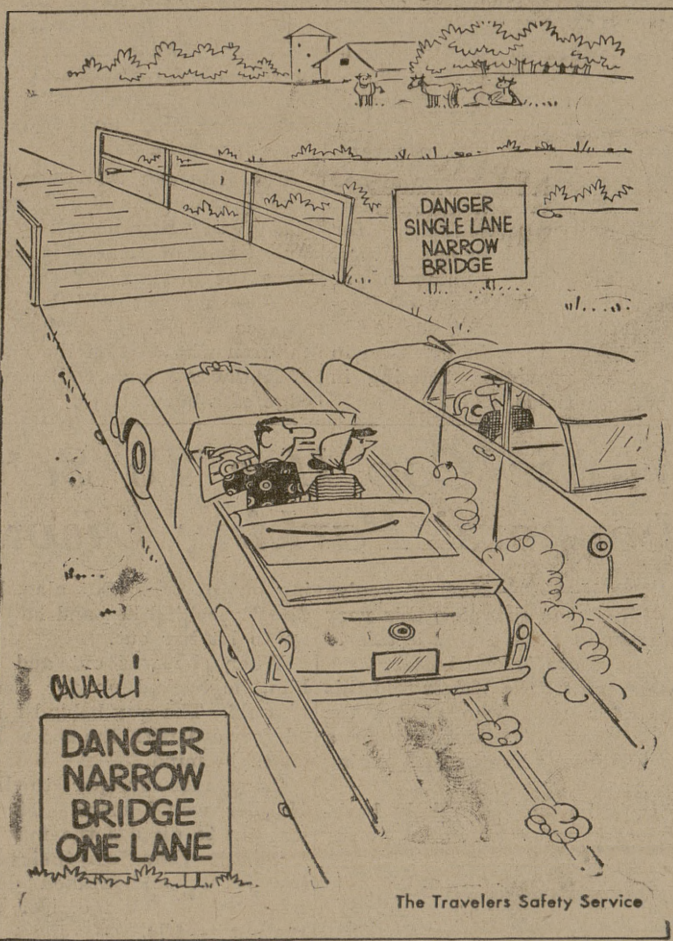
R. A. Manire, chief consultant to the Philippine Island Vocational Agriculture program, announced the proposed use of the publications, and also said that they have been requested by Washington to send all missions concerned with vocational agriculture in foreign countries.

"Together We Plan" is one of the writings, dealing with administrative relations and agricultural education; "From Where They are" is the second, a set of educational objectives for a three-year training period in vocational agriculture.

Professor Walton also is the author of a six-step teaching method now being used by American educators in Peru, India, Pakistan, Greece, Siberia, Burma and Thailand.

The Passing Scene

by Cavalli



Refusal to Grant Right-of-Way Killed 2,400 in 1953.

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