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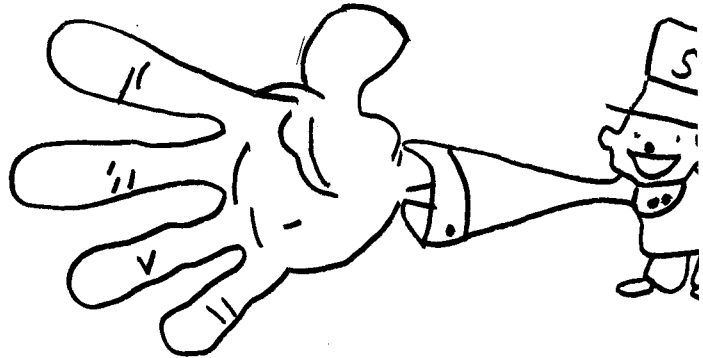
Academic Year 1956-57

LANCASTER, PA

Sept. 17, 1956 N.

SAMMY, THE SEMINARIAN, SAYS,

WELCOME!



- to our guests for the Schneder Lecture.
- to the new Junior Class.
- to Dr. Scorza and his wife.
- to Wendela van Lynden and David Cervantes.
- to all returning students.

The Staff of the 1956-57 Seminarian bids welcome to all who are with us at the beginning of the school year. We trust that we will draw inspiration from the Schneder Lecture and the speakers for the Retreat. We of the Staff hope to be of service to the Seminary family. All are welcome to contribute to the contents of the paper. We hope that this year may be one of increased dedication to the work of the Kingdom.

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The Schneder Lecture

Following a custom inaugurated last year, the Seminary will open its 132nd year with the Schneder Memorial Lecture on Missions in Santee Chapel on Monday evening, September 17, at 8:00 o'clock. To an audience made up of students, alumni, friends, and faculty members from both sides of College Avenue, Dr. J. Allan Ranck will speak on the subject, "Interpreting the Church's Mission Today."

We are especially fortunate in having Dr. Ranck for this lecture-ship. He is General Director of the Joint Commission of Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches, through which the denominations accomplish a great deal of work in missionary education. JCME develops study themes in both national and international mission fields, as well as the books and audio-visuals related to these themes. Through Friendship Press these materials are produced and distributed. They are used in Women's Guild programs and reading lists, in Youth Fellowships, in vacation church schools, and for individual reading by people of all denominations. We are happy to have the director of this significant enterprise as our lecturer.

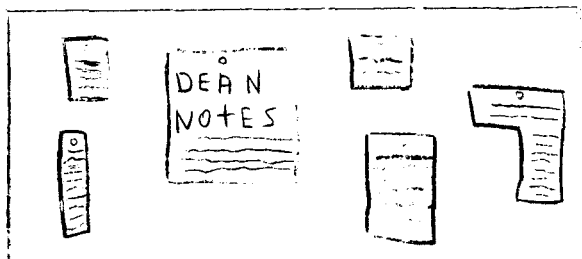
We are glad to have him for a more personal reason, for he is a product of Lancaster County, evidence that New Holland has given us more than

New Holland Machines! Some of us knew him as a pastor in Allentown, where he not only was a well loved pastor but was actively interested in community Christian education programs (e. g., dean of the Allentown Leadership School). From there he went to the Evangelical United Brethren Board of Christian Education as Director of Youth Work. Next he was called to the JCME, first as Associate Director and then as its General Director.

We are glad that the Schneder Memorial Lecture brings back a native son to Lancaster County.

(Dr.) Lee J. Gable

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* NOTE: The first linen
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This column "denotes" a channel through which faculty-student communication can continue throughout the school year. There should be many others, including personal contact and conversation. No professor will ever be too busy to talk things over, whether such things be intra- or extra curricular. While we distribute new students among faculty advisers this arrangement does not preclude any student from seeking counsel from any teacher at any time.

Copies of the Fall Term course schedule may be obtained from either the president's or the dean's office. There is a 1956-57 Manual for every student. If you have been missed in the distribution ask for it at either office. Please report corrections or additions (addresses, etc.) to the dean or to Dr. Bartholomew.

The Fall Term registration may be summarized as follows: Seniors, 31; Middlers, 26; Juniors, 22; M. R. E.'s, 5; Unclassified, 4. Total: 88. Of these, 29 are new students, coming from 19 colleges, from 3 countries and from 6 states of the Union. Three are "C. C.'s"; three, Methodists; one, Reformed of the Netherlands; the rest, "E. and R."

We give a special welcome to the two who have crossed the Atlantic and Rio Grande to come to us, respectively Wendela van Lynden from Holland and David Cervantes from Mexico.

We also give a cordial welcoming greeting to Dr. Silvio Scorza and his good wife, Phyllis, who are occupying the Englert home at 523 West James. Dr. Scorza received his Doctor of Theology degree from Princeton last June. He is a graduate of Hope College and Western Seminary, both in Holland Michigan, and an ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America. He will teach the courses of the Department of Old Testament during the sabbatical year of Dr. Englert.

One of the "Dankspenden des Deutschen Volkes," given through Church World Service to the Evangelical and Reformed Church by the West German Government, and brought to the General Synod meeting by Dr. Reginald Helfferich, has been given to our seminary. It is a framed picture, painted by a German artist, Gertrude Boelten-Evers, entitled "Blumenstrausz" and may be seen in the President's office.

Speaking of the Tenth Annual General Synod of the E. and R. Church, to which Franklin and Marshall College and our Seminary were hosts from August 31 to September 7, Professor Bartholomew, who handled things for our school, was about the busiest man around. Our dormitory, refectory, and, indeed, all the campus were thronged with delegates and visitors from all parts of the country and from mission fields.

Approval of the union with the C. C. Churches was unanimously approved

NEW STUDENTS 1956

Juniors

Allen, Robert J.	Hagerstown, Maryland	F & M
Altrock, Stanley C.	Richmond, Virginia	F & M
Bawell, Charles A.	Evansville, Indiana	Elmhurst
Bayler, Robert L.	Lebanon, Pennsylvania	F & M
Bean, Martha J.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Ursinus
Benner, Richard E.	Catasaucus, Pennsylvania	Moravian
Burrichter, Laven	New Albin, Iowa	Iowa S. T.
Cervantes, David	Chambersburg, Pennsylvania	Instituto Normal
	(Pueblo, Mexico)	del Estado
Hazen, George A.	Canton, New York	Cornell
Jackson, James W.	Abington, Pennsylvania	Temple
Kelchner, Ruthanne	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	Lebanon Valley
Kershner, Nevin L.	Berksville, Pennsylvania	F & M
Markham, Don C.	Buffaloll, New York	Buffalo State
May, Larry K.	Hamburg, Pennsylvania	F & M
Merrick, Richard E.	Allentown, Pennsylvania	Muhlenberg
Oliphant, John C.	Lansdale, Pennsylvania	Temple
Robert, Willard S.	Binghamton, New York	Defiance
Shallhamer, Dale M.	New Ringold, Pennsylvania	F & M
Shawda, Geraldine	Shamokin, Pennsylvania	Penn State
Weaver, Stacy I.	Lock Haven, Pennsylvania	F & M
Welsh, J. Robert	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	Penn State
Keeler, William J.	Rohrstown, Pennsylvania	Lebanon Valley

M. R. E.

Kilgore, Claude G.	Manchester, Pennsylvania	Hampton
Moll, Janet	Fullerton, Pennsylvania	Westminster
Snyder, Gloria	Fullerton, Pennsylvania	Kutztown S. T.

Special

Dinges, Geraldine	Aaronsburg, Pennsylvania	Lock Haven S. T.
Perrin, Charles M.	Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania	
van Lynden, Wendela	The Hague, Netherlands	Utrecht University
Probst, Delmar R.	Quarryville, Pennsylvania	Baldwin-Wallace

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Greetings from the Book Store Coop.

A joyous welcome to the new students as well as to those returning. We hope you, the new students, will find our Seminary family one filled with warmth and friendliness. We, of the Book Store, feel that we are an important part of that family, and we hope that the "Coop" can be of service to all of you by bringing text books, reference books, and several other pastoral needs at quite a saving. Last year was a very profitable year. I am sure all the returning students will agree on that. And we are hoping this year will be just as profitable.

All students are invited to drop by the Book Store in the basement of the Main Building and browse around. And we hope that all the new students will avail themselves of the benefits of the Book Store by becoming members of the Book Store Cooperative. See you at the Book Store.

Russ Heintzelman,
Manager

P. S. Textbooks for the fall term are arriving each day. Come in and pick yours up. This includes the books for the Junior required courses.

Thought for the day: "A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve." --Joseph Joubert

on Monday, September 3rd. Addresses by Drs. Eugene Carson Blake, Reginald H. Helfferich, and Hendrik Kraemer highlighted three of the evening session. Professor Gable was elected to the Board of Christian Education. Dr. Sheldo Mackey, a '39 graduate of our Seminary, was elected the Secretary of the Church. Dr. Theodore A. Distler, former president of F and M was elected to the Seminary Corporation.

Our Refectory is under new management. The A. L. Mathias Company of Baltimore, Maryland, caterers to many educational institutions, took over, the week before General Synod began. Mr. Earl Christman will superintend the work locally and will live with his family in the apartment formerly occupied by "Ma" Groff. We are glad that our friends, Miss Maggie Davis and Mrs. Susan Tirpak, will continue their service.

Dates Ahead: Fall Communion--September 26 at 7:30
Party for New Students--October 4 at 8.00

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Before his departure, Dr. Englert promised to write several articles on the adventures he and his family were enjoying while abroad. The first of these is published below. If there are any misspellings, blame them on the Editor's poor eyes and lack of acquaintance with German. Or, possibly, Dr. Englert's handwriting.

"The Seminary's decision to inaugurate a program of sabbatical leaves was greeted by the Faculty with real enthusiasm, especially by myself since there were a number of exceptional events occurring in Europe this summer, which I wanted to attend.

"I had been in correspondence with an American student who had spent 3 years at Basel working in OT, so it was a great bit of good luck that we were able to move into his furnished apartment upon our arrival. It is opposite a park and a school where David is attending kindergarten. Everything is in German but the teacher knows English, so he is getting along all right.

"We bought a Citroën 2CV car, at the suggestion of Roger Matter (last year's foreign student). It is the cheapest and smallest of the European cars. It has a 2-cylinder, air-cooled engine, front-wheel drive, 4-doors, seats 4 comfortably, and amazing gas economy (between 50 and 60 miles to a gallon, I figure). It has a top speed of 35-40 miles; measures 12' by 4½', I can park almost on a dime. These cars are so popular, there's a waiting list (for Frenchmen) of 2 years. Foreigners can get them right away because they want our dollars. I'll have little difficulty selling it, at the year's end, because they are so scarce.

"Four days after our arrival here, we set out for the big Kirchentag at Frankfurt, Germany, one of the events in Europe this summer I most wanted to attend. There was a very good article on the Kirchentag in The Christian Century sometime last Spring. It was written by O. Walter Wagner who will be the McCauley lecturer this November.

"On our way to Frankfurt, we crossed the Rhine here and passed through the Black Forest to Tübingen, then on to a German pastor whom I had come to know at Princeton. He has 3 rural churches near Stuttgart, all of them dating from the 1400's....

"Frankfurt was jammed with visitors. The papers said that the closing meeting Sunday afternoon was attended by 450,000; 3,000 in the choir! Somehow our pastor-friend's letter asking for reservations for all of us had gone astray. He had a reasonable chance of getting a room so we drove out to Bad Nauheim for over-night lodgings and came back to Frankfurt Sunday. We were greatly disappointed not to see Dr. & Mrs. Spotts and their Seminar which included Miss Carolyn Gable. The hotel whose address they had given us did not have them registered, they said.

"The Kirchentag was reminiscent of the big political rallies I saw in Berlin in 1932 and 1933. Somehow I was not affected by the masses of people gathered for this service. Do 450,000 in one place mean more to the Lord

then '2 or 3 gathered together in His name'?

"These things I must say, though: Kirchentag is but the culmination of a whole year's Christian activity. It is largely a laymen's movement, which is all to the good. It has been run from the bottom, not from the top down. And it is largely concentrated on Bible study, which again is all to the good. So I wrote to my Faculty colleagues, in America the Bible is still largely terra incognita.

"The other good thing is the fine spirit of Prot.-Catholic cooperation Kirchentag involves. I understand that the Catholic Bishop of Frankfurt Diocese wrote a letter to be read to all his flock, urging that they open their homes to the Protestant visitors for these 5 days. In like fashion, the Protestant Bishop of the Cologne area wrote to his flock to open their homes for the big Cologne mass which is being held right now.

"Little did I think that at my age I would learn a new sport. Since David has acquired a new playmate, Peter Bindschädler, also aged 5, and since soccer (called 'football' over here) is so popular, my leisure time is spent being goalie while David and Peter practice kicking the ball at me. They call it a German shutten (from our 'shooting'). The only reason no goal has been scored against me this season is that I have two five-year olds against me!"

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Exclusive Feature

We have always realized that our professors were men of rare talent and insight. Too often we have failed to utilize these latent abilities. And so, at great expense, we have obtained a sample of the work of Dr. St. nesifer, who may yet emerge from the dim recesses of the library into the bright world of American literature.

POETICAL REFLECTIONS UPON THE GENERAL SYNOD, LANCASTER, SEPT. 1956.

Three General Synods have I seen,
All meeting in LanCASTer;
The memory of these holy throngs
Doth make my heart beat faster.

Of all they thought, and all they wrought
The Minutes tell the score;
But now I chiefly recollect
The garments that they wore.

In '14 in the old First Church
I in the gallery sat,
And saw full many a portly form
In frock coat and black hat.

As Spangler Kieffer, grand old man--
Who would be his defamer?--
And A. S. Weber, Charles Levan
And genial Stuart Cramer.

The swift years fled; in grey St. Paul's
One more my soul was fired,
As I say the clergy, still sedate,
In business suits attired.

NOW in the shadow of Old Main
The delegates assemble,
But when I note how some are dressed,
It makes my poor knees tremble.

For as the brethren gather in,
To godly tasks alerted,
Many, alas! sans coat, sans tie,
Are gaudily sport-shirted.

Not only so, but some crude jerks--
These I could gladly clout--
Not only wear such sporty shirts,
But let the tails hang out.

Where is that article of dress,
Paul's "righteousness's girdle"?
Which, seeing clergymen without,
It makes my red blood curdle.

Collar unbuttoned, hairy chest--
Strange, C. C.'s want to jine us!
These hirsute fellows make me think
Of Ursus, not Ursinus.

Ursus the bear. Recall you how
That line of Kipling ran?
"Beware," said he, "and keep away
From bears that walk like man."

Such the strange sights my eyes behold
Amazed, I'm smitten dumb;
And sadly, sadly I surmise
What things are yet to come.

For should the trend hold, bye and bye
We'll see these same galoots
Attending General Synod
In Bikini bathing suits.

(Dr.) Paul T. Stonesifer



DEACON'S NEW FIND

Deacon Determined To Score

Faced with the prospect of coaching his last Seminary football team, Senior Coach Westcoat is looking forward eagerly to the coming campaign. Having come up with a virtually unstoppable full-back (see photo), and counting upon the powerful arm of quarterback Otto Flickinger, Deacon is seeing championships in sight. However, don't count out the Middlers and Juniors.

There are sports at the Seminary for all. They range from bridge to basketball; included in this range are bowling, softball, dart baseball, and ping pong. If you feel unable to participate, support the home teams with your cheers.

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Late Bulletin--Exclusive!

We have just received word by teletype that plans for the choir tour have just been completed. One of the highlights will be a visit to a well known spot, Niagra Falls.

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There are a few words which stick in my mind as this school year begins. These words are from the well known Prayer of St. Francis, which was set to music, and was a part of the program for last year's Seminary Choir. These words express what ought to be part of our sincere prayer of dedication to the service of God. These are the words:

Lord, grant that I may
Seek rather to comfort
Than to be comforted;
To understand, than
To be understood;
To love, than
To be loved.

There will be many times in our ministry when the going will be rough. We may then be inclined to feel a bit of self-pity. At such times, we should recall the words of St. Francis, and remember that we are here to minister, not to be ministered unto.

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Special Announcement:

As has previously been noted, there will be two Junior representatives to the Seminarian Staff. The purpose is to groom candidates for next year's Staff. Those who are interested should speak to one of the Editors.

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ATTEND THE FALL RETREAT!