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THE LONG CONTINUED prayer of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches for a liberal arts college of their own has at last been met by the Lord's gift of Cedarville Baptist College located in southeastern Ohio.

The college is not a temporary institution, but has been in continuous operation since its founding in 1894 by the Reformed Presbyterians. A beautiful campus of fifteen acres guarantees room for expansion while nine buildings in good repair provide instructional facilities.

The Lord has moved in every step, bringing together a goodly student body of more than a hundred for the first year and a faculty of born again, separated Baptists. Although the number of the instructors is but seven, they are able to carry tremendous loads by sole dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is the very breath of the college. Students meet morning by morning to pray; the faculty opens every meeting with a season of prayer and devotes besides two mornings a week before class sessions to prayer. Every class is opened with prayer and the instruction is carried on solely by His might and presence.

With such provision for the school the question may be asked, "What can Cedarville offer Regular Baptist young people?"

The aim of those who began the institution has been to offer to the youth of Regular Baptist homes an education comparable to that which can be obtained in any standard liberal arts college save that here the Bible is believed in and honored as the precious Word of God. The school purposes to prepare young people for service in any field so that their work may be Christ centered and their practice Christ honoring.

The Lord has blessed Cedarville Baptist College with some outstanding features. Chief of these is the provision of a science department. A splendid, brick fire-proof building of three stories houses on its top floor a biological science laboratory containing a goodly supply of biological specimens, as well as some geological items. On the same floor are two fine class rooms which may be used for other teaching subjects. The second floor has a large general chemistry laboratory which will accommodate forty-eight students with ease, as well as an advanced chemistry laboratory for sixteen students and a lecture room. *The facilities are sufficient for a college with an enrollment of more than a*

thousand students all together.

In addition to this there are supplies of chemicals and physical equipment worth thousands of dollars. The total price paid for the school would not buy these today. The basement floor has two rooms for physics plus a dark room. Just now these rooms are jammed with electronic materials donated by the Federal Government. If the proper man were added to the science department, he would have enough equipment on hand to establish a small radio station and even supply some material and training with which missionaries could both contact the home base and also improve their ministry on the mission field. At present there is but one man teaching part-time in the science field.

A second feature of Cedarville Baptist College is its athletic program. This has been set up to bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that servants of the Lord must possess strong bodies, so we attempt to build these through our physical education, intramural and athletic programs.

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The college now maintains intercollegiate competition in basketball and baseball. Next year we hope to participate in cross-country, track, tennis and golf. As we engage other schools in athletic competition, our aim is to bear a real testimony for our Lord and Savior, that others might desire to know Him personally. Already coaches and officials have remarked about the fine conduct and spirit of our boys. For this we praise the Lord!

Moreover, the Lord has given us ample facilities and equipment for a well-rounded physical education program. A student at Cedarville Baptist College can enjoy any of the following sports: basketball, baseball, softball, badminton, archery, volleyball, ping pong, track, tennis, football and golf

(at nearby courses and country clubs).

A third feature of the college is the emphasis placed on the practical work department. Although we do not have the advantages of a large metropolitan area, we do practical work such as confronts most pastors beginning in the pastorate. There are a number of types: children's Bible clubs—the aim here is to win the child to Christ and then place him in a local Baptist church; assistance given to pastors by musical teams, by teaching and preaching, by house-to-house visitation; group testimony in jails and mental institutions; and street meetings. All of this activity is undertaken despite the difficulties of going into towns that have no local Baptist churches.

A fourth feature is the part played by the department of music. Some very definite ideas have been implemented this year. We believe that the message is the important aspect of musical work in a Christian college. Spirituality is emphasized above the production of pure music. The participants must be yielded vessels before their talents as musicians are considered. Stress is laid also on the preparation of Christian workers who have a knowledge of the right place that music has in the worship of God. Teaching preparation is given in the basic theory of music, the fundamentals of voice, harmony and conducting.

The past year has been spent in an outreach with small groups. Concentrated effort has been placed on only one concert tour in nearby states. The music department works closely with the practical work department.

Music facilities consist of a music building with a choir rehearsal room, two class rooms and an office. For the future we look forward to an expansion of the present program and curriculum in order to prepare and qualify students for the teaching of music. The organizations planned for next year include a girls' glee club, men's glee club, chapel choir and concert band (as soon as competent musicians are available).

The last feature offered by the college concerns its plans for teacher training. The goal comprehended includes majors in Bible, Social Science, English and Education. Teaching fields will be offered in Science, Language and History. The program planned will satisfy the requirements of the State of Ohio for teacher training.

If it be granted that the Lord has provided this institution with all these good things, then the matter of its desirability as a training center for the



Cedarville buildings include stately "Old Main" . . .



. . . a well-equipped science building . . .

. . . and this Carnegie-endowed library.



youth of Regular Baptist churches should be apparent. Certainly we need to recognize that if proper instruction is to be given our young people, it must be given in a college which not only belongs to us but in one which is grounded on the Bible and is teaching all other truth as it relates to *ultimate* truth.

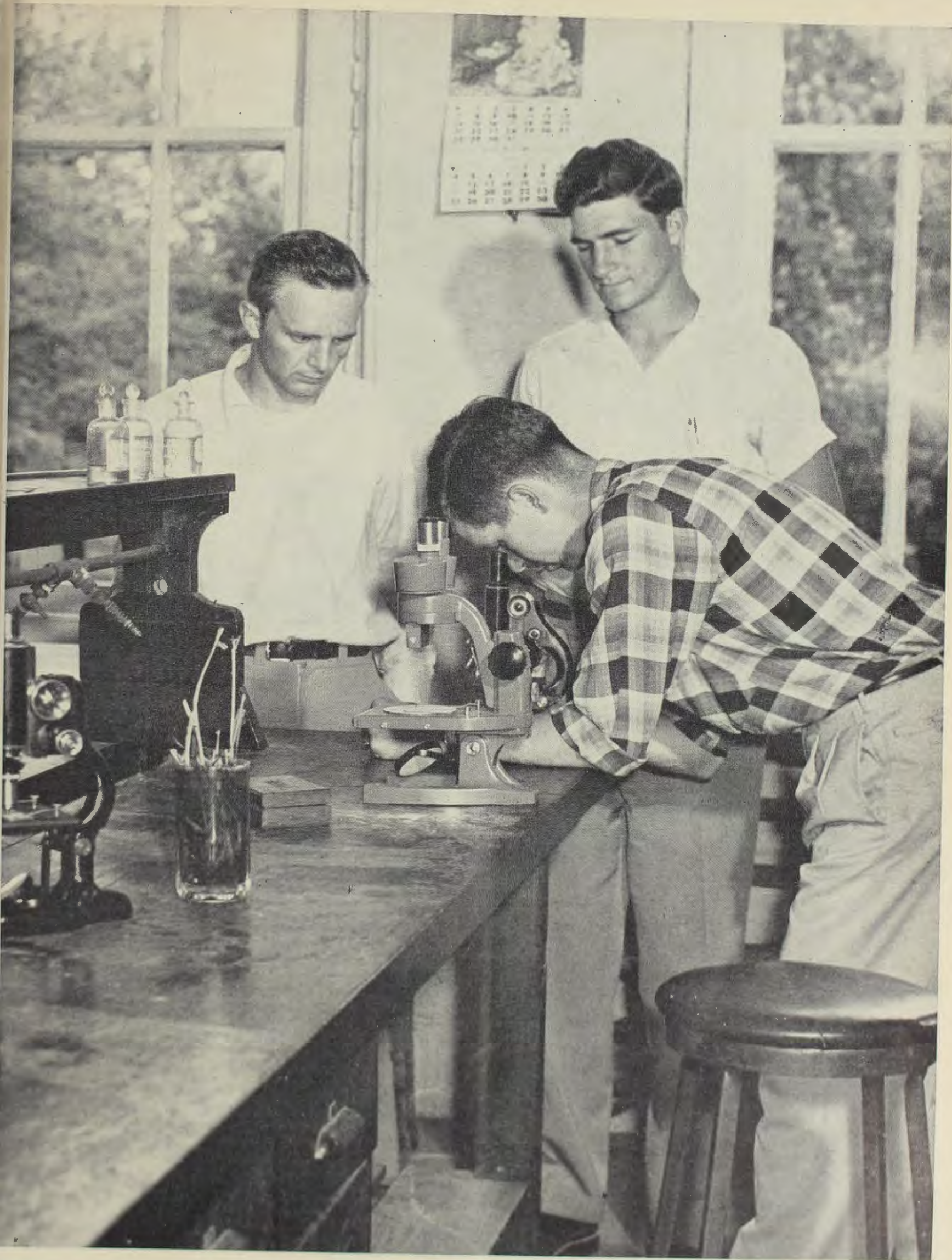
The state universities are not the answer for a regular Baptist youth being graduated from high school and desirous of obtaining a college education. We are not saying that God can not permit a born again individual to get an education in any one of them. We do affirm, however, that the believing student runs the danger of possible loss of fellowship with the Lord and with fellow-believers, since such institutions are known to be infiltrated with modern infidelity and all the evils that follow.

Neither are the denominational colleges the answer to the problem. Many of these are hotbeds of infidelity, completely committed to the ecumenical program which embraces every shade of human opinion within its fellowship.

Likewise, interdenominational colleges can not take the place of a school such as Cedarville. Their establishment rests upon an interdenominational basis protected by their constitutions. They can not teach the distinctive doctrines that Regular Baptists hold dear. Our prime need is a school in which these very distinctives together with a staunch emphasis on our glorious Baptist history are instilled into the very life of the students.

Such interdenominational colleges are not the answer for our youth for another reason: many of their instructors do not seem to be very deeply exercised about their identification with churches and denominations which tolerate blatant infidelity and which deny the necessity of separation from ecclesiastical apostasy. Such instructors seem not to recognize their further responsibility to lead the redeemed into a position of separation from an unequal yoke with unbelievers and thus make the only effectual protest against that which denies and dishonors Jesus Christ and which would destroy the very Gospel these men proclaim with fervor.

The only answer, therefore, to the question of where the young people of Regular Baptist churches may obtain a liberal arts education pleasing to the Lord is in a college which belongs to the Association. This is the school God has provided in Cedarville. Here a



SCIENCE PLUS THE BIBLE
Cedarville seeks to educate the "whole man"



Not to be neglected is the physical exercise provided by this gymnasium



Former men's dormitory is now being used to house the women students

Harriman Hall, home of the married students on campus.



position of clean-cut separation from apostasy and compromise is maintained. Here Baptist leadership possessing spiritual discernment and courage will be trained.

The goal of the college is three-fold: 1) to provide its students with the highest type of instruction obtainable in any standard college; 2) to train young people in a thorough knowledge of the Bible, so that being able to divide the Word aright, they may be prepared to be consistent soul winners in any field of labor; 3) to emphasize our Regular Baptist distinctives: the Book, the Blood, the blessed hope, world-wide evangelism, intercessory prayer, separation of Church and State, and separation from ecclesiastical apostasy.

Glorious possibilities are before us in Cedarville. God has wonderfully provided. Are Regular Baptists prepared to support this school now and as the Lord leads? We cannot receive funds from outside sources such as the Federal Government or large business firms. To do this would be to surrender control of the instruction and bring dishonor to our Lord. The only answer to the question of support can be found in our frank admission that the college belongs to Regular Baptists and that it exists to train leadership for them. Consequently it must be supported by them through constant prayer and systematic financial help.

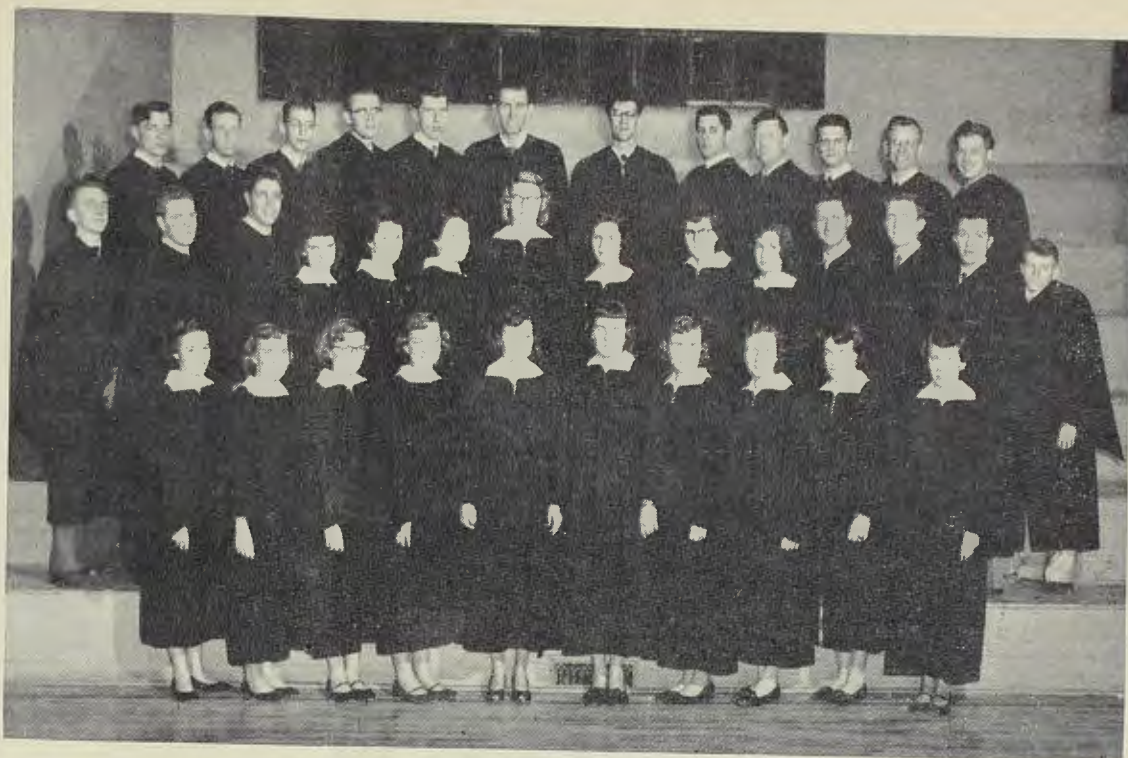
The tremendous prospect facing the college can be utilized as we recognize the needs that exist and attempt to meet them in His strength. Additional faculty members must be provided year by year until we can offer what our students need for prerequisites in fields of graduate study. Dormitory housing and a new chapel are imperative needs already. Furthermore, the tuition of the student pays but one-third of the cost of his education; two-thirds must come from others.

Do you believe that God has given you this school? Then you can have a part in its support. We must look to you; we cannot look to men of larger income. It will be a matter of a great number of small gifts given systematically. If you as a member of a Regular Baptist Church are able to give as little as \$1 per month toward the training of young people, then even this small gift multiplied thousands of times will be enough to meet the operating expenses of your college. Upon request we will send you a packet of twelve envelopes, one for each month of the year. Will you not give prayerfully and systematic-

ally month by month as the Lord enables you? Your gift may be channeled through your local church or be sent direct.

We covet, above all, your fervent prayers that Cedarville Baptist College may be undergirded—that it may serve faithfully our Bible-believing, Christ-honoring constituency in the training of young men and young women for places of leadership in every field. In all this our hope must constantly be in the Lord. He has raised up this school for His glory, so we prayerfully commend it and all connected therewith to Him, looking for His abundant supply and giving Him the praise for every good thing accomplished and every victory won.

For packets or further information write: Cedarville Baptist College, Cedarville, Ohio. END

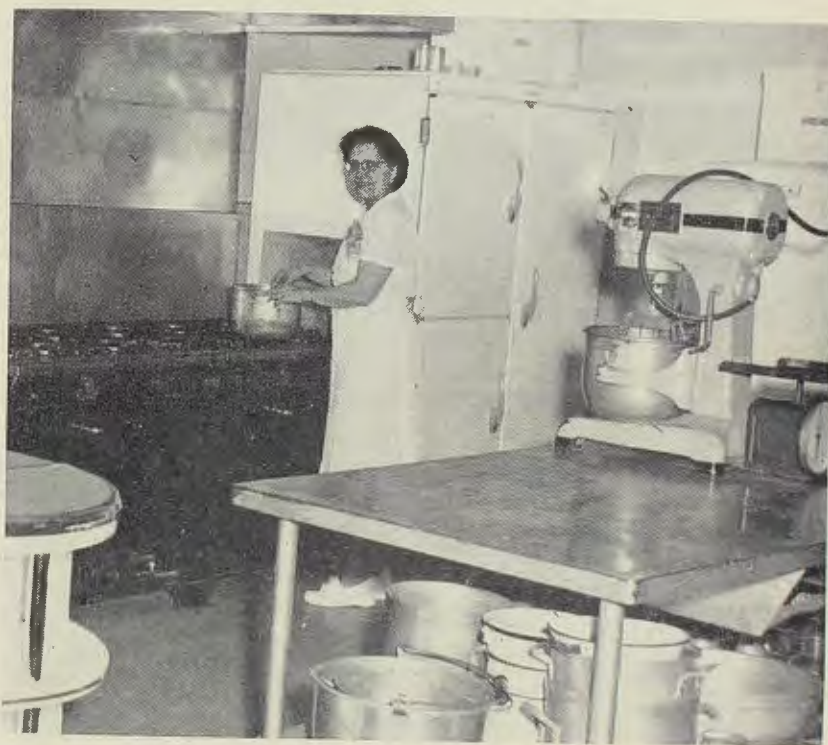


Singing His praises . . .



Campus landmark: Rife House

Girl's dormitory



Mrs. Jessie Shirley, chief cook

All-important Cedarville business office





Food and fellowship in the Cedarville dining hall

Cedarville cagers beam for photographer

