A number of contact persons have asked for a further description of their responsibilities. It is not the intent of the Fund Drive Committee to specify a particular method for raising money nor to set a fixed amount that is to be raised by any one congregation. Rather, we believe that the contact person is well-acquainted with his community and congregation and understands what projects are best suited for that area.

Below are listed several general duties of the contact person:

1. Relay information to the congregation. Let them know of the needs at R.B.I. and the proposed plans for expansion.

2. Stimulate an interest in the total ministry of R.B.I. Be alert to publicity brochures, slide-sound presentations, etc. as they become available. Perhaps students (former and present) could be asked to share their experiences in a Sunday Evening program setting.

3. Co-ordinate the fund-raising activities in your church. Put other people to work. Working with the youth group is an effective way of generating interest and activity.

4. Serve as a channel for funds. All receipts should be sent to the school in care of the Treasurer, Philip D. Shetler. Money may be forwarded periodically or in one lump sum as you prefer.

During the past years there have been various forms of activities in different communities. Some of the ways money has been raised are, to mention but a few:

1. Congregational offerings
2. Solicitation -- within the congregation and among businessmen
3. Labor auctions
4. Auctions -- persons donate items to be sold at a public auction
5. Suppers and dinners
6. Work days -- persons donating several days wages
7. Vegetable projects

These are merely suggestions and you are at liberty to choose your own methods. It would be very interesting if many of you would let us know of your plans. They can then be shared through this Newsletter and perhaps help another contact person.

Please feel free to share any concerns you may have as well as any information that would be of interest. To you, the contact person, we extend a special welcome to visit Rosedale Bible Institute and have a first-hand picture of the school and its needs. The closing chorus program is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 28 followed by graduation on Friday morning, March 29.

A listing of the contact persons is being prepared and should be ready soon for mailing. We are assuming that the pastors who have not responded as yet will serve as the contact person in their congregation.
At the Ministers Fellowship in Berlin, Ohio, Feb. 12-16, 1974, approval was given for the transfer of $4,000.00 from the Conference Treasury to the Building Fund at R.B.I. This amount will be designated for the archives which will be a part of the new library. Records of a historical nature will be housed in the archives.

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Lloyd Weaver, Newport News, Va., is the guest speaker for the Christian Life and Missions Conference scheduled for the week-end of March 8-10. Your prayer support will be deeply appreciated.

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Enrollment for this term is 189. This number is eleven short of the projected number for fourth term. There were a number of last-minute cancelations.

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After a year's absence, Elam Peachey, Belleville, Pa., is back in the teaching position again. Other faculty members this term are: Willard Mayer, Elmer Jantzi, Walter Beachy, David Showalter, Leroy Yoder and Lloyd Kauffman.

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Jake Schrock, counselor for men, has returned to his home where he is recuperating from a heart ailment.

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Because of the death of her father, Marjorie Bontrager, Dean of Women, was not able to be at Rosedale during the first week of this term.

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On Friday evening, March 1, a spaghetti supper and labor auction were the center of activity at R.B.I.

Spaghetti dinners were served between 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. followed by the labor auction at 8:00 in the gym.

Students who wanted to do so, had previously placed their names, types of work they could do and the days and/or hours they would be available. Andrew Farmwald was the auctioneer. The students were "sold" by the hour to the highest bidder to work for him for the promised amount of time. Instead of the student receiving the wages, the money goes toward the Fund Drive. The total for the evening's activities came to about $1500.00.

Appreciation is due the local Mennonite churches for their splendid co-operation in the supper and auction.

The evening was planned by the student Ad Hoc Committee as part of the student phase of the Fund Drive.

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A Bake and Quilt Sale are scheduled for March 16 in the Springfield Mall. A quilt has been set up in the girls' lounge and students are trying their hand at making fine quilting stitches!

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LIBRARY-CHAPEL FUND
February 28, 1974.

CONTRIBUTIONS (churches, individuals, etc.) $11,454.43
STUDENT FUND DRIVE.................. 14,074.67
TOTAL.................................... 25,529.10

* This amount includes only cash on hand. It does not include the amount from the Conference Treasury or the Auction.