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Wengatz Hall (1965)

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WENGATZ HALL
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WENGA TZ HALL
OCTOBER 16, 1965

INVOCATION. . Dr. James Guthrie - Pastor of Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Marion, Ind.

CHORALE . . . . . . Directed by Prof. Myron Colber

PRESENTATION OF RESIDENCE HALL . Mr. A.E. Knowlton President of Knowlton Construction Co.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIDENCE HALL . Mr. Lester C. Gerig Chairman of Taylor University Board of Trustees

IN APPRECIATION . . .
Rev. Albert Clarke, Taylor Parents Organization
Mr. Arthur Hodson, President of Upland Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Dan Kastelein, Taylor Student Body President
Dr. & Mrs. Milo A. Rediger, President and First Lady of Taylor University

LITANY OF DEDICATION . . . . Dr. Milo A. Rediger

Leader: We present this building to be dedicated to the glory of God and the service of Taylor University and friends of the institution throughout the years to come.

By what name shall this building henceforth be known?

People: It shall be called Wengatz Hall.

Leader: We are grateful that this residence hall has been provided for the purpose of housing students of Taylor University.

Let us now solemnly dedicate it to its proper place and uses.
Leader: For the development of Christian character in the service of God's kingdom.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For housing strong bodies and alert minds; for the glory of God and the service of His kingdom.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For the enjoyment of young lives in their association together as Taylor University students.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For the purpose of fellowship so that minds, bodies, and spirits may be coordinated in the art of practical Christian living.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: In the unity of faith; in the bond of Christian brotherhood; in charity and good will to all.

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: In gratitude for the labors of all who love Taylor University; in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course; in grateful appreciation to God for granting us the privilege of the use of this building on the Taylor campus.

Leader & People: We now, the people of Taylor University and its friends, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifices of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of the Almighty God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION . . . . . Dr. John C. Wengatz

FORMAL OPENING. . Mr. Lester C. Gerig and Mrs. Wengatz

ALMA MATER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Audience

BENEDICTION . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mr. Harold Beattie
President of Alumni Association
It is fitting to name a building at Taylor University in honor of one of God's noblemen who has devoted his life to building God's Kingdom on the mission fields of West Africa.

In over 40 years of missionary statesmanship in Angola, Dr. John C. Wengatz baptized over 44,000 African converts, built 44 schools, 36 churches and 12 parsonages. He also served as District Superintendent for 34 years.

In expression of his love for his Alma Mater, the venerable missionary, with his former wife, Susan Talbott, founded a school at Quessna which they named the Taylor University Memorial Bible School.

Dr. Wengatz was graduated from Taylor in 1909 and the following year was sent by the Methodist Board of Missions to Angola, where he has invested his life.

During furloughs he attended the Pikes Peak Bible Seminary in 1929, the Willer College of Dental Surgery in 1932, and Burton College and Seminary in 1953. He holds the B.S. Litt. degree, the Th. M. degree, the D. D. S. degree, and he received the D. D. degree from Taylor in 1932.

Dr. Wengatz has served on the Taylor University Board of Trustees since 1952. Through the years he had contributed many valuable artifacts for the college museum which was destroyed by fire in 1960. Dr. Wengatz also gave the mace to Taylor which is used in academic processions. It was hewn by native friends in the land that he loves.

Dr. and Mrs. Wengatz now reside at 1365 Sunnyside Drive, Winter Park, Florida.