

### FORT WAYNE BIBLE COLLEGE

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#### BUILDING COMMITTEE APPROVES PLANS FOR TWO NEW UNITS ON SOUTH CAMPUS

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Initial plans for two new buildings to be erected on the south campus area of Fort Wayne Bible College were recently approved by the Building Committee, which was previously appointed by the Governing Board to proceed with the 50th anniversary building program.

The project calls for two structures—an administrative-educational unit and a library—to be erected as soon as 75 per cent of the costs are met through gifts and pledges. Organization of the fund-raising campaign is in progress in various areas of the college constituency. In the Fort Wayne area,

campaign leaders are meeting regularly preparatory to launching the drive.

The south campus area, where the structures will be built, lies a half block west of the present site. It was acquired nearly two years ago to

provide for expansion which is necessary due to growth of the school. Facilities which are now overcrowded include the present library, which has reached the shelf capacity of 11,000 volumes; 7 classrooms, which do not adequately accommodate the curriculum schedule; and offices, which now occupy the first floor of a women's dormitory. According to the American Council on Education, college-age population in this part of the country will increase 90 per cent by 1970. According to this trend, the projected enrollment of Fort Wayne Bible College by 1970 will be 700. The new buildings are designed to meet the present overcrowded conditions and to provide for future growth.

A colorful booklet which is entitled "Growth" has just been printed, and describes fully the building program. Included are floor plans of

the new structures.

#### Naming of "Leightner Hall" Prompts Gift

In the October Vision it was reported that the fine home at 902 W. Rudisill Blvd. just across the street from Founders' Memorial and recently acquired by the College, had been named Leightner Hall in memory of the late Rev. B. F. Leightner, who had served for many years on the faculty as Dean, Registrar, and teacher. A reader, upon seeing the report, was led to contribute \$1,000 toward the purchase of the hall in memory of Rev. B. F. Leightner, whose ministry had been much appreciated by him and his family. The gift is gratefully acknowledged.

If others wish to make similar contributions—large or small—they will be thankfully received. Special gifts may be made for specific rooms. In-

#### Second Anniversary Series to Keynote Christian Education

The Week of Christian Education, the second of six 50th anniversary weeks of emphasis, will be held November 9-12 with four outstanding Christian educators appearing on the program.

Significantly, the sessions are scheduled concurrently with American Education Week, which is being observed nationally among colleges and universities. The sessions will be geared to point out the leadership maintained by the college in the field of Christian education. The areas of discussion to be included are given on page 3 of this issue.

The speakers are Mark Fakkema, Educational Director for the National Association of Christian Schools, who also has been principal of the Chicago Christian High School for eight years; Dr. Harold Mason of the Department of Christian Education of Asbury Theological Seminary; Dr. Byron L. Osborne, President of Cleveland Bible College; and Dr. Milo Rediger, Academic Director and Professor of Religion at Taylor University.

quiries are invited and may be addressed to the President. Gifts may be sent to the Treasurer.

# College to Co-ordinate Plans for Showing Newest Billy Graham Film "Souls in Conflict" in Memorial Coliseum, November 17 and 18

Billy Graham Films, Inc., has asked Fort Wayne Bible College to co-ordinate plans for showing the fourth and newest motion picture produced by evangelist Billy Graham, "Souls in Conflict", in the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne on November 17 and 18. About ten protestant groups of the Fort Wayne area will join the college to handle all arrangements for the two nights. Representatives of these groups met recently at the college to organize plans.

"Souls in Conflict" is a dramatic production filmed against the back-drop of Graham's recent highly-successful London campaign. It is a trilogy, a full-length production in color which documents the life stories of an actress, a jet pilot, and a factory worker, as they are influenced by Graham's spiritual messages — delivered before audiences numbering as many as 120,000 persons in vast Wembley Stadium.

Inasmuch as the historic London Crusade was Graham's most ambitious endeavor, "Souls in Conflict" is his most important picture. Featured in the cast are Joan Winmill, British TV actress, Eric Nicklewood, and Charles Leno. Donn Moomaw, All-American football player from UCLA, and Colleen Townsend Evans also appear.

## with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



"Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."

Our anniversary year began with seeming tragedy. The first of a series of observances took place on August 5 at the meeting of the MCA General Conference, but within two weeks a triple loss was suffered by the College. On August 12 Professor Oliver Steiner, Director of the School of Music, suffered a heart attack (coronary occlusion) in Flint, Michigan. On the 18th, our able Dean of Students, Rev. Elmer Neuenschwander, was fatally stricken by a bolt of lightning. On the same day a telegram came from Dr. Alexander Vazakas, who had been engaged by the Board to teach languages, cancelling his appointment due to a death in the family, making it necessary for him to go to Switzerland.

But loss, in some measure at least, is turning to gain. It is certain that hundreds, if not thousands, have been led to pray earnestly for the families concerned and the College with its needs. The assurance from Christian friends through numerous letters and reports saying, "We are praying for you" has been a great encouragement. We have never before been as conscious of the undergirding support of prayer.

God is graciously undertaking. Those appointed on short notice to fill teaching and administrative positions are carrying out their assignments very well. The cooperation by the staff in making adjustments has been commendable. God is graciously sustaining Mrs. Neuenschwander and lifting the hearts of the Steiners. School work was soon well organized following the opening of the fall semester. There is also a fine spirit in the student body. A number of returning students have remarked, "This is the best year yet." Above all, we sense that our Bible College family—alumni, friends, parents, students—has been brought into a closer partnership of Christian fellowship and intercession.

We can and do thank God for His faithfulness. He has not let us down. God's ways are not our ways even when we have to say through tears, "Not my will, but Thine be done." We can rest in the assurance that God is bigger than our circumstances and can make all things work together for good. And while we cannot now see His full purpose in recent events, yet we can trust. And we can be thankful that the lines of the old hymn have taken on a richer meaning:

From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat;
"Tis found beneath the mercy-seat.
There is a spot where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Though sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy-seat.

#### Choir Christmas Concert To Replace "Messiah" In December Calendar

The A Cappella Choir of the college will present a concert of Christmas music in Founders Memorial auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 3:00 p.m. in place of the traditional performance of the "Messiah" by the oratorio chorus. The change of program is due to the leave of absence of Mr. Oliver Steiner, Director of the School of Music, who is convalescing this semester after a heart attack last August. Mr. Steiner has previously conducted the oratorio concerts.

The choir, this year under the direction of Miss Betty Stanley, instructor in voice, will offer several groups of selections appropriate to the Christmas season.

Guest soloist for the program will be Miss Eloise Wood, violinist and assistant concertmaster of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic orchestra. She is also an instructor in music in the Fort Wayne public schools.

#### Article by Dr. Witmer In Educational Journal

An article by Dr. S. A. Witmer, president of the college, entitled "Bible College Education" has been published in the current issue of School and Society, edited by the Society for the Advancement of Education.

In the article, which explains the nature of Bible College education, Dr. Witmer describes the philosophy of the Bible College curriculum and sets forth the objectives of the Bible College program.

#### Prayer Requests

- That the door to India may remain open for B. C. missionaries there and those preparing to go.
- That God may graciously bless the anniversary week devoted to Christian education, November 9-12.
- That Prof. Oliver Steiner may continue to regain strength and enjoy a complete recovery.
- That God's blessing will be upon the impending campaign to raise funds for the anniversary building project.
- That God will keep His hand on our missionary representatives in the danger areas of the Far East

   Hong Kong, South Vietnam and Formosa.
- For revival during the 50th anniversary year.

## Week of Christian Education . . . November 9 to 12

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#### **ANNIVERSARY**

special emphasis weeks

four great days . . .



MR. MARK FAKKEMA Educational Director National Association of Christian Schools



DR. HAROLD MASON
Department of Christian
Education
Asbury Theological
Seminary



DR. BYRON L. OSBORNE
President
Cleveland Bible College

#### PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

NOV.	TUESDAY	10 WEDNESDAY	11 THURSDAY	12 FRIDAY
9:40	Chapel—	Chapel—	Chapel—	Chapel—
AM	Dr. Fakkema	Dr. Mason	Dr. Mason	Dr. Osborne
2:00 PM	Discussion: "The Right and the Wrong Way to Train Youth Morally"	Discussion: "The Con- temporary Scene in Full Time Religious Education"	Discussion: "Training the Local Church Personnel in Christian Education"	Discussion: "The Word of God— Written and Incarnate"
8:00 PM	Evening Service:	Evening Service:	Evening *	Evening Service:
	Dr. Rediger	Dr. Mason	Dr. Mason	Dr. Osborne



DR. MILO REDIGER
Academic Director
Taylor University

Pastors, Christian workers, laymen, interested friends...

Plan to spend as much of the week as possible on our campus.

- Inspiring chapel services with the student body.
- Gripping, practical afternoon discussions on subjects vital to Christian Education.
- Challenging evening services of wide public interest.

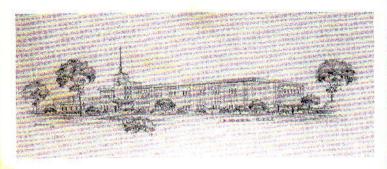
DESIGNED to be especially helpful for church workers who are leaders in Christian Education ministries, including Sunday School and youth programs. An opportunity to learn further skills for vital training ministries.

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#### Architect's Drawings of New Buildings

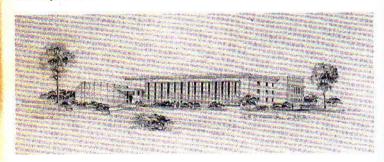
Pictured below are the two units to be built by Fort Wayne Bible College in a \$750,000 Fiftieth Anniversary building program. The buildings will be erected on the south campus area owned by the college as soon as 75 per cent of the costs are pledged or received. A. M. Strauss, Inc., are the architects.

#### Administrative-Educational Unit . . .



One floor of the administrative-educational building will provide offices for the administration, five classrooms, a room for the Governing Board, a faculty lounge, a post office, a book room, a canteen, and a radio studio. The second floor will provide seven classrooms of various sizes, a science laboratory, offices for student and alumni organizations, and rooms for counseling.

#### Library . . .



The first floor of the library will have a spacious, well-lighted reading room for 160 students; a section for stacks; an audio-visual auditorium; a processing room; an office; typing rooms; and a listening room. The second floor will have a second tier of stacks, which with the first tier will care for 44,000 volumes. It will also provide a processing room, a room for historical records, and two seminar rooms.

## Anniversary Calendar

#### Christian Education— November 9-12

Dr. Milo Rediger
Taylor University
Dr. Harold Mason
Asbury Seminary
Dr. Byron L. Osborne
Cleveland Bible College
Mr. Mark Fakkema
National Association of
Christian Schools

#### Christian Ministry— 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

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