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THE CHAPEL WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

I was surprised the other morning to walk around the science building and see what looked like a tornado's track. A tree was down and the sidewalk was completely gone. All day the machinery made racket while I tried to study, and finally my curiosity got the best of me.

Why did they have to tear up the sidewalk? Were they trying to level the slope down to the chapel? And, how soon would it be until things would be back to normal? So, I did what a lot of kids don't take time to do. I asked. And there's the information which I received. The tree and sidewalk were torn up so the soil from the science building to the chapel could be terraced. There has been the problem of water getting into the chapel before and the terrace will check this.

It is quite likely that the inside of the chapel will be complete enough to hold services by November 8. But the outside finishing touches will require considerably more time.

LITERARY SOCIETIES PLAN BIG YEAR

A joint initiation of new members is the first main event planned this fall by Alpha Chi and Gamma, literary societies of Cedarville College. Gamma Chi held a meeting Monday, October 19, in the dining hall attended by about 35 former members and girls interested in membership. A humorous skit depicted girls before and after their membership in Gamma Chi. Other plans for the year include literary, social, and musical programs. Gamma Chi's big annual project is the all-school Valentine Banquet.

President Dave Matson announces that Alpha Chi met October 1, to organize the group, only former members attended. Men interested in membership also attended the second meeting October 5. At that time officers familiarized them with the aims and constitution of the society. Some plans for the year discussed then were attendance at professional basketball games, the Artist Series presented at the college, and hockey games or ice shows at Troy, Ohio.

Organized first in 1956 "to develop its members along literary lines, to promote the spirit of refinement and social tastes; to develop poise, personality, and leadership at both formal and informal events," the twin literary societies now boast a joint membership of about 55 students. Membership in Gamma Chi (Women for Christ) and Alpha Chi (Men for Christ) is open to all Cedarville College students. Gamma Chi officers are Carolyn Hale, president; Joyce Grant, vice-president; Marlene Davis, secretary; Carol Zoellner, treasurer; Sandy Hammerstrom, program chairman; Esther Weiss, parliamentarian; and Rosemary Smith, Student Council representative. In Alpha Chi, Dave Matson is president; Chuck Taylor, vice president; Terry Goodrich, secretary-treasurer; Ray Shepherd, chaplain; Dave Earnhart, parliamentarian; and Bogle Standifer, Student Council representative. Although neither group has yet selected its advisor for the year, the choice will be made shortly.

ALUMNAE COMMEND CEDARVILLE-CENTRAL STATE AFFILIATION

During a recent visit to the campus three graduates, Miss Esther Chesebro, Miss Shirley Shirley and Miss Grace Willetts, who are teaching school in Grand Rapids, Michigan, heartily commended Cedarville's affiliation with Central State College for teacher certification. They said that although they have been adequately prepared for the subjects which they are teaching, their biggest problem was the lack of student teaching experience. Now that students can receive this experience through the facilities of Central State, they stressed the importance of securing it, as it is necessary for certification as well as to prepare the teacher to face

the problems of the classroom.

The girls emphasized the importance of public school teaching as a mission field. Even though they are limited to Scripture reading and a short prayer in the classroom, the children are very curious about the Gospel. They ask questions outside of class which open the door for witnessing.

"KINGFISH" SPEAKS AT CEDARVILLE

Jimmy Willis, the original "Kingfish" of the "Amos 'n Andy" radio show, was the chapel speaker on Monday of this week. He told of his life in "Show Business", of his earned doctorates in music, and speech and drama, and of the wealth he had accumulated before his conversion at his uncle's funeral.

His successful career as an entertainer ended on the night club floor. While he was performing he was stricken with a hemorrhage of the throat, which destroyed his ability to talk. A few days later he returned to the night club for a pantomime act, but during this final performance he suffered an attack which paralyzed him. As he fell to the floor in pain, the audience laughed since they thought this was part of the act. Due to his paralysis Mr. Willis was in a wheel chair for 5 years.

According to his own testimony, Jimmy Willis was converted at the funeral of his uncle. In the instant he surrendered his life to God, his ability to walk and talk was restored.

In an interview with this reporter, Mr. Willis stated that even today the doctors do not know what caused his paralysis. Furthermore, they have told him that the present condition of his vocal chords make it scientifically impossible for him to talk. He attributes the fact that he can walk, talk, and sing, to the direct work of God.

Discussing the opportunity for a Christian to witness to those in the entertainment world, he said, "Even the stars must admit that there is an emptiness in their lives--an emptiness which they try to fill by turning to dope, whiskey, gambling, and women. A Christian ought to be able to witness anywhere, so long as his motives are right and he has the "True Foundation".

When asked if he had ever wanted to return to "Show Business", he answered emphatically "Never! However, I do keep contact with my old acquaintances, and hold membership in their unions, that I may tell them about the peace I have found."

SOPHOMORES EDGE BY SENIORS IN OVERTIME

Neither the rain nor the Seniors could stop the "Title Bound" Sophomore football team, Saturday, as it squeezed by the "elders" with a slim margin of 14 to 13 in an overtime game.

In spite of a light but steady drizzle and a slippery turf, the Sophomores moved on the ground for 25 yards in the overtime period to win the tie-breaking point, although the Seniors had stormed from thirteen points behind to tie the game at 13 to 13 in the second half.

The season will close tomorrow if the Sophomores beat the Freshmen (10 A.M.) or if the Seniors lose to the Juniors in the afternoon game at 2 o'clock.

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Coach Bowser has issued a last minute reminder to the men that the volleyball action gets under way on Monday evening, November 2, and that the intra-mural program for this year is based upon the overall points accumulated by the individual classes in the various sports offered through next Spring.