ACADEMIC HALL NEARS COMPLETION

This photograph of the Academic Hall shows the progress made in the construction since the picture published in the September 30 issue of the ALUMNI NEWS. This view was taken from the northwest with the camera facing the present Administration Building and shows the west elevation of Academic Hall, which faces Otterbein Avenue, about to be opened north of Hanna Avenue. Steps here lead down into a patio and then into a spacious dining area.

A north door opens into the building from a large parking lot, and a south door accommodates those who want to enter from Hanna Avenue and the present Administration Building. East doors lead through a trophy hall into the auditorium or into corridors on each side to the classrooms and offices.

Present plans are to hold commencement exercises in the new auditorium.
Faculty Discussion Group Continues

The Faculty Discussion Group of Indiana Central is rounding out its second year of discussions with four meetings during the second semester. The last meeting of the first semester was held at the home of Dr. Eugene Underwood of the modern language department. Dr. Kolitschew, Professor of Physics, read a most interesting paper, "On the Border of the Unknown."

The first meeting of the second semester was held at the home of President Esch, with Prof. Henricks of the sociology department presenting a paper on "Renaissance Man." On March 15 Miss Miller, Librarian, offered a paper on "A Study in Modern Drama" at the home of Miss Weaver. On April 19 Dr. Jordan, Coordinator of Student Activities, will read a paper, "A Continuing Process," at the home of Prof. Henricks.

The final meeting of the year will be held on May 17 at the Brown County home of Robert Sturgeon, Professor of Economics. Professor and Mrs. Danek will discuss and illustrate "Contemporary Music."

O'Dell Named Head Of Church Group

Dr. A. Glen O'Dell, '34, Superintendent of Indiana Conference South, Bedford District, has been installed as president of the Indiana Council of Churches during the annual meeting of the Council's General Assembly held recently in Sweeney Chapel, Butler University.

Cummins Retires From V. A.

After being associated with the Veterans Administration's office for more than 35 years, Merrill D. Cummins, '20, has retired from the management of the regional office located in Indianapolis, a position he has held since 1945.

Himself a veteran of World War I, Mr. Cummins, after leaving Indiana Central College, was graduated from the Indiana University School of Law and did graduate study in public administration at I. U. As regional manager of the V. A. office, he was responsible for 1600 employees at the end of World War II, when 67,000 veterans were getting aid for training of one kind or another. Now the office has need for less than 500.

Mr. Cummins is a son of Dr. A. J. Cummins, Professor of Philosophy at Indiana Central from the time of the opening of the college to the time of his death in 1941. His wife is the former Delta Loehr, '21. His daughter Marilyn attended ICC before entering nurse's training.

Judge Achor Gives Lincoln Day Address

Harold E. Achor, '28, Judge of the Indiana Supreme Court, gave the Lincoln Day address before the student body of Indiana Central. Like many others, great and small, he was suffering from a sore throat, but speaking in a conversational tone he had no difficulty in holding the attention of his audience as he portrayed the life of Lincoln, his ambitions and his accomplishments, chief of which, of course, was the preservation of the Union.

Pastors Exchange Pulpits

The Rev. Walter Smith, Jr., '49, pastor of Park Avenue EUB Church, Indianapolis, and part time instructor in New Testament at ICC, and Dr. Clinton M. Marsh of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, exchanged pulpits on Race Relations Day, February 9. Each minister was also accompanied by his own choir.
Indianapolis Alumni Have Chili Supper

On the evening of February 22 the alumni of Indianapolis met in Fellowship Hall of the University Heights EUB Church for two hours of food and fun. The food consisted of chili, salad and, in honor of the day, cherry pie. The fun was simple, that of greetings and lively conversation. The crowd was large, filling Fellowship Hall to capacity. Those who were present will likely not miss another meeting of its kind.

Leaving a few of the alumnae to care for the dishes, the crowd went to the gym, where seats were reserved, to attend the Manchester-ICC basketball game.

Three Alumni To Tour Holy Land

Early in June three ICC alumni and Dr. William Moore of Drake University, formerly of Butler University, will leave for a trip through the Holy Land and European countries. The alumni are James A. Weber, '29, Professor of Bible and Religion at Indiana Central College; Roy V. Davis, '25, Assistant Professor of Education at ICC; and Rev. William T. Barker, x25, pastor of the EUB church at Eberfield, Indiana. Their tentative plans are to sail from Montreal on June 3 for Liverpool and return early in September, leaving Liverpool September 5.

They will go by way of Holland to Germany, where a Volkswagen will be ready for them. Driving this they expect to visit Switzerland, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Israel. From Israel they will return by way of Italy, France, Belgium and England. They hope to spend some time at the World's Fair in Brussels and a week in England.

Excerpts From Letters

From a letter to Sheldon Key, '29, written by Paul Fawley, '29, and containing a generous check for Academic Hall:

"Audrey, our two girls and I have been spending the last two years at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Queson City. It has been an interesting experience and I have served as adviser to the University. At the same time Audrey has taught home economics. Ann was here for one academic year and then last August returned to the states and entered Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, where she will be in nurse's training. Colleen is in the first grade here.

"We will be leaving the Philippines in about ten weeks and I will go back to my old position as Head of the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.... We may get back to Indiana in October and, if so, will try to spend a day in Indianapolis. . . ."

From a letter written by Letha (Bartell) Estermann, '35, of Visalia, California:

"We have been in California five years and like living here. Our eldest son is in his first year of the Navy; the second is a high school sophomore and the youngest is a fifth grader. . . .

We have seen and visited with a few Centralites in the past year or two: Wayne and Catherine Corbin, Dorothy Hughes Deakin, Loretta Brown Hankland and Ralph Hiatt. Surely enjoyed seeing them again."

Indiana Central Presents Two Operas

The Music Department of Indiana Central presented two operas on March 7 and 8 in Kephart Auditorium. Von Suppe's "The Lovely Galatea" was chosen as the first of these offerings. The second was a contemporary satire, "Opera Opera," by Martin Kalmanoff and William Saroyan.
Gloria Eileen Cutshaw, b. November 10, 1957, to Rev. ('54) and Mrs. William Cutshaw, who live in Shelbyville, Indiana.

Frederick Thomas Vertrees, b. December 29, 1957, to Carroll and Martha Vertrees, both of '47. The Vertrees live in Gary, Indiana.

Kristine Ann, b. January 22, to Jim and Martha Mennen ('50) Dickie of Lima, Ohio.

Theodore David, b. January 22, to Marvin ('39) and Sylvia Henricks.


Bradley Ray, b. March 30, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Kincaide, '51, of Route 2, Warsaw, Indiana.

Deidre Ann, b. to James R., '53, and Allegra, x-56, East of Stanford, California.

Samuel Joseph, b. February 10, to Rev. Sam ('54) and Daisy Welsh ('52) Stone of Marion, Indiana.

Jana Lea, b. February 1 to Rev. Tom, '54, and Lorene Reed, x-52, Terrell of Indianapolis.

Personals

Mildred McKesson, '43, is now in her fifth year of teaching at Bourbon, Indiana, and first year as school librarian. In addition to serving as librarian, she teaches Latin in the high school.

Mrs. Kathryn Snyder Forrest will get a master's degree in library science this June from the University of Southern California. Her husband received his master's in the same subject last June.

Ruth Price, '45, who now lives in Hollywood, Florida, is librarian at Westview Junior High School of Dade County.

Mrs. Kathryn Buckalew Moore, N32, of Centerpoint is teaching home economics in the Brazil Senior High School.

Paul Lavon Middlebrooks, x-54, Airman 1-c, has been assigned as records clerk with the 544th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington.

Lois Jean Kirkham Young, '55, is serving as office secretary of the Indiana Conference South office, located on the Indiana Central campus.

William C. Beckelhimer, '53, is employed at Hq. Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Lloyd R. Coverstone, '50, is teaching and coaching at School 2 in Indianapolis.

Rev. Nelson Vance, '57, now in the United Seminary, has become the pastor of the Center EUB Church near Portland, Indiana.

Wendell J. Broom, x-49, is principal of Bruella School, a rural school in San Joaquin County, California.

Wedding Bells

Lusina Smith, '57, became the bride of Robert McNall on Sunday, January 26, at 3 p.m. in the Waterloo First Evangelical United Brethren Church. The vows were read by Rev. Frank L. Engle, x-35, of Fort Wayne formerly of Waterloo. The couple will reside in Waterloo. The bride is employed as a teacher in the Butler schools.
An Indiana Central College Family

On Christmas Day, 1955, the Luther Hiatt family of near Portland, Indiana, were together for the first time since 1941. This family consists of six sons and five daughters, eight of whom graduated from Indiana Central College. Seated are, from left to right, --Mrs. Mary Crawford, '29, of Dayton, Ohio, editorial clerk at the Wright-Patterson AFB; Mrs. Gleah Peterson, Dunkirk; Mr. Hiatt; Mrs. Irene Struble, '33, third grade teacher in the Farmer Township School, Farmer, O.; Mrs. Lizabeth Taylor, '35, Portland, former Jay County attendance officer.

Standing, from left--Ernest, refrigeration engineer at the Marhoefer Packing Company, Muncie; Herbert, '34, research engineer at U.S. Rubber Company, Indianapolis; Russell, '27, minister of the Breden Memorial Church, Terre Haute; Mrs. Ruth Hummer, '29, Portland, fourth grade teacher in the Judge Haynes Elementary School; Ralph, '32, electronic engineer with the USAF, Arlington, Mass.; Virgil, A. B., Indiana U., Ph. D., Chicago U., head of the classical languages at Butler University, Indianapolis; Lloyd, '40, principal of the Martinsville, Indiana, Junior High School.

Consolidations Committee Headed By '32 Alumnus

The Rev. Paul L. Sherrill, '32, pastor of the Bedford Presbyterian Church and moderator of the synod of Indiana headed the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America group at a meeting of the Consolidations Committee in Indianapolis, Monday, February 10, to clear away the last obstacles in a merger on a state level of that group with the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Nationally, the denominations are expected to be united formally at a General Assembly meeting May 28 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Boyce's Work Featured

Drawings and paintings of Prof. Gerald Boyce are currently being featured in a one man show at the St. Paul, Minnesota, Art Gallery in connection with the local fine arts festival.

The paintings, mostly water colors, represent the work done over a period of ten years since Boyce's graduation from State University of Iowa.

He also has several paintings and silversmithing objects on display at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, in connection with a showing of art done by faculties of the private colleges of Indiana.
In Memoriam

Bishop Fred L. Dennis, A.B., '16, D.D. '27, died quietly in his bed at his home in Dayton, Ohio, early in the morning of January 28. At the time of his death he was resident bishop of the EUB Central Area with headquarters in Dayton.

While still a student at Indiana Central, he served as pastor of the newly organized University Heights United Brethren Church. After his graduation from Bonebrake Seminary in 1919, he became pastor of the Euclid Avenue United Brethren Church at Dayton, where he remained until 1926, when he resigned to visit the Holy Land. In 1929 he became pastor of two Dayton congregations which merged to form the First Evangelical United Brethren Church. He remained at that church until 1941 when he became Bishop of the Indiana Conference. In 1950 he became Bishop of the Central Area. He had just returned, the day before his death, from a weekend engagement in northern Ohio.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, January 31, in First EUB Church at Dayton, attended by a capacity audience, many of whom were church leaders and officials.

Besides his widow, Bishop Dennis left six children: Mrs. Othella Poling, '35, and Mrs. Janet Eisendrath, '46, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Ruby Finney, '38, of Ohio; Mrs. Martha Vertrees, '47, and Mrs. Joanne Leedy, '53, of Indiana; and Fred L. Dennis, Jr., x-41, of California.

Anderson In Charge Of Mission

Richard W. Anderson, '54, who lives at 2629 Allanmeade, Louisville, Kentucky, is superintendent of the Wayside Christian Mission of that city. This mission is very similar to the Wheeler Mission of Indianapolis. Mr. Anderson is studying at the Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville.

Knecht And Jacobs Visit Dominican Republic

The Reverends John Knecht and George Jacobs, both of the class of 1942, were two of a five-member team of ministers of the Evangelical United Brethren Church who shared in an Evangelistic Preaching Mission in the Dominican Republic in February. The Mission was jointly sponsored by the Board of Missions and the Board of Evangelism of the Church. The Rev. Knecht, of the Board of Evangelism, was leader of the team. Rev. Jacobs is the pastor of the EUB Church of Casey, Illinois.
Alumna Choir Tours

The 45-voice Indiana Central College choir made its annual tour February 2-9, traveling through northern Indiana. Concerts were given at Elkhart, Hammond, South Bend, Wabash, and Frankfort, with a day off spent in Chicago. The choir was under the direction of Allan F. Schirmer, associate professor of music, and appeared in churches each evening and in high schools for morning and afternoon performances.

A similar tour last year took the choir as far south as Florida.

Rawlings Goes To Danville

Rev. John A. Rawlings, ‘50, has moved from Gary, Indiana, to Danville to assume his duties as pastor of the Methodist Church there. Rev. Rawlings has been pastor of the Ambridge Methodist Church in Gary since 1950, when he was assigned there as their first pastor. At that time the church started with 30 members and now has a membership of over 300. Rev. and Mrs. Rawlings have three children.

He received his B.D. degree from Garrett Biblical Institute in Chicago and is now working on a master’s degree at Northwestern University.

Piano Professor’s Outside Activities

Professor George Shirley of the music department was one of the judges in the Indiana State Solo and Ensemble Contest which was held at Butler University on Saturday, Feb. 15. He has been elected as 3rd Vice President of the state organization of the Music Teachers National Association.

Early last fall Professor Shirley played in St. Louis for the alumni luncheon of Central College at Fayette, Mo. In October he participated in a panel discussion for a Piano Teachers Workshop held at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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Mrs. Hazel Foutch Hopping, ’31, in addition to her busy home and church life, finds time to be a very efficient president of Arsenal Technical High School Parent-Teacher Association and is no doubt responsible for TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, a four-page 8 1/2 x 11 newsletter, fine print, published regularly by the PTA. Tech, as the school is commonly known, is one of the largest high schools in the nation and offers one of the most widely diversified curricula.

‘24 Alumnus Recruiting Teachers

George Fisher, ’24, has been named Supervisor of Staff Personnel of the Indianapolis public schools. His work is that of recruiting elementary teachers for the Indianapolis schools. Early in the current semester he spent a day on the Central campus interviewing prospective teachers.

Mrs. Nolan Studies Mentally Retarded

Dr. Esther Grace Nolan, ’20, is Consultant in Research and Guidance and Deputy Superintendent of Schools of Los Angeles County, California. Last year she traveled to Hartford, Connecticut, to give a report on a three year study which she had been conducting regarding a special education class for the mentally retarded minors in Los Angeles County. This report was presented at the National Conference of the American Association on Mental Deficiency.

Dr. Turley Attends Conventions

Dr. Roy H. Turley, Sr., '20, for seventeen years pastor of University Heights EUB Church, now superintendent of the EUB Hospital at Española, New Mexico, and president of the Hospital Association of New Mexico, flew to Chicago to attend the convention of the American Hospital Association, which met on Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8.

On Saturday evening he came to University Heights to visit his son Howard and family and friends. He spoke on Sunday in the EUB Church at Lebanon. On Monday evening he had dinner in the college dining room with the coeds who are pursuing a nursing course. He showed films of the Española hospital and discussed its services and needs.

Before returning home, Dr. Turley went back to Chicago to attend on Tuesday and Wednesday a convention of the Protestant Hospital Association of the United States.

Hanover Professor Talks Before Central Students

Dr. Leland Miles, author and chairman of the English department of Hanover College, spoke to the student body of Indiana Central on Friday, January 17, using as his subject, "The Cult of Pseudo Bohemia, or Liberalism Revisited."

Chemistry Professor And ACS

Dr. Robert Brooker of the chemistry department has been elected secretary of the Indiana Section of the American Chemical Society for the year 1957-58. He is also chairman of the Manpower Committee of this Section, a committee composed of 25 members whose purpose is to aid high school science teachers by furnishing speakers, arranging plant tours, and informing the students of the opportunities in the physical sciences.

From July 28 to August 11, 1958, Dr. Brooker will be the commanding officer of the 451st Quartermaster Provisional Basic Training Company at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.