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**Ira Young Rice, Jr.
Papers, 1943-1946**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #45

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About this collection

Title: Ira Young Rice, Jr. Papers

Creator: Ira Young Rice, Jr. (1917-2001)

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #45

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

Dates (Inclusive): 1943-1946

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Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of unidentified photographs from the ministry of Ira Young Rice, Jr. in Singapore. Rice served as an evangelist in Singapore and Malaysia in the 1950s and 1960s. Many photos have markers for *Christian Solder*, which was edited by Ira Young Rice, Jr., on the back.

Biographical Note: Biographical note excerpted from www.therestorationmovement.com: “Well-known minister and editor, Ira Young Rice Jr., died Oct. 10 near Goodrich, Texas, at 84. Rice had concluded a gospel meeting in Shepherd the evening before and was on his way home to Memphis, Tenn., when his van collided with an 18-wheel semi-trailer. He did not survive.

Rice served more than 65 years as a minister, editor and missionary. He began preaching at age 15. Later he served churches in Oklahoma, Texas, California and Washington. Rice was active in international missions and worked in Malaysia, Hong Kong, the People’s Republic of China and Russia. He established the church of Christ in Singapore in 1954 and worked there until the mid-1960s. He also served as president of Four Seas College, Singapore from 1966-68. As recently as August he traveled to Siberia to evangelize.

After graduating with a degree in journalism from Oklahoma University, Rice maintained a lifelong interest in writing. He was the founding editor for the monthly newspaper, *Contending for the Faith* from 1969 to 2000. He also published the *Far East Newsletter*, which contained reports on his travels. The Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, Fla., oversaw his international travels. He wrote and published several books including *Soul Winning — Personalized and Systematized*; *God’s Truth on Elders*; and *We Can Evangelize the World*. Perhaps his best known books are *Axe on the Root* in three volumes. His *Basic Bible Course* has been widely circulated and translated into several languages, said David Brown, editor of *Contending for the Faith*.

“Men either hated or loved and admired Ira. There will never be another like him in his fierce passion for getting the gospel all over the world and in his equal zeal for the purity of doctrine and practice. As for me, I loved and admired him,” said H.W. “Dub” McClish, editor of the Denton, Texas-based *Gospel Journal*.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vada, and five adult children: Ramona Schroeder, Ballwin, Mo.; Lynette Beasley, Cleveland, Tenn.; Renee Harless, Harrison, Tenn.; Rochelle Whitaker, Nashville; and Ira Y. Rice III, Olympia, Wash. He also is survived by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.”¹

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¹ Ira Young Rice, Jr., History of the Restoration Movement, https://www.therestorationmovement.com/_states/tennessee/rice_ijjr.htm

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Separated Materials: None.

Subjects and Keywords

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