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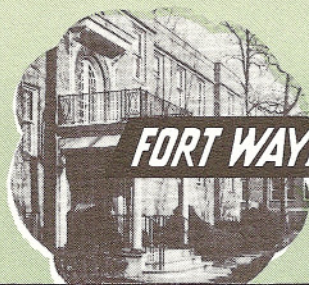
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## Courts Rule That College Expansion Is In Public Interest



### Applications For Admission Double

New applications for admission to the college continue to roll in, as approved applications to date almost double those approved last year. As of July 15, 79 applications for freshman admission have been approved. Over 60 more applications are on hand pending approval. The total freshman enrollment for fall semester, 1958 was only 76.

A comparison between the number of applications received and approved during the month of June for both 1958 and 1959 shows the extent of increased interest.

	1958	1959
Applications received	18	29
Applications approved	18	22
Total No. of applications pending July 1	33	68

### GROUND-BREAKING An Impressive Ceremony

A crowd estimated at 1,000 people were on hand on cool, crisp Sunday afternoon, April 12, to witness the ground breaking ceremony at the site of the new S. A. Lehman Memorial Library. The day seemed ordered of God, and the impressive ceremony glorified our Saviour.

Departing from tradition, the ground was broken by an old, left-handed walking plow rather than the usual shovel.

The program was under the direction of Walter King, assistant to the president in development. The A Capella Choir, under direction of Betty Stanley provided special music. Dr. Jared F. Gerig presided over the ceremonies.

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Work on the S. A. Lehman Memorial Library progresses. Special Judge James R. Newkirk, in the latest ruling on June 24, in Allen County Circuit Court, stated that the college building program was "essential and desirable to the public convenience and welfare, and not in conflict with any plan duly adopted by ordinance of the city council."

Because of the many decisions, appeals and work stoppages, many may be unaware of the problems which have been encountered so far, and the way in which the Lord, who has started this good work, is bringing it to completion. The following diary may serve to bring readers up to date on the entire situation.

### Diary of Decisions on Expansion January 1, 1958. Dr. Jared F.

Gerig, joining the college administration as president, announced plans for building on the tract of land just south of

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**Pres. Gerig at Ground Breaking**



# From the President's Pen

Dr. Jared F. Gerig



## Balanced Education

America is noted for its extremes. In many ways Americans are not a sane, well-balanced people. We have lost our ability to temper judgment with common sense, to balance freedoms with controls, and to evaluate the present in the light of the future. The "all out" character of all that we do describes this unbalanced age in which we live.

Education in the present has shared in this top-heavy, unbalanced character of things. The secularization of education has been a total secularization with little compromise anywhere along the line. The spiritual and the Biblical have been driven to cover and God has been legislated out of the picture. The present turn to and emphasis upon the technical and the scientific to the forgetting of the moral, ethical, and spiritual is but another example of the unbalanced thinking of the day. A well-known American has said in this connection, "The peace of the world is in jeopardy because nuclear giants may behave like moral pygmies, and guided missiles may fall into the hands of misguided men". Furthermore, "the real challenge of the 20th century lies in the growing gap between our tremendous, unprecedented progress in the physical sciences and our lack of comparable progress in the human and social sciences".

It is also to be noted that we have sown to the wind and are reaping the whirlwind in the manner of an extreme non-disciplined generation or two. There is a wild attempt here and there to bring some measure of discipline back into the public schools, but our extremes at this point have lost for us ground that can never be retaken.

The terrible lag in the moral, spiritual and ethical emphasis in education is our most dangerous problem in America. The strength of America has always been centered in the forces of her God-consciousness, her consideration for human life and decency, and her appreciation for spiritual values. We must, therefore, face up to the need of an education which balances books with the Book, science with the Savior, facts with faith, life with love. Our very survival depends upon a swing of the pendulum backward to balance any sanity in relation to these all-important realities in life.

Fort Wayne Bible College unites intellectual with spiritual, the head and the heart. There is a planned program to deepen one's experience of God and to develop a consciousness of responsibility in relation to humanity and its needs. The Great Commission is not of destruction but one of salvation. Learning is fired with love and the head must have the heart as a balance-wheel.

There is little possibility that public education as we know it, will ever return to an emphasis of the spiritual values which were so vital a part of its content in early years. This means that other types of schools, Christian day schools, Christian colleges, Bible colleges, and church schools of all sorts, must assume practically all of the responsibility for counterbalancing the present forces in education which carry a potential for complete annihilation.



Dr. Edward D. Simpson



Dr. Frances F. Simpson

## HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM JOIN FACULTY

A husband and wife team join the faculty of FWBC shortly. Dr. Edward D. Simpson becomes Associate Professor in Bible and Theology and his wife, Dr. Frances F. Simpson becomes Associate Professor of Christian Education.

### Dr. Edward D. Simpson

Dr. Edward Simpson received his BS in Business Administration from Wheaton College. Studied at Philadelphia School of the Bible, Princeton Theological Seminary, University of Minnesota, and received his BD, ThM, and ThD from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has pastored the First Baptist Church of Slatington, Penn., and was youth pastor at the First Baptist Church of Altoona, Penn. He taught at Northwestern College in Minneapolis, was Dean and Chairman of the department of Bible and Philosophy at Pillsbury College and at Buffalo Bible Institute.

### Dr. Frances Simpson

Dr. Frances Simpson received her BA in English from Wheaton College, studied at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Minnesota, and Philadelphia School of the Bible. She received her Master of Religious Education from Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and her Doctor of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Dr. Frances Simpson has taught in public schools for two years; was Chairman of the Department of Christian Education at Northwestern College, Pillsbury College, and Buffalo Bible Institute.

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## COURTS RULE EXPANSION IS IN PUBLIC INTEREST

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the present campus on Rudisill Boulevard.

October 6, 1958. Expansion plans for the south campus were presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals for "contingent use" of the area—which did not require rezoning the area from residential district since zoning laws allow for use of residential area for educational institutions if such institutions are "essential or desirable to the public convenience or the public welfare."

October 21, 1958. The Board of Zoning Appeals met and took the petition by the college under advisement in order to study the zoning laws more closely. President Gerig demonstrated the expediency of allowing the building program because of the "exploding college population." He cited the expectancy that the college could double its enrollment in five or six years, and that hopes for a fully accredited college under the North Central Association hinged in part on addition of a new library building. The roll of the college as a training place for school teachers was cited in the college's favor by the Zoning Board.

November 18, 1958. The Board of Zoning Appeals approved the campus expansion projects tentatively, but wanted more information on the location and character of the buildings and other features of the new area. The board set a public hearing date for Tuesday, December 16, 1958. In the ruling the board declared that the use of the area was indeed "essential and desirable to the public convenience and welfare, and not in conflict with any plan duly adopted by ordinance of the city council."

December 11, 1958. The college submitted a revised plot plan to the Board of Zoning Appeals showing location of new buildings and parking lots. By changing position of the buildings, and limiting size of the parking lots the college conformed with the desires of most of the objectors.

December 16, 1958. The Board of Zoning Appeals gave final approval to the college for use of South Campus for the expansion program. By reversing the site of the library and the proposed student union and by re-

ducing the size of the parking lots, and allowing large strips of grass and shrubbery between the parking lots and the streets, the college showed its good intentions of maintaining a beautiful neighborhood.

December 18, 1958. A petition by a number of residents for a writ of certiorari—an appeal for a higher court to review a decision by a lower court—was filed in Allen County Circuit Court. It challenged the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals in giving provisional approval for expansion.

February 18, 1959. The city building commissioner granted the college a location improvement permit with the provision that the building would begin within 60 days.

March 30, 1959. The college announced ground-breaking ceremonies for S. A. Lehman Memorial Library.

April 16, 1959. Fort Wayne City Building Department issued a building permit for the college to construct the library on the site approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

May 14, 1959. Three Fort Wayne firms were awarded contracts for construction of the new library. The general contract was awarded to the Hagerman Construction Corporation; Mechanical contract was awarded to Shambaugh and Sons, Inc.; Electrical contract went to Max Minear. The total construction was to be under the supervision of A. M. Strauss and Associates, architects. Construction costs for the library were revised upward to \$266,152 apart from stacks and inside equipment.

May 20, 1959. Work was finally begun on the library. Work progressed for one week when an appeal was made to the Circuit Court for a stay of operations.

May 26, 1959. The college took the initiative and ceased construction on the library pending decision of the court. This demonstrated the good intentions of the college.

June 24, 1959. Special Judge James R. Newkirk ruled that the college could proceed with the library after a hearing in the Allen Circuit Court. In his decision, Judge Newkirk reaffirmed the earlier decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals that the expansion program was "essential or desirable to the public convenience or the public welfare." He made formal entry of his

decision on Friday, June 26, the final day of the April term of the Allen County Circuit Court. June 29. Work was again resumed on the library. Since that date the foundation has been dug, forms put up and the footing poured. The walls of the basement and supporting columns are being formed and poured as this copy of "Vision" goes to press.

### Prayer Support Appreciated

It is our hope that friends and graduates who have prayed through these long delays will continue to pray that the Lord may allow work to continue on schedule. According to the general contractor, W. O. Hagerman, actual construction and installation of equipment should be completed one year from the date of actual start of construction. If the building can be completed on schedule it should be ready for occupancy by the fall term in 1960.

## GROUND-BREAKING AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

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Mr. Maurice E. Lehman, son of S. A. Lehman for whom the library is to be named, spoke on behalf of his mother, Mrs. S. A. Lehman, and the rest of the family.

Representatives from civic, church and college organizations brought greetings. Mr. John Cooper, member of the Board of Works was the personal representative of Mayor Robert E. Meyers of Fort Wayne. Mr. Earl S. Ward, executive vice president of the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce represented that organization. Dr. S. A. Witmer represented the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, of which he is president.

Rev. Cornelius Vlot, pastor of the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne and vice president of the Missionary Church Association represented the MCA. Rev. Reuben Short, president of the Evangelical Menonite Church, represented that group. Rev. Walter King represented the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

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## Dr. Z. T. Johnson Speaks At Commencement

Dr. Z. T. Johnson, president of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, was the speaker for the 51st commencement exercises of Fort Wayne Bible College on Thursday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. He centered his message around the theme "How Do You Look at Life?" Dr. Johnson is a preacher, an evangelist, an educator, and an administrator of many years experience. His challenging message was well received by a capacity crowd which was present to witness the graduation of the 43 seniors of the class of 1959.

### Rev. Wesley Gerig Gives Baccalaureate Address

Baccalaureate services were held on Sunday, May 24, at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Wesley Gerig, instructor in Bible and Greek, was the speaker for this service. His subject was, "A Sermon in Shoes".

### Graduating Seniors

The 43 seniors were graduated from 16 courses of study. Two have received diplomas while 41 have received degrees in their chosen fields.

Standard Bible Course: Hannah Shinde.

Standard Bible-Music Course: Rhoda Alice Heindselman (with honor).

Bachelor of Arts (Bible): Gerald Cavender, Carl Ervin, Bruce Gerig, Paul Weidner, Benjamin Williams, John Wommer, Forest Yoder.

Bachelor of Arts (Pastoral Training): Kenneth Fenner.

Bachelor of Arts (Missions): William Paul (with high honor), Jonathan Steiner, William Wilson.

Bachelor of Arts (Christian Education): Robert Dye, Jr., Bernard Williams.

Bachelor of Arts (Social Studies): Joel Kemmerer (with honor), Sadanand Shinde.

Bachelor of Arts (Speech): Floyd

Brick, John Richardson, Glen Schade.

Bachelor of Religious Education: Robert Barkley, Nancy Brown, Wayne Watson.

Bachelor of Science (Missions): George Beougher, Betty Donaghue, Harvey Sprague, Mary Ann Wagner (with high honor), Mary Weidner.

Bachelor of Science (Missionary Nursing): Marlene Fraley (with high honor), Joan Hankey, Edna Heaton, Martha Overmyer (with honor), Ethel Schlatter.

Bachelor of Science (Christian Education-Music): Janet Truit.

Bachelor of Science (Elementary Education): Marilyn Nelson, Robert Padgett, Orville Schlatter, Barbara Smith, Ethel Smith, Betty Jo Stehl (with honor), Mary Warner (with honor).

Bachelor of Science (Speech): Patricia Witt.

Bachelor of Sacred Music: Marlene Langosch (with high honor).

Bachelor of Theology: Bernard Williams, William Wilson.

William Paul, Mary Ann Wagner, and Martha Ruth Overmyer were elected to Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society.

John Wommer received the Evangelical Teacher Training Association Certificate while five seniors received the Evangelical Teachers Training Association Teacher's Diploma. They were: Robert Dye, Bernard Williams, Nancy Brown, Wayne Watson, and Janet Truit.

## HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM JOIN FACULTY

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### Have Published Articles

Both Dr. and Mrs. Simpson have contributed articles to Christian magazines and publications, and have written chapters in "Apt to Teach", "Biblical Approach to Education", and Dr. Edward Simpson to the book, "Redigging the Wells".

## Around Campus...

### President at Mahaffey

President Gerig, spending a busy summer in conferences and seminars, is giving the morning Bible message at Mahaffey Conference July 17-26. Dr. Gerig will be at the Christian Union Camp Meeting, Greenfield, Ohio between August 12-16.

### Deans Attend Convention

Dean of Students Cyril H. Eicher, and dean of men Harold W. Ranes attended the second annual Association of Christian Deans and Advisers of Men at Detroit Bible Institute, June 15-19. Eicher, vice-president of the association, reports that the 20 institutions represented discussed trends, orientation, discipline.

### Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up

Student men and women, under John Zurcher's watchful eye are busy cleaning up, washing down, painting over, cutting holes in, removing chimneys and skylights, transplanting shrubbery around and putting roofing on buildings throughout campus. The results are a more useful, liveable, and beautiful college for our beautiful community.

## GROUND-BREAKING AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

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Mr. Maurice M. Rupp, president of Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company represented the college governing board. Mr. Donovan Gerig, vice president of the Alumni Association represented the alumni. Forest Yoder, president of the student council represented the students.

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