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Missionaries on leave getting degrees, left to right: Gilbert Williams, Kathleen Jacobsen, Mary Suhm, and Ron Sonius.

58 Graduate

At the fifty-fourth annual commencement on May 28, 58 seniors graduated, 57 with degrees. Included in the graduating class were three returned missionaries and a pastor from Hawaii: Mary Suhm from Nigeria, Ronald Sonius from Sierra Leone, Kathleen Jacobsen from Japan and Gilbert Williams from Hawaii.

The following is a list of graduates:

Standard Bible Course
Roberta Huisman of Lupton, Michigan
Bachelor of Science Degree
In Missions
R. Gene Bentley*, East Peoria, Illinois
Norma Brandenburg*, Berne, Indiana
Ralph Brandenburg, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Paul Kulp, Frankfort, Indiana
Ronald Sonius, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Mary Suhm, Portage, Indiana
In Missionary Nursing
Donna Jean Burd, Camden, Michigan
Lola Harmon, Lagro, Indiana
Eunice Simmons, Hyattsville, Maryland
Dorothy Joanne White*, Hampstead, Maryland
In Christian Education and Music
Shirley Swallow, Lima, Ohio
In Music Education
Donna Leonard*, Fort Wayne Indiana
Diane Miller, Huston, Texas
In Speech
Esther Bolles, Canton, Pennsylvania
Martha Brown*, Spring City, Tennessee
Lois Williamson, Latty, Ohio
Arlene Zabel, Chicago, Illinois
In Elementary Education
Shirley Burr, Port Lauderdale, Florida
Darlene Haller, Bucklin, Kansas
Ann Helmsick, Modesto, California

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College Willed $60,000

Mrs. Rose Lantis McBride, who died in 1960 willed F.W.B.C. one-third of her estate. In the final court decision about disposition of the will, Judge Myles Parrish of Adams Circuit Court, Decatur, awarded the college $49,692.29 from the estate. In addition the college is beneficiary of a life insurance policy amounting to $7,080.54, receives the principal of an annuity amounting to $3,000 and is given principal of an investors agreement plan amounting to $1,000. This makes the total amount accruing to the college through the estate of the late Mrs. McBride $60,778.83.

Mrs. McBride was former hostess in Schultz Hall dormitory, and has been a long-time friend of the college.

The Governing Board has announced that the bulk of this bequest will be used for modernization of Schultz Hall men's dormitory, where Mrs. McBride so faithfully served.

Work is progressing this summer on the North Wing of Schultz Hall, remodeling the structure for rooms for men. The work is to be completed by the beginning of the fall term.

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6 Elected to Delta Epsilon Chi

Four seniors and two alumni of F.W.B.C. have been voted to membership in Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society. Membership is limited to students with outstanding academic records, approved Christian character and proved leadership ability. Graduates are honored who have made significant contributions in Christian fields of labor.

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Why an Education?

From several sources in recent months comes the strongly emphasized fact that a college education will mean at least one hundred thousand dollars more in life income. Such materialistic motive reminds one of the sign at the entrance to a western town, "Drive carefully. The person you hit may be one of our customers." This over-emphasis on the commercial and the materialistic is characteristic of this day, and it is also a vital part of the total secularization of American education and culture. One righteously raises the question, "Is this the only motive, or the right motive, or the chief motive for getting a college education?" My personal answer to this question is an emphatic NO! There are several motives which are more fundamental and which need to be considered.

There is first of all the sanctity motive. Right at the heart of all education there must be something which would teach the sacredness and solemnity of life itself. Twentieth century generations have come to treat life cheaply and dishonorably. Evolution has made of man nothing more than a highly developed animal. The indignity and inhumanity of man has come as an unavoidable result. True education teaches that man is the creation of God, that life itself is sacred, and that there is a responsibility factor in this life which gives it purpose and meaning. Education with depth cannot overlook these basic facts.

Consider also the spirituality motive. The more shallow term applied to this motive is character education. To have one's character developed, or strengthened, or transformed through education is a much talked about motive. For the true Christian this motive must be defined and delineated within the framework of Christian and biblical thought and terminology. For the true Christian such education involves salvation, sanctification, and the growth and development of the Christian spiritually. Across the four or five years of a young person's college career there must come spiritual maturity involving a settled life calling, a firmness of convictions, and an inner experience of God which is full and complete.

There is finally the service motive. Education to get is reversed into education to give. Education to save becomes education to share. The primary motive of a college education is no longer to make an additional one hundred thousand dollars, but to prepare one's self and to acquire the necessary skills whereby our perishing world can be served and won to God. To prepare to fulfill the Great Commission is the highest motive and the greatest end of education. Charles Wesley framed it in the familiar words:

To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!
Arm me with jealous care, As in Thy sight to live;
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give!

May I add one further thought. Bible college education gives a definite place to these superior motives in education.
Retirement Plan Approved

A retirement plan for faculty and staff members has been approved by the Governing board. Worked out for the college by Merle Rocke of Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company, the plan will provide 1% of monthly earnings per year of service to the college.

Filling a long felt need, this plan calls for employees to contribute 5% of their salaries, to be matched by a larger percentage by the college. The cost to the college for the first year under this plan will be between $9-10,000.

Such a retirement plan will add stability to the faculty and staff, and will provide for the security of those who who devote many years of their lives in faithful service to the Lord at Fort Wayne Bible College.

While details of the plan cannot be completely discussed in an article such as this, a comparison with plans in force at other colleges reveals that the Brotherhood Mutual plan costs substantially less and offers substantially more than other plans.

58 Graduate (Continued)

Neva Hirschy, Berne, Indiana
Helen Inniger, Monroe, Indiana
Marie Kelley, Hillsboro, Ohio
Lynnette Leslie, Grand Ledge, Michigan
Earl Fred Messick, Harrison, Ohio
Lorene Neuenschwander, Berne, Indiana
Anita Pelzer, Spring Lake, Michigan
Mary Jane Perry, Dixon, Illinois
Neal Rettig, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Barbara Sprunger, Fort Wayne, Indiana
John Trusdle, Bellevue, Ohio
Florence Weaver, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Merrell Wheeler, Hampstead, Maryland
Beulah Wilkins, Van Wert, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts
In Bible and Theology
Larry Brincefield, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Mark Campbell, Barneveld, Wisconsin
Kathleen Jacobsen, Berne, Indiana
In Pastoral Training
Larry Cantrell, Hagerstown, Maryland
Stanley Kobayashi, Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii

In Missions
Dorothy Hackney, Fruitport, Michigan
Earnest Hayden, Baltimore, Maryland
Daryl Platt, Arvada, Colorado

In Christian Education
Dorothy Hackney, Fruitport, Michigan
James Line, Royal Oak, Michigan

In Social Science
Jerry Cramer, Midland, Michigan
Charles Elliott, Flint, Michigan

Bachelor of Religious Education
Janice Bloomer, Delta, Ohio
David Keller, Southfield, Michigan
Marilin Samrady, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Gilbert Williams, Anahola, Kauai, Hawaii

Bachelor of Theology
Jesse Adams, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Donald Gerig*, Yoder, Indiana
Gaylord Williams, Anahola, Kauai, Hawaii
Forest Yoder, Woodburn, Indiana

* With Honor
# With High Honor

Dr. Gerig awards certificate to Dr. Ray Hein at honors convocation.

6 Elected to Delta Epsilon Chi (Cont'd)

Alumni honorary membership was awarded to the Rev. Tillman Habberger, president of the Missionary Church Association, and Dr. Ray P. Hein, general director of the Conservative Baptist Association of Michigan.

Students voted to membership are Donald Gerig, James Clusser, Norma Brandenburg, and Daryl Platt.

Rev. Habberger graduated in 1929. He has also studied at Detroit Institute of Technology, Baldwin-Wallace College and at Cleveland Bible College where he earned the Bachelor of Theology degree in 1946. He took post graduate work at Pacific Bible College.

Rev. Habberger devoted 22 years to the pastorate, was chosen M.C.A. Western District Superintendent in 1952, home secretary in 1956 and president in 1958.

Dr. Ray Hein graduated in 1940, studied at Northern Baptist Seminary, at Bradley University and at the University of Detroit.

In 1958 the Baptist Bible College of Denver, Colorado bestowed the Doctor of Divinity degree on him for his distinguished service in the Conservative Baptist Association of Michigan.

A pastor for nearly 12 years, Dr. Hein became general director of the Conservative Baptist Association of Michigan in 1952.

Under his leadership the number of affiliated churches has grown from 28 to 104.

Churches Put B.C. on Budget

Nine churches have placed Fort Wayne Bible College on their current budgets for a total of about $3,000 a year. The First Missionary Church of Fort Wayne has assumed a larger project, underwriting the salary for the missions chair.

Other churches are considering placing the Bible college on their annual budget in order to provide a stable subsidy for the college. This form of giving is very much appreciated by the college, and will be a vital factor in efforts to achieve regional accreditation by the North Central Association.
The Rev. Walter Lugibihl, 78, former professor and business manager at F.W.B.C. and minister in the Missionary Church Association for 55 years, went to be with the Lord on May 31, 1962.

A son of Rev. Ben P. Lugibihl, one of the founders of the M.C.A. and of F.W.B.C., Rev. Lugibihl received his training for the ministry at Bluffton Bible School and at Fort Wayne Bible Training School. He also studied at Taylor University and at Bradley University.

He served as business manager at the college in 1917 and was on the faculty from 1924 to 1926.

His longest pastoral ministry was at Mount Olive Missionary Church, Peoria, Illinois, where he served for 19 years. There God gave him a fruitful ministry with Sunday school attendance passing the 500 mark.

When his son Robert died in Peoria, Rev. Lugibihl was led to pray that God would give him a special burden and ministry in helping other people's sons enter the ministry. As a result of this passion, there are about 40 people in the gospel ministry today.

Rev. Lugibihl served on the General and Foreign Missions Boards of the M.C.A. and on the Governing Board of F.W.B.C. He served as vice president of the M.C.A. for 10 years.

As M.C.A. Historian he co-authored the book entitled The Historical Origin and Development of the Missionary Church Association.

Surviving him are his wife, the former Rachel Hirschy; a daughter, Mrs. J. Gaylord Lehman, whose husband is pastor of Royal Oak Missionary Church; a sister, Mrs. Rhoda Hinkey, a retired missionary to China; and three grandchildren.

We thank God for the long and useful life of our brother Walter Lugibihl which has left its mark on the Kingdom of God and on the world-wide work of the M.C.A.

Christians are Aware of Higher Education Needs

Increased interest among Christian friends of Fort Wayne Bible College is noted in a report of giving to the college in 1961. A total of $120,378 was given through various campaigns and memorials.

Alumni giving noted an astonishing growth, up 61 per cent over 1960, with a total of $10,050 donated to Living Endowment and the South Campus Development drives.

Alumni have become enthused about the South Campus Development program, and have doubled their giving for this purpose, while maintaining their giving to the Living Endowment program to help the college meet current expenses.

A fact of significance is the comparatively large gifts given by missionary alumni.

Staff members of the college have given a vote of confidence by their faithfulness. In all, 82 per cent of the staff members contributed an average gift of $113.88 to the college. The total amount given in 1961 by staff members was $5,694 by 50 people.

For this vote of confidence by our Christian friends, our loyal alumni, our dedicated faculty and staff, and our faithful missionaries the college gives heartfelt thanks.

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