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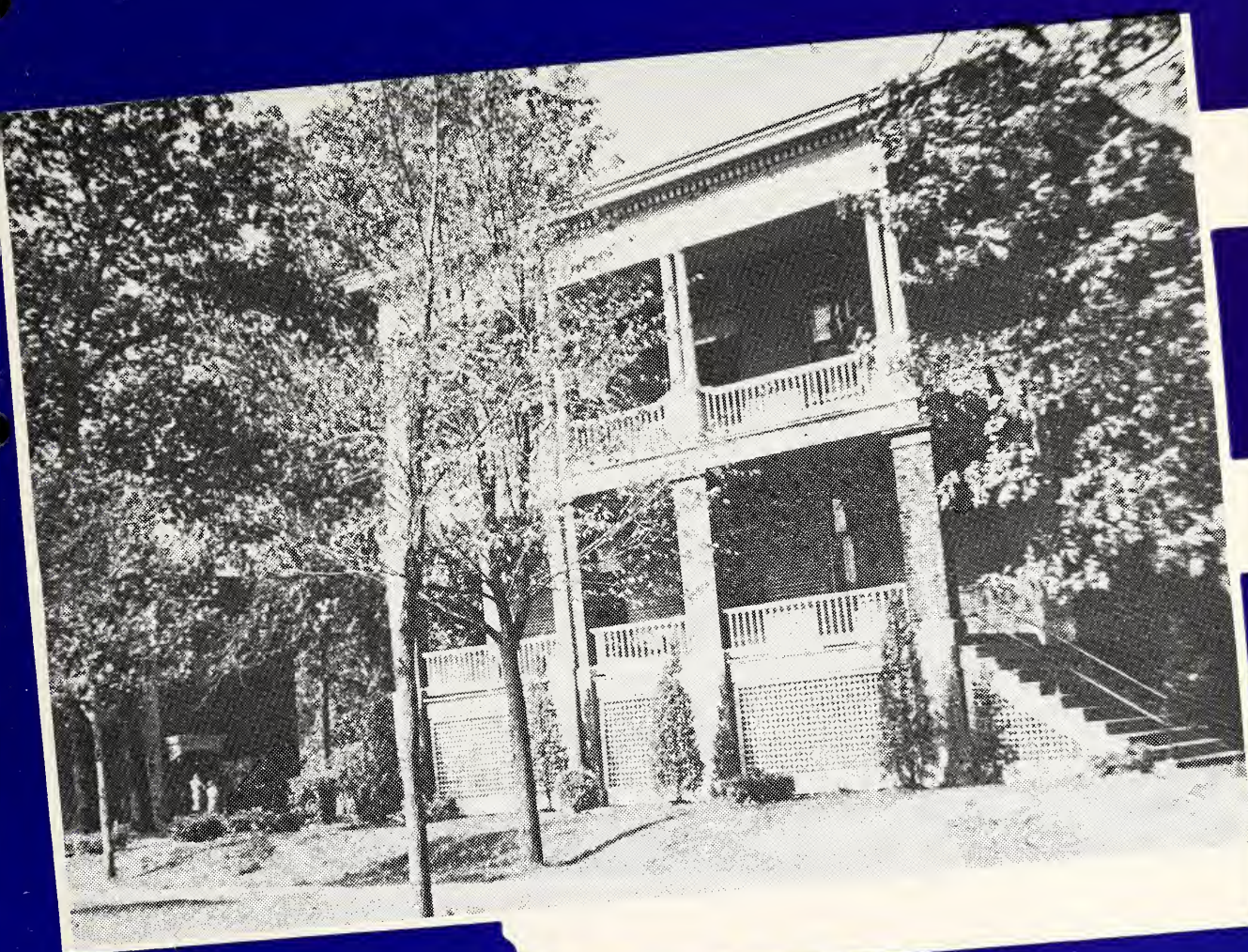


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Bible Vision

September, 1948

DEPENDENCE

To keep the lamp alive
With oil we fill the bowl;
'Tis water makes the willow thrive,
And grace that feeds the soul.

Beware of Peter's word,
Nor confidently say,
"I never will deny thee, Lord,"
But "grant I never may."

Man's wisdom is to seek
His strength in God alone;
And e'en an angel would be weak,
Who trusted in his own.

Retreat beneath his wings,
And in his grace confide;
This more exalts the King of kings
Than all your works beside.

—Cowper.

From



The President

THE old story of building Babel has a very modern lesson. The 11th Chapter of Genesis traces the thread of history after the Flood: "It came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build a city and a tower, whose top may reach to heaven."

As soon as man discovered how to make bricks he undertook a very ambitious project. He would use his bricks to build a tower that would reach to heaven. It would be bigger and better than anything ever built before. It would reach to the skies. It would enable the most progressive people of that day to climb to the dome of the vaulted sky and look beyond. Heaven stood for the fulfillment of human aspiration. It stood for a satisfying destiny. It stood for the great beyond. It stood for God and man's eternal home. And man would climb the heights; he would break the circle of his finite limitations; he would climb the great divide by piling bricks one on top of the other.

We laugh at that. What a primitive conception early man had of the earth, the sky, and the starry heavens! How utterly unscientific he was! And we in this age of telescopes and balloons and rockets that may one day streak to the moon, are amused at the inadequacy of his tools. All he had were brick and mortar. With these he hoped to reach the heavens.

This project in the early morning of human history is a mirror of man himself. It reflected his ambitions; in a sense, his aspirations; his confidence in himself; his pride in achievement. He didn't invite God's help nor blessing on his ambitious undertaking. He expected to reach heaven without divine aid. And this story of man building Babel is an epitome of history. Man has always been building Babels. He is doing the same thing today. The tools have varied, but the pride, the ambition, the conceit, the goal have remained the same.

In a later day in human history men tried to reach heaven with the tools of the mind. By unaided reason the great philosophers of Greece attempted to think through to Ultimate Reality. They speculated about human destiny, about the nature of man, his relation to

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God, the life beyond, and even of God himself. But after the brilliant speculations of Plato, Aristotle, and Socrates, they still were without the answers. Their highest flights of reasoning fell short of certain and assured knowledge. The Apostle Paul in the first Corinthian letter sums up the results of that whole age of philosophic speculation when he says that while the Greeks sought wisdom, yet the world by wisdom knew not God.

Again, man has tried to reach the heavens by his self-made religions. By ceremony and ritual, by moral codes and regulations, by prayers and devotions, by temples and cathedrals, by fetishes and idols, sub-human and super-human gods, he has tried to realize God. But these Babels, too, have come no nearer reaching heaven than that tower of bricks in the land of Shinar.

But let us turn for a moment to look at the Babel which modern science is building. Of course, it is not the crude tower of brick and mortar of long ago, but it is the same man, with the same conceit, the same ambitions, and the same presumptions. He thinks he will discover the mystery of the universe without God. He thinks that all he needs to do to climb the great divide is to push his scientific experiments a little further. The god he expects to find is something he can comprehend, something he can reduce to the size of his comprehensions. The transcendent God of revelation, of infinite holiness, is unknown to him.

There on Mt. Palamor is one of his modern Babels—the giant two-hundred inch telescope that represents a brilliant scientific and industrial achievement. With it as-

tronomers hope to find some answers about the ultimate nature of the universe and possibly life itself. They hope to find out whether the stars thin out and give evidence of a finite universe. They want to prove or disprove the theory of curved space. And thousands eagerly await the tested results of this great instrument when it begins probing the depths of outer space.

And not far away is another Babel under construction — the world's most powerful cyclotron. And this atom-smashing machine is expected to reveal more secrets of the tiny atom. Its builders hope to find the answer to reality. They have pushed their investigations a long way, and they hope to have the final answer soon. But I predict that like all Babels which have preceded them, these modern Babels representing the pride of modern science, will not reach to heaven. The mystery of being and life will never be discovered by things that man builds. This will never be the end-product of human investigation. It always has been and will always remain the exclusive subject of divine revelation.

It tells us in the Genesis account that God came down to have a look at the tower that was to reach to heaven. How foolish, and how utterly futile that pile of bricks and mortar must have looked to the Almighty God, the Creator of the universe. And I think our modern Babels must look just as foolish to God. A creature blinded by sin and moved with conceit keeps building on the ruins of previous Babels but always expecting that he will outdo other Babel builders and climb to the heavens.

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“FREE” SCHOOLS*

Dixon Problem

The public school trouble in New Mexico started in Dixon, in a way, yet it didn't really start in Dixon. Most of us who live in and around Dixon are of Spanish descent, tillers of the soil, many of us poor and ignorant, shut off from the world to a great extent by the mountains surrounding our little valley. But we do know that we want our children to have a chance at a good education, that will fit them to face the world without a feeling of inferiority.

Trouble began in this northern New Mexico village when, six years ago, the Catholic Church assumed control of the public schools in Dixon without the people's consent. In an avowed consolidation move, pupils and equipment were moved into Catholic Church property, and the school became known as St. Joseph Public School. Actually it was a parochial school, and nothing less. Our public school buildings were either sold or abandoned. Among others, an expensive WPA-built structure right in Dixon stands empty and rotting.

Dissatisfaction developed, due to the poor quality of teaching and to the religious instruction forced on all children during school hours by the garbed nuns teaching in this

*The Dixon trial is scheduled for September 27. The issue here concerns every evangelical Christian and even every liberty-loving American. Protestants fighting this case deserve our moral and prayerful support.

“public” school. Investigation revealed that the “Hail Mary” was recited by all students four times a day; bingo was played in school during school hours to raise money; students were urged to go to confession and punished if they refused; whole grades were skipped by students who memorized the Catholic catechism. These and other abuses aroused the people to action. Two years ago the people began raising money to construct a truly public school, one that would stand for liberal and progressive education, free from any sectarian influence. In the summer of 1947 a fine five-room building was constructed. Just before it was to open, the people learned that it was to be staffed with a nun as principal and three nuns as teachers. A cry of protest went up—it was unfair! Surely it was illegal.

A delegation went 75 miles to the county seat to remonstrate with the County School Board against this action. They refused to take a stand but referred the matter to the State School Board. We were told that we would be given a hearing, but it turned out to be a closed hearing, with one woman allowed in to represent our side. An open hearing was refused when they learned of our evidence.

We concluded, on advice from others, that a suit in court would be our only real hope for remedying the situation. This is how it started in Dixon.

A State-wide Problem

We soon learned that the same conditions and worse existed in

many other public schools in New Mexico. In 28 other public schools 145 more Catholic nuns, brothers and priests were teaching. Most of the more than \$375,000 paid to them annually in salaries, out of public tax funds, was going directly to the Catholic Church. Interested citizens from different communities brought forth evidence of flagrant disregard for laws against sectarian teaching in public schools. They were interested with us in bringing legal action on a state-wide basis against the County and State Boards of education and others involved, with the hope of freeing our public schools of sectarian influences.

A National Issue

Similar situations prevail in many parts of the United States, as attested by the New Jersey school bus decision, the North College Hill problem, and the current North Dakota effort to legislate against garbed members of religious orders teaching in the public schools of that state. The organization of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State is an attempt to meet this issue squarely and on a nation-wide scale. The Dixon situation is a part of the New Mexico problem. In the same manner, the New Mexico situation is a part of a nation-wide problem. Circumstances were such that the problem first broke through the surface in New Mexico at Dixon.

Legal Action

The first step in our fight for "free" schools has now been taken. A suit which "demands the removal of nuns, brothers and priests from public school positions" was filed on March 10, 1948, in the district

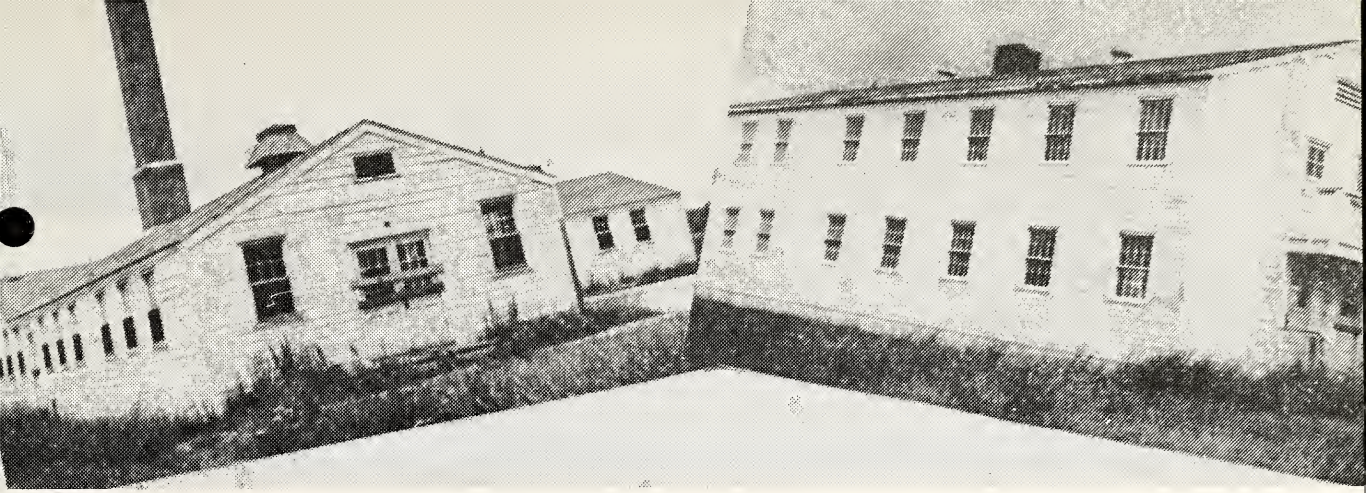
court in Santa Fe, in the name of 28 plaintiffs from seven New Mexico counties.

The complaint names 235 defendants including Gov. Thomas J. Mabry, the state and county school officials involved, the Rev. William T. Bradley, superintendent of Catholic parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the State School Budget Auditor, the State Comptroller, and the 145 nuns, brothers and priests teaching in the so-called public schools.

The suit asks:

1. That all schools named in the complaint be declared parochial schools and ineligible to receive public funds.
2. That all members of Catholic teaching orders be forever barred from teaching in New Mexico public schools.
3. That salaries being paid teaching order members be declared illegal expenditure of public funds.
4. That no New Mexico tax supported school be conducted in church-owned property.
5. An injunction barring any school board from ever hiring or paying any member of a Catholic teaching order as a teacher in a tax supported school.
6. An injunction barring the state budget auditor from making or approving any school budget paying public funds to the members of religious orders.
7. Settlement of all other issues raised.

The purpose of the action as the complaint states is to bring about a complete separation of church and state in the public schools of New Mexico, and to eliminate all religious influences on a sectarian basis in tax supported schools.



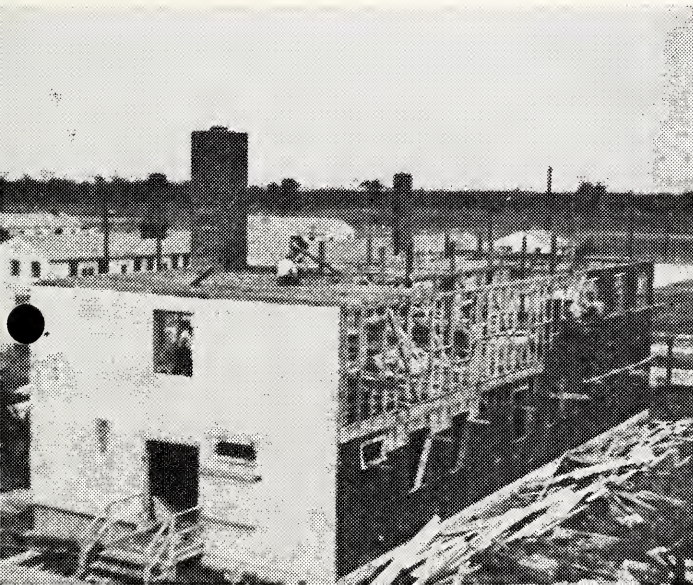
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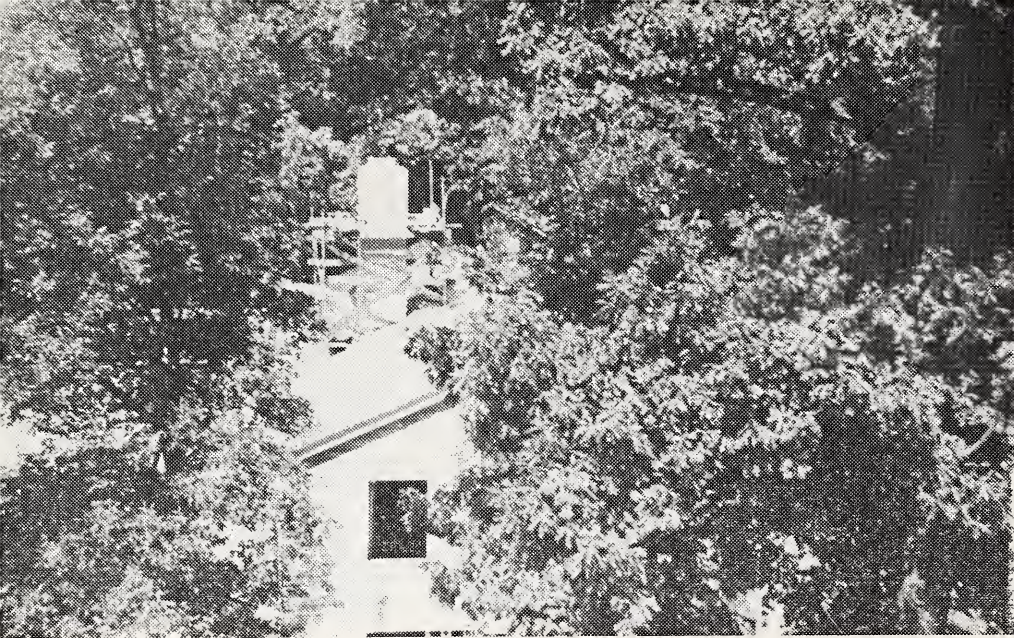
On this and the following pages is shown the work of a busy summer. This page shows the work of "tearing down" and dismantling four buildings purchased from War Assets Administration at nearby Baer Field at a very modest price. Work began a little before school closed on May 27.

On the whole, the buildings were in excellent condition and included much valuable plumbing and heating supplies. The seasoned framing lumber was better than that which can be secured now.

The work of completely dismantling the buildings and removing them to the campus was done by students under the direction of our capable Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Francis de Caussin.

The next pages show the next phase of operations—BUILDING. Excavation was begun on July 12, and the pictures were taken six weeks later on August 21st.

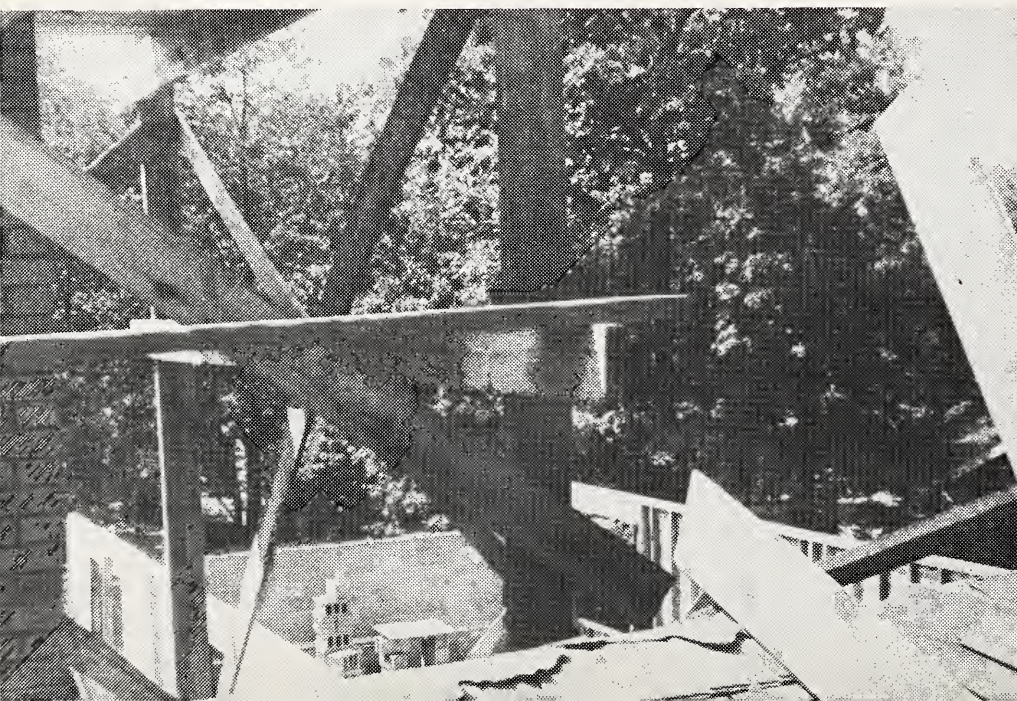




Residence Hall

At long last the policy of the Board of Trustees to provide living quarters for staff members is being implemented. The new hall will provide apartments primarily for teachers and workers. There are 9 apartments and a dispensary.

Each apartment will have a spacious living room, a kitchen-dining room combination, a bath room, and two bedrooms.



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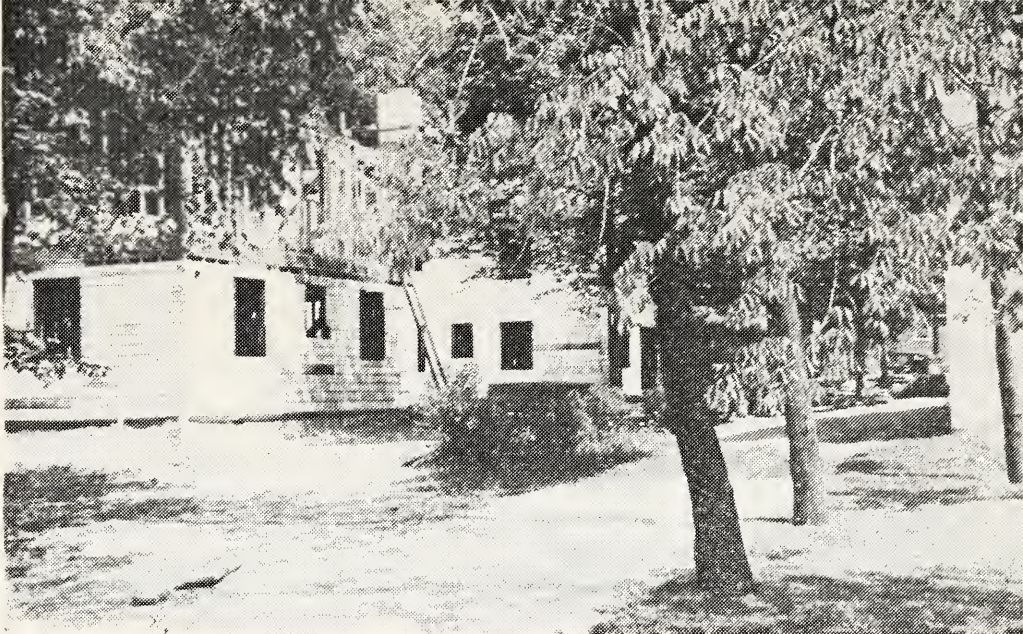
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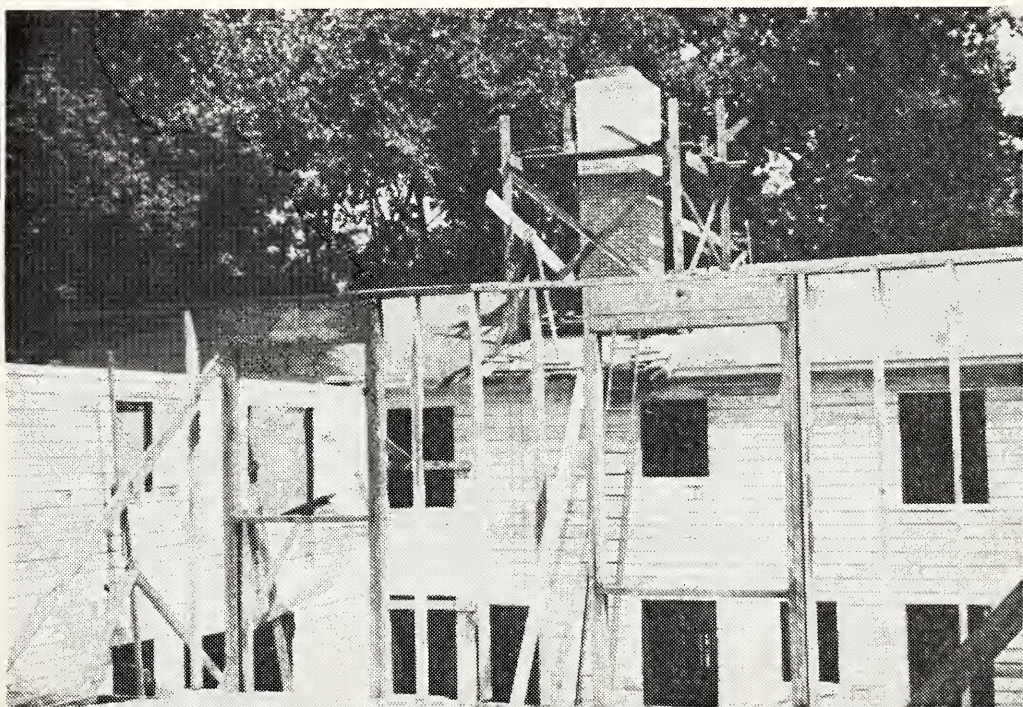
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The new residence hall will be an attractive addition to the campus. It will eventually be brick-veneered in the same light grey-buff brick of Founders' Memorial. Until it is possible to do this, the drop-band siding together with insulation will serve to give protection from weather.

To God be all the glory for this building—it is an answer to a very critical need. "His faithfulness endureth."



NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Elmer Neuenschwander, B.D.

Meditation and reflection upon the grace and mercy of our Lord by those who have been given and have received the Light always cause a spontaneous exclamation of praise and thanksgiving from the soul. I too join with a personal word of deepest gratefulness to God for the knowledge and the joy of salvation through His Son, for the fact of sins forgiven, and for the cleansing and filling with the Holy Spirit. Truly, "... if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

I also give thanks to God for the human agencies He uses to bring forth His purposes from our lives. A sermon by my father was used of the Spirit to convict me of sin. Several months later it was my own mother who prayed with me and pointed me to salvation. It was at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute that

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I could use volumes in praising the Lord Jesus for His salvation, and for what He means to me as a personal Saviour, but time and space would not permit. It would be useless to try to imagine what His marvelous grace has meant to me and done for me. The Lord spoke to my wife first, who assists me in the practice of medicine, and in a short time through her testimony He saw fit to save me. In our very busy medical practice we could see sinners lost, without Christ, but we did not have adequate knowledge to help them. It became evident to us that this was a deficiency that must be corrected. We were directed to discontinue the practice of medicine and go to a Bible school.

After that we came back to medi-
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John L. Housley, M.D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle and
Friends of the Institute:

The activities of the Fellowship Circle for the year of 1947-48 came to a close with the Fellowship Circle Dinner and Annual Meeting held on the evening of May 26, in Founders' Memorial. Approximately 500 people were present. It was an occasion of most pleasant and profitable Christian fellowship, such as can be had only by those who are in fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Down through the years the Fellowship Circle has grown to be quite a sizeable organization. In membership it now totals well over 1,000 with representatives in almost every part of the world, most of whom are active ambassadors of Christ.

The members of the Fellowship Circle have not forgotten the purpose of their organization, that of assisting the Bible Institute. Again and again in the past they have lent a helping hand to the Institute in carrying forward her great God-given mission.

This year under the direction of the executive committee, the Fellowship Circle continued its drive to help liquidate the present indebtedness on Founders' Memorial and Providence Hall. At the Annual Meeting I was able to report that \$1323.25 had been raised.

To each one who has in any way contributed to make the Fellowship Circle a useful organization, I want to express my deep appreciation and pray that the Lord will abundantly bless you.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

Orlan Golden, President
The Fellowship Circle

Fellowship Circle

"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER"

Who?	When?	Where?
Ann Schierling ('45-'48) & Max Applegate ('45-'48)	May 29	Missionary Church, Woodburn, Ind.
Eunice Schwendener ('45-'47) & Frank Deninger ('48)	June 5	Humboldt Park Gospel Tab., Chicago
Arlene Hewitt ('46-'48) & Venus Arnold ('46-'48)	June 12	Elkton, Mich.
Faythe Ringenberg ('48) & Don Rohrs ('48)	July 3	First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Virginia Lacey ('45-'47) & Roy Johnson ('45-'48)	July 7	
LaDonna Litzenberg ('48) & Donavon Gerig ('48)	Aug. 5	First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Virginia Hill ('44-'46) & Rolland Reed	Aug. 6	Christian & Missionary Alliance, Kokomo, Ind.
Marian Anderson ('46-'48) & Bob Magary ('47)	Aug. 12	Mt. Olive Missionary Church, Peoria, Ill.
Lois Vollmar ('45-'48) & Earle Dickenson ('46-'48)	Aug. 21	First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Grace Rabausch ('43-'44) & George Pike ('43-'44)	Aug. 21	Humboldt Park Gospel Tab., Chicago

"Bless them, Lord, and make them a blessing."

NEW ARRIVALS—STORK LINE

Who?	When and Where?	Parents
Donald Wayne	June 3, Nigeria, Africa	Wayne & Hilda Warye Brenneman (both '45)
Iola Jean	June 8,	Henry ('46-'48) & Lois Schwendener ('47) Hewitt
Wayne Edward	June 12,	Rev. & Mrs. Burch Surbrook (both '46)

Gwendolyn Dianne	June 15, Fort Wayne, Ind.	Charles ('44-'47) & Pauline McMichael ('44-'47) Joder
Stephen Paul	July 1, Sierra Leone, Africa	Jake & Ruth Caddy Schierling (both '45)
Judith Anne	July 5, Wilmore, Ky.	Robert & Anne Grace Kontra ('45) Bateman
Laurel Denise	July 22, Fort Wayne, Ind.	Truman ('48) & Eileen Roth ('47) Gottschalk
Jonathan David	July 31, India	Clarence ('46-'47) & Eliz- abeth ('44-'47) Francis Fair

"Lord, may these little ones become wholehearted servants of Thine."

Mr. Elmer T. Neuenschwander ('44), who graduated from Asbury Seminary this summer, will be coming back to B. I. this year with his wife ('45); however this time he will be behind the desk.

Rev. J. Pritchard Amstutz ('36), who graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary this Spring, has accepted a call to be pastor of the First Missionary Church at Berne, Ind.

David and Helen Christensen Clark (both '43) arrived July 21 from the Dominican Republic, West Indies, for their first furlough.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Chapman (nee **Fannie Baumgartner**, '05-'07) returned July 5 from missionary service in Szechwan, China.

Miss Hannah Bracy ('20) returned for furlough May 28 from Angola, Portuguese West Africa.

Miss Terveer Ginter ('45) and

Miss Leona Markham ('47) spent the summer in Michigan teaching daily vacation Bible schools. Miss Ginter plans to teach public school in Michigan this fall and winter.

FEEL SLIGHTED?—

because that important event was not mentioned in the Fellowship Circle news? Then here's an invitation for you to write and tell us about yourself. How can we know unless you tell us?

Class presidents or secretaries, how about sending us some of the high spots in your class letters?

We expect a response! Thank you.

Address: Fellowship Circle, c/o Bible Institute.

Miss Mildred Hirschy ('45) assisted for several weeks this summer in a children's Bible camp in Tennessee and also sang for revival meetings in North Carolina. At present she is working in Berne, Ind., in a printing concern that publishes Christian literature.

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"We are especially thankful for the providences of the Lord all along our long journey from Beulah Beach, Ohio, to Zamboanga City, Philippine, Islands. We started on April 16 and arrived here on June 19."

—**Arthur Herbert** ('39-'40)

NEUENSCHWANDER

I embraced the doctrine of sanctification after having been indifferent to this provision of the Holy Spirit for pure living and power in service. Many have been the human instruments God has used in leading me thus far.

The leadership of the Holy Spirit is another cause for great rejoicing as each successive step has brought its valleys and mountains with results in spiritual growth. Two years, undoubtedly the most stimulating and formative years of my life spiritually, were spent in the Fort Wayne Bible Institute where I felt the leadership of God had called me. How I thank God for those years! Ever since my graduation from the Institute, I have seen more and more the value of the training received there for those called to be ambassadors for Christ.

Now the call of God has come for me to return to the Bible Institute. I have accepted the call as a challenge from God to be an instrument in His hands to help shape the spiritual foundations of the future church leaders, and with a prayer that I shall ever be in the place where God can use me for His honor and glory.

DR. HOUSLEY

cine again but we were never satisfied even though the Lord used us. We finally consulted our Pastor and told him that we were available for full time work in the mission field. A mission board was consulted, but I had no special field in mind. We were willing to go any place, but we did not have a special place in mind. We were advised to wait on the Lord, and in just about one month, in a very

unusual manner, we found ourselves in contact with the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. It was all so unusual that we could not help but believe that it was where the Lord wanted us. It all seemed like Romans 8:28. The spirit was good at B. I. and things were working out. We could see that by teaching here the Lord could use us to help send out many missionaries and witnesses and that this must be His purpose for us.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let us underscore these basic truths of the Word of God. First, man by his wisdom has not found and never will find God. "The world by its wisdom knew not God."

Second, God in His infinite wisdom and love has revealed in His written and incarnate Word what man cannot find out for himself.

The third truth that needs to be underscored in our day is that man needs to accept in humility and faith the disclosures of God's grace in the person of His Son. Science will never be able to look into the heart of God. It may discover more natural laws—the methodical operations of Deity. But science does not need to make such a discovery, for God's heart has already been bared to human view at the cross of Calvary. There it is seen as a bleeding heart broken in compassion for the lost. And all that is needed is for man's heart to be humbled in contrition and repentance at the foot of the Cross.

We need not more Babel-builders, but contrite sinners. We need not try to reach heaven with our self-made tools. All we need to do is to grasp by faith the life rope which God has let down from heaven in Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Lord of men.

ONE WAY TO GET MORE THAN \$2.00 WORTH OF BUILDING FOR \$1.00 IN 1948



Founders' Memorial was built in 1941-42 for \$110,000.00. Present costs would be \$250,000.00. Providence Hall was built in 1945 for \$25,800.00. Present costs would be \$45,000.00. Thus through God's providence we have \$295,000.00 worth of buildings at present values which cost \$135,800.00.

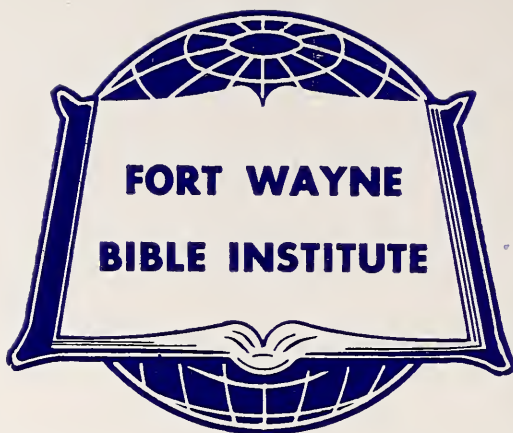
A net debt remains of \$8,990.00. Every dollar paid on this debt pays for building materials at 1941-42-45 costs. In other words, a dollar paid on this debt pays for \$2.18 worth of building at present values.

This debt can be speedily met if we unite our efforts now.

Gifts, whether large or small, will be gratefully received as from the Lord.

Send to REV. P. L. EICHER, Treasurer
Building Liquidation Fund
3820 South Wayne Avenue
Fort Wayne 6, Indiana

Announcements



Fall Opening

School will open on September 14. Opening day service on Wednesday evening, September 15th, with a message by Rev. J. H. Woodward of Orange City, Iowa.

Evening Classes

Each Thursday, beginning at 7:30 p. m., September 16, a two-hour class in the Thessalonian Epistles throughout the first semester. Dean J. F. Gerig.

Each Tuesday at 7:30, beginning September 21st, a two-hour course in Illustrations and Bible Story Telling throughout the first semester. Miss Bertha Leitner.

Broadcast of Sunrise Chapel

Beginning September 6, Your Sunrise Chapel will be broadcast each morning Monday through Friday at 7:15 A. M. over stations WKJG (1380) and WKJG-FM.

Opening of Second Semester

Opening, January 28, 1949. Write to Registrar now for information and free catalog.

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