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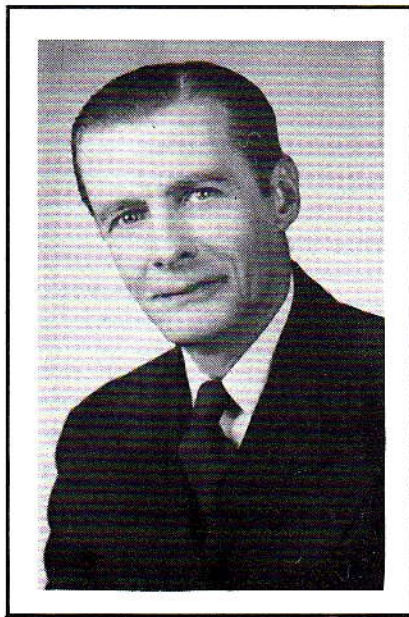
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Prof. Oliver E. Steiner

Oliver E. Steiner, director of the School of Music of Fort Wayne Bible College, passed away about 7:00 a.m. on March 8, 1955, at his home in Fort Wayne. He had been convalescing since August of last year when he suffered a heart attack while spending the summer in Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Steiner joined the faculty here in 1944. He was director of the A Cappella Choir, and traveled widely on annual concert tours with the group. He was an instructor in voice, music theory, and instruments.

He was well-known in the Fort Wayne area for his outstanding work as conductor of the "Messiah" performances at the college during the Christmas season each year. His last appearance in this capacity was on December 13, 1953, and it was the eighteenth time he conducted the oratorio during his career. On that occasion, the music critic of a local newspaper attended. In his review,



he said of Mr. Steiner: "One could see that his leadership was both exacting and inspiring. It sprang from exceptional ability and reflected deep-felt devotion to the musical and the spiritual message of the great masterpiece. There were no frills

in Mr. Steiner's conducting. . . . To him, Handel's 'Messiah,' with its sublime and imperishable beauty, was all-important at the concert—not the man on the podium."

During his ten years with the college, hundreds of students were influenced by his radiant Christian testimony, his consecrated devotion to his God-given ministry, and his keen interest in their spiritual welfare. He likewise occupied an important place in

the hearts of his associates, neighbors, and many friends.

We shall continue to pray that God will sustain and bless his wife Marguerite and two daughters, Barbara and Carol.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



Reflections

Now that the Anniversary Week is past, there is time for a few reflections. It was a memorable event that exceeded expectations in terms of interest and attendance as well as in the number of warm, sincere congratulatory messages received.

But the event was deeply significant. There was a gracious sense of God's presence and blessing throughout. It seemed that God in His graciousness was smiling on those who assembled to join in thanksgiving for all of the blessings of the past. We believe the Lord was pleased when we honored the "faith of our fathers."

One of the little foreseen blessings was the spiritual enrichment that came to all—students and staff—by the presence of a number from the student body of 50 years ago who returned to their Alma Mater for the celebration. They were made a genuine blessing to all of us, and their living example of fidelity and devoted service will long linger as a benediction and a challenge.

The college was honored to have 21 of the 49 living members of the first student body present on "Heritage Day." They came from near and far—Kansas and California, for example. Some who hadn't visited the college for many years came with some understandable questions: Would things be so different that they would be unrecognizable? Would a person 50 years older than the students of 1955 find himself out of gear with the present generation? Is the school still spiritual?

They did find many physical changes. Remarks were also heard about the curricular changes that provide more extensive training. But how about the spiritual character and emphasis of the earlier years? Is that being maintained? We shall let this remark made by several students of 1905 answer that question: "It is just like it used to be." They had spent several days of warm fellowship on the campus. They were present on the day of prayer and were themselves refreshed by the Spirit's working in many lives.

Two servants of God were used to highlight the Anniversary Week with messages that were outstanding for their timeliness, spiritual fervor, and their ringing clarity of the truth as it is in Christ. They were Rev. Jared F. Gerig, President of The Missionary Church Association, and Dr. Thomas Moseley, President of the Missionary Training Institute of Nyack, N. Y.

Appreciations for our heritage were deepened, the fellowship that binds the whole Bible College family together was strengthened, the horizons for the future were extended. We give thanks to Him who alone is worthy of praise for the abundance of grace.

Civic Leaders, Educators Honor College during Anniversary Week

The events of Anniversary Week, held with happy festivity and with the evidence of growth of the college. Several hundred guests, who a week, heard civic officials, church leaders, an

1—Dr. Thomas Moseley, president of the Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, N. Y., was principal speaker on Recognition Day when college officials were present.

2—Dr. Witmer received a citation and gift of appreciation from the college faculty and staff on Our Heritage Day.

3—H. N. Clauss, president of the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, spoke, along with other civic leaders including the mayor, on Fort Wayne Day.

4—Edward Thoms, general manager of WKJG Radio and Television, received a public service citation presented by Dr. Witmer on behalf of the college.



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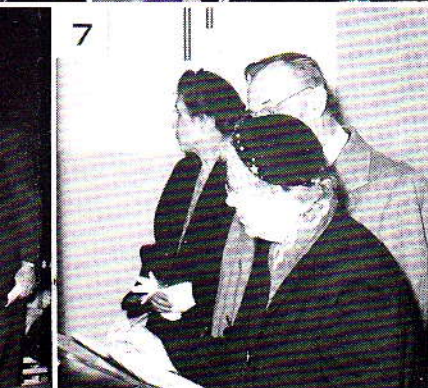
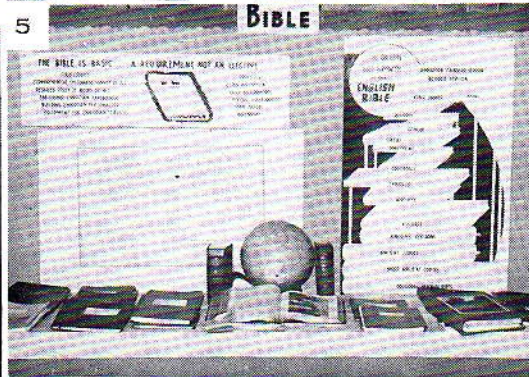
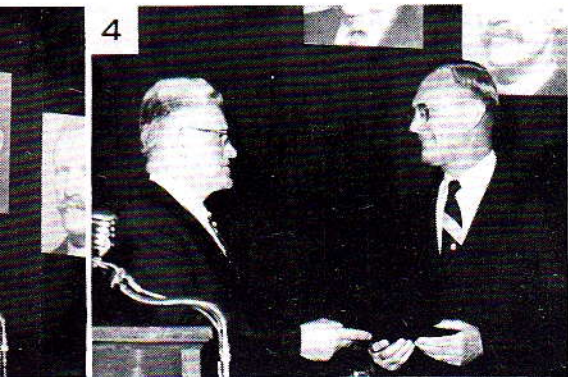
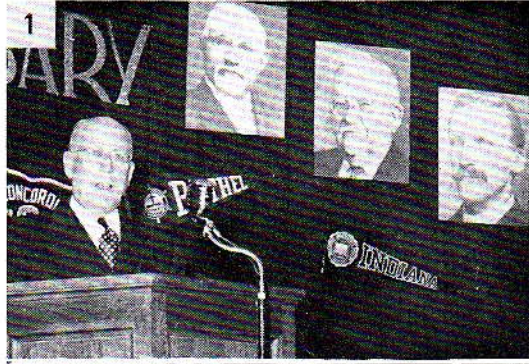
held February 22 to 25, were marked with an air of God's blessing on the fifty-year growth of no attended the open house and programs of the s, and educators pay tribute to the college.

5—Various departments of the college prepared attractive exhibits.

6—Harlan Wright, president of the Alumni Association, presented first students of the year 1905 with citations. Rev. P. L. Eicher receives his.

7—Visitors at open house signed the guest book.

8—Dr. Witmer cut the anniversary cake at open house. With him are Rev. S. P. O'Reilly, representing churches; Edward Thoms, general manager of WKJG; H. N. Clauss, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Paul L. Gick, city councilman; A. T. Lindley, superintendent of schools; and Lloyd Roth, dean of education of the college.



Week Of Missions March 22 To 25 To Be Fifth In Anniversary Series

Dr. David Johnson, Dr. Eugene Nida Speakers

A Week of Missions, the fifth in the series of Anniversary events during the college's Jubilee year, is scheduled for March 22 to 25.

Two outstanding missions authorities will be featured during the week. They are Dr. David H. Johnson, general director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, Chicago, and Dr. Eugene A. Nida, secretary of the translations department of the American Bible Society, New York. Rev. O. Carl Brown, chairman of the college's department of missions, is general chairman for the week's program.

Dr. Johnson will speak in morning, afternoon, and evening programs on Tuesday and Wednesday. Among his topics will be "What Constitutes a Call to Missions", "Strategic Open Doors", and "Challenge of the Unfinished Task."

On Thursday and Friday, Dr. Nida will discuss linguistics and language learning, and missionary anthropology. All afternoon sessions will be of a workshop nature. A missionary rally with Dr. Nida in charge will conclude the series on Friday evening. Films will also be shown.

Mission Week Speakers



Johnson



Nida

*Pray for the growth
of the building fund.*

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF MISSIONS—March 22 to 25, 1955

TUESDAY, MARCH 22—Speaker: Dr. David H. Johnson

- 9:40 a.m.—"Missionary Burden for a Lost World"
- 2:00 p.m.—"What Constitutes a Call to Missions"
- 8:00 p.m.—Missionary appeal: "Strategic Open Doors"
Film

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23—Speaker: Dr. Johnson

- 9:40 a.m.—"The Missionary and His Spiritual Life"
- 2:00 p.m.—"What Candidates Should Know before Getting to the Field"
- 8:00 p.m.—Missionary appeal: "Challenge of the Unfinished Task"
Film

THURSDAY, MARCH 24—Speaker: Dr. Eugene A. Nida

- 9:40 a.m.—"Linguistics and Language Learning"
- 2:00 p.m.—"Translation Problems"
- 8:00 p.m.—Missionary Appeal: "Challenge of Translation and Literacy Work"
Film: "O For a Thousand Tongues"

FRIDAY, MARCH 25—Speaker: Dr. Nida

- 9:40 a.m.—"Missionary Anthropology"
- 2:00 p.m.—"Missionary Principles and Methods"
- 8:00 p.m.—Final missionary rally

Building Fund Drive Launched in Berne Area

The first fund-raising campaign outside of Fort Wayne for the anniversary building project was launched in the Berne-Decatur, Indiana, area at a kick-off dinner in the Marine Room of the Civic Auditorium in Berne on February 15. The meeting was attended by approximately 30 church laymen of the area who are now serving on campaign teams.

H. M. Curdy, recently appointed director of building promotion, presided as master of ceremonies. Others who spoke were Dr. S. A. Witmer, president of the college; Maurice Rupp, secretary of the Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company and secretary of the Governing Board of the college; and C. T. Michaud, president of the Berne Furniture Company and a member of the college building committee.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR TOUR

April 7 to 17

Betty Stanley, director

- Thursday, April 7—Edon, Ohio—
Berlin Christian Union Church
- Friday, April 8—Wauseon, Ohio—
Wauseon Community Hall
- Saturday, April 9—Centerline, Mich.—
First Baptist Church
- Sunday A.M., April 10—Detroit, Mich.—
Eastlawn Missionary Church
- Sunday P.M., April 10—Detroit, Mich.—
Zoller Tabernacle
- Monday, April 11—Flint, Mich.—
First Missionary Church
- Tuesday, April 12—Jackson, Mich.—
North Street Bible Church
- Wednesday, April 13—Plainwell, Mich.—
First Baptist Church
- Thursday, April 14—Grand Rapids, Mich.—
Calvary Independent Church
- Friday, April 15—Elkhart, Ind.—
Zion United Missionary Church
- Saturday, April 16—Chicago, Ill.—
Humboldt Park Gospel Tabernacle
- Sunday A.M., April 17—Chicago, Ill.—
Marquette Manor Baptist Church
- Sunday P.M., April 17—Chicago, Ill.—
Humboldt Park Gospel Tabernacle

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