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College Plans New Buildings

The Berean Bible College ended its first term of Bible study and Christian training with a two-day conference held Wednesday and Thursday. The favorable financial report was regarded as justifying an early start on the building program outlined for the institution's North Hill property. Plans include classrooms, dormitories, administration buildings and chapel to meet immediate needs.

THE FOLLOWING were elected to the board of management: Three-year term, Cyril Hutchinson, J. Henry McCulloch, A. D. Cornell, George McElroy and Philip Hutchinson; two-year terms, Rev. W. J. Laing, Miss Mabel Giles, Mrs. W. P. Doylek, R. L. Bittle and J. O. Cummins; one-year term, Mrs. M. E. Whiteside, Miss Mary Macomber and R. S. Shatto, Gordon Moodie and H. E. Cornell.

Fellowship services were addressed by Rev. W. J. Laing, J. Henry McCulloch, Herbert Montgomery, Ellwood Hill and George Robinson, pastor of Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin. Reports were heard from Miss Betty Kisser and Ruth Wilson, home missionaries in Northern Alberta, and Miss Evelyn Wilson, an accepted candidate in Spanish Guinea under the W.E.C.

REPORTS WERE ALSO given by pastors of the associate works of the Berean Bible College. Wednesday evening Rev. Charles R. Tournay of the Sudan Interior Mission of Africa.

Thursday evening provided the climax of the conference when about 600 people gathered in Central High school auditorium to witness the graduation exercises. Those receiving diplomas were:

Marion Beacome, Mossleigh; Minnie Strohschein, Wetaskiwin; Mrs. Estelle Poynter, R.N., Calgary; Eugene Beach, Prince George, B.C.; Earle Caspell, Cayley; Wilfred Dickau, Wetaskiwin; Jake Reimer, Torch River, Sask.; Harry Reynolds, Centre Burlington, Nova Scotia.



Turns First Sod for Bible College Building

J. O. Cummins, above, turns the first sod for the first building of the college planned by the Berean Bible Institute. Mr. Cummins is Senior Board Member of the Institute.

The first building, a men's dormitory, will cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000. It will be a two-storey frame structure with basement, its dimensions 120 by 30 feet.

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Sod Turned For Bible College

The first sod was turned Thursday evening for construction of the first building of the Berean Bible College at 32nd Ave. and 4th St. N.W. J. O. Cummins, senior member of the board of management of the college turned the sod at the ceremony.

Greetings were extended by Rev. T. E. Martin, president of the Pastors' Gospel Fellowship, and Rev. Robert Simpson, director of Youth for Christ in Alberta.

THE \$50,000 building will have dormitories and classrooms and will be the first of several buildings, including a chapel and administration building to form a complete college campus. When the first building is completed, probably before the fall term, there will be accommodation for 60 students, and eventually for 500.

The college has been operating for the past year in temporary quarters in the Christian and Missionary Alliance on 13th Ave. W. A three-year course is offered to train Bible students for home or foreign mission work. It is incorporated as an interdenominational college. Cyril Hutchinson is principal.