

Glad Tidings Bible Institute Opens At Bethany Park Site

\$250,000 School Plant Will Hold Estimated 200 Students This Year

Dedicatory ceremonies were held for the Glad Tidings Bible Institute at the Bethany Park Assemblies of God camp ground six miles out on the Los Gatos highway yesterday with more than 350 ministers and laymen present from many cities and towns of northern California and Nevada.

The school plant, which represents an investment of approximately \$250,000, has been under construction since last April.

Ever since 1920 the institute has been at 1441 Ellis street, San Francisco. It was moved here by decision of the Northern California and Nevada council of the Assemblies of God to allow for expansion.

Prior to a dedicatory dinner last night, students began registering for the three-year course which offers training for the ministry, missionary work, and general church work.

Dr. W. C. Peirce is dean of the school under President W. T. Gaston, superintendent of the northern California and Nevada district. There are eight faculty members and as of yesterday 150 students had enrolled. About 200 are expected.

Dr. Peirce, looking over the 130 acres of the grounds, yesterday explained that the council decision to move the school to Scotts Valley was influenced by the fact there was no campus for the institute in San Francisco.

He said the school is accredited by the North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges of Chicago and future plans call for making this institution a full college. It is one of 13 such schools operated by the Assemblies of God in the nation.

Dr. Peirce commented, "It is nothing short of a miracle that we could break ground in April and be occupying the school in September." E. O. Roebeck of San Jose is the contractor. Many church workers donated volunteer help.

While some structures are nearly completed, the building program will continue for several years. The dean said next year construction will include erection of an admin-

istration building, offices, and library. Now administration is carried on from the dormitory building. He expects the investment on the grounds to reach the \$500,000 mark in the future. This will include the summer camp installation and other structures.

In addition to the school, the district headquarters and editorial offices of "Glad Tidings," monthly council publication, have been moved to Bethany Park.

Marjorie Maddocks is editor of "Glad Tidings." It is a 16-page publication with a circulation of 4500.

The 130-acre campus and camp grounds is considered an ideal location for the school and camp. Much of the ground is covered with redwoods and oaks and Carbonero creek flows through the park. The property was dedicated to religious activity in July 1948.

Main speaker at a rally last night was Rev. Howard Osgood of the national headquarters at Springfield, Mo. The official stopped off at Bethany Park on his way to China.

State To Speed Up Civil Defense Plans

Sacramento, Sept. 19 (AP)—Governor Warren gave California a partial look at its civil defense program today.

And he declared the state is not going to hold up its plans until the federal government actually implements the civil defense blueprints announced by President Truman yesterday.

"We can't wait," said Warren. "We are not going to wait."

"The responsibility is placed on us. We've got to go through now to the very best of our ability. We are not going to wait for the federal government to give us detailed plans."

QUAIL HOLLOW HAS FIRE CALL TODAY

Felton state division of forestry dispatched a fire crew up the Quail Hollow road in Zayante shortly after 1 p. m. today. Details were not available by press time.

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