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### C O M M U N I O N   S E R V I C E   T O N I G H T

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. our Christmas Communion Service will be held in Santee Chapel. Professor Bela Vassidy will deliver the meditation entitled "The Love of Christ." Dr. Achtemeier will serve as Liturgist for the service. The offering will be given for the Benevolence Budget.

### T H E   R E V .   B E A T R I C E   M c C O N N E L L

The Rev. Beatrice McConnel, wife of Choir director and organist Frank McConnell, the first woman ever to be ordained in the E&R Church, will be the guest speaker this Thursday evening at the annual Christmas banquet sponsored by The Social Life Commission. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an informal reception before the turkey is served at 6:30.

The Rev. Mrs. McConnell is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, class of 1948. After receiving her B.D. degree she served as the assistant pastor at St. Paul's here for six years. Feeling the need to seek additional academic preparation, she studied a year at Union Theological Seminary before accepting the call to Lemaster's, a four church charge in Mercersburg Synod. She filled her position faithfully and efficiently there for three years before accepting the call to enter the halls of "highest human happiness"- wedding Lancaster's favorite organist, Frank McConnell. Since June 7, 1958 she has been devoting her time almost completely to her obligations as housewife, although she continues to accept some invitations to fill pulpits in various churches in this area.

Two tableaux entitled "The Gift of Christmas" will also be presented during the program by members of the Seminary family with George Hazen as the director. A ~~sextette~~ under the leadership of Cal Wolfgang has been rehearsing to render special music for these tableaux. Due to the generosity of the Troupe Music House, Lancaster music will be provided by Paul Reed on the Hammond organ which they provided for the occasion.

The traditional Christmas offering will be presented during the program and dedicated by Dr. Dunn. This year it will be sent to Nazareth Orphanage in Rockwell, North Carolina, to be used for children's clothing and personal necessities.

Following the banquet everyone is invited to attend an open house at the girls' dormitory, 527 Pine Street. Egg nog and cookies will be served and there will be informal group singing for those who feel so inclined.

### S Q U A R E   P E G S

A retreat for seminarians who are contemplating "Out-of-the-mold" kinds of ministries was held at Kirkridge over part of the Thanksgiving vacation. By mistake two seniors, Bob Welsh and Jack Oliphant, were among the 23 present. Bob thought this was an ordinary retreat, not for "odd jobs"; while Jack thought Kirkridge was in Florida. The conference was led by John Oliver Nelson, professor of Christian Vocations at Yale Divinity School.

Working on the premise that the traditional type of parish ministry does not reach all people, the group considered ways of making the church more relevant to the needs of all people. Unconventional ministries, both in and out of the conventional church were discussed.

More-Square Pegs

Going to a retreat and study center is a spiritually refreshing and stimulating thing. So is meeting others in a common concern. It broadens one's perspective learning what the church is doing and can do to confront people with the gospel. These values made the retreat worthwhile.

T H E   D E A N ' S   C O R N E R

The following letter has been received, signed by two teachers and thirteen students of the Tokyo Union Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ in Japan:

To the Faculty and Students of  
Lancaster Theological Seminary  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Brothers in Christ:

We wish to thank you for making it possible for  
Dr. Alfred Bartholomew to be with us this year.

Dr. Bartholomew has addressed our student body in the chapel, he has spoken to our "Rural Evangelism Club", and since the beginning of the second semester of our academic year, he has lectured weekly to a seminar group which is studying rural evangelism.

We have learned much from Dr. Bartholomew's lectures. We shall also always remember him because of his personal interest in us and because of his appreciation of things Japanese.

Rural evangelism is one of the most difficult tasks that is faced by the church in this country, but we believe we shall perform it better because Dr. Bartholomew has been with us.

May God bless you.

The Bartholomews are now on the Pacific, due in San Francisco on the 15th and in Lancaster on the 22nd.

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Frauelein Renate Schmidt, our much appreciated guest for a few days last month writes -- in part -- as follows:

. . I would like to express my deep gratitude for the most interesting week at your seminary . . . it was very enriching to attend various classes, to do some study and reading in your wonderful library, to have so manifold discussions and to spend quite a few hours at your pipe organ, which I enjoyed very much.

In these days I learned better to understand the situation of students in this country. There is certainly a great advantage in living together and to practice all the problems of a "vita communis." At our universities is an unfortunate lack of community life and I do think that Americans can teach us quite a lot about fellowship.

Though I am not quite convinced that these early student marriages are an advantage for studies, there is maybe a certain difference in the method of studying. The German student is expected to do more independent research, to do some venturing in academic fields, which needs an "unsettledness."

I am to you and the Seminary most grateful that you have let me participate in your life and studies."

An article by Miss Schmidt appears in the current number of the National Council Outlook.

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Two genial co-eds will be missing and missed next term:

Miss Ruby Navaratnasingham, our ecumenical student, who has been with us for four terms will sail eastward on December 20th. She will spend some time in England before returning to her native Ceylon.

Miss Rhoda Kauffman, Church of God missionary to Pakistan, will be returning to her field of labor about April 1st.

Farewell and Bon Voyage to both!

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The statement in last Monday's Announcements (December 8) in re Friday classes seems to need some correction and clarification:

1. Senior classes, scheduled for the Winter Term, have been shifted to earlier days of the week: PT 57 to Tuesday at 8, RC 174 to Wednesday at 8 and ST 146 to Thursday at 9.
2. As a general long-range policy, the academic week will be regarded as extending from Monday at 9 A.M. to Friday at 3:00 p.m. Where curricular needs require classes may be scheduled at any hour within these limits.

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The old dean, as he bows out for the next two terms, would like to salute the SEMINARIAN'S modest "Editor-in-chief" Carroll Luckenbaugh, and his equally modest staff of Sam Fisher, Fred Kurkowski, Mrs. Beatrice Riu, Max Tussey, Ernie Racz and Jim Ishler on the work they have been doing on our school paper and the real contribution it has been making to the life of our seminary!

He would like to extend this bow to include those of his colleagues who will be doing his work for him during his sabbatical leave, especially Dr. Gable as Acting Dean, as well as to Dr. Glick of F.& M. and Dr. Trost of St. Peter's Church, who will teach CH 30-31 and CH 33 respectively.

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SENIORS AND MIDDLERS please note subjects and deadlines for prize essays and sermons in the Catalogue, page 36.

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### S P O R T S

On Thursday evening, December 4th, the Seminary #1 team, coached by "Doc" Englert, opened its intermural season with F&M with a decisive win over the City #2 team, to the score of 45-34. Coach Englert's first team charges were never in trouble during the whole game, ending the half with a score of 31-14. The big guns for this first game were Aregood and Wolfgang, each hitting for double figures. Coach Englert has been lucky in that six out of his seven players are returning "lettermen", the lone exception being yearling Bob Edwards who hit for eight points.

Come out and support your team. The schedule is posted on the dorm bulletin board, and the games are played in the F&M gym.

Aregood	13
Wolfgang	10
Edwards	8
Bawel	2
Lawhead	6
Benner	2
Welsh	4

- Ernest Racz

IF I WERE YOU AND YOU WERE I

If I were you and you were I  
Would you then know the reason why  
I do some things that look so queer,  
But are not just what they appear?  
And sometimes, when I've failed the test,  
E'en though I've tried to do my best,  
I wonder . . . would you help me try,  
If I were you and you were I?

If I knew you and you knew me  
I wonder if we would not be  
More willing both, to work as one,  
And so together, get more done  
In serving God and saving man,  
And do more good than now we can.  
A better way I think we'd see  
If I knew you and you knew me.

- Author, Sharon Scott

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A man told his butler that he was having a group of clergymen over for supper and he wanted the butler to be at his best, whereupon the butler asked, "Are they high or low church, sir?" "What difference does it make?", he replied. "Well, sir", the butler said. "If they're high church, they will drink and if they're low church, they'll eat."

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The Association of Seminary Women will have their annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Refectory. There will be entertainment for all, and a special feature for the children. Everyone is invited to come and join in on the fun and fellowship.

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Our Heavenly Father,

we thank thee for the Christmas season; we thank thee for the love in so many hearts that finds expression in gifts and good-will; for home-gatherings, and reunion of separated ones; for home-joys and social festivities; and for all that brightens the world at this Christmas time..... May not the abundance of material gifts smother the spiritual significance of the day, and the gifts cause us to forget the Great Giver and His "Unspeakable Gift". Move us with generous impulses to share our good things with others, and may the spirit of Christ touch our lives with a new spirit of love and joy that will bless and make beautiful all our days. This we ask in His Name.

Amen.

(Anonymous)

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THE SEMINARIAN STAFF EXTENDS THE  
WISH THAT EVERYONE MAY SHARE IN  
THE JOY AND PEACE WHICH CHRIST  
HAS BROUGHT TO US IN THIS YULETIDE  
SEASON AND THAT HIS LOVE MAY ABIDE  
WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE COMING YEAR.