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Commencement Week

May is always a wonderfully busy month on the campus with Junior-Senior Banquet, Senior Day, Staff Banquet, music recitals, speech recitals and speech contests. Then commencement week adds the whipped cream topping to the final year of college for about 60 students.

This year commencement week starts with Honors Convocation during chapel on Monday, May 22. For underclassmen the final exams which follow are anti-climactic, but for the seniors it means a time for packing up four or five years of accumulated books and notes and final good-byes for acquaintances soon to travel to far off places.

On Friday, May 26, seniors are guests of the Alumni Association at their Annual Spring Banquet. This year the Alumni are gathering at the Simpson Methodist Church, 2501 South Harrison Street, at 6 p.m. for their banquet. Cost to Alumni and guests is $1.75. Reservations must be in by May 17.

After the banquet the A Cappella Choir, under Mr. Richard M. Elmer and selected student soloists will present a Spring Concert at 8:30 p.m. in Founders Auditorium.

Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. will find a host of guests at the college for dedication of the S.A. Lehman Memorial Library. That evening there will be a Senior-Parents Reception by the faculty so that parents may get acquainted with those who have helped form their children, under God’s guidance, into Christian leaders.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. the Rev. Timothy Warner, Instructor in Missions, will address the graduating seniors and guests at Baccalaureate Service in the Chapel.

Commencement will be on Monday at 10:30 a.m. The graduates will be addressed by Dr. Clyde Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals and member of the Governing Board of F.W.B.C.

The end of a school year brings a touch of sadness mixed with joy in seeing the growth of these dear ones who have spent some of their best years in our midst. They go out into a world of conflict with the Prince of Peace dwelling in their hearts.

Women’s Auxiliary Awards Scholarship

The Women’s Auxiliary awarded a $100 scholarship to Martha Brown in Chapel on March 2. Mrs. Cyril H. Eicher, chairman of the scholarship committee, made the presentation. Mrs. James Beltz, president of the auxiliary, took charge of the program.

The scholarship is awarded to a student showing evidence of spiritual growth and consistent Christian testimony, who has academic or special ability and has evidence of financial need.

Martha Brown of Spring City, Tennessee, is an honors student. She is a pre-junior in speech, in preparation for a teaching ministry. Martha is vice-president of her class, is a member of the student association and is on the Youth Conference Committee. She works part-time to help meet tuition expenses as a secretary at Westside Y.M.C.A.

The Women’s Auxiliary met on April 4 at the college to elect a new secretary and amend the bylaws of their constitution.

The women toured the new S.A. Lehman Memorial Library and the Pantry Shelf which stocks food for married students who find it difficult to provide for themselves while attending college. Dr. Gerig spoke to the women, and Mrs. Donna Leonard sang and played vibraharp.
A Post Easter Reflection

Easter remains in this world of defeat and despair the symbol and pledge of the final victory of life over death, of right over wrong, and of truth over error. The Christian gazing through the darkness of what seems inevitable collapse of liberty and justice, the downfall of civilization, the going awry of even religious life and teaching, to face and rejoice in the resurrection fact of the supremacy of the spiritual over the material, the heavenly over the worldly, the kingdom of God over the kingdoms of men.

Hope in a Hopeless World

We who have been born again have gotten a new vision of the risen Christ. "He lives," is enough truth to bring hope in a hopeless world, to rekindle the wilted spirits of men, and electrify them with energy and courage. This day of Easter has preached to us with renewed vigor the existence of a Living Force capable of dealing with all men and machines—even those dedicated to ruthless passions and incredible cruelties. This is not an imprecatory spirit; it is the living hope of the believer that soon "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

Christ Lives!

If Christ be dead, then all existence is vain, and eternal glory and deliverance is story-book legend. If Christ is yet in the tomb, then there is no absolute for truth and there are no standards for righteousness. If Christ is not risen, then life is earthly, relative, and unworthy. But there is no "if" about it! CHRIST IS ALIVE and in the light of that eternal fact, "all things work together for (eternal) good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Life is Triumphant!

Life then is purposeful and challenging, working together for good and triumph and victory for the children of God.
Charter Student Meets the Savior

Miss Elizabeth Hilty, who was a member of the first class at Bible Training School, as the college was then called, met the Lord on Feb. 5 at the age of 91. Miss Hilty had labored for Christ for 33 years in China under the Christian and Missionary Alliance, supported by the M.C.A. and the Pandora, Ohio Missionary Church. She is survived by two sisters with whom she made her home in recent years, Mrs. Mary (Hilty) Bixel and Miss Minnie Hilty. Both are graduates of the Bible College.

Seeing the justice of the claims of Jesus Christ upon her life, Miss Hilty accepted Him as her personal Savior from sin while yet in her youth. Some years later she consecrated her life to Christ for missionary service. She attended Bible Training School for two years and graduated in 1905. She served in home mission work in Lima, Ohio before going to China that same year.

In 1914 Miss Minnie Hilty and she were appointed to open a station in Hanshow in Hunan Province. The following years were spent building up the station, evangelizing the city and countryside and establishing churches throughout the area. She also helped supervise the mission schools. Veteran missionaries reported that she worked right along with a group of men as an engineer or foreman of a construction project, even though she was slight in stature.

Miss Hilty was a tireless, thorough worker, completely dedicated to the work of her Master. She and her sister Minnie, made a tremendous missionary team. There is seldom any gathering of former missionaries to China where the work of the Hilty sisters is not known and respected.

After the Japanese-Chinese War in 1914, the mission board thought it advisable for Elizabeth to return to China after her furlough.

As a true Christian, Elizabeth was always interested in the Lord's work. She accepted the decision of the mission board as from the Lord and continued in active service to her home church as long as her health permitted.

Some of Miss Hilty's favorite Scripture passages were used at the funeral services. Among these was I Peter 1:7-8, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Students Assist Seminary

The Student Missionary Fellowship has pledged $1,000 to assist our sister school, the Jamaica Theological Seminary, in purchasing a new one-and-a-half acre site in Kingston, Jamaica.

Bill Gerig, S.M.F. president, announced this special project on Friday March 17, following a challenging report concerning the Jamaican situation by the Rev. Tillman Habegger, President of the Missionary Church Association.

In his report, Rev. Habegger stated, "I was very impressed with the fact that we don't need more missionaries in Jamaica today, but we need well trained Jamaicans to preach to their own people. God answered prayer in a special way by providing this lot.... The new facilities will greatly enhance the educational program of the seminary."

Dr. Harvey To Speak

Dr. Richard H. Harvey has been selected as guest speaker for the twenty-first annual Youth Conference to be held Friday through Sunday, April 28-30. Dr. Harvey, one of the founders of Youth for Christ International, was chosen because of his rich background and vital interest in the problems and potentials of young people.

Dr. Harvey will speak at services on Friday and Saturday at 7:45 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The St. Louis Youth for Christ, one of the first organized, was founded by Dr. Harvey. He has served as first vice-president of Y.F.C. for its first three years.

Besides his pastoral work at Jefferson Park Bible Church, Chicago, he is district superintendent of the Southeastern District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance; is on the board of directors of St. Paul Bible Institute and the American Indian Crusade; and is field representative for Laymen's Crusade for Missionary Action, Inc.
Youth Conference Schedule

The following is a schedule of Youth Conference activities for your guidance. Registration should be received by the Youth Conference committee by April 20, and is limited to those of junior high school age and over because of the limited facilities.

Friday
2:00 p.m. Registration
5:00 p.m. Supper
7:45 p.m. Dr. Harvey Speaks

Saturday
6:45 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Devotions - Dr. Edward Simpson
9:00 a.m. Play - "A Man Called Peter"
11:30 a.m. "Love, Courtship and Marriage"
    - Jay Kesler, Workshop Leader
12:00 noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. "Love, Courtship and Marriage"
    - Jay Kesler, Workshop Leader
3:00 p.m. Choir Concert
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Cafeteria
7:45 p.m. Dr. Harvey Speaks

Sunday

6:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Prof. Warner
10:30 a.m. Worship - Dr. Harvey
12:00 noon Dinner
2:00 p.m. Dr. Harvey Speaks

Project Day - May 5

Project Day is May 5. Students will be dismissed from classes to go out into the community to get jobs to earn $2000. This is the amount needed to complete the Student Snack Shop in Schultz Hall.

Last year the students earned $1300 toward this project. Now they hope to raise the goal $700.

Students will do spring cleaning, yard work, paint, wash windows, put up screens, house work, baby sitting, car washing or any of a number of other tasks you may need done.

You can help the students to help themselves and get those household chores done as well by giving them a job in your home on May 5. Phone H3283 to reserve a good worker.