

## CHURCH TO HONOR REV. PHILPUTT WITH RECEPTION

Central Christian to Observe  
Twenty-Fifth Anniversary  
of Pastor.

BY THE VISITOR

Twenty-five years ago when the Rev. A. B. Philputt stepped into the pulpit as pastor of the Central Christian Church there were two big questions being discussed.

One was Dewey's great victory in Manilla Bay. The other was how to control and avoid being hit by the peacock bicycles.

The times and the questions of the day have changed, but Dr. Philputt still remains as pastor of the Central Christian Church.

The bicycle is no longer a traffic menace. Bicycle riding is no longer the favorite pastime of society leaders.

On Friday night at the Central Christian, Dr. and Mrs. Philputt and their daughter, Miss Grace, will be the guests of honor at a reception tendered by the church in honor of twenty-five years of "faithful service." Prominent church leaders, business and professional people of Indianapolis as well as members of the church will attend.

The twenty-five years in which Dr. Philputt has been a leading citizen, he has had the friendship of hosts of prominent men and women. He was the friend of Riley and of General Wallace. Dr. Philputt probably has performed more wedding ceremonies than any other active minister in the city.

"When I came here twenty-five years ago from Philadelphia," Dr.

Philputt said, "I ran into a funny thing. In Philadelphia in those days it was highly improper to read Sunday papers."

"On my first Sunday in Indianapolis, Howard Cole, then an attorney in the office of General Harrison, came into the Sunday school room and told us all about what Dewey had done to the Spanish fleet. I asked him in amazement where he had obtained his information. He told me in the Sunday papers. Then I realized I was not in Philadelphia."

Dr. Philputt had a hand in the great growth of the city which he loves.

"Indianapolis is a great city," he told me. "I came here in the days of natural gas. Everything looked like spring. The bicycle was the rage in those days. If you didn't belong to a bicycle club and a literary club you were not in the swim."

"The intellectual life of the city has grown. We have great religious interests here. There are now many churches. The church has grown here. I think that law enforcement is better now than then."

"I have enjoyed my life in Indianapolis," he said, with great feeling. "The Central Christian Church has been so kind and good to me."

Twenty-five years ago Dr. Philputt's congregation numbered about 800, but today the active membership is more than 2,000.

**DELEGATES ARE SELECTED**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Name Representatives for Convention.

Fifteen delegates and fifteen alternates will represent Hoosier Post No. 4. Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the State encampment in South Bend June 21-23.

Delegates are Charles R. Edwards, Arlie F. Harriman, Ralph Edwards, Rema Edwards, Joseph Dugan, Thomas Byington, Benjamin Hill, Duke Williams, Harry Bridwell, H. W. Brooks, Clay Ryman, Robert Broadbent, Arthur M. Dinsmore and J. P. Richards. S. C. Jackson, commander of the post, was elected chairman of the poppy sale to be held here May 26-29.

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## ESCHBACH TELLS OF LAW EVASIONS IN PUBLIC OFFICE

'Honest Fools' in Majority,  
Says Former Head of  
Accounts Board.

Evasions of the law by county and

town officials in Indiana were de-

scribed by Jesse E. Eschbach, former

chief examiner of the board of ac-

counts, in a talk before the Indianap-

olis Bar Association at the Chamber

of Commerce Wednesday night.

Eschbach declared that the people

elect many "honest fools" and "wise

crooks" to public office, but that of

those brought before the accounts

board the "honest fools" are in the

majority.

"There are county engineers who

secure their bridge plans from bridge

companies without charge and are

paid the usual 4 per cent by the coun-

ties," he said. He declared some ar-

chitects specify certain materials in

order to favor certain dealers.

Eschbach said when most of the

trustees in the State changed office

Jan. 1, it was discovered that in many

cases no supplies had been left in the

offices—that even pencils and blotters

were gone.

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