

Bryan Hall on How He Got the Nickname “Skipper”

I got the nickname Skipper way back in the 1950's. In that day — because the help was short and I didn't have anybody to be my assistant — I went from one building seeing about things, moving around so fast that some of the young people got to calling me “Skipper” because I skipped around so much. So then, while I had the education job, I was also putting out a little paper to all the church school workers and the pastors in the conference. I had a mailing list of about 3,000 people by a permit and I put out a little monthly paper. So when they named me “Skipper,” I wrote a column in this paper. It came out monthly. I wrote a column and I called it “Skips with Skipper.” I told where I was holding schools and traveling in this column. I put in funny things sometimes that happened to make it interesting. When they first called me “Skipper,” I never did tell those kids my image of a skipper.

– Bryan “Skipper” Hall, March 30, 1980 (As told to James L. Smith)