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1954 YOUTH CONFERENCE NAMES HUBERT MITCHELL SPEAKER OCT. 15-17

Rev. Hubert Mitchell, Foreign Secretary of Youth for Christ International, will be the featured speaker for the fifteenth annual Youth Conference of Fort Wayne Bible College October 15 to 17. Mr. Mitchell is well-known for his stirring missionary messages he frequently gives at Youth for Christ rallies and conventions.

According to the Youth Conference committee, the theme for this year's sessions will be "Heralding the King". The conference will begin on Friday evening, continue all day Saturday, and will conclude with the Sunday afternoon session.

The conference chairman is Bob Wagler, senior student from Peoria, Illinois. Other committee members are Ruth Inniger, co-chairman; Ruth



Rev. Hubert Mitchell

Huntington, secretary; Noel Grabill, business manager; George Nantz, treasurer; and Darrell Gerig, music. Song leader will be Jack McManus, and the faculty advisors are Mr. Morrow Cook and Mr. O. Carl Brown.

Mr. Mitchell will address all major sessions. He served six years as a missionary to Sumatra before the last war. During the war he directed the Victory Service Club for servicemen in Los Angeles and later founded Los Angeles Youth for Christ. Late in 1946 he returned to India and Ceylon where he directed YFC activities for five years. He is now located at the YFC headquarters in Wheaton, Illinois.

Those expecting to attend the conference should write for room reservations as soon as possible. Address Youth Conference Committee, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

New Student Enrollment Up

About 125 new students enrolled at the college this fall during registration, which was held on September 15 and 16. This number is an increase of about thirty-five over last fall's new student enrollment.

According to the registrar's office, it is expected that the total enrollment for the 1954-55 school year will reach about 375. This will include all full-time students in both semesters, plus evening and part-time students. This number approximates the college's previous peak enrollment, when a total of 380 enrolled in 1952-53.

College Acquires Attractive Property

The fine spacious home located at 902 W. Rudisill Boulevard, on the corner of Indiana Avenue just across the street from the west end of the campus, has been acquired by the college. The Governing Board authorized its purchase in its meeting last March, but negotiations by the Executive Committee did not materialize until August 14, when action was taken to acquire the site.

The plot of ground has a frontage of 90 feet on Rudisill Blvd., and 273 feet on Indiana Ave. The home is a large, brick structure in attractive English style of architecture with approximately 7500 square feet of floor space on its three floors and basement. It was originally built by Colonel David Foster — a Fort Wayne pioneer. The property is in excellent condition and was acquired at a reasonable price.

Action was also taken by the trustees to sell some of the several homes owned by the college and situated some distance from the campus and thus to consolidate its holdings at the campus. The home is being used as a girls dormitory, with an apartment for a married couple on the first floor.



Pictured above is the new home recently acquired by the college at the northwest corner of Rudisill Blvd. and Indiana Ave.



It takes FAITH to live in the atomic age.

FAITH in the enduring reality of the unseen realm of the kingdom of God. The writer of the Hebrews defines faith as a conviction of things not seen. In the words of the Apostle Paul, "the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Protons, neutrons and electrons belong to the passing order of space and time. But the Christian's faith is in the "kingdom which cannot be moved." One of these days there will be a cosmic convulsion of far greater dimensions than an atomic war, and God, according to Haggai, will shake not only the earth, but heaven. The temporal will be removed, while "those things which are not shaken may remain." Those who now belong to the eternal, invisible kingdom of God through vital faith will remain with it.

It also takes FAITH in a transcendent Christ. Faith in only the Jesus of history is not enough in any age, particularly in the atomic age. But the Christ of our faith is so big that His Person is not conditioned upon the created order. He was before it was, for He made it. The majestic utterance of Psalm 102 refers to Christ: "Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands." And so Christ's essential being is not dependent on the present order. It could blow up completely, but His Person would be unaffected: "They shall perish; but thou remainest . . . they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

It also takes FAITH in the overruling providence of God. One writer in attempting to point up the significance of Hiroshima said that there one era ended and another began. The atomic age was ushered in leaving man's finger on the control of eternity. Perhaps we are tempted to think at times that irresponsible men may some time unleash the frightful power that can wipe out the race, but let us remember that God has never surrendered the ultimate control of destiny to man. He will write the final period to history.

It also takes a robust FAITH in the power of the gospel to save from all sin. Like every age as the stage of decadence approaches judgment, this is a period of moral filth. Even a lot of professing Christians have no faith in holiness. They are acclimatized to the presence of sin in their lives and know nothing of the power of the blood that can cleanse from all sin.

May God give us FAITH to live worthily and victoriously in the atomic age.

New Motion Picture Shows 50-Year Story of Bible College

The vivid 50-year story of Fort Wayne Bible College was just completed recently in motion picture form in preparation for the Golden Anniversary year of the college. Produced in sound and color, the film is entitled "A Vine of God's Own Planting". It was first shown to the General Conference of the Missionary Church Association early in August. It will be shown again during the Anniversary Week in February, and in Missionary churches throughout the year.

The title likens the college to a growing vine and is a phrase which was used frequently by Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, one of the founders and for many years president of the school. Dr. S. A. Witmer narrates the story from a scrapbook of interesting and unique college mementoes and pictures. He also shows the viewer motion pictures taken during early days of the college. The need for the 50th Anniversary building program is set forth, together with architect's drawings of the new buildings and proposed plan for the south campus area.

The film is about 40 minutes in length and was photographed and produced by Elmer Neuenschwander and Richard Gerig during the past summer. It was the last major project accomplished for the college by Mr. Neuenschwander, formerly Dean of Students, before his fatal injury on August 18.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

POSITIONS OPEN:

Pastoral Candidates for churches in Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

POSITIONS WANTED:

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Anniversary Calendar

Christian Education— November 9-12

Dr. Milo Rediger
Taylor University
Dr. Harold Mason
Asbury Seminary
Dr. Byron L. Osborne
Cleveland Bible College

Christian Minis ry— January 11-14

Dr. Paul Rees Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. Joseph Kimball South Bend, Ind. Dr. W. C. Mavis Asbury Seminary

Anniversary Week— February 22-25

Rev. Jared F. Gerig Missionary Church Assn. Dr. Thomas Moseley Nyack Missionary Training Institute Civil officials

Missions-

March 22-25

Dr. David H. Johnson Evangelical Alliance Mission Dr. Eugene Nida American Bible Society Missionary rally

Music and Radio— April 28-May 1

Dr. Olaf Christiansen
St. Olaf College
Mr. Don Hustad
Moody Bible Institute
Mr. Edward Cording
Wheaton College
Rev. Wendell Loveless
Wheaton, Illinois

"Sunrise Chapel" Back on WKJG October 4

Program Added To Africa Station

"Sunrise Chapel", morning music-devotional broadcast of the college, returns to live production in Fort Wayne on WKJG, 1380 kc, on Monday, October 4, at 7:30 a.m. It will be aired five days weekly. A student ensemble will provide hymns, and the meditations will be given by Dr. S. A. Witmer, president of the college.

The newest radio station to be added to those who rebroadcast the program once weekly is ELWA, operated by the Sudan Interior Mission in Liberia, Africa. The program will be heard there, where English is a predominant language, each Tuesday morning. The total number of stations now using the program is twenty-eight.

Attractive New Sign Greets Passing Public



An attractive new sign, gift of the class of 1954, was erected during the summer on the front lawn of Bethany Hall. It faces traffic approaching from both directions on Rudisill Boulevard.

Mounted above a brick base, the sign is deep blue with raised letters in gold leaf. Shrubbery landscapes the base of the sign.

Christian Life Magazine Commends "Bridgebuilders"

A recent issue of Christian Life magazine commends "Bridge-builders", motion picture production of Fort Wayne Bible College, for its effectiveness in showing the value of Bible College education.

The article, written by Harry Bristow, the magazine's film reviewer, states, "An appealing and genuinely challenging story is found in the film, 'Bridgebuilders' . . . The message of the film emphasizes the missionaries as builders of bridges to span both the physical and spiritual needs of those without Christ. The value of Bible college training is very clearly sustained throughout the film. Youth and missionary organizations will find the film of great value."

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Alumni Notes

Personnel . . .

John Mark Hill ('52) sailed for Venezuela, South Africa, where he will be working under World Evangelization Crusade.

Gordon W. Hirschy ('53) was married to Margaret I. Walker of Yakima, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Hirschy will be working with Wycliffe Translators.

In the Cradle . . .

A boy, Philip Bruce, to Rev. ('45) and Mrs. Vernon Petersen on July 15.

ALUMNI:

We need news about yourself and your activities. Send it along! Address all information to Miss Ruth Zollner, Secretary, Alumni Association, in care of the college.

Please Pray

- 1. For the continued and complete recovery of Prof. Oliver Steiner, who is recuperating from a heart attack.
- 2. For Rev. Loyal Bartell, class of 1925, who is still behind the "bamboo curtain" in Red China.
 - 3. For all alumni in Christian service at home and abroad.
 - 4. For the 1954 Youth Conference, October 15-17.
- 5. For the annual meeting of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges in Chicago, October 27-29.
 - 6. For God's blessing on all of the 50th anniversary events.
 - 7. For the 50th anniversary building project.
- 8. For the radio ministry of Sunrise Chapel, resumed over WKJG October 4. Also for the financial needs of the radio ministry.
- 9. For a deep work of grace in all of our hearts during this anniversary year.

Young people . . .

Attend the 15th annual
YOUTH CONFERENCE
of Fort Wayne Bible College

October 15-17, 1954

Send your reservation now!

SEVERAL STAFF CHANGES MADE

Several changes have been made in the college staff personnel recently.

Miss Lois Stucky, a graduate of the 1954 senior class, has been appointed receptionist in Founders Memorial. Miss Ruth Harrold, a former student, is secretary in the Christian Service office and supervisor of the bookstore. Mrs. Roma Clark is now secretary to the deans.

Two local music instructors are giving part-time instruction in the School of Music. They are Madam Camille Robinette Cooper, prominent Fort Wayne voice teacher and formerly of the Chicago Musical College; and Mr. Frederick Jackisch, outstanding organist of the city who also has a master of music degree in organ and church music from Northwestern University.

Mr. Morrow Cook has been named dean of men in addition to his teaching duties, and, as previously announced, Mr. Timothy Warner is dean of students.

Meeting of Governing Board

The fall meeting of the Governing Board was held on September 22 with the following present: Mr. Shirl Hatfield, Mr. S. A. Lehman, Rev. J. F. Gerig, Rev. Ben Jennings, Rev. D. W. Donaghue, Dr. Clyde Taylor, Rev. J. Pritchard Amstutz, Mr. J. Francis Chase, Rev. Robert C. Strubhar, and two newly elected trustees, — Mr. Maurice Rupp and Mr. Clifford Grabill.

The Board had its annual reorganization, re-electing Mr. Shirl Hatfield, Chairman, and Mr. S. A. Lehman, Treasurer. Mr. Maurice Rupp, who is Executive Secretary of Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company, was elected Secretary. Besides the officers, Rev. J. F. Gerig and Mr. Clifferd Grabill were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

The Board also decided to name the newly acquired property at 902 W. Rudisill Blvd. after the late Rev. B. F. Leightner, who gave many years of service to the college. It is named Leightner Hall.

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