

**Prospects Bright for Opening of Fall Term;  
Week of Evangelism to Keynote Anniversary**

Anticipations of the 50th Anniversary observance, together with bright enrollment prospects, are setting the stage for one of the most outstanding years in the history of Fort Wayne Bible College.

Opening of the fall term is set for September 13. Orientation of the new students, registration, and class organization will take place the first week.

The Anniversary emphasis will get underway during the second week with a special series on Evangelism, September 21-25. This conference, similar in nature to five others which will be held during the year, will include daytime seminars and evening meetings. The week will demonstrate the significance of the college's active participation in evangelistic ministries. Daytime topics will include "The Evangelistic Responsibility of the Local Church", "Evangelism by City Missions", "Evangelism in the On-going Program of the Church" and "Evangelism Among Teen-Agers". These discussions will be led by Dr. Alan Redpath, Pastor of Chicago's Moody Memorial Church; Rev. Harry Saulnier, Superintendent of the Pacific Garden Mission; Dr. R. R. Brown, Pastor of the Omaha Gospel Tabernacle; and Rev. George Sheffer, Associate Director of Young Life Campaign. All will also speak in the evening services.

Pastors, Christian workers, and interested laymen are invited and urged to come to the campus to attend all the sessions during the week. Advance room reservations may be made with Mr. Arthur Dittmer, Business Manager of the college.

Other special weeks will be Christian Education, November 9-12; Christian ministry, January 11-14; Anniversary Week, February 22-

25; Missions, March 22-25; and Music and Radio, April 28-May 1.

**Enrollment Prospects Up**  
Along with returning students, an enlarged freshman class is expected for the Fall Term. As of this writing, new students approved and applications in process are well ahead of last year at this time. Young people desiring to enter the college this fall are urged to forward applications as soon as possible, as room reservations are rapidly filling.

**No July, August Issues of "Vision"**  
Publication of the "Vision" will be suspended during the summer months of July and August.

The September issue will carry much significant news about the 50th Anniversary observance of Fort Wayne Bible College, planned for the 1954-1955 school year.

Meanwhile, we trust our friends will have an enjoyable vacation season and will remember the ministry of the college in prayer.

**Has Your Address Changed?**  
Please help us keep our mailing list up to date. Notify us immediately when you have a change of address. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Youth Conference  
Names 1954 Speaker**

**Hubert Mitchell  
to Address Sessions**

Rev. Hubert Mitchell, Foreign Secretary of Youth for Christ, International, will be the principal speaker at the fifteenth annual Youth Conference of the college to be held October 15-17, it is announced by Bob Wagler, junior, Chairman of the Youth Conference Committee. The theme for the Conference will be "Heralding the King."

Mitchell was a missionary with the primitive tribesmen of Sumatra for six years before the war. During the war he returned to the States where he directed the Victory Service Club for servicemen in Los Angeles, and also founded the Los Angeles Youth for Christ rally. From 1946-1951 he was Youth for Christ Director in India and Ceylon. His office is now located in Wheaton, Illinois, where he directs the Youth for Christ overseas program.

Other members of the Youth Conference Committee are Ruth Ininger, co-chairman; Darrell Gerig, music chairman; Ruth Huntington, secretary; George Nantz, treasurer; and Noel Grabill, business manager. Jack McManus will be song leader. W. Morrow Cook and O. Carl Brown are faculty advisors.

**Second TV Production—  
College Presents  
"Church of the Air"**

The college produced one of the "Church of the Air" programs on WKJG-TV on Sunday, May 30, at 11:00-11:30 A.M. Rev. W. Morrow Cook, instructor in Bible, was speaker, and Rev. Elmer Neuen-schwander, Dean of Students, presided over the program.

Music was provided by a senior octet, directed by Ira Gerig, with Barbara Cate at the organ. The ensemble sang "The Beatitudes" by Evans, "America the Beautiful" for Memorial Day, and several hymns.

**Dr. Witmer Summer**  
Instructor at Winona Lake

Dr. S. A. Witmer, president of the college, will be one of the guest instructors for the first semester of the summer session of the Winona Lake School of Theology, June 17-July 3. He will teach courses in theology and cosmology.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



A view of world need in 1954 brings to the believer in the Great Commission the greatest challenge of all time. There is the need of Bible translation, but that does not constitute the greatest challenge. While the Bible has been translated into only half of the languages of the world, yet, according to Dr. Frank Laubach, 97 percent of the world's population can be reached through the languages in which it is now translated.

There is also the challenge of closed doors, for a third of the world's population is behind the iron curtain. Even behind closed doors, God has His witnesses. Only the lifting of the curtain will reveal its effectiveness.

The greatest fact to challenge us in 1954, particularly those who are leaving schools such as Fort Wayne Bible College as gospel witnesses to all the world, is the *dynamic increase* in population. The world's population has been growing at a phenomenal rate. According to *The New Standard Encyclopedia*, "the population of the world in 1814, as estimated by leading authorities, was 700,000,000." Now, 140 years later, it is three and one half times that number, or approximately two and a half billions.

Let us look at these figures this way: In the first part of the 19th century, the Protestant church began to be imbued with a sense of missionary responsibility. Now in 1954 there are native churches in most lands that once were entirely pagan. But evangelical Christians represent a very small fraction of the total population in mission fields. Their number has not kept pace with the tremendous growth in population. The pagan world is far larger than it was when William Carey began the modern era of missions.

But the most dynamic expansion of population is still ahead of us, according to a recent report issued by the UN. The population of the world is increasing each year by 30,000,000! By 1984—just 30 years from now—it is expected to be 4,000,000,000!

If the Lord tarries, these billions for whom Christ died, constitute an unparalleled missionary opportunity and responsibility.

What a challenge to the graduates of 1954!

What a challenge to Fort Wayne Bible College as it comes to its 50th anniversary year!

What a challenge to the church to step up its ministry for spiritual need as medical science has done for physical need!

What a challenge to tarry anew for the enduement of the Spirit of God to be made adequate for the great task!

## Prayer Requests

1. That each of the 52 graduates of 1954 may be divinely led into service.
2. For the several graduates who are leaving soon for foreign service.
3. For two members of the college staff who are leaving for missionary service in Sierra Leone, Africa — Mrs. David Zimmerman (nee Imogene Palmer) and Dean Timothy Warner.
4. For God's blessing on the 50th anniversary observance next school year.
5. For a divinely appointed group of new students.
6. For God's blessings on the building plans now being prepared.
7. For the material needs of the college.
8. For members of the staff and students engaged in summer work on the campus.
9. For the itinerary of the Crusaders' Quartet to the West Coast in June.
10. For the officers of the Alumni Association as they seek to serve the interests of alumni and their Alma Mater.

## CRUSADERS QUARTET ON WESTERN TOUR

The Crusaders Quartet of the college is now on a tour of western states, representing both Fort Wayne Bible College and the Youth Department of the Missionary Church Association. Members of the group, all of whom graduated in the 1954 class, are Leon Grig, first tenor, Tom Zehr, second tenor, Ed Widmark, baritone, and Joe Grabill, bass.

The concluding portion of their itinerary follows:

- June 19—Youth for Christ—Van Nuys, Cal.
- June 20 a.m.—Lynton Village Chapel—Lynwood, Cal.
- June 20 p.m.—Missionary Church—Van Nuys, Cal.
- June 21—Phil Kerr Musical—Pasadena, Cal.
- June 22—Christian & Missionary Alliance—San Diego, Cal.
- June 23—Laird Community Church—Pomona, Cal.
- June 24—Community Church—Santa Barbara, Cal.
- June 25—Missionary Church—Lomita, Cal.
- June 26—Youth for Christ—Phoenix, Ariz.
- June 27 a.m.—East Side Missionary Church—Phoenix, Ariz.
- June 27 p.m.—First Missionary Church—Phoenix, Ariz.
- June 28-30—MYF Camp—Flagstaff, Ariz.

## College Extends Outstanding Service To Churches Throughout This Area

The reports of the Christian Service Department at the close of the past school year indicate that Fort Wayne Bible College is providing an outstanding service to churches and other religious groups throughout this area. The Department, which is directed by Mr. Cyril Eicher, co-ordinates off-campus church activities of students.

Students who were active in Christian ministries include 23 in gospel teams; 24 in pastorates and assistant pastorates; 26 in child evangelism; 25 as Sunday School teachers; and about 30 in music and radio ministries. A statistical summary of their work is as follows:

Church services conducted .....	1,633
S. S. classes taught .....	1,504
Child Evangelism classes taught .....	568
Hospital calls .....	395
Testimonies given .....	4,526
Tracts distributed .....	33,797
Decisions for Christ .....	501

The Christian service ministry is of mutual benefit to the college and the church public of this area. Students receive practical training in these areas, and the churches are given valuable help in their programs. In addition, each year decisions for Christ are recorded and others receive definite spiritual help. Young people are directed in seeking God's will for their lives.

## Three Seniors Named To Honor Society

Three seniors of the 1954 graduating class were named to membership in Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society at the college's Commencement exercises held on Thursday, June 3. They are Joe Grabill, Grabill, Indiana; Mrs. Mary Birkey, Fort Wayne; and Lois Stucky, Warren, Indiana.

Delta Epsilon Chi is a new honor society formed this year by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges for senior students of member schools. To qualify, a senior must maintain a 2.5 grade average and exhibit the qualities of genuine Christian character and outstanding leadership ability. Not more than seven per cent of a graduating class can be elected. Fifty-two seniors made up this year's class.

The Commencement speaker was Dr. W. Roert Smith, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota. He presented an outstanding address on the topic "In Today's World—Christ". He analyzed conditions in all areas of society which are shap-

## Theta Beta Organizes

Theta Beta, new organization open to all girl students of the college, was organized shortly before the close of the past school year. The purpose of the group is to implement the college objectives of preparing students for Christian service by aiding in the social and cultural development of women students. Activities will center in programs of fine arts, travel and cultural and social pursuits.

Theta and Beta are the initials of the Greek term Thugateres Basileos, which means daughters of the King. Officers of Theta Beta recently elected for next year's activities are president, Kathleen Collins, Hamilton, Ohio; vice president, Donna Harvey, Brentwood, Maryland; secretary, Ardene Smith, Peoria, Illinois; and treasurer, Ann Nishihara, Kalou, Kauai, Hawaii.

ing today's world. Against this picture, he presented Christ as the only answer for saving men from impending doom on scientific horizons.

Rev. Timothy Warner, Dean of Men, a few days earlier gave the baccalaureate sermon, "The Spirit of Service."

## A Word of Sincere Thanks

As a place to live, the Bible College has many needs that only women with thoughtfulness and skill can provide. We are therefore deeply grateful to a number of women's groups who have contributed to the household needs of the college: (1) The Ladies' Mission Circle of the First Missionary Church of Fort Wayne for aprons and tea towels; (2) Misses Catherine and Eleanor Smeltzly for several pieces of antique furniture; (3) The women of the Auburn (Ind.) Missionary Church for a quantity of dish towels; (4) Mrs. Lavina Leightner and Miss Kate Steiner for curtains to Bethany Hall entrances; (5) The women of the Woodburn (Ind.) Missionary Church for a quantity of pot holders; (6) The women's organization of the Swanton (Ohio) Missionary Church for an additional gift of 25 tea towels and three ironing board covers; (7) The women's society of the Grabill (Ind.) Missionary Church for aprons and tea towels. To each and all, "Thank you very much."

For the sake of groups who wish to know of current needs, we take this opportunity of making known the need of new tablecloths for the dining hall. For details, please write to Mr. Arthur Ditmer, Business Manager.

### PATRONS COUNCIL

#### Box Score

(As of June 7, 1954)

Members .....	245
Pledged .....	21
Total .....	266

(New members since Jan. 1....65)

Write for Folder — JOIN NOW!

## Distinguished Alumna Passes

Miss Affie M. Smootz, class of 1909, passed away on Thursday, May 20, at her residence in Fort Wayne. She was a veteran missionary of forty years service to the Belgian Congo, working with the Missionary Church Association. She went to Africa in 1911 and returned in 1952. Her primary ministry was teaching in the Bible Institute at Kinkanzi, a training school for Congolese ministers.

Here and There . . .

## Alumni Notes

### Alumni Re-elect Wright President

Rev. J. Harlan Wright, Auburn, Indiana, was re-named president of the Fort Wayne Bible College Alumni Association at its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 2. Arnold Schmidt, Woodburn, Indiana, was re-elected treasurer. Rev. Vernon Peterson, vice president, and Miss Ruth Zollner, secretary, continued in office for another year.

### Personnel . . .

The Detroit area chapter of the Alumni Association had its Banquet on Saturday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eastlawn Missionary Church. There were more than thirty present. Harvey L. Mitchell spoke on the College, its Achievements, Ambitions, and Appeal. The new officers elected are: Rev. Ben Eicher, President; Rev. Glen Head, Vice-President; and Lois Burpee, Secretary.

Donna M. Cottrell, '51, writes that she has been working with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Western Pennsylvania since August of 1952. This past year she has supervised twenty-five Good News Clubs in Cambria County. More than 200 children have made decisions for Christ this year.

H. W. Roth writes from Cuckoo, Va., that he has fond memories of the years he spent in FWBC and they are as sweet incense to him. Mr. Roth graduated in the Class of 1917.

### In the Cradle . . .

A girl, Rebecca Ellen, to Mr., '50, and Mrs. Edwin Eby on November 24, 1953.

A boy, David, to Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Schmidt, '53, (nee Esther Imler) on May 7, 1954.

A boy, Roy Allen, to Rev., '43, and Mrs., '52, Ralph Ringenberg (nee Emily Figuly) on May 9, 1954.

A girl, Patricia Ann, to Mr., '34-36, and Mrs. Melvin R. Rieser on May 12, 1954.

A boy, Paul Dwight, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Howard, '48-50 (nee Edna Webber) on May 3, 1954.

A boy, Timothy Kent, to Rev., '44, and Mrs., '45, Elmer Neuenchwander (nee Eleanor Waltman) on June 6, 1954.

## PLACEMENT SERVICE

### POSITIONS OPEN

*Church office secretary*, in Fort Wayne church.

*Children's workers*, for summer Christian youth camp in Michigan July 12 to 17.

*Teacher*, for released time religious education classes in Indiana county schools.

*Workers*, for Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

*Housemother*, for work in church-related children's institution in Indiana.

*Recreation director*, for work with boys in above children's institution.

*Camp Workers*, for Y.M.C.A. summer camp in northern Indiana.

Address all inquiries to C. H. Eicher, Director of Placement, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana.

## "Bridgebuilders" Premieres Receive Enthusiastic Response

"Bridgebuilders", new motion picture production of the college, received enthusiastic response from viewers who attended its two national premieres during May. Nearly two thousand saw the Fort Wayne premiere on Monday, May 10. Nearly six hundred saw the West Coast showing in the Van Nuys Missionary Church in California. Viewers of the film followed the life story of Jake Schierling, graduate of the college, who is now a missionary in Sierra Leone, Africa. He is seen as a football star in his home state of California, in his spiritual crisis of dedication to God, and as a student at Fort Wayne Bible College.

The film is designed to show the value of Bible College education. As such, it is believed to be the first of this type.

It will be shown at the Youth for Christ Convention at Winona Lake, Indiana, on July 9.

## Instructor Directing Linguistics Project In South America

Rev. O. Carl Brown, Director of the Department of Missions of the college, left on June 8 for Esmeraldas, Ecuador, where he will devote the summer supervising the task of reducing the language of the Cayapa Indians to a written form, as a step in translating the Bible for the Cayapa tongue. He will locate in the town of Sapallo Grande where he will be assisted by Rev. Charles Glenn, missionary in that area.

The project is being sponsored by the Foreign Department of the Missionary Church Association. Rev. Brown will remain in Ecuador until the first of September, devoting his entire time on the language project. For several years he has made a special study of linguistics, including a summer term at the Wycliffe School of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

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