

## **PAUL BECKWITH'S DIARIES, 1932-1953**

Paul Beckwith and Homer Hammontree ministered as an evangelistic team for some years. Previously, at 17 years of age, Paul was pianist with Billy Sunday. He and Dr. Hammontree were with Billy Sunday for these same years. After this, the two were a highly respected team in evangelism and Bible conferences, often at Southeastern Bible College. After Dr. Hammontree's death, Paul was with L.V.C.F and edited the Inter-varsity hymnbook.

In Paul's diaries, you will find numerous visits to Wheaton College. In 1956, AHam@, as he was affectionately called, and Paul were at Southeastern Bible College for a Bible conference with Dr. Merrill Tenney.

By the way, I was interested in the on-line series recently about Paul Rader, for I had some acquaintances with several folks who were involved with Paul Rader: Dr. Howard Ferrin, Merrill Dunlop, Richard Oliver, Clarence Jones.

We have a number of pictures of several folks who were with Billy Sunday, if you are interested in them (Hermanson, Ironside, E. Schyler English, Mel Trotter, etc.).

Among the familiar names mentioned in Paul Beckwith's diaries are:

Billy Sunday (always referred to as Athe Boss.@)	Haldor Lillenas
Homer Rodeheaver (ARody@)(e.g. May 28, 1932)	Frank Gaebelein
Howard Hermanson	Enoch Dyrness
E. Schyler English	J. Oliver Buswell (when Paul and AHam@ were at Wheaton, Feb. >42)
Grace Livingston Hill	Stacey Woods
Howard Sugden (Paul Beckwith's pastor)	Dr. Philpott
Al Smith	Frank Torrey
Frances Bennett	Mel Trotter
Peter Stam	Isaac Page
	Harry Rim mer

## **EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARIES**

### **1932**

Jan. 16 With AHam and Boss@ at Trotter Mission  
Jan. 18 ABoss@ and Harry Rimmer  
Jan. 19 At Mel Trotter's spiritual birthday  
Feb. 21 At Moody Church with AHam@  
April 24 ABoss was sure filled the H.G. as he spoke:  
April 26 ABoss talked on >The Three Good Cheers@  
April 27 ABoss and Ham played golf.@  
April 29 ABoss still in the 23rd Psalm.@  
May 22 ABoss preaching on the >Unpardonable Sin@  
Nov. 1 ABoss is going great.@

### **1933**

Nov. 1 Spent the afternoon with Boss (Tent meeting in Whittier, CA)  
May 12 AMy birthday. Boss and Ham gave me...@  
May 14 Last meeting... Boss told life story.  
May 15 Not leaving, will stay for another week's meetings. Boss's birthday.  
Oct. 13 To Naperville to see Wheaton play football

### **1953**

Feb. With Ham at Southeastern Bible College (as they were numerous times before and after this).

After Paul came to live and serve with us at Southeastern for five years, he developed a serious brain cancer. Jan M. Langford (also on the faculty at Southeastern) and I took care of Paul after the cancer rather quickly debilitated him, and were much with him until the day he went to glory. Other details are in the enclosed copies of letters and notices about Paul Beckwith.

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(Note: Although Paul Beckwith was with Billy Sunday from 1922 on, the diaries show places from 1932. Some meetings were, of course, in churches, others were in Atent meetings@ and for other special events. Evidently, most of the places referred to as regular meetings@ or as Ausual meeting tonight@ were with Billy Sunday, although he is not always mentioned by name other than the ABoss. @