



The Seminarian

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SOCIETY

PLANS DISCUSSION ON PACIFISM

The recent letters to the Editor have stimulated so considerable an interest in pacifism (non-violence) and war, that an evening meeting will be given to a presentation and discussion of these subjects. On March 29th (Monday) from 8:00-9:30 PM. the Seminary Family and friends will have the opportunity to hear two speakers defend war as justifiable expression in our Christian life. Following this will be an open discussion moderated by Dean Dunn.

With many obligations demanding our time, the Society has asked for only one meeting each in April and May. In April there will be the ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Also, the changes resulting from the current study of the Society program will be presented at that time.

In the early part of May, a meeting will be held by the new officers to tentatively schedule the student activities for 1954-55. One of several reasons for such scheduling is to help plan a Handbook for the coming school year which will list the many activities and thus avoid later conflicts.

The program that was being planned to show forth the work and values of our prayer-cell meetings this year has been postponed due to the very full Seminary schedule. Yet perhaps some of these values will be shown to us this Spring by way of the SEMINARIAN and our Chapel Services.

Bill Simpson

MIDDLEBURY DECIDE

THEME OF BANQUET

The Middler Banquet will feature this year a theme of "One World." In recent committee meetings this theme has been woven into the entire evening of food, fun, and fund raising. Remember the date - April 28th. Watch the SEMINARIAN for further announcements.

WOMEN AIR

PARSONAGE LIFE

Did you hear the halls ringing last Monday night? Well, it wasn't anything serious but just an interesting discussion coming forth from the Lounge where the merits and demerits of parsonage life were being discussed. The Association of Seminary Women conducted a quite unique meeting.

Wives of ministers in the city and churches where field work is being done were invited to the meeting to help the dorm and apartment dwellers find some sort of aid in preparing for the roles they will be undertaking as ministers' wives. The meeting got a bit on the active side as some of the panel members took extreme views of what their tasks were.

"The Open House Theory" gave a rise to opposition from all the corners of the room as the women felt fear that some of us might yet be led to have husbands reconsider their call to the ministry. But it was fun and many good insights were brought out in the give and take of the evening.

The panel leading off the subject consisted of: Mrs. Nevin Stamm
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CHOIR CONTINUES

CONCERT TOURS

The Seminary Choir presented another successful concert on Tuesday eveing at Hellertown, Penna. The Church, a union church, is ministered by a graduate of last year, Rev. Ernest Miko. From all indications he is doing a very fine piece of work with these people. The fine meal, so graciously bestowed upon the choir members, was also a strong indication of why Ernie is satisfied with his work, as far as food is concerned.

The choir's next concert will be tomorrow night at Robesonia. The bus will leave from the Pine Street entrance at 5:30. Choir members are asked to be prompt in order to provide ample time for orientation in Robesonia, in preparation for the concert.

Joe Hennessey

DEAN-O-GRAMS

GRADES - for the Winter Term courses should be secured from the counselors. The list is on the west bulletin board.

AN ILLUSTRATED FLIER - informing the world about our Seminary and depicting Practice Preaching, Christian Education, and Rural Church instruction in action, as well as the campus in winter, has been published for circulation. It will be sent to the ministers of the E. and R. Church and others on our mailing list. Students desiring copies for distribution may secure them at the President's office.

REPRESENTATION - by the following members of the faculty at colleges of our church in addition to those mentioned in the last issue was as follows: Professor Sayres at Catawba, Professor Bartholomew at Ursinus, and Professor Gable at Cedar Crest.

REGISTRATION - for next fall term courses: Wednesday, April 28.

SENIOR TRIP - to the Schaf Building is set for Friday, April 2.

THE BOARD OF VISITORS - at their meeting, Friday, set the date of their next year's examination of the Senior Class as Friday, on March 11th. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions. The Board approved a recommendation of the Faculty that, beginning with the school year, 1956-57, students for the B. D. degree who have not had a minimum of a year of Greek in college, will be required to take it in their Junior year in the Seminary.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS - and program will be announced, watch for further information. This year the alumni features will be centered on Tuesday while Wednesday will be devoted to graduation. The commencement program itself will be held in Hensel Hall of the College, due to the need of more space. The following have been named as speakers: Paul Eberts, Paul Heckert, Dale Heckman, Kenneth Sell, Sara Weirich, and Willard Wetzel.

HOOPSTERS TAKE TITLE

The biggest event of the past week of sports was the crowning of the Seminary Team #1 as the champions of the Independent Basketball League at the college. In a thrilling game with Hartman 1-A our boys clinched the championship by eking out a 50-48 victory. Jim Cressa put on a fine exhibition of set shots and driving lay-ups to lead the way to victory. Our team jumped out to an early lead and managed to stay in the front by a small margin throughout the whole game, despite the desperate attempt of the Hartman team to over take them in the last few minutes of the game. This contest was a replay of an earlier game won by the Seminary 50-47, but protested by the Hartman team. This second win over them, by almost the identical score, was, therefore, a well-deserved victory, proving that the first one was no fluke. Start-

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PROFESSOR MOSS - will receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Federated Theological Faculties of the University of Chicago on March 19th.

JOAN (Mrs Raymond) CRAVEN - has registered as a Special Student for the spring term, which brings our total to 90. Mrs Nevin Fisher of Elizabethtown is not registered for this term.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY - will meet with us on April 23-24.

THE CATAWBA CHOIR - is expected to sing at the chapel hour on Thursday, April 1st.

REMEMBER - that the Monday Lenten Services begin at 1:15 pm. On Monday Dr. Frantz spoke on the "Triumphal Entry."

DATES AND PREACHERS TO COME ARE:

March 15: Dr. Bartholomew on

"The Last Supper"

March 22: Dr. Meck on

"Gethsemane"

March 29: Dr. Moss on

"The Betrayal"

April 5: Dr. Kosman on

"The Trial Before Pilate"

April 12: Dr. Sayres on

"The Crucifixion"

A Parable

One day in spring, Solomon, then a youth, sat under the palm trees in the garden of the king, his father, with his eyes fixed on the ground, and absorbed in thought.

Nathan, his preceptor, went up to him, and said, "Why sittest thou thus, musing under the palm trees?" The youth raised his head and answered, "Nathan I am very desirous to behold a miracle." "A wish," said the prophet, with a smile, "that I had myself when I was young."

"And was it granted?" hastily asked the prince. "A man of God," answered Nathan, "came to me, bringing in his hand a pomegranate seed. 'Observe,' said he, 'what this seed will turn to!'

"He then made a hole in the earth and put the seed into the hole, and covered it. Scarcely had he drawn back his hand, when the earth parted, and I saw two small leaves shoot forth. But no sooner did I perceive them than the leaves separated, and from between them rose a round stem, covered with bark; and the stem became every moment higher and thicker.

"The man of God said to me, 'Take notice.' And while I was looking, seven shoots issued from the stem, like the seven branches on the candlestick of the altar. I was amazed, but the man of God bade me to be silent, and attend. 'Behold,' said he, 'new creations will soon make their appearance.'

"He then brought water in the hollow of his hand, from the stream which flowed past, and lo! all the branches were covered with green leaves, so that a cooling shade was thrown around us, together with a delicious odor. 'Whence,' said I, 'is this perfume amid the refreshing shade?' 'Seest thou not,' said the man of God, 'the scarlet blossom, as, shooting forth among the green leaves, it hangs down in clusters?'

"I was about to answer, when a gentle breeze played in the leaves, and strewed the blossoms around us, as the autumnal blast scatters the withered foliage. No sooner had the blossoms fallen than the red pomegranates appeared suspended among the leaves, like almonds on the staff of Aaron. The man of God then left me in profound amazement."

Nathan ceased speaking. "What is the name of the godlike man?" asked Solomon, hastily. "Doth he yet live? Where doth he dwell?" "Son of David," replied Nathan, "I have related to thee a vision."

When Solomon heard these words, he was troubled in his heart, and said, "How canst thou deceive me thus?"

"I have not deceived thee, son of David," rejoined Nathan. "Behold, in thy father's garden thou mayst see all that I have told thee. Doth not the same thing take place with every pomegranate, and with other trees?" "Yes," said Solomon, "but by degrees, and in a long time."

Then Nathan answered, "Is it therefore, the less a divine work because it takes place slowly and silently? There are no miracles that do not proceed from God. When He reveals Himself only in the ordinary course of nature, we do not fully realize that He is the sole source of all we witness. It is only when He reveals His power in manifestations not in the ordinary course of nature that we cry, 'A miracle!' If that which is now so familiar because it is so constant, were rare or occasional, we should then see in every manifestation of divine power an actual miracle."

Our sincere thanks to
an unknown author

BOOKSTORE COOPERATIVE

ANNUAL MEETING TONIGHT

The executive committee of the Book Store Cooperative would like to again emphasize the annual meeting of the Cooperative tonight at 7:30 in the lounge. It is very important that all members be there.

It would be helpful, not only to the individual but also to the progress of the meeting, if the Annual Report of the Cooperative is read before attending.

Among the items for discussion and action is a proposal to make representation from the Junior Class on the Executive Board possible. The full details of this proposal can be found on the bulletin board.

Election of the new manager is also on the agenda. Candidates for the position are Arpad deKallos, Don Studor, and Clarie Settlemyre. Their qualifications are posted on the bulletin board.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

PLANS EVENING DEVOTIONS

Earlier in the school year a number of people asked the Worship Committee to consider having directed Vesper Services. Since there wasn't much support for this type of thing, it wasn't adopted by the Committee. However, the Committee did think that there was value in having such a directed worship period. As a result the Committee has scheduled some special worship aids for Thursday night vesper services during the Lenten Season. On March 4th Arpad deKallos played quiet music on the organ and on March 11th a tape recording of the Seminary Choir was played to aid the Vesper worshipper. On coming Thursday evenings the following programs have been planned:

March 18 - Mr. McConnell will play organ music for meditation, 9:30-10:00.

April 1 - The Rader brothers will lead meditation with instrumental music, 9:30-10:00.

April 8 - This vesper will be guided by a member of the Seminary family. There will be a further announcement concerning this service.

Please note that the Chapel will be open from 9:00-10:30 as usual on these nights, but during the periods mentioned there will be aids

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ing next Tuesday night, our Seminary team tangles with Chi Chi, the fraternity champions, in a best out of three series for the all-college championship. We cannot fail to mention that the Seminary #2 Team finally hit the victory column last week, coming through with a one point victory over Keyran Hall.

The Seminary ping-pong team finished its league play with a 3-3 record. Lively, Harner, Settlemyre, and Denhart found themselves paddling some stiff competition as they met the best of the Fraternity teams. Dart baseball has been in the vogue the past few weeks as the Seminary had three outside games. We traveled to our Mountville Church one night, to the Hamilton Park Church another, and Steve Szabo brought some men from his church to the Seminary last Wednesday night. These evenings provided a fine opportunity for fellowship as well as for friendly competition in the art of dart throwing.

ATTENTION: All those who want to play softball for the Seminary Team should come to an organizational meeting next Monday night, March 22, at 7:30 in the lounge. The college intramural schedule will begin on March 30. Play Ball!

Len and Glenn

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from the Muddy Creek Charge, Mrs. David Maugans from the Hamilton Park Church, Mrs. Thomas Phillips from Mountville, and Mrs. Elden Spangler from the Willow Street Church.

The members of the group are now working on several projects one of which is the assembling of layettes for migrant families.

They also are serving as babysitters every Thursday evening at the Cleft Palate Clinic. For April two meetings have been planned. On April 12th they will hear a review of the SILVER CHALICE and on the 21st Miss Partridge from the executive offices of the Women's Guild will give pointers on the Guild program.

for your evening meditation. The Worship Committee hopes that many will find it possible to attend these vesper services.

-Dick Fehnel