

TRENTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

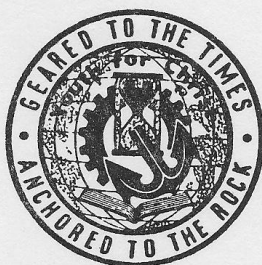
Trenton, New Jersey

Bill Zulker, Director
May 1947 – September 1948

Recollections as of November 2010

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

GRAND
OPENING



DUNN
FIELD

MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 30 - 7:30 P.M.

PARADE BEGINS AT POST OFFICE AT 5:30 P.M.

● **ROBERT FRAZER**
Blind Evangelist of Philadelphia

● **LARGE ALL-GIRL CHOIR**

● **MALE QUARTET**
Formerly in Frankfurt, Germany, Y.F.C.

● **DAVID LLOYD GEORGE**
Marimba Player

● **BRASS QUARTET**

BILL ZULKER, DIRECTOR

TRENTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

P. O. BOX 996

RECOLLECTIONS OF BILL ZULKER

In 1947, after I had been discharged from the Army, Rev. Virgil Geren, pastor of the Church of the Open Bible and Director/Founder of Shadyrest Bible Conference in Chesterfield, NJ, encouraged me to start Trenton Youth For Christ. .

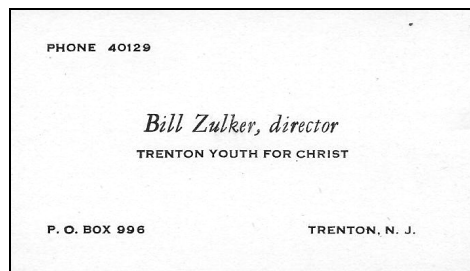


Rev. and Mrs. Geren, my spiritual mentors beginning in 1944.

He knew of my recent involvement as Director of Frankfurt, Germany Youth For Christ during my military service there.

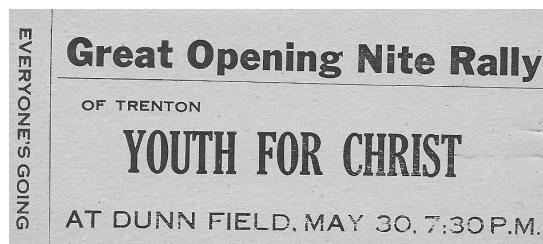
At his suggestion I went to Philadelphia to meet with Rev. Walter Smyth, the Eastern Regional Director of Youth for Christ International, and indicated that I wanted to begin Youth For Christ in Trenton. When I recounted my experiences in Germany he gave me a certificate of approval and the permission to use the Youth For Christ name. That was the beginning of another fantastic experience in Christian service.

With a lot of advice from Rev. Geren, I began to plan for Saturday Night Youth Rallies, and I rented the Contemporary Auditorium on West State Street



GRAND OPENING RALLY

In order to get a good start, I arranged for the Grand Opening Rally to be held at Dunn Field, the city baseball park, the local sports center of outdoor athletics. It had been built in 1936, but was later demolished in 1950. The baseball teams that had played there were the Trenton Senators 1936-1941; Packers 1842-1943; Spartans 1945; Giants 1046-1950).



In the ball-park there was a small wooden grandstand that could seat 3500. We located our speaker's platform on the baseball diamond and designated a part of the grandstand for the All-Girls Choir.

I then contacted a well-known preacher to be our speaker, and some musicians whom I had come to know. Several thousand announcements were printed and we began to distribute them to local churches, and to enlist participants for the All-Girl's Choir.

OPENING NIGHT

**Memorial Day
May 30
7:00**

Dunn Field

- ★ ROBERT FRAZER, blind radio evangelist
- ★ CARL ILLIAN, Y.F.C. pianist
- ★ MALE QUARTET, formerly in Germany Y.F.C.
- ★ DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, marimbist
- ★ HUGE ALL GIRL CHOIR

Only Parade in Trenton Begins at 5:30

I Would like to sing in the ALL-GIRL CHOIR at the YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY on Memorial Day, May 30th.

Practices held on -

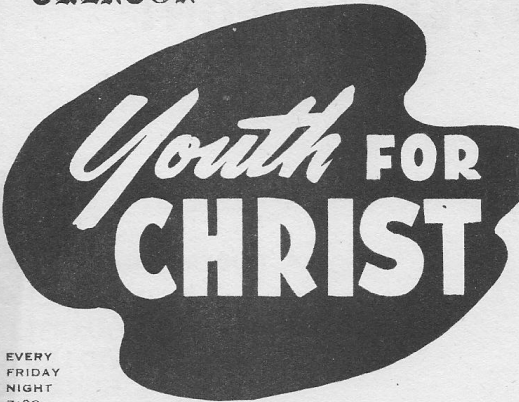
May 16th, 8:00, Central Baptist Church
May 23rd, 8:30, Trinity Methodist Church

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 AGE _____
 WHAT PART DO YOU SING _____

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Bill Zulker, director
 REGIONAL YOUTH FOR CHRIST
 P. O. Box 996, Trenton, N.J.

TRENTON

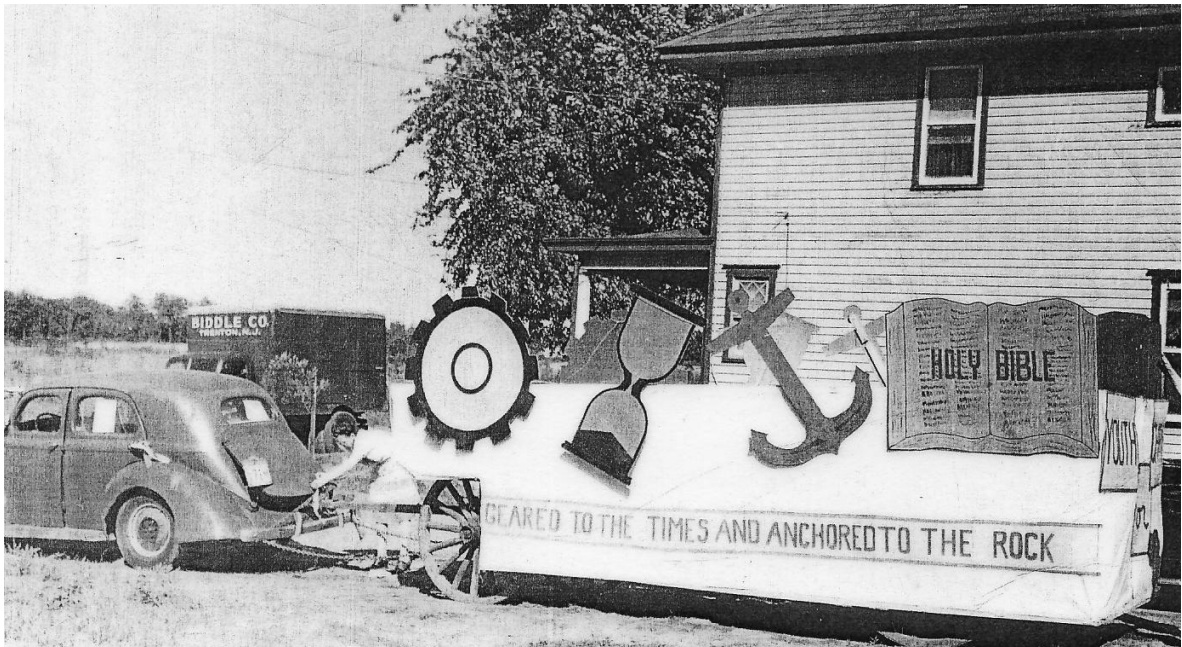


EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30


CONTEMPORARY AUDITORIUM
 ON THE AIR 7:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
 W T N J 1310 KY

On Memorial Day, May30, 1947 we held our opening Rally with several hundred people at Dunn Field, preceded by a parade starting at the Trenton Post Office on West State Street. Going past City Hall, it proceeded West on West State Street, North on Broad Street to the Battle Monument, then onto Brunswick Avenue to Princeton Circle at Route 1, and into Dunn Field, the ball-park.


My Dad and I constructed a parade-float to be towed on the back of my old pre-war Willys automobile, with the Youth For Christ slogan "Geared to the Times and Anchored to the Rock." Where we got the old farm wagon and what else was in the parade, I don't recall. We were off and running! I was but twenty years old and naive, but full of ideas, energy, and determination.



The Youth For Christ Slogan – **“Geared to the Times, and Anchored to the Rock.”**
THE OPENING RALLY PROGRAM FOLDER



Youth for Christ



GRAND OPENING

Dunn Field, Memorial Day, May 30, 1947
On the air WTNJ - 1310 on the dial
7:30 - 8:00 P.M.

TRENTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Every Friday Night - Contemporary Auditorium
7:30 P.M. (Opposite State House)

Bill Zulker, Director
P.O. Box 996

PROGRAM

Grand Opening Rally - Dunn Field

ORDER

5:30 PARADE
7:00 BROADCAST
8:00 RALLY

PERSONALITIES

BILL ZULKER, *Master of Ceremonies*
SHORTY YEAWORTH, *Choir Director, Song Leader*
ROBERT FRAZER, *Speaker*
MRS. YEAWORTH, *Pianist*
CARL ILLIAN, *T.P.C. Pianist*
REV. SCHAFER, *Radio Speaker*
DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, *Marimba Player*
BRASS QUARTET
MALE QUARTET, *Chuck Zulker, Fred Rodman,
Don Creswell, Bill Zulker*

BAND
CHOIR

Please! We ask you kindly not to leave during the message or invitation.

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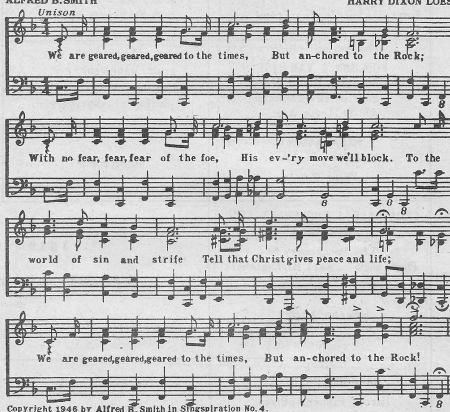
OUR THEME SONG
Trenton Youth For Christ

P.O. BOX 996 BILL ZULKER, Director

GEARED AND ANCHORED
"Geared to the Times and Anchored to the Rock"
Slogan of Youth for Christ International

ALFRED B. SMITH HARRY DIXON LOES

Unison



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LOOK WHO'S COMING

<p>June 6 - "The Wiggins" Colored Gospel Team of Naples Gospel Tabernacle</p> <p>June 13 - "Herb" Seal 18 yr. old evangelist and Director of American Revival Campaign Hitchhiked 70,000 miles for the Lord</p>	<p>June 20 - Dr. Andrew Telford Bible teacher and pastor of Berachah Church, Phila. Also, King's Ambas- sadors - Girls Trio</p> <p>June 27 - Leon Sullivan Pres. Phila. C.B.M.C. Investment Broker</p>
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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

I wish to express my deepest thanks to all those who have helped to make this evening night a success, whether in a group or individually.

I trust that we will continue to work together as we go on to the Contemporary Auditorium every Friday. God has a great work for Y.F.C. here in Trenton, for each and every one of us, and it will continue as long as there are young people who do not know the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour.

"For whosoever shall call
upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved." Rom. 10:13

My Decision

"Being convinced that I am a sinner; that Christ died for my sins and was raised from the grave, I now repent of my sins, accept Him as my Saviour, and promise to live for Him."

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Church _____

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P.O. Box 996,
Trenton, N. J.

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GRAND OPENING RALLY

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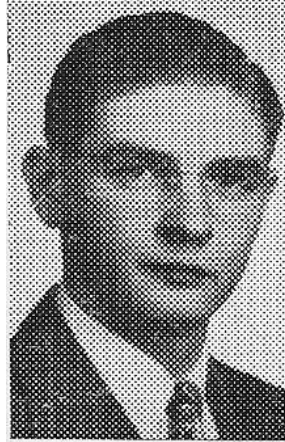
7:30 pm

- Bill Zulker, Master of Ceremonies- Rev. Robert Frazer, Blind Evangelist, and radio preacher from Philadelphia was the speaker.
- Shorty Yeaworth led the All-Girl Choir. Shorty was the son of pastor – Rev. Irvin Shortess Yeaworth of the Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (Shorty went on to become a Christian film producer and well known soloist Little did I know at that time that I would some day become the minister of that church).
- Jean Yeaworth, Shorty's wife, was the piano accompanist.
- Paul White (later on ,he became a minister and a friend in the Philadelphia Presbytery).He was a member of the Good News Quartet led by Shorty Yeaworth..
- Mr. Carl Illian, organist at the Central Baptist Church in Trenton was the pianist for the hymn singing.
- Frankfurt Germany Youth For Christ Quartet, made up of former GI's who sang together in Germany – Fred Rodman, Don Cresswell, Chuck Zulker and Bill Zulker.
- David Lloyd George, a student at The King's College in New Castle, Delaware,.whom I had met at the home of Wigden's in Naples, NY, played the marimba
- Brass Quartet.

- Rev. Robert Schafer, a radio speaker from New Jersey spoke on our YFC radio program on WTNJ 1370 at 7:30 pm.

Looking back over the years, I am amazed that we were able to involve so many outstanding participants from such long distances. We could hardly have paid them very much in those days, but they came anyway.

My brothers Chuck and Walt stood with me in planning and conducting YFC both during the time when I was the Director, and then for several months after I left and went to college.



Walt



Chuck

SATURDAY NIGHT RALLIES AT THE CONTEMPORARY AUDITORIUM

.On June 6, 1947, the week following our Grand Opening, we began to hold our Saturday night rallies in The Contemporary Auditorium (a prestigious Women's Club opposite the N.J. State House) at 176 West State Street in Trenton. It was thought best, at the time, that YFC meetings ought to be independent from any specific church and so auditoriums were the best place. YFC was non-denominational and wanted to attract young people, many who did not attend any church.

I directed the Rallies with my brother Chuck as the song leader and Ginny Lou Wright (later, Chuck's wife), the piano player. We also had a 30-minute weekly radio program on WTNJ Trenton on Friday nights which we used to help advertise the Rallies

THE SCHEDULE OF RALLIES

June 6, 1947 – "The Wigdens" – a negro brother and sister trio from Naples Gospel Center, Naples, NY (Lawrence, preacher; Bob, soloist; and Gladys, pianist.) We became good friends through the years. My brothers Chuck, Walt and I traveled with them and sang as "The Zulker Trio" on a missionary trip to Kentucky in 1948 – see "My Chronology."