

## BIRCH HALL



Birch Hall as we call it today was part of the original Ingram estate. Built in 1922 this building served as the caretaker's house. The house is a wood frame two-story and measures 32 ft x 24 ft with a 13 x 11 ft screened porch.

After the CLC purchased the property in 1963 Birch Hall served as the residence for the ILC president until 1974 when a new home was built for the president.

The president and his wife hosted several functions for the students. The Latin Banquet for Latin students was a fun time where all dressed up in togas and enjoyed a Latin meal. The Senior Tea for graduates was a formal event that focused on this special time in the graduate's lives.

When the new president's home was built the school started to see an increase in enrollment and additional space was needed. From 1974 to 1976 Birch Hall was used for a college women's dormitory. From 1976 to 1978 it served as college men's dormitory.

In 1978 Birch Hall was returned to single-family residence. A new professor joined the teaching staff and one of the professors and his family lived in the home. This allowed the school time to construct a new professor's residence in a timely manor. The house was then converted to rented space for college students.

When long time maintenance man, Roger Lentz, retired and Luther Sieg took over his duties, Birch Hall again became the caretaker's home. After the Siegs moved off campus, Birch Hall served as a rental house for married, seminary students. In 2007 the Board of Regents assigned this house to retired professor Ronald Roehl and his wife as their residence in exchange for various tasks which the Roehls perform for ILC. We await the will of the Lord to discover future uses for this building.