

Christian Ministry Conference Program Announced For March 5-7

Program arrangements and speakers for the third annual Christian Ministry Conference to be held on the campus March 5 to 7 are announced by Cyril H. Eicher, chairman of the department of pastoral training.

Speaker for the three evening sessions at 8:00 p.m. will be Rev. Dale Cryderman, superintendent of the Michigan Conference of the Free Methodist Church. He will also address special chapel hours on March 6 and 7 to be held for fifty-minute periods at 8:00 a.m.

Two seminars will be conducted during daytime sessions. Seminar I will be "Sermon Preparation and Delivery" to be led by Dr. Gilbert Johnson, chairman of the division of theology of Nyack Missionary College. Seminar II will be "Church Organization and Administration" to be led by Dr. Harold C. Mason, chairman of the department of Christian education of Asbury Theological Seminary. Times for the various sections of the seminars are shown on the program detailed on page 3.

The conference is designed primarily for pastors and Christian workers. Registration fee is \$5 for the entire conference. Accommodations will be available at reasonable rates.

Seminar leaders . . .



Johnson



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TUNE IN

"Crossroads"—WOWO, 1190 kc
Sundays, 9:05 p.m. (CDST).

"Doorway"—WKJG-TV, ch. 33,
Sundays, 2:15 p.m. (CDST).

Missionary Church Association Schedules FWBC Sunday, March 17

Sunday, March 17, is designated Fort Wayne Bible College Sunday by the Missionary Church Association for its churches throughout the country. Simultaneously, churches of the denomination will emphasize the value of Bible-centered education and the ministry of Fort Wayne Bible College.

In addition to special programs planned by pastors and youth leaders, offerings will be received for the current operating expenses of the college.

Special church bulletins are being prepared for use in the churches on that Sunday. Other materials will

be forwarded to the churches to help in planning the occasion. Where possible, faculty and student personnel will participate in programs of the day in the general Fort Wayne area.

Fort Wayne Bible College was founded by the Missionary Church Association in 1904 and continues to be the sponsoring society, maintaining a two-thirds control of the college's Governing Board. Each year MCA students are the largest denominational group on the campus. A summary of joint MCA-FWBC ministry is given by Dr. S. A. Witmer on page 2.

Back up Fort Wayne Bible College by attending your MCA church on FWBC Sunday

Auxiliary Holds Day of Prayer In Area Churches

The Fort Wayne Bible College Auxiliary recently designated Sunday, February 3, a day of prayer among churches of the Fort Wayne area on behalf of the college. The occasion was arranged by the prayer committee of the Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. Geary Meyers, prayer chairman.

Letters which were sent to area pastors listed three general prayer requests: for God's blessing on the ministry of the college in training youth for areas of Christian service; for divine guidance in the lives of students during these days of study and for places of service in the years ahead; and for the development program of the college that adequate facilities might be provided to meet the demands of the college's growth.

The projects committee, with Mrs. Howard Dunlap, chairman, reports that much use has been made of the Auxiliary's pantry shelf, revealing that the Auxiliary is filling a great need, particularly for married students. Friends are invited to continue contributions of grocery staples and furniture items.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



Fort Wayne Bible College Sunday

The parent society of Fort Wayne Bible College, the Missionary Church Association, will observe *Bible College Sunday* on March 17. The event is designed to accent the ministry of Christian education as carried on by the Association through the college, to bring helpful information to all members and attendants, and to foster prayer and backing in its behalf.

While these are the primary purposes in this second annual *Bible College Sunday*, yet it is an appropriate time to look back over the years with gratitude to God for His blessings and providences. Rev. J. E. Ramseyer often called the college "a vine of God's own planting." But God has used human instruments to plant and to nurture the vine. There has always been a vine-dresser as well as a vine, and the vine-dresser is the Missionary Church Association.

The vine-dresser was very young when he providentially planted the vine and nurtured it in its early growth. He had few resources and he put much of the little he had into it. At one time 20 percent of the denominational income, which was one-third of the cost of nurturing the vine, came from the Association. Through the vision, faith and sacrifice of the vine-dresser, the vine has grown until it has become fruitful in world-wide blessing.

Fort Wayne Bible College has the principal training center for ministers and missionaries of the Missionary Church Association. Of 97 foreign missionaries, which includes retired missionaries and those under appointment, 79, or 81.4 percent, received training at FWBC. With few exceptions they are graduates. Of the 18 who are not alumni of the college, three are former teachers. Altogether there are four former college instructors serving as MCA missionaries: Rev. Floyd Shank, Rev. O. Carl Brown, Rev. Roy Birkey, and Rev. Timothy Warner. In addition, two former secretaries are serving on MCA fields: Miss Lois Stucky and Mrs. David Zimmerman.

Of 217 MCA workers in the homeland, 163, or 75 percent, are alumni of FWBC. But the fruitfulness of the vine extends beyond the MCA, for hundreds from cooperating bodies and other denominations have received training in its halls. It is gratifying to note that one of the cooperating bodies, Christian Union, will for the first time observe a Bible College Sunday on May 13.

We should like to adapt a promise from Zechariah 8:12 and a prayer from Psalm 80:14 to suggest intercession on Bible College Sunday:

"For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her incense, and the heavens shall give their dew."

"Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine."

Rev. M. N. Amstutz, Former Trustee, Dies

Rev. M. N. Amstutz, veteran pastor in the Missionary Church Association and alumnus of the college, passed away following a prolonged illness in Pandora, Ohio, on February 3. He was pastor of the Pandora Church.

Rev. Amstutz had served on the Governing Board of the college from 1931 to 1948. His three sons are also MCA pastors and alumni of the college: Rev. Blanchard Amstutz, Wayne, Michigan; Rev. Tillman Amstutz, Humboldt, Tenn.; and Rev. Pritchard Amstutz, Modesto, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted in Pandora on February 6 and burial was in Leo, Indiana.

First Semester Honor Roll Listed

Students listed on the honor roll for the first semester of the current school year were recently announced by Harvey Mitchell, registrar. In order to be listed on the roll, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.35, approximately a B plus in letter grade.

Those listed are: Jerry Bedford, Elktion, Michigan; Marlene Langosch, Chicago, Illinois; Bernadine Zurcher, Berne, Indiana; Kenneth Mays, Fort Wayne, Indiana; James Roussos, Chicago, Illinois; Douglas Hodges, Detroit, Michigan; Mayme Hodges, Detroit, Michigan; Frank Burke, Hampstead, Maryland; Jean Butler, Baltimore, Maryland; Kenneth Hewitt, Riverside, R. I.; Judith Kenyon, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Charles Cureton, Cleveland, Ohio; William Paul, Chicago, Ill.; Ronald Hodgins, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Barbara Lung, Peoria, Ill.; Joanne White, Hampstead, Md.; Etan Pelzer, St. Joseph, Mich.; Edwin Terui, Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii; Mary Ann Wagner, Berea, Ohio; Patricia Hartung, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Bertil Askund, Albertson, N. Y.; Julia Yoder, Berne, Ind.; Nancy Barlow, Elizabeth, Pa.; Arlene Meyers, Fort Wayne, Ind.

SECRETARY NEEDED

A full-time secretary is needed by the college. When writing, please state qualifications.

Campus Notes . . .

Revival spirit prevails . . .

Under the ministry of Rev. William Allen, pastor of the Grace Gospel Church (Christian and Missionary Alliance) of Mansfield, Ohio, a tremendous spirit of revival was evident during the recent spiritual emphasis series. Many students renewed commitments to God, received filling by the Holy Spirit, and sought God's direction in their lives.

Ambassadors Have Tough Going . . .

The Ambassadors finished up an eight-game basketball season recently with a tally of one win over against seven losses. Several home games placed the Ambassadors against hard hitting visitors who were primed by strenuous road

schedules. The single victory was won in Warsaw, Ind., against Grace Seminary in a thrilling overtime 76-73. Grace later returned to defeat the Ambassadors 68-55. Other schools played were Goshen College, Baptist Bible Seminary, Philadelphia Bible Institute, Nyack Missionary College, and Purdue Center.

Frank Symphony Broadcast . . .

"Passion Symphony", composed by Dr. Rene Frank, professor of music, was broadcast on the Fine Arts program on WOWO on February 7. The recording used was that of the premiere performance of the composition by the Indiana University symphony orchestra.

Businessmen Visit Campus . . .

Some twenty business men were guests of the college at a second public relations dinner on the camp-

us recently. The event was part of a stepped-up program to acquaint the community with the college.

Instructor Injured . . .

Miss Edith Ehlke, librarian, received a severe fracture of the upper left arm as the result of a fall on an icy sidewalk on January 29. The nature of the treatment confined her to the hospital for about three weeks.

Radio, TV Listeners Write . . .

Early response to the college's two new broadcasts have indicated wide and enthusiastic interest. Letters from the radio series "Crossroads" have come from New York, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, Virginia, Michigan, and Indiana. Viewers to "Doorway" have shown great appreciation for a locally-produced educational-religious television program in this area.

PROGRAM FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Hour	Tuesday, March 5	Wed. and Thur., March 6 and 7
8:00 a.m.		Chapel—Rev. Cryderman
9:00 a.m.		Seminar I—Section "a" guests Seminar II—Section "b" guests
11:25 a.m.		Visit Classes
1:05 p.m.		Visit Classes
2:00 p.m.		Seminar I—Section "b" guests Seminar II—Section "a" guests
8:00 p.m.	Public Service— Rev. Dale Cryderman	Public Service—Rev. Cryderman

SPEAKERS

Chapel and public sessions—

Rev. Dale Cryderman, superintendent of Michigan Conference, Free Methodist Church.

Seminar I—"Sermon Preparation and Delivery"—

Dr. Gilbert Johnson, chairman, theological division, Nyack Missionary College.

Seminar II—"Church Organization and Administration"—

Dr. Harold C. Mason, chairman, department of Christian education, Asbury Theological Seminary.

Around the campus . . . faculty reflections

History Reveals God's Plan

Hazel M. Yewey
Assistant Professor of History

As one looks at the course of human existence and tries to evaluate events and trends of history, he is faced with some difficult questions that history alone can't answer. History alone can't explain the origin of man nor give any real purpose for man's having been placed on the face of the earth.

History as taught in Bible light recognizes that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" and also that "God created man in His own image; in the image of God created He him." History taught in a Biblical framework not only gives the student a firm foundation for the origin of things but also makes him aware that there is a pattern to the course of events. Back of history is a Master Mind working out His purpose in the affairs of men, even though men at times are unaware of that purpose. Cromwell, a great history maker himself, asked, "What are all our histories, but God throwing down and trampling under foot whatsoever He hath not planted?"

But some may ask "Why teach history in a Bible college? Can't one acquire all he needs to know of history by studying just the Bible?" The answer is that the Bible is not primarily a history book; it is God's revelation of the plan of redemption for the human race. Events not directly connected with that plan are not included.

A study of history gives the student a broader educational and cultural foundation. Civilization is a cumulative process; present day civilization is the result of the wisdom, experiences, ideals, and aspirations of the past. One's understanding of current problems broadens and deepens as he sees, in the pages of history, the ancient grappling with the political, economic, and social problems that closely resemble those of the present.

Finding God marching through the pages of history is a unique experience for the Christian student. God becomes just as real as He was for Victor Hugo, who wrote the description of the terrible battle of Sedan; as he wrote of the battle, Hugo exclaimed, "In the midst of the Terrible plain I saw thee, O Thou Invisible One!"

Coming Events

- March 5-7—Christian Ministry Conference.
- March 16—Senior recital, Al Sauter, organist.
- March 23—Senior recital, Esther Kemmerer, soprano.
- April 6-28—A Cappella Choir tour to west coast.
- April 11-21—Easter vacation.
- June 1—Spring Music Concert.
- June 2—Baccalaureate (evening).
- June 4—Alumni Day.
- June 5—Senior class program.
- June 6—Commencement.

Recent chapel speakers . . .

Chaplain Thaine Ford, Chaplain, United States Navy.

Rev. Jared Gerig, President, Missionary Church Association.

Rev. G. M. Hamby, Evangelist, Methodist Church, Alabama.

Mr. Lyle Hodell, General Electric executive, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Rev. Don Rohrs, National Superintendent of M.Y.F., Missionary Church Association.

Rev. D. Petrone, Evangelist, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Gleason Ledyard, Missionary to the Eskimos.

Rev. D. C. Rupp, MCA missionary, Africa.

Rev. Tillman Habegger, Home Secretary of MCA.

Rev. Harold Walker, Evangelist of MCA.

Basketball Team of Nyack Missionary College, Nyack, N. Y. and Dean James Hair.

Rev. Cornelius Vlot, Pastor, First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rev. William Allen, Pastor, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Mansfield, Ohio.

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