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Construction of New Library to Begin July 1, 1957

Committee To Break Ground on First of Two Buildings; King Named to Post

With an eye to action, the building committee of the college voted recently to begin construction by July 1, 1957, on the first of two buildings in the $750,000 development project on the college’s south campus. Ground will be broken first for the $225,000 library, with construction of the $500,000 administrative-educational unit to follow as soon as possible.

In an earlier meeting, the committee appointed Walter E. King, formerly of Lincoln, Nebr., to be assistant to the president in development and to complete the promotion of fund raising for the project. Rev. King began his duties on July 1.

At present $125,000 is pledged for the library. An additional $25,000 has been designated as memorial gifts for the library will be raised by next July. Fund raising for the classroom building will continue while the library is under construction.

Accreditation Goal Cited

It was decided to build the library first because of the availability of designated gifts, its critical need, and in order to complete requirements for regional accreditation as early as possible. Expanded library facilities are essential to gain membership in the North Central Association, thereby completing the college’s full accreditation program. The college presently holds accreditation with the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, with the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction, and its credits are validated by Indiana University.

King Well Qualified

Mr. King assumes his post with a background of church and public relations activities. He is a graduate of Nyack Missionary College and the Winona Lake School of Theology. He has taken additional work (Continued on Page 2)

Youth Conference Names Bixler Team For October 19 to 21

Mr. and Mrs. Clair S. Bixler, Pittsburgh, Pa., will be the principal speakers for the 17th annual Youth Conference of the college to be held on the campus October 19 to 21.

According to Bill Curry, senior of Greenville, S. C., and conference chairman, this year’s theme will be “Victory in Conflict.”

Rev. Bixler, who is pastor of the East Side Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Pittsburgh, will give the principal addresses of the conference. Mrs. Bixler, vocalist and pianist, will be the featured musician. She is well-known as the composer of the gospel song “The Breaking of the Bread.” Both are graduates of Nyack Missionary College and are active in youth conference and Youth for Christ activities.

Guests attending the conference will register Friday afternoon and evening, with the first program scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday’s schedule will be filled with varied programs and activities. The conference will close with an afternoon session on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Other members of the steering committee are Betty Linkous, co-chairman; Pat Witt, secretary; Esther Kemmerer, music chairman; Bill Koenlein, business manager; and Les Meisenheimer, treasurer. Faculty advisors are Betty Stanley and W. Morrow Cook.

Young people planning to attend the conference are urged to send a card of reservation addressed to the Youth Conference committee. Meals and lodging will be provided at reasonable rates.

Enrollment Tops Record; Dorms Bulge at Seams

The fall semester of the college opened on Monday, September 10, with a series of orientation activities for new students. During the week 120 new students enrolled and the total registration was 353. Fifteen are transfers from other colleges.

This is the largest first semester enrollment in the history of the college, and exceeds the average year enrollment of 342 for the past eleven post-war years. Last year’s first semester registration was 327, and the total for the year was 358.

A new crisis in dormitory space is being experienced this year, with every possible sleeping room on the campus being used for student quarters. More rooms in homes near the college are also being used than in former years.

Foreign students in the new class come from Seoul, Korea; Taiwan, Free China; Germany; Jamaica; and Cyprus. Representatives of missionary families come from China, India, Africa and the Philippines, Hawaii and Canada are also included, and the farthest state is California.

What Does FWBC Offer? . . . See Page 3
A home has its memorable moments packed with significance—when a little bundle of life comes into being! When that precious child starts school! When all too soon a young adult leaves home!

A church too has its never-to-be-forgotten moments—when revival comes as a spring rain, when transformed lives follow the Lord in baptism, when kiddies put on their Christmas program...

But neither excels a Bible college for memorable events. Just a little while ago, fifty some young men and women—mature and stately in their caps and gowns—stood in regular rows to receive their final charge: Keep growing! Keep glowing! Keep going! Then the moving recessional. Then congratulations from parents and friends. Then off to take their places in the ranks of alumni serving Christ in many parts of the world.

Now another event has just taken place here on the campus that matches commencement in emotion and significance—the coming of freshmen to begin their preparation for life’s services. And they have come from "all over"—India, China, Korea, Cyprus, Germany, Hawaii, Canada, and many states of the U.S.A.

Naturally there are mingled emotions among so many youth in the initial problems of adjustment. Some frustration and homesickness are inevitable. But in an element of Christian fellowship and with the thoughtful guidance of deans and Student Council, adjustments are made, studies are begun, and the first lines of a momentous chapter have been written.

The concern of faculty and staff is that each student will make the most of the challenging opportunities before him—to develop latent talents, to mature in Christlikeness, to grow in knowledge, to acquire skills for service.

The potential of these promising youth has implications that stretch on into infinity. They are being educated with "eternity's values in view." World need has never been greater. The demand for qualified workmen is unprecedented. The Christ of the Ages beckons "Follow me."

In the years just ahead the dynamic growth of population in this country and throughout the world presents a tremendous challenge of gospel witness to the Church of Christ. The Christian youth who are now entering Christian colleges as freshmen must not fail in securing the best possible preparation.

To all of us comes an obligation of dedication to give them that kind of preparation.

Membership Tea Opens First Season of FWBC Auxiliary

Activities for the first full season for the Fort Wayne Bible College Auxiliary began with a membership tea in Founder's lounge on the campus on Tuesday, September 25. Women of the greater Fort Wayne area interested in the work of the college were invited to attend, and the membership roll was drawn up. Committee chairmen explained the functions of the auxiliary for the year. Mrs. George Meyers, prayer chairman, organized a prayer mother plan whereby each woman prays for an individual student throughout the year. Mrs. Howard Dunlap, projects chairman, explained the functions of the pantry shelf to be used for married students and a clothing center for children of married students. Canned and staple foods were brought to the meeting. The program was under the supervision of Mrs. Ezra Steiner, membership chairman, and refreshments were served under the leadership of Mrs. Cyril Eicher, hospitality chairman.

Dr. S. A. Witmer spoke briefly and special music was provided by students. Mrs. Richard Gerig is publicity chairman.

The next general meeting of the auxiliary will be held in the spring. Projects will continue throughout the year under the direction of the committees. Officers of the organization are Mrs. Clifford Grabill, president; Mrs. Don Kenyon, vice president; Mrs. Lloyd Rediger, secretary; Mrs. James Mills, treasurer; and Mrs. S. A. Witmer and Miss Ruth Sondregger, board members.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

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in the fields of theology, visual education, journalism, and educational administration at Wheaton College, Bethany Biblical Seminary, and the University of Kentucky. He has held pastorates in Scranton, Pa., Dover, N. J., Rochester, N. Y., and Chicago, with his most recent being the Central Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Lincoln. For over three years he was director of publicity and public relations at Asbury Theological Seminary as well as instructor in church advertising, religious journalism, and audio-visual education.

In the near future he will present the building program in several eastern states and the Chicago and
Teacher Training Newest of FWBC Courses; Summary of Major Areas, Degrees Listed

Teacher training is the newest of the courses now being offered by Fort Wayne Bible College at the start of its 52nd year of training young people for various forms of Christian service. The growing need for Christian school teachers in public schools, church-related day schools, and schools in foreign missionary areas has prompted the addition of the teacher training program. The college has achieved its accreditation from the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction, which means that the teacher training program is terminal—further basic training is not necessary.

Bible-core curriculum defined

It is again emphasized that Bible is a requirement in all courses of the college. A minimum of thirty hours in Bible and Biblical theology is required—approximately one-fourth of the student's college program. All other courses in general education and specialized study are related to the Bible. These factors give Bible college education a distinctive quality for properly preparing young people for their life's work.

Summary of FWBC curriculum

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<td>Ministry of church music or private music teaching</td>
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<td>Teaching music in public or Christian day schools—elementary or high school level</td>
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Three-year diploma courses also are offered in Bible and in Bible-music.

Detroit areas. He expects to travel in the south after the first of the year. He is presenting the development program to a number of philanthropic foundations of corporations.

Dr. S. A. Witmer, president, is chairman of the college building committee, composed of sixteen churchmen, laymen, and college officials. Other members of the executive committee are Dr. Herbert Byrne, secretary, Rev. Jared F. Gerig, Carl D. Light, and James Beltz.

S. A. Lehman Retires As College Treasurer; Chase Board Chairman

Two major changes in the organization of the Governing Board of the college were effected at the board's semi-annual meeting at the college on September 11.

S. A. Lehman, president of National Mill Supply Company in Fort Wayne, retired from the post of college treasurer after eighteen years in that capacity. He concluded thirty-three consecutive years as a trustee, serving as chairman of two building committees during that time. In recognition of his valued counsel and leadership, the board named him lifetime honorary treasurer of the college. A new treasurer will soon be named.

J. Francis Chase, professional advertising designer of Chicago, was elected chairman of the board. Mr. Chase has served as a trustee for the past nineteen years. He succeeds Shirl Hatfield, retired banker of Pandora, Ohio, who with eighteen years of service will continue on the Governing Board. Maurice Rupp, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company, was re-elected secretary of the board.

Dr. Myron F. Boyd Gives Spiritual Emphasis Talks

Dr. Myron F. Boyd, director and speaker of the Free Methodist "Light and Life Hour," Winona Lake, Indiana, was the speaker for spiritual emphasis week at the college September 18 to 21. He spoke at special chapel programs and evening meetings throughout the week.

Edith Ehlke Gets Degree

Edith Ehlke, librarian of the college, completed graduate study at the University of Michigan during the summer. She was awarded the Master of Arts degree in library science.
Around the campus . . .

faculty reflections

God blesses King’s Crusaders’ ministry . . .

By Richard E. Gerig
Director of Promotion

During the past summer, it was my privilege to participate in a six-week deputation tour representing Fort Wayne Bible College. Three other members were in the group, which we called “King’s Crusaders”—Ira Gerig, assistant professor of piano, and Douglas and Mayme Hodges, seniors. We participated in about sixty programs, traveling some 5,000 miles through Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa.

The experience was spiritually enriching to us and to our friends in the churches, and at the same time was significantly valuable in presenting the growing program of our college. God’s blessing was abundant throughout the tour.

With a program of music and personal testimony, we appealed to young people to commit themselves to God for a life of service. Throughout the weeks, we saw young people indicate their desire to serve God. Some accepted Christ as Savior. Older friends were challenged to back up their young people in fulfilling the great commission of Christ.

The response to the college program was consistently enthusiastic. Pastors were cordial and appreciative; parents desired to see their children at FWBC; and young people asked a host of questions about the college. It was evident that God is leading in the growth of our training program.

Moreover, the tour did something for the team—and for me. I am aware, as never before, that God has a tremendous ministry for our college. This is God’s place; His Word is central in our curriculum. These young people who are on their way to Fort Wayne Bible College, and those who are here now, must know the meaning of education that is fundamentally spiritual and Bible-centered, and at the same time provides skills for today’s opportunities in worldwide service. Pray for us—that God will continue to bless the growth of our college.

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Additional Appointments To Staff Announced

New staff appointments for the school year were announced recently by Dr. S. A. Witmer, president.

Haskle Bunch is appointed superintendent of buildings and grounds to succeed Kenneth Hutchens who resigned to continue pastoral activities. Mr. Bunch was previously maintenance carpenter for Essex Wire Corporation in Fort Wayne.

Ruth Witmer, R.N., is named college nurse and assistant to the dean of women. Miss Witmer, daughter of Dr. Witmer, is a graduate of Wheaton College and was formerly a night supervisor at the Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Walter E. King has been appointed secretary in the promotion office, and Miss Thora Mae Fuller, secretary in the office of Founder’s Memorial.

Dr. Robert Lohman, Fort Wayne physician and chairman of the city Board of Health, has been named college physician.

Rev. C. W. Slemming To Give Lecture Series

Rev. C. W. Slemming, noted Bible teacher of Stockwell, London, England, will present a series of special Bible exposition lectures at the college October 8 to 12.

Morning sessions will be held at 9:40 a.m. in the college chapel, and evening sessions will be conducted at the First Missionary Church.

String Instruments Urgently Needed!

Again the School of Music is in urgent need of used string instruments in acceptable playing condition. Friends having violins, violas, cellos, or string basses which can be donated are urged to write to the college immediately. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Address Lansing W. Bulgin, director of the School of Music of the college.