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BIBLE VISION

October, 1950

Hid in Christ

“ . . . and your life is hid with Christ in God.” Col. 3:3

Some souls are stones, forever hid from sight,
Whereon the vast cathedral glories rest,
Upholding weaker parts with quiet might,
From dawn to dusk obeying His behest
To serve the kingdom, all unpraised, unknown,
Save by the Master Builder, God alone!

— *Frieda Martini Buchen*

From



the President

"Last words!" They can be very significant, particularly when uttered by an eminent person. It was King David speaking, "the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel" (II Sam. 23:1). This was more than a human utterance. The God of Israel by the Spirit of inspiration was speaking through human lips. We are prepared by this introduction to a declaration of tremendous significance. This is it: *"He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds."*

Here, for all men to see, is inscribed the first and foremost principle of political science. A ruler must be transparent in character, ruling in justice and in the fear of God. Moral purity! Justice! Reverence!

But David's tragic confession follows. The man selected and favored of God, looking back over his cruel inhumanity to Uriah and the evils that followed in his family and the nation, confesses, "My house (is) not so with God."

But the failure and disappointment in David as an ideal ruler prepares the way and makes necessary

the coming of Him who will one day be King of kings and Lord of lords. Only He by perfect holiness is able to meet the divine standard for a governor over the affairs of men. David went on to affirm his faith in the covenant that God had made: "Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things." In spite of David's failure, a ruler would arise to establish an everlasting kingdom.

Here is a lesson for our times that will keep us from becoming cynical with the mismanagement of human affairs. The bloodshed in Korea, the ruinous inflation at home, the peril of disastrous atomic warfare, can be laid at the doorstep of cheap, vote-craving politicians who are occupying positions of statesmen. The record of national and international events in the past five years can be spelled out in one word—MISMANAGEMENT!

But, again, this very condition cries loudly for the return of earth's true King, the "desire of all nations." The moral bankruptcy of statesmen, the incapacity of men in high places to grapple with the complex issues of our day, the presence of evil forces for which mankind has no answer,—these suggest the shortcomings of earthly rulers that call for the reign of Jesus Christ.

IN THE CURRENT OF GOD'S WILL

One of our most personable and cooperative students is Ray Turnbaugh, Art-editor of the Inner View. Ray seems to win new friends every week.

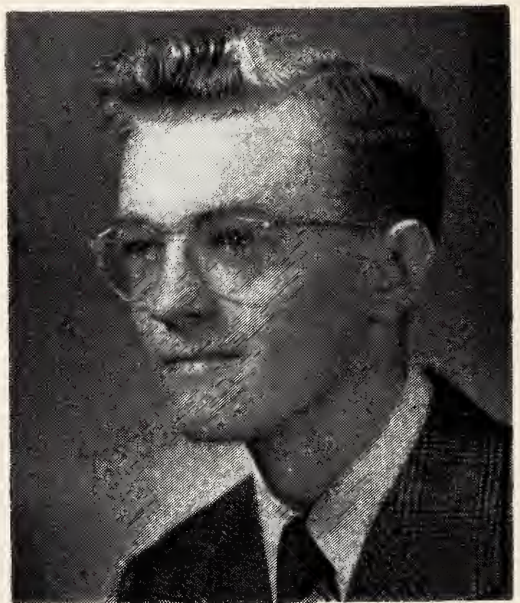
Born and brought up in Bellwood, Pennsylvania, he graduated from the Bellwood-Antis High School. In high school he took an agricultural course and was offered a college scholarship in agriculture. At the age of nine he had been saved, but had never fully realized his salvation till the summer before his senior high school year. While attending a church camp, he was definitely called to the ministry. During his senior year, he did not think very often of God, but the thought of that call disturbed him occasionally. Ray admits that he thought more seriously of receiving that scholarship and going to college than keeping his promise.

The farmer who had promised him a scholarship, noticing what good work he did without college training, withdrew his promise. Naturally this was a very bitter disappointment and taught Ray not to depend so much on men, but upon the Lord.

Soon after this Ray was chosen to play as a representative of the Future Farmers of Pennsylvania at the National Future Farmers' Band in Kansas City, Mo. Then, there being no work at home, Ray joined the service to save money for college. During his navy experience, Ray was

stricken with rheumatic fever and sent to the naval hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, where he was under medical care for several months. Nothing seemed to go right until letters from home and from his faithful, consecrated pastor reminded him of his promise to serve the Lord. Bitterly repenting of his disobedience, Ray renewed his vows of consecration. God healed him and soon after he entered our Fort Wayne Bible College. Ever since he got back into the current of God's will, things have been "going right," as Ray expresses it. He praises God for that and is determined to keep his life always in the center of God's will.

His favorite verse is Heb. 12:2a: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. . ."



Tough Assignment

BY LAURENCE FARR

A princely young man stood to one side in the temple, contemplating the troubled scene. Although he had been brought up in the royal court because of his close relationship to the king, his sensitive soul turned in horror from the display, pride, commercialism, and noise of what was supposed to be the great annual feast. All the ritual seemed to him a sham; the sacrifices offered by the hands of murderers and extortioners could not, he was sure, be pleasing to God; the loud prayers of great landowners who robbed tenants and cursed their fellowmen would never reach the ears of a God who loved righteousness. The very scuffle of their sandals on the stone floor of the temple area grated like a rude intrusion into the house which Solomon had long ago dedicated to be a house of prayer. The extravagant display of silk-embroidered garments of the great men, and as well the rough milling of the common people, must be an unbearable nuisance to the God who wanted to dwell in the midst of His people. What mockery was there in worship, when widows and orphans cowered before judges who had refused their case in court and had denied them justice, because of the bribes which they had received from extortionate traders.

The youth would have been dis-

gusted, angered, had it not been for the pathos of the fact that these rebels, this sinful nation, were the very people whom God had chosen for His own inheritance. Here were children, tenderly brought up by a loving Father, who gave no acknowledgement of His care, and returned no affection to His heart. They were more cruel than the ox, who, after all, knew his owner. Their obstinacy in their evil way was not only hard-hearted but foolish, because the Almighty had punished them severely for their transgression. The country was desolate, the cities burned with fire, the enemy devouring their land—and still they persisted in their evil doing.

The hour to close the temple arrived, and attendants clanged harsh gongs to hurry the people away. But the young man from the court remained—unchallenged by the attendants because of his princely robe. Heavy on his heart there was disgrace and hopelessness of the scene which he had been witnessing; and in addition grim forebodings were in his thought because of the recent death of good king Uzziah, who had maintained the worship of Jehovah. The new king, Jothan, showed no interest in spiritual things. Many of the princes, and a host

of the common people, would be only too glad to see the doors of the temple close, and idolatry be reinstated in the land. . .

He faced the sacred veil, which shut off the holy place from the inner sanctuary, the cubical room where the Shekinah glory dwelt, and bowed his head as he felt the weight of an iniquity-laden people upon his tender soul. He looked up to the altar of prayer, where the coals were glowing, just arranged by the priest in his round of evening duties. But behind the golden altar the veil had disappeared. In its place was a high throne, on which the Lord Himself was sitting in glorious exaltation. Attendants bright as brass in a furnace covered their faces and thrice proclaimed the holiness of the Lord of armies, whose glory filled the whole earth. The very foundations shook with the thunder of their voices, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isaiah felt himself a stranger in this presence. He had had a longing to speak in behalf of Jehovah, but as he faced the great God Himself, he realized himself utterly unfit. "Alas!" he cried. "My lips are unclean! The lips of my people are unclean! I am struck dumb."

But the God who loves human beings did not want Isaiah to remain helpless and useless. One of the shining attendants took the tongs from beside the altar, picked up a burning coal, and flew to apply it to Isaiah's lips. "Your iniquity is removed, your sin cleansed away," he briefly announced. Unspeakable peace filled the heart of the prophet. Then hope began to rise. If the people could see their great God in His Holy majesty, would they not

let Him cleanse the scarlet of their sins to snowy whiteness?

The meditation was interrupted by a proclamation of the high and holy One from His lofty throne, "I need a messenger!" "I am ready to go," replied Isaiah. And the Mighty One accepted his offer. Isaiah's heart thrilled. How wonderful to be a prophet of the true God! He would call his fellowcountrymen to repentance; he would see them bring their sins to the One who can remove the crimson stain.

But the Exalted One on the throne continued to speak: "Your task will be disheartening. People's eyes will be closed to the things you show them, their ears deaf to your message, their hearts cold to your plea." Tears dimmed the eyes of the young prophet, and his voice quavered as he asked, "But will there not come a turning point? Will not the people sometime become sick of their wickedness and apostasy, and turn again and be healed?"

"No," replied the Almighty One. "They will persist in their rebellion, until I have brought many cities to desolation, until only one tenth of the population remains; and it too will be unrepentant and will be consumed. And yet there will be a fruitfulness to your work. A few will believe. As in times past, so even now, there is a remnant who follow Me. It is like the stump left after a great oak is cut down: though the most of the tree perishes, there still remains the stump, the holy seed."

And so Isaiah entered upon the execution of his tough assignment. He went forth to teach, precept up-

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Mt. Carmel

I Kings 18

Elijah knew that, if we rejoice, the Devil can't get us down; that discouragement does more harm than cancer. Nothing could discourage him, neither the drought situation, Ahab's doublemindedness, nor Israel's disloyalty. In a seemingly hopeless situation, his faith remained adamant.

See him stand in heroic posture on Mount Carmel's summit, with flashing eyes and scornful lips, at sight of Baal's false prophets! Without armor or weapons he stands there alone, a warrior for the Highest, a witness for Truth! Now see his cringing 450 opponents: "Hear us, hear us! Baal!" they howl till they are hoarse. But, though rocky cliffs reecho their cry, the heavens are as brass; no Baal replies. Now in despair they leap around the altar and cut their veins in frenzy. No flame from heaven starts forth.

Is there not a similar conflict raging on earth today? The struggle between the spirit which denies Christ's atoning death, and the spirit of humble belief! But, quoting a recent chapel speaker, "With God, a minority becomes a majority!" So it was in Elijah's time; so it will be now, in 1950. We, too, need a flash of fire from on high as lodestar, to brighten sin's dark night, and to kindle our hearts with high devotion to do our part in this conflict.

Let us return to our story. The light was fading. All day long the priests had cried in vain. Now Elijah stepped to the altar, raised his eyes heavenward, and implored the Lord Zabaoth to see His people's need and save the honor of holy name.

From the blue heights above God answered with fire, more gloriously than His prophet had dared to ask. The Lord had kept His promise.

Elijah had not given up, knowing that, if we walk close to God nothing can defeat us. With HIM, we shall be a success.

Frieda Martini Buchen

Tough Assignment

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on precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little; knowing that for the sake of the elect he must continue a faithful ministry. The majority, as the Almighty had said, would not, and did not, hear; they preferred to go and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. But a few, a remnant, opened their hearts to the message, and received the universally offered grace of God.

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Our Library - - -

"A wise man's words are like goods, and his collected sayings are like nails driven home; they put the mind of one man into many a life" (Eccl. 12:11, Moffatt).

Whether this quotation from Holy Writ refers to a library with its broadening, enriching power, I leave to your conjecture, while I tell you how I have seen our library grow from a few hundred volumes to nearly nine thousand.

Coming to the B. T. S. in 1923, I found a small but valuable collection of theological books in the library, which apparently had been donated by men of God, with a taste for Biblical literature.

As the school had just passed a crisis and was taking on new life, we sensed the need of definite classification of our books. This was discussed by the faculty and a library committee was appointed.



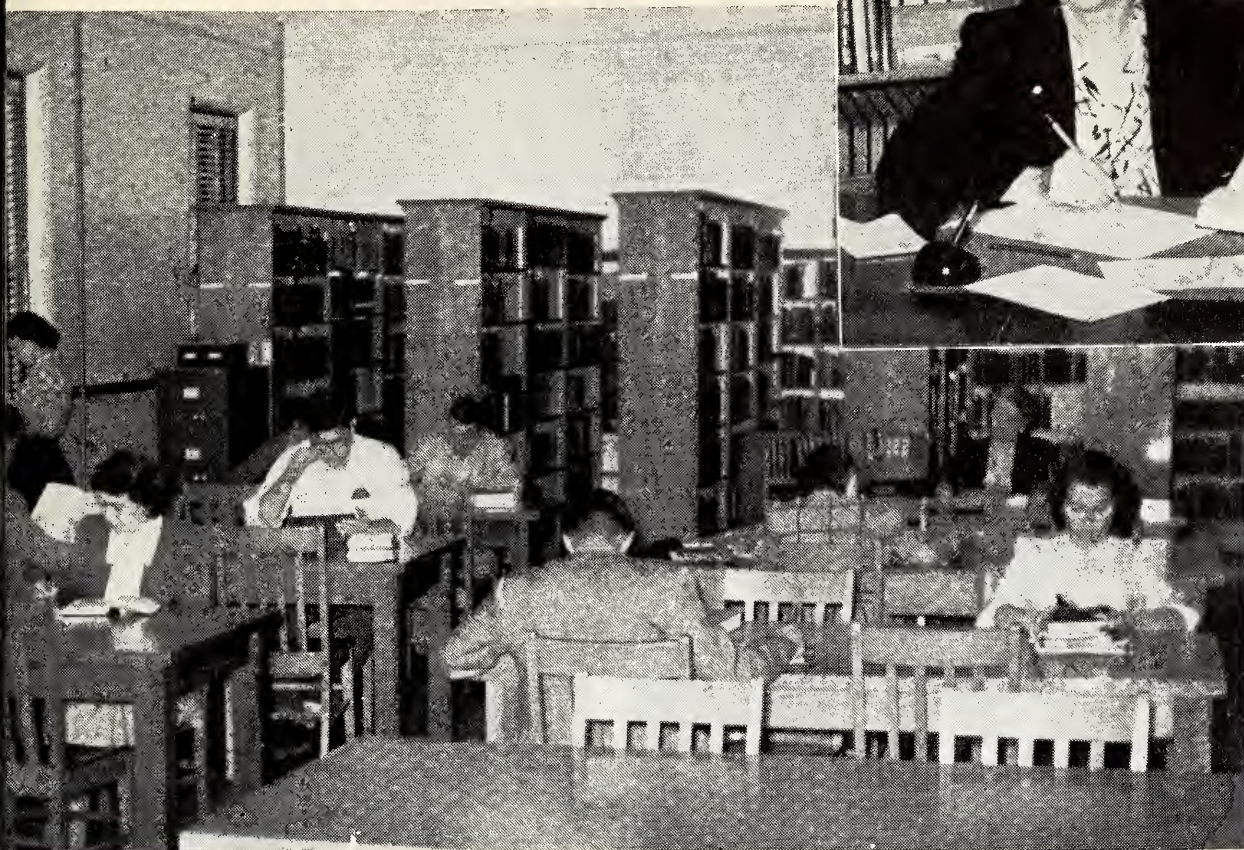
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Miss Zeller instructing the assistant librarians. Grant Shattuck, Arlene Newcombe, Lorene Nantz, Adriana Boender, Thomas Brown, Miss Zeller. Wesley Gerig is not pictured.

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a library fee provided a source of revenue
for the purchase of new books.

The growth of the library kept pace
with the growth of the Institute until
finally it burst the wall into the next
room. Then we had the space of three
dormitory rooms. How pleased we were!

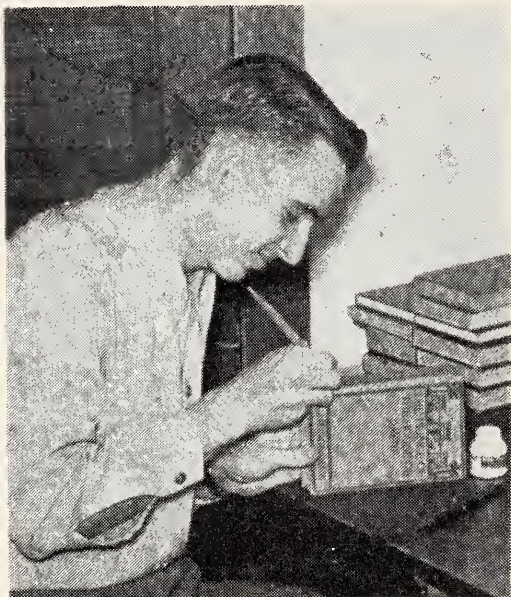
In 1940 I was appointed librarian and
relieved of half my teaching load. When
Founders' Memorial was completed with
its spacious chapel, the library was moved

to the old chapel. How we exulted over the prospect of having ample room for growth!

During the past summer extensive improvements were made. The old book room was converted into a much-needed work room; more shelving and

fine library so far as it goes, but as the school has broadened its curriculum to include more subjects in general education, there are definite needs for more books. Then, too, teachers are making more assignments that require study and research in the library.

I leave a prayer from the pen of Kenneth J. Foreman: "O



Grant Shattuck letters a book in the library workroom.

tables were added; a new dress of paint brightened the walls. Thus reconditioned, our library is amply prepared for the increasing demands of our Bible College. Beside the main library room, two rooms directly below have been improved for the audio-visual aid department.

Now we have reached the limit of expansion in Schultz Hall. What next? We have a



Lorene Nantz returning a book to one of the new wall shelves.

God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, much less any book that man has written. May we be mindful that truth is deeper than words and that life is more than libraries."

—Lillian M. Zeller

PROGRESS

in spite of opposition

IN CHINA

Recently word came from China that the Bible school of the Central China field of the Christian and Missionary Alliance has been reopened. Of special interest to readers of the *Bible Vision* is the report of victory from Hunan Bible Institute, of which Dr. Charles A. Roberts, class of '14, is Superintendent. In August he and Mrs. Roberts wrote about the graduating class of 1950. . .

Beloved Friends:

It is victory or defeat. What is going on in Korea might well serve as an example in the spiritual realm. "So you will be able to stand your ground when the evil approaches, and be found still on your feet, when the task is over!"

The enclosed picture is the graduating class of 1950. The second class to graduate since the close of the war. As I look at that small group who have finished their course in the midst of the greatest social upheaval China has known in her history, it is marvellous in our eyes. The young men on the back row are the first graduates from our newly opened Theology Department. The Class wrote me a letter on the day of graduation and the contents revealed joy as each anticipated a place of service in the Chinese Church. And that will not be easy!

Word has come that Professor Yu has returned to Changsha to re-

join the faculty. This will give much needed assistance. The Staff is also praying and looking forward to the return of Mr. Andrew Hsie, now studying at Biola. All this is encouraging, and in line with the newly created conditions calling for Chinese control in all matters pertaining to the Church and its future training of young people. The days are truly difficult but the Lord is moving among the Candle-sticks.

The Evangelistic Bands will start again in the autumn; the Orphanage has a good program with morning and evening worship. And the Institute will have its quota of students. May the Lord bless you all.

Ever faithfully yours in Christ,

Charles and Grace Roberts



Class of 1950, Hunan Bible Institute

Fellowship Circle

Lola Ruckman ('50) became the bride of *Thaine Ford* ('48) on June 4 at the Eel River Baptist Church.

On June 16, *Shirley Dozier* ('47-'48) married Ollie John Pankratz. The wedding took place in the Van Nuys Missionary Church in California.

Darrel Gerig ('50) took as his bride *Marilyn Amstutz* ('46-) on September 16, at the First Missionary Church in Auburn, Indiana. The ceremony was performed by her father, *Rev. M. N. Amstutz*, ('14), assisted by her brother, *Rev. J. Pritchard Amstutz* ('36). The couple will reside in Detroit, Michigan, where Darrel is serving as minister of music and assistant to the pastor of the Zollar Gospel Tabernacle. Marilyn has been employed as the church secretary.

Noah Schumacher of Pandora Ohio, and *Olga Steiner* ('20) formerly of Pandora, were united in marriage on September 8.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. (nee *Betty Goolsby* '46) Ronald Gallop welcomed into their home a second son, David Ronald, on July 20. Mr. and Mrs. Gallop are busy in mission work in Jamestown, New York.

Deborah Ann came to the home of Mr. ('49) and Mrs. (nee *Janet*

Sipe '48-'49) *Louis Klotzbach*, July 18. Mr. Klotzbach has returned to the Fort Wayne Bible College in order to further his training.

Mr. and Mrs. *Theodore Helzerman* (both '38) welcome the arrival of their sixth boy, Larry Carl, born August 28. Mrs. Helzerman is the former *Ruth Lucks*.

Mr. and Mrs. (nee *Glendora Hol-deman* '42-'44) Lester Miller of Goshen, Indiana, announce the birth of Rebecca Sue on September 13.

Word has been received from Sierra Leone, Africa, of the arrival of Elaine Lois into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shisler (both '46) on September 9.

Deborah Philippa came to the home of Mr. ('46-'49) and Mrs. (nee *Virginia Lacy* '45-'49) Roy Johnson at Tustin, Michigan, September 30.

DEATHS

Ruth Grant Chaffin ('38) passed away on September 7, after an illness of several years. Her husband, Milan Chaffin, was killed in a truck collision July 21, 1949. Our sympathy goes to their eight-year-old daughter, Mable Ruth, who survives.

IN HIS WORK

Dorothy Rothfus ('39) arrived home from Hawaii in August for a furlough.

Velma Goff ('45) is home from the Dominican Republic.

Rev. and Mrs. *Charles Glenn* ('42) are home on furlough from South America.

Hannah Bracy ('20) has returned to her field in Africa.

Gordon Hirschy ('50) arrived in Germany, September 5, where he plans to spend several months helping Rev. W. A. Waltke, under the German Christian Mission. He requests prayer for the many there who need Christ as their Saviour.

Helen Lucks ('38) returned to Nigeria, Africa, for her second term as a missionary under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. (nee *Esther Diller*, '49) *Dean Parker* ('50) write that they are in full-time missionary work in the Ozarks. They are stationed at Winslow, Arkansas.

Rev. and Mrs. (nee *Drusilla Hirschy* '15-'16) *James Houston* ('20) have moved to Unionville, Missouri, where they are pastoring a new church.

Christine Nettie Johnson ('21) is teaching classes in American Literature and Child Study in the Ozark Bible Institute in Ozark, Arkansas.

Alberta Peters ('49) and *Hurtha Roach* ('49) are taking charge of a home extension work which was opened by the Brooklyn Missionary Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Much of their time will be spent surveying and visiting the homes.

FROM CLASS OF '50

Verna Miller is working on her master's degree at Indiana University.

Eugene Ponchot is now a student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Welburn Smith, *Gerald Gerig*, *Wendall Sousley* and *Warren Wright* have returned to the Fort Wayne Bible College.

Ruth Stahl is attending Nyack Missionary Training Institute.

Vernelle Yoder is studying at Goshen College.

Iola Perkins, *Pearl Huffman*, *James Johnson* and *Paul Amstutz* are attending Taylor University.

David Nesbitt, *Larry Kirchner*, and *Harry Warner* are at Marion College.

OTHERS

Gertrude Slusser ('49), *Esther McCartney* ('49) and *Walter Johnson* ('49) are attending Taylor University.

Ethel Schmidt ('47) and Mr. and Mrs. (nee *Evangeline Witmer* '48) *Timothy Warner* are attending Biblical Seminary in New York.

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News for these pages. Send all information to:

Fellowship Circle News
Fort Wayne Bible College
Fort Wayne 6, Indiana

Tough Assignment

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A century later Jeremiah had a similar assignment, continuing his unheeded warnings until Jerusalem was destroyed and her people taken captive. Shortly afterward Ezekiel was sent to a stubborn and rebellious house. Centuries later our Lord Himself wept over a stubborn Jerusalem which would have none of His love. And Paul, passionately concerned for those who were his kinsmen according to the flesh, saw his message rejected by them in every city where he preached, including Jerusalem and Rome.

Is your assignment tough? It is no tougher than Isaiah's.

Bible College

News

Gradually the new name of our school is displacing the old, but many changes are being made, for the label of a school comes to be fixed to many items. The alteration of the charter was just a beginning. Office forms, bank checks and signatures, the school seal, letterheads, advertising insignia, school penants, pins, stationery, T-shirts, school signs, are among the items that are being relabeled. Officially, the change to Fort Wayne Bible College became legal on October 2nd.

A fine spirit has been in evidence in the school this year. New staff members and new students have joined with returning students and the regular staff in a wonderful fellowship.

Gospel Teams

Eight gospel teams have been organized and have already accepted a number of engagements. Mr. O. Carl Brown is the gospel team manager as well as the Director of Christian service.

The trombone trio, composed of Gerald Gerig, Ralph Ogden, and Nelson Chamberlain, are associated with the school administration and will be featured in a number of Bible College rallies to be held this fall and winter. God has already blessed their ministry in the salvation of quite a number of souls.

Coming Events

The Annual Youth Conference will be held on October 27-29 with Dr. William F. McConn, President of Marion College as the principal speaker. Chairman of the Conference is Leonard Paquay.

A faculty recital will be given on Monday evening, October 23rd, in the College chapel. A student recital will be given on Monday, November 20th, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Elton Roth, well known composer and choir director, will present a sacred concert on Wednesday evening, November 1st, at 8:30 p. m.

Missionary Health Service.

Through a series of remarkable providences, a unique school has been established in the College to provide an additional skill for missionaries. Under the direction of Mr. W. G. Lewis of Lincoln, Nebraska, an intensive year of work will be given to a small class of missionaries and accepted candidates in missionary dentistry. Mr. Lewis, who was a college professor before becoming successful in business, has in recent years become interested in the dental needs of missionaries. After acquiring his training, he set up a clinic in Nigeria, and on the last of three trips to that field took care of the dental needs of 450 missionaries.

He is now training a select number in missionary dentistry at the Bible College. The new department got under way the last week in September, and has six students who are giving full time in the dental clinic. A large room in the basement of the MCA headquarters building is being used for this purpose.

SUNRISE CHAPEL

Through the courtesy of station WKJG. Fort Wayne Bible College resumed its broadcast of *Sunrise Chapel* on October 2. The program originates from the college chapel each day, Monday through Friday, at 7:30 a.m.

Under the capable leadership of Dick Gerig, who is Director, the following staff has been organized:

Bill Pannell, announcer

Gerald Gerig, director of the Chapel Singers

June Swaback, organist

Paul van Gorkom, vibraharpist

Kathleen Gerig, pianist

David van Gorkom, control operator

The Chapel Singers are: Eugene Gauger, Edna Heller, Shirley Kamberg, Bill Kellogg, Betty Kerlin, Richard Leever, Charles Miller, Janet Miller, Forest Plumb, Earl Schlabach, Mary Caroline Steiner, Doris Stiles, Phil Stoddard, Ray Turnbaugh, Harriet Weichert, and Milton Wong.

If you are within listening range of WKJG (1380 kc.), you are invited to share in the inspiration of this broadcast that expresses the joys and enthusiasm of young people who are living radiantly for Christ.

Have You Become A Member Of The Patrons' Council?

The Patrons' Council is a fellowship of Christian friends who are standing behind the work of Fort Wayne Bible College with their prayers, counsel, and gifts. By this means Christian people who are alarmed about educational trends in America can do something definite in promoting education that is truly Christian. *Bible college* education is an investment in life and enduring spiritual values.

- Christian friends are invited to become members of the Patrons' Council by subscribing at least ten dollars per year for the work of the College.
- A total of \$1,625 has already been subscribed, and \$1,075 given, for which praise is given to God.
- In turn the College will keep patrons informed of its work through the Bible Vision and yearly operating reports.
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