

Looking back ...

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Indiana MAA Section

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The seventh annual meeting of the Indiana Section was hosted by Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, on Friday, May 2nd, and Saturday, May 3rd in 1930. The meeting was attended by forty-five individuals, twenty-three of whom were members of the MAA.

A 5:30 p.m. Friday reception was held for visiting members and their guests, and a 6:30 p.m. complementary banquet followed in the college dining room for sixty attendees. Earlham professor E. D. Grant, who presided over the banquet, introduced Earlham College President Denny who, in turn, offered a brief welcome address. Music was provided during the banquet by a trio of Earlham students.

At 8:00 p.m. Friday, a brief pipe organ recital was presented in Stoddard Auditorium. The public lecture of the evening followed and was delivered by University of Michigan Professor Louis Karpinski. Karpinski's talk was entitled "Mathematics and the Eternal Verities."

At 10:00 on Saturday morning, election of section officers for the next year was held in Carpenter Hall. The successful candidates included the following: P. D. Edwards (Ball State Teachers College) as Chairman, G. E. Carscallen (Wabash College) as Vice-Chairman, and H. T. Davis (Indiana University) as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Saturday session continued with seven presentations of papers, including the following:

- “On non-composite plane curves,”
J. C. Polley, Wabash College
- “Vectors in geometry and trigonometry,”
R.W. Babcock, DePauw University
- “Number one and number naught,”
A. F. Bentley, Paoli, Indiana (by invitation)
- “Amount of training in mathematics required of high school teachers of mathematics in various states,”
P. D. Edwards, Ball State Teachers College
- “Technique of instruction for large classes in mathematics,”
C.E. Trueblood, Arsenal Technical Schools (by invitation)
- “The predicted location of the 1930 center of population of the United States,”
S. Shively, Ball State Teachers College
- “The minimum essentials' place in mathematics courses,”
G. H. Graves, Purdue University

At the close of the meeting, the members adopted a resolution, in which they expressed their appreciation to Earlham College and, in particular, the organizers from the mathematics department, for a well-prepared and successful event.

Reference

[1] *The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Indiana Section*, American Mathematical Monthly, **37** (1930), pp. 395-398

A Note from the Author

Readers of this column may recall my first “Looking Back” article, “The Indiana Section Governor Position and its First Occupant,” which appeared in Spring of 2009 and featured P. D. Edwards.

His name also appears in the article currently under review. This pair of articles reminds us that Dr. Edwards served the Indiana MAA Section in a great number of ways.