

**FIFTY-TWO SENIORS TO GRADUATE
JUNE 3; SPEAKERS, EVENTS LISTED**

Fifty-two seniors at Fort Wayne Bible College will receive degrees and diplomas at the Forty-sixth Annual Commencement exercises of the college on Thursday, June 3, at 10:30 A.M. in Founders Memorial Auditorium. Dr. W. Robert Smith, Professor of Philosophy at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, will be the speaker for the Commencement program.

Degrees to be conferred include twenty-three Bachelor of Arts in Bible, four Bachelor of Religious Education, three Bachelor of Sacred Music, two Bachelor of Theology, and two Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Fifteen will receive the Standard Bible Diploma, and two the Standard Bible-Music Diploma. One will graduate from the Academic Christian Workers Course.

Commencement week events will begin with the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 30, at 2:30 P.M. The speaker has not yet been named. The senior program will be given on Monday evening, May 31, and the Alumni Association Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2.

One of the outstanding events of the Commencement Week this year will be the performance of Mendelssohn's oratorio "St. Paul" on Tuesday evening, June 1, by the Oratorio Chorus of the School of Music. This is the first time this oratorio is being presented at the college, and it is hoped the event will be received with much the same musical interest as the annual Messiah presentation during the Christmas season. The oratorio is the story of the Apostle Paul, and presents his dramatic conversion and his whole life ministry. The performance will be directed by Professor Oliver Steiner, and soloists will be Miss Betty Stanley, and Mr. Timothy Warner, from the faculty, together with several music students. Ira Gerig will be organist and Rene Frank, pianist.

**Fall Enrollment
Prospects Up**

Another touch of spiritual optimism is being added to that which already pervades the college on the brink of its 1954-1955 Golden Anniversary year. Enrollment prospects for the fall are steadily climbing. At this writing, new student applications approved are more than twice above those accepted last year at this time.

*"Bridgebuilders" a
new step in Christian
films.
Premier set for May 10.
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**Literacy Expert
Gives Campus Lectures**

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, literacy specialist for World Literacy, Inc., presented several lectures at the college on April 28-29. He addressed two public evening sessions and led a seminar for the student body on one of the mornings.

Dr. Laubach for nearly twenty years has devoted his life to preparing literacy charts for the illiterate three-fifths of the world. During this time he has been responsible for producing charts in 239 languages and dialects in 68 countries.

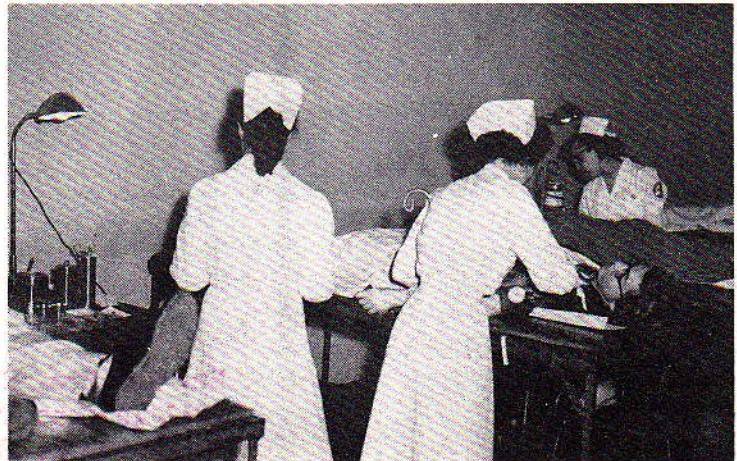
His visit here had particular significance for missionary candidates and students who are studying linguistics.

Students Donate Blood Through Red Cross Unit

Approximately 110 students and staff members of the college became blood donors through the Red Cross blood donor facilities recently. The Red Cross established a blood donation center on the campus on Monday, April 26, to accommodate those

who wished to cooperate in this humane cause. Timothy Warner, Dean of Men, co-ordinated the arrangements.

Facilities were set up in Classroom 6 of Founders Memorial. Shown below is a scene of the activities.



with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



An Alumnus Speaks

The following letter from an early alumnus speaks louder than reams of exposition for the value and the importance of the kind of education given at Fort Wayne Bible College. Thank God for the many true B. C. soldiers of Christ who are standing heroically for the gospel at home and in difficult lands abroad.

"Since you remain as one of the few of my old acquaintances of the Bible College, I am addressing my message to you. It has been such a source of inspiration to me to keep in touch with this fine institution, a place where God's Word is still being rightly divided, where Christ is central, and which is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Too, it was at this place where I received the foundation of my training for the gospel ministry. I thank God continually for this foundation, and for the privilege of having been a student there.

"Modernism is cutting a wide swath in the Christian ministry and it is saddening to see how many have been cut down by this Satanic reaper. Still more saddening is the fact that so many of our fine young men, the leaders of tomorrow, are being fed and poisoned by this teaching.

"I still gladly take my stand on the side of the conservative and true fundamentalist in uplifting the Christ of the cross, the triumphant risen Lord victorious over sin, Satan, death, hell and the grave; now our Intercessor, but the glorious coming Bridegroom at the rapture.

"I do not mean to insinuate that you are in need of such emphasis, but merely stated the above that you may better understand, that though I am constantly surrounded by that sort of false teaching, — I have not slipped from the Rock and Foundation of my early training received at Fort Wayne Bible College.

"I just closed a week's meeting last Sunday night up at Afton, Va. It was a wonderful experience, one of the best I have had in years. It was a real revival, consisting of many reconsecrations and ten decisions for Christ. I make no claim of any credit or merit, as it was all the Lord's doing. I was merely a channel, used by the Holy Spirit as a mouthpiece.

"With all good wishes and praying that God's blessing may continue to rest upon your good work, I am

Most cordially,
H. W. Roth"
Class of 1917.

Faculty Men Attend Sessions

Several faculty men recently attended conventions and filled off-campus speaking engagements.

Dr. S. A. Witmer, president, has just completed a speaking tour among Missionary churches of the Midwestern District. He also gave the Commencement address at Immanuel Bible College in Kitchener, Ontario, on April 30.

Elmer Neuenschwander, Dean of Students, represented the college at the convention of the National Holiness Association in Detroit, April 22-24. Harvey Mitchell, Registrar, attended sessions of the American Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers in St. Louis, April 20-23. He conducted a discussion period of registrars of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

Student Council, Senior Class Announce Projects

The Student Council and the senior class of the college have recently completed projects in the form of gifts to the school.

The seniors are presenting a new sign bearing the college name which is located in front of Bethany Hall on Rudisill Boulevard. Its background is deep blue, with letters in gold leaf. It stands on an attractive brick base landscaped with shrubbery, and is illuminated at night with flood lights.

Gifts from the Student Council include new facilities for the college chapel. New hymnbooks, platform furniture, and Christian and American flags are being presented. The project was financed through a work day when students hired themselves out on work calls around the city.

Random Notes

Recent events on the campus include . . . Joan Gerig, pianist, and Joyce Clevenger, soprano, gave a joint senior recital on April 2 . . . Ed Widmark, piano, and Charles Trusdle, trombone, followed with another on April 30 . . . Mary Lee Poppis, organist, will give her recital on May 14. The junior senior banquet was held on Wednesday, May 5 . . . Several classes recently conducted field trips to Chicago.

"BRIDGEBUILDERS" ACCLAIMED A NEW STEP IN CHRISTIAN FILMS

"Bridgebuilders," new motion picture production of Fort Wayne Bible College, is seen as a new stride in Christian films. It is believed to be the first motion picture designed specifically to show the value of a Bible College education. As such, the film will not only benefit Fort Wayne Bible College, but will serve to strengthen the cause of the Bible Institute-Bible College movement as a vital link in training young people for effective Christian ministries.

Its premiere showing is scheduled in Fort Wayne for Monday evening, May 10, at 8:00 P.M. It will be held in the Temple Auditorium, 117 East Rudisill Boulevard. College representatives will appear on the program,

and music will be provided by the A Cappella Choir.

The story of the film is based on the life of Jake Schierling, alumnus of the college, who is now serving as a missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa. Jake is seen as a football hero in his home state of California, as a student at Fort Wayne Bible College, and finally as an African missionary. All areas of student life and ministry of Fort Wayne Bible College are shown.

The West Coast premiere of the film will be held in Van Nuys, California, on May 23. Arrangements for the Western showing are being directed by Rev. Tillman Habegger, Superintendent of the Western District of the Missionary Church Association.

Shown below are several scenes from the film "Bridgebuilders" which tells the life story of Jake Schierling, and which spells out the meaning of a Bible centered college curriculum



Here and There . . .

Alumni Notes

Our Opportunity . . .

Spring is here, and that's supposed to make people go places and do things.

One thing is sure . . . there's something every one of us Alumni and former students can do right now. It's a matter that's been close to my own heart for some time.

Along about the time you receive this VISION issue, you'll also get an Alumni Bulletin explaining that the Alumni project this year is *every Alumnus and former student a member of the Patron's Council* of the college. Read that bulletin closely. Ask God to show you what to do, and then, if possible, return your envelope right away. We want a successful report at the Alumni Banquet on June 2.

May is Alumni month in the Patron's Council drive. God help us support the blessed ministry of our beloved Alma Mater.

J. HARLAN WRIGHT, *President*
Alumni Association

Personnel . . .

Thirty-eight persons attended the annual banquet of the Southern California Bible College Alumni which was held on February 15 in Los Angeles. After a turkey dinner, an interesting program was presented featuring Dr. Hugh Maclure, medical missionary to Sierra Leone, as speaker. The new officers of the chapter are Rev. Tillman Habegger, President; Rev. Wade Parker, Vice-President; Helen Hall, Secretary; and Gilbert Bixler, Treasurer.

Cristine N. Johnson, one of the sixteen members of the Class of 1921 writes that the class is still circulating a class letter. She also says that a daughter of one of their class members has already gone to Nigeria to work under the S. I. M. and two other second generation members are ready for foreign service. Miss Johnson is working in the Ozark Bible Institute at Ozark, Arkansas.

Pete and Donelda Peterson ('53) are on their way to Africa after being delayed because Pete had to undergo an emergency appendectomy.

In the Cradle . . .

A boy, Stephen, to Mr. ('51) and Mrs. Zenas Gerig ('52) (nee Esther Lehman) on April 3.

Address alumni notices to Miss Ruth Zollner, Secretary, Alumni Association, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

POSITIONS OPEN:

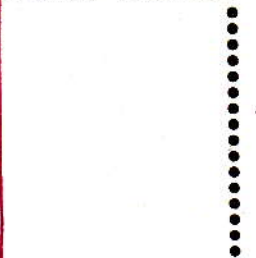
- Stenographer*, for Christian Advertising organization in Chicago.
- Christian Workers*, for National Bible Christian Union for work at home and overseas.
- Couple*, for Christian-Social Welfare work with The Volunteers of America organization in Indiana.

POSITIONS WANTED:

There are still a number of this year's graduating class who are looking for fields of service.

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

Alumni
and
Former Students!



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and

watch for a colorful
alumni bulletin
in the mail about the
same time as this VISION.

Act on it!

School of Music

Receives Record Albums

The School of Music of the college received a generous gift of forty-five albums for its record library recently, the donation of Miss Anna C. Sprunger of Berne, Indiana. The albums will be highly valuable particularly for classes in music appreciation, music history, and conducting.

Included are symphonies by such composers as Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Haydn, and Brahms. Concertos by Mozart, Chopin, Mendelssohn, and others are also included. Several other fine classical forms complete the donation.

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