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## DON BENEDICT WILL VISIT CAMPUS;

### ORGANIZER OF INNER-CITY PARISHES

Donald L. Benedict, the new general director of the Chicago City Missionary Society, will spend the day of March 8 on the campus, as the next Vital Issues Commission speaker. Mr. Benedict will speak during an extended chapel to the seminary community and will be available for conferences in the afternoon. The Vital Issues Commission program will be in the evening.

"Don" is one of the co-organizers of the East Harlem Protestant Parish. Further information concerning the parish and/or Mr. Benedict is in such books as "God's Colony in Man's World" by George Webber, "The Church Serves the Changing City" by Ross W. Sanderson, and "Shepherd of the Streets" by Ehle. Out of the Inner-City Protestant Parish of Cleveland comes a booklet by Mr. Benedict, "A Bold Look at the Inner City".

After Mr. Benedict graduated from high school in Tecumseh, Michigan, and Albion College, Albion, Michigan, he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1939, and also studied at Chicago Theological Seminary. In both cities he did volunteer service in mission projects.

During World War II, He entered the U.S. Air Force and was stationed on Guam and Iwo Jima as a chaplain's assistant and first sergeant. He also worked as a newscaster for the Armed Forces Radio Service on Iwo Jima.

Mr. Benedict re-entered Union Theological Seminary in 1947 and was graduated in 1948 with the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He was ordained a Congregational minister that year.

In the summer of 1948, he organized the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York. In 1952, he spent six months

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## DUKE IS NEW PROFESSOR

The first member of the Congregational Christian Church to be appointed to the faculty of the seminary was named during the recent Convocation program. He is the Rev. Robert W. Duke, minister of People's Congregational Christian Church, Dover, Delaware. He was called to serve that church in April, 1952.

Mr. Duke was born in Mount Vernon, New York. He attended public schools in Brooklyn, New York, and upon graduation from high school, was employed in New York City with Proctor & Gamble and Standard Statistics for a total of four years.

In 1942, Mr. Duke was drafted into the armed forces in the Medical Department and subsequently attended Officer Candidate School. His discharge came in January, 1946, when he was ranked as a captain.

After being separated from the service, Mr. Duke returned to college and received a B A degree from Brother's College, Madison, New Jersey, in 1949, and a B D degree from Drew Seminary, in 1952. While completing his seminary training, he taught courses in Philosophy at Brother's College.

While a student, Mr. Duke was called to serve the Brookside Community Congregational Church (N.J.), remaining there from January 1946 to April 1952. During his pastorate at Brookside, a new church was erected at a cost of \$65,000. This amount was completely paid before Mr. Duke left the parish.

As pastor of People's Congregational Church, Mr. Duke has participated in several activities of the Middle Atlantic Conference. He has been a member of the Board of Directors, chairman of the conference Budget Committee, Advisor to the Full-Time Christian Vocations Conference, and he and Mrs. Duke have served on the staff of the Blair Summer Confer-

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## DEANotations

President Moss talked by phone with Mrs. Hafer and Dean Dunn recently. He expressed a sense of guilt (which we encouraged) that he should be living in such balmy weather. The announcement as to his current activities was still not quite letter-perfect. The book on which he is working is on "Christian" not "Christine" doctrine.

Gary Beard has transferred to the Wesley Seminary(Methodist)in Washington, D.C.

We are happy that Larry Blunden's unscheduled trip from the snow shovel to the General Hospital bed was of short duration.

Lee Lawhead's presence is also welcome after his more lengthy illness.

Toshio Mine writes from Philadelphia of his ministry in the First African Church of Philadelphia, whose membership largely consists of Japanese war-brides and their negro husbands. Sixty-four families are included in the constituency.

Hal and Ann Schoup write from Aleppo College, Aleppo, Syria, U.A.R. where they are working in this historically Congregationalist Mission School. They have two little girls: Sandra and Fauz (Arabic for faith)

Kimon Faratakis sends greetings to his many friends here from Athens, Greece. His address: Ag. Joannou Theologou 39, Holorgos, Athens, Greece.

Seniors are reminded that they are welcome to enter the dean's office and look over literature of synods and congregations that present opportunities for service. They will be found on "the near end" of the long table.

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in Chicago, living at Hull House to help the Chicago City Missionary Society organize the West Side Christian Parish. Later, he returned to his work at East Harlem Protestant Parish.

In 1954, the Benedicts moved to Cleveland where he organized the Inner-City Protestant Parish and became its executive director.

In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict were delegates to a World Council of Churches' consultation in Switzerland and later visited many of the creative efforts

## WINTER WONDERLAND COMES TO SEMINARY

The recent snowstorms sweeping through the eastern part of the United States also affected everyday life about the seminary. Heavy snowfall was added to the inches of ice already covering the area, an aftermath of the previous snowfall.

Students with scheduled field work and preaching assignments for the week-end resigned themselves to spending a few snow-bound days at the seminary. Automobiles parked on campus suddenly disappeared. They were replaced by mounds of snow featuring protruding radio aeriels. Snow drifts made walking impossible. The entire campus was changed into a white field.

Saturday morning, students began the tedious job of digging out. Rex Dobey made good use of the seminary's new sidewalk cleaner. One disadvantage of the cleaner, however, was the fact that it was capable of clearing only a narrow path. Shovels eventually supplemented the work.

Students attempting to dig out their automobiles paused in their efforts long enough to play a game of touch football in the knee-high snow drifts.

Ice and snow sliding off the roof of Richards Hall posed a constant threat to the automobiles parked next to the dormitory. A direct result of this falling snow is that Vince Shively is now driving the most unusual Volkswagen in town.

Richard Siegfried solved the rent problem by hollowing out one of the mountains of snow which resulted from clearing the drive. The shelter has proven to be an ideal playhouse for many of the seminarians.

The Spiritual Life Commission put together a chapel service Sunday Morning for the married seminarians and their families. The preacher was Gabriel Fackre.

being tried in Europe to present Christian work to industrial and urban residents.

He was instrumental in developing an internship program for inner-city ministers in cooperation with the Inner-City Protestant Parish and the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College, Ohio.

## MASAHIRO TOMURA

## International Student Sketch

An interest in learning the English language at the age of 15 led ultimately to the Christian ministry for our Japanese fellow-student--Masahiro Tomura. But serious-minded "Tom" did not stop with English alone. His missionary teacher also told him about the Bible. The Bible has remained a deep interest, especially the Old Testament.

"Tom" was born in Kudamatsu, Honshu (near Hiroshima) in 1923. His mother, 3 sisters, and a brother still live in this city. "Tom" was "drafted" from college into the Imperial Army during World War II. On his return from military service, he decided to work his way through Tokyo Union Seminary.

A member of the Kyodan (United Church of Christ in Japan), Pastor Tomura, in 1953, went to Ashibetsu, Hokkaido, a city of 70,000, to begin missionary work. The main industry of the area is coal mining. When he left in 1958 he had a church of 60 members. "Tom" expects to return to another church in an industrial area, with his wife, his daughter (age 4), and a son (age 2). (Ask "Tom" to show you a picture of his family.) Though "Tom" may appear to be shy and reserved, he is really very warm and friendly.

"Tom" is working for a B D degree from Lancaster Seminary. Next year he hopes to attend McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, for specialized training in Industrial Evangelism. His two years of study in the USA have been made possible by the Interboard Committee of the National Councils of Churches of the USA and Japan.

Pastor Tomura has appreciated the trips he's been able to make while here. Last November he visited in the mining community of Morgantown, W. Va. A return trip is planned for March. With Joe Krabill, his suite-mate, he went to Louisville, Ohio. Friends in N.Y. City's East Harlem made it possible for visits there. With 50 missionaries on furlough from 20 countries, he attended a Christian Literacy and Literature Conference in N.Y. at the beginning of Feb. Pastor Tomura is making every effort to equip himself well for an even more effective ministry on his return to Japan.

## BOOK NEWS

It is the hope of the management of the Bookstore that through this column, which will be a regular feature in the SEMINARIAN, better service of the co-operative members can be accomplished.

Due to the change in management, there has been a new schedule of business hours posted. It is printed below for your convenience and in the hope that you will keep it posted in your study:

Mon.	10:30-12:00, and 5:00-5:20
Tues.	11:30-12:30, 1:30-2:50, and 3:30-5:20
Wed.	8:00-8:50, and 2:30-5:20
Thurs.	9:00-9:50, and 3:30-5:20
Fri.	8:00-9:50, and 10:30-11:20

We would also like to announce the institution of a new feature: THE BARGAIN TABLE. Some of the titles which we have now are as follows:

"When God Came Down," by Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr.; "Crisis in Communication," by Malcolm Boyd; "The Leaven of Love," by Izette deForest; "Devotions of Jonathan Edwards," \$1.00; "Psycho-therapy and Religion," by Henry Guntrip, \$1.50; "The Superstition of the Irreligious," by George Hedley, \$1.50; "New Concept of Healing," by A. Graham Ikin; "If God Be For Us," by Robert Luccock, \$1.50; "Joyous Adventure," by David A. MacLennan, \$1.50; "New Pathways to Faith"; "Anxiety and Fear," by Charles R. Stinnetter, Jr., \$1.75; "Prescription for Anxiety," by Leslie Weatherhead; "Webster's Biographical Dictionary," \$6.00.

Whenever possible, we will purchase worthwhile books to be sold from THE BARGAIN TABLE. These books will be sold at a greatly reduced price, with the purchaser still receiving a dividend.

March 1st is the last day for paying bills and picking up all books which were ordered.

The New English Bible (New Testament to be released March 14) may be ordered until Feb. 28. If ordered the Bible will be sold at a 15% discount (\$4.20) and will also be a discount item.

Third term books which arrive by the 10th may be secured that day. During vacation the store will not be open regular hours. If you desire bookstore services that week contact Bill Wealand.

## THE ALTAR

By Merrill R. Marisseau

One of the oldest battles of history has been man vs. the elements, and no one is more familiar with this age old struggle than the man who depends upon God's earth for his living--the farmer. To him the elements may mean a total loss or they may mean a mediocre year. Nevertheless, this man is generally found to be a happy individual who finds great reward from within, in the work he is doing. This man has learned to live with the elements and to accept their many varied attacks; he has learned to live in God's world of nature and to accept and appreciate what the Provider has provided for him. Many times these elements of nature may not only cause destruction of crops, but may also cause great inconvenience at which time this man has to meet nature's challenge and exist with only bare necessities at his fingertips.

Unfortunately, the modern day American has become so far removed from the so-called out-of-doors that he has become almost totally dependant upon man and man's power to continue his existence. The modern day American has become so fascinated by the inventions of mankind that God's world of nature seems far removed and meaningless without human power to harness its resources. When the elements strike and the power of invention is halted for the time being, man finds himself stranded and alone in the world of nature. Many times he becomes a helpless creature unable to exist because he has no electricity, his oil tank is empty, his sanitary water supply is cut off, he has no bathroom facilities, he is short on food, and he has no more Alka-Seltzer in his medicine cabinet. What is his reaction? He becomes afraid, he becomes desperate; he may even turn to God and pray because of his fear. This man is at a loss in God's natural world and is unable to live.

This, of course, is going to the extreme, but in reality, how many of us really appreciate, respect and attempt to see the wonder and beauty of God's World less concrete, buildings, and harnessed power? How many of us have ever had to

live with only the bare necessities of life at our fingertips? It seems that mankind today takes God and His world too much for granted and neglects to learn about this remote thing called nature. Many people enjoy camping, and many families camp together in the so-called wilderness and really rough it. However, they have the latest gas cylinder stove, a nimrod camper, charcoal for the evening fire, a folding picnic table, chairs, paper plates, knives, forks; in other words, they have transplanted the kitchen to the woods.

God's natural world is mysterious in many ways and yet so awesome and beautiful to behold in all its splendor. Here is where man can find peace of mind, quietness, joy, beauty, solitude, and most of all, here is where man can return to God's simple basic creation.

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ence for high school age young people, for the past ten years--Mrs. Duke as Secretary of the conference and Mr. Duke as Dean.

In the Dover community, Mr. Duke has participated in several civic affairs. He is presently president of the Dover Ministerial Association, and General Chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He is a past president of the Dover Kindergarten (a non-profit school conducted for the Dover community), a former president of the Dover Commission on Human Relations and member of a public high school curriculum committee.

In 1955, Mr. Duke was awarded the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year" Distinguished Service Award for service to the Dover community in the field of Human Relations. In 1957, he received a Distinguished Service Citation from Delaware State College, for his leadership in the field of Race Relations.

Mr. Duke was invited by the United States Air Force to conduct a preaching mission during the month of October, 1957, to members of our Armed Forces in the Middle East. Preaching engagements took him to Tripoli, Libya; Izmir and Ankara, Turkey; and Aviano, Italy. Mr. Duke was able to visit a mission station of the

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## REFLECTIONS ON CONVOCATION

by Kenneth B. Mulholland

Seminarians, faculty, and alumni were alternately confronted, challenged, and confused at the recent convocation program held January 26 and 27. The Convocation lectures brought to Lancaster two well-known members of the faculty of the University of Chicago, Dr. Joseph Sittler, and Dr. Seward Hiltner. Dr. Sittler dealt with "The Powers of Grace and the Realm of Nature" in a series of four Swander lectures. He pointed out that to be relevant the gospel must be communicated in the thought forms of the day. This means a renewed emphasis on the dynamic activity of the Acts of God and an abandonment of the terminology of substance in Christian thinking. Dr. Sittler displayed an amazing grasp of contemporary and classical literature thought and terminology which at times created six problems in communication with seminarians (and rumor has it with some of the profs.)

In his two McCauley lectures, Dr. Hiltner, the well known expert on personality and religion, dealt with the "Functions of the Ministry--Conflict or Co-operation". Often dealing in psychological rather than theological categories, Dr. Hiltner presented four graphic images as a basis for presenting the problems faced by the modern Protestant minister in his role as pastor, preacher, administrator and theologian.

On Wednesday evening Dr. Robert W. Spike, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Church, delivered the convocation sermon in which he challenged the congregation to feed the world's spiritually starving masses on the broken bread, the broken Word, and the broken Christ.

March 7 -- Next publication date

March 1 -- Will contributors please give news and articles to the editor by this date.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Dr. Englert, editor

At a recent seminar which meets at Dr. Englert's home on Monday mornings, a near-catastrophe occurred: the cinnamon buns failed to arrive on time. So in the emergency, a date and nut cake which Dr. Englert baked was brought forth and served. (This did not prevent any of the class from having a cinnamon bun besides, when they arrived!) At latest report, all have survived the date and nut cake, of course. By overwhelming request, (one student, who hopes to get an A in the course), Dr. Englert is printing the recipe for the cake:

- 1 cup of dates, cut in small pieces
- 1 cup of English walnuts, ditto
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon butter

Place the dates in the mixing bowl. Stir the baking soda into the boiling water and pour over the dates. Add the other ingredients and stir well. Pour into a well-greased deep baking dish between 6 and 8 inches round or square. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

--I simply argue that the Cross be raised again at the centre of the market place as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a Cathedral between two candles, but on a Cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; on a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and Latin and in Greek (or shall we say in English, in Bantu, and in Afrikaans); at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where he died and that is what He died about. And that is where churchmen should be and what churchmen should be about.

"Only One Way Left"  
by George MacLeod

## SABBATICAL REFLECTIONS of DR. GABLE

(Cont. from last issue)

The Church seems to be both central and irrelevant. Church buildings are large and centrally located in most European towns. The influence of the Church is important in setting directions, both locally and nationally. The work of the local parish, as well as of the Church in general, is supported by practically the whole population through the church tax that people pay. The Church as an institution, and the Pfarrer as a person, have prestige. Yet, in strange contrast, the new life that is developing in Europe seems to be taking shape apart from the Church. Poor attendance at worship services, limited activity and interest in anything the parish does, church buildings that are old and unattractive, preaching that intellectuals and workers alike seem to respect but regard as irrelevant—we want to take more time to reflect on these contradictions.

It has been most interesting to be a professor of Christian Education in Europe. Thus far we have met only one other. He had just been called to the Free Lutheran Theological Faculty in Oslo, Norway. Otherwise, we have found no departments of Religious Education or Christian Education in theological faculties. The nearest approach seems to be the work in "pedagogics" which is part of the department of Practical Theology. When we have had opportunity to discuss this subject, we have had two reactions. The more common has been recognition that there is a lack in the university training of the European pastor. To meet the lack, "Pradiger seminars" have been established to which university graduates are required to go during part of the two years they serve as vicars prior to ordination. Academies and related centers have been called into being to develop the kind of understanding and relationship that we seek to develop through theological education and through development of lay leadership. As a student said to us, he and his fellow students are being prepared more to be scientists in theology than to be pastors.

The other reaction is defense of the European procedure on the ground that it is more thorough and scholarly, and that

## THE SPORTS SCENE

On a Wednesday evening several weeks ago an intrepid band of hardy Reformed theologians braved the cold and snowy roads and hied themselves Crozer-ward to engage a band of Anabaptists in mortal combat. The theology of the Anabaptists prevailed by the score of 68-52. Even the presence of Crone did not suffice to turn the tide of battle. Other unbiased observers credited the outcome to the fact that the officials had barely a nodding acquaintanceship with the rules. Outside of the fact that it was played with a ball and two baskets, little else was known. It is to be hoped that another "marburg-colloquy-type" encounter can be waged in the F. and M. gym in the near future. Look for the date.

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Congregational Churches in Turkey, at Izmir, and tour through Ephesus, Izmir (Smyrna), and Bergama (Pergamum), three of the famous early Christian churches mentioned in the Book of Acts.

In 1959, Mr. Duke received the distinguished service citation from the United States Air Force for spiritual and moral services rendered to members of the Armed Forces during a preaching mission in the Middle East.

The Dukes have a fifteen year old daughter, Barbara.

"Pradiger seminars" and practical experience must fill the gap of understanding and relationship. Sober reflection says that, on both sides of the Atlantic, we need to find better ways to encourage pastors and people alike to be responsible members of the Church, and to find ways of making more effective Christian witness in a changing world.

We think often of the Seminary and its work, as we read letters, faculty minutes and TOWER ECHOES. How we wish we could visit for a while, and learn to know the new students! We must be content, however, to send our greetings on paper and to express the long-distance wish that the new year may bring deeper experiences and wider horizons for all in the Seminary fellowship.