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PROFESSOR BRICKER TO BE INAUGURATED AS LIBRARIAN

The Rev. George H. Bricker will be inaugurated as librarian and Professor of Theology at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4. The service will be part of the Annual Convocation.

A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and of Lancaster Seminary, he has also earned the M.Ed. degree at the university of Pittsburgh and is a candidate for the degree of Master of Library Science at the Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia. The degree will be awarded in the spring of 1960. In addition, he has done graduate work in theology at Temple University. Before coming to the Seminary he served pastorates in Johnstown, Waynesboro, and Lancaster.

The title of Professor Bricker's inaugural address will be "The Place of the Library in Theological Education." a reception will follow the inauguration.

CORPORATION PRESIDENT DIES

H. Wilson Lark, a member of the Corporation of the seminary since 1934 and president since 1947, died Oct. 6, after an illness of four weeks. He was 78.

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A successful businessman in his hometown, Shamokin, and surrounding area, he was active in industrial, political, and benevolent affairs, as well as a staunch supporter of Church affairs. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Shamokin.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters, two brothers and 16 grandchildren.

Seminary President Dr. Robert V. Moss Jr., was one of three clergymen officiating at his funeral, Oct. 9. A memorial service will be held here in Santee Chapel Friday morning.

NILES, MULLENBURG, FACKRE ARE CONVOCATION SPEAKERS

Dr. Daniel T. Niles, Dr. James Mulienburg, and Gabriel Fackre will present addresses at the Annual Convocation Wednesday and Thursday, November 4 and 5.

"The Mood of the Gospel" will be the theme of Dr. Niles' sermon on Thursday. Dr. Niles, the Convocation Preacher, is currently the Harry Emerson Fosdick visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary.

As Swander Lecturer, Dr. Mulienburg will speak on these themes. On Wed., "Major Themes of Biblical Faith; Father and Son"; on Thursday, "Redeemer and Redeemed" and "King and Servant". A Congregational Christian, Dr. Mulienburg is a faculty member at Union Theological Seminary.

Mr. Fackre, a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will present the McCauley Lectures. On Wednesday, he will discuss "Mill Town People and Their Problems"; on Thursday, "Giving Joe Doe a Name and a Face". Mr. Fackre has been working to establish an area similar to the Iona Community at Milleron Community.

"NO MAN IS AN ISLAND": "THE FAITH HAWKER" TO BE PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL PLAYERS

The Chancel Players will present two plays as a part of the Convocation program. "No Man Is An Island" and "The Faith Hawker" will be presented in Santee Chapel on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:30.

The cast for the two plays include Jim Ishler, John Lindler, Mary Wenck, Ed Wenck, Cal Wolfgang and Virginia Sommers.

Editorial...

IN MEMORY
OF H. WILSON LARK

A man who for 25 years took a vital interest in the welfare of our seminary died two weeks ago, following an illness brought on by a heart attack. He was H. Wilson Lark, president of the seminary corporation.

Our upper classmen will recall Mr. Lark as a gentleman of short stature and halting but deliberate gestures. He wore a soft smile and spoke gently.

Annually, since he was elected president of the corporation, he gave an address at graduation exercises of the seminary. It was right that on such occasions a layman as well as clergymen and professors should be heard.

When that occasion came around last spring, Mister Lark was Doctor Lark; a year earlier he had been awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Franklin and Marshall College. This honor from the Board of Trustees of the college was a fitting recognition for one who had given so generously of his energy and wealth to the Evangelical and Reformed Church and other institutions.

He was a member of St. John's E & R Church in Shamokin and for many years served as a consistoryman there. He served on many synodical committees and several times was a delegate to General Synod, where he freely participated in the proceedings.

He was a director and vice president of the Bethany Children's Home of the E & R Church and for 28 years was a trustee of the Shamokin State Hospital.

His success in the business and industrial field permitted him to give considerable financial support to his interests. He was president of the National Dime Bank and owned and operated Steam Coals, Inc., both of Shamokin, and the Wilson Coal Co. and Penag Coal Co., both in Schuylkill County.

He was a man short in stature, but tall in service, dedication, and loyalty to Christ and his fellowmen.

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Editorial...

BOOST FACULTY-STUDENT RELATIONS

THROUGH HALLOWEEN PARTY

One of the characteristics of Jesus that shocked his fellow-Jews was his relationship with so-called lowly ones; publicans, tax-collectors, etc. He not only was anxious so to identify himself with his fellow-men, but he participated in their festivities, e.g. the wedding feast.

Is it too much for us to suggest to the faculty that they and their wives attend the Halloween Party, Thursday evening, Oct. 29? May we even suggest that they attend in costume?

The same exhortation applies to all the other members of the seminary family.

THE CHURCHMOUSE...POME

Faculty retreats.
Students read,
Break for coffee.
Chapel? No need.



—A (self-righteous) Nonie Mouse

WITCHES, IMPS, GOBLINS WILL CONVENE ON OCT. 29

Spine-tingling entertainment and horrifying decoration will welcome the faculty and student body to the Seminary's annual Halloween Party, scheduled this year for Thursday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Out-landish costumes will be the order of the day (or at least the evening.) Both faculty and students are invited to bring guests, with no extra charge.

Under the leadership of George Miller, Social Life Commission Chairman, committees are at work with plans for the evening's program.

Cal Wolfgang will be in charge of recreation and entertainment, with Tom Arner's committee planning refreshments. John Linder is in charge of decorations.

BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULED WITH CHRISPUS ATTUCKS TEAM

With academic pressures tightening the schedules of almost everyone at the seminary now, the benefits of our athletic program is most evident. Any psychologist will say that some diversion at least once a week will increase efficiency remarkably.

Arrangements have been completed for basketball matches between the Chrispus Attucks of Lancaster and the Seminary team, November 10, 17, and 24. These Tuesday night games will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held at their gym.

Dr. Englert will post a notice of the games on the bulletin board and will ask those planning to play to sign up there. At least eight players should attend each event and anyone is eligible.

Because of lack of interest in touch football, the scheduled activity has been cancelled. However, several students are currently using the swimming pool facilities at Franklin and Marshall College which have been made available to the Seminary family. The time allowed for our use is 4 to 5:30 daily. Interested persons should see Ken Martin for further details.

THE ALTAR By John Lindner

"Will you pray?" That question is asked of many: those who eat their meals together, those at meetings, and those in many other situations. What is our reaction to this question?

When we are asked to lead in prayer, do we shirk the request? Do we consider praying something at which we are not skillful enough? Maybe we are not in the practice of praying aloud in public. Or, maybe we are too lazy spiritually to put our inner feelings into speech.

Maybe we are the kind of persons who like to be coaxed into offering the prayer—but we say it is humility. We do not feel worthy; we are no better than others. But if we are coaxed, we accept. And in the meantime, we have gained some extra attention, haven't we? Are we sure that our sense of humility is not really pride in a false sense of humility?

"Will you pray?" Indeed, that is a privilege to be taken "with all lowliness and meekness". But that does not mean with no willingness or confidence. Obedient we should be, to pray in the Name of our Lord. Self-centeredness must give way to selflessness, but a selflessness that has its confidence in Christ.

Prayer: Our Father, who art an ever present help, help us to pray at all times in thy Spirit, with true supplication. To that end, keep us alert with all perseverance to make supplication for all of Thy people, and also for ourselves, that utterance may be given us in opening our mouths boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which we are ambassadors in chains. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

FESTIVAL OF RELIGION AND ARTS PLANNED

The Festival of Religion and Arts had been scheduled for April 25-29, 1960. Preliminary planning calls for a closing program Friday, April 29, followed by a reception. The festival is under the sponsorship of the Social Life Commission.

THE DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

The faculty retreated on Wednesday, Oct. 14, to Meadow Hills and planned advances along curricular and other lines. One day each term will be similarly used and there will be periods for discussion of seminary problems on Nov. 20 and Dec. 11, in addition to the regular monthly business meeting.

The two boards of the seminary, the Corporation (18 laymen) and the Board of Visitors (13 ministers, one from each of the constituent Synods), will meet Friday. They will hold separate sessions in the morning and a joint session in the afternoon.

The faculty is encouraged by the seemingly wider use of our library facilities. Students are urged to forage for books not on reserve and to familiarize themselves with the literary wealth that other shelves contain.

We congratulate the Society of Inquiry and the Association of Seminary Women on the attractive handbooks, red and pink respectively, which they have distributed.

RECENT MARRIAGES

Four Seminarians lost the hard (or not so hard) fought struggle for independence during the summer.

Ron O'Reilly and Betty Weilenman were married on May 30 in Cliffside Park, N.J.

On June 21, Paul Peters was married to Irene Foil at the United Church of Christ in Mount Pleasant, N. C.

Shirley Ann Seibert was the bride of Paul Hagenberger on June 27 in Mount Zion Methodist Church, Steelton, Pa.

At Trinity United Church of Christ, Stone Church, Pa., Cal Wolfgang and Louise Rader were married on August 8.

CHOIR SECRETARY ELECTED

The Seminary Choir elected Bob Masenheimer to the office of secretary at Tuesday's rehearsal. Bob is a member of the junior class.

Our overseas students of last year are located this year as follows:

Ruby Navartnasingam is back in her native Ceylon after a sojourn in England and has resumed teaching. The disturbances in that island dominion recall her anxieties for the Christians there.

Martin Tornallyay and his family are at Cambridge, Mass., where he is doing graduate work at Harvard.

Kano Naito is at Princeton Theological Seminary where he is taking a year of further graduate study.

Noah Dzobo, after a summer at the University of Wisconsin where he completed his work for a MA, is now at Edinburgh where he is studying for his doctorate.

Professor and Mrs. Carl Sipple and daughter, Marjorie, of our Japan Mission, Sendai, are residents of the Missionary Home, President Ave. and New St. Mr. Sipple, who teaches in North Japan College is an auditor in at least one seminary class.

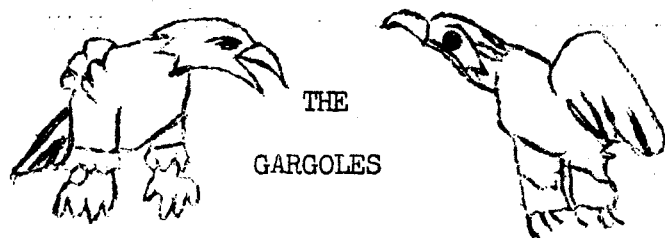
An announcement has come from Gering, Neb., of the birth of Kay Susanne to Larry and Shirley May. Mrs. Hafer has a new granddaughter, Nancy Jean Patterson, born Oct. 15.

Professor Emeritus Oswin S. Frantz submitted to an operation in the Lancaster General Hospital last week. Reports of his recovery are encouraging.

Wayde Atwell was bereaved last week by the death of his father in Warren.

DEAN ATTENDS MEETING
OF E & R, C-C, MISSION BOARDS

Dean David Dunn is attending a joint meeting of the Board of International Missions (E & R) and the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions (C-C) at Akron, O. The three-day session opened Tuesday. As one step in the direction of integrating the two boards, a new name, "The United Church Overseas Board", has been proposed and was to be acted upon at this meeting.



Gargle: Isn't this a Reformed Seminary?
 Argyle: I think.
 Gargle: Well, then why don't some of them.

 Argyle: I know he's back, but there's something missing.
 Gargle: Yah; he slept on his side the other night and lost his mind.

 Argyle: Is it true that the seminary is laid out in the form of a train?
 Gargle: Yah; the chapel is the engine; the library is the tender; the dorm is the pullman; the refectory is the dining car.
 Argyle: Then what are the new buildings?
 Gargle: Caboose for papooses.

 Argyle: Why are you holding your nose?
 Gargle: Since we quit using flowers on the altar, I can hardly stand the odor in that chapel.

 Argyle: Where are you, "Gar"?
 Gargle: Right here; it's just the between class smog again.

 Argyle: Have you heard the racket from 527 Pine St. this year?
 Gargle: Yah; it's those low church vespers in the convent.

 Argyle: Do you think we ought to release our writers from their contracts?
 Gargle: Yah; I don't think we ought to stand in the way of their accepting jobs as writers for the OT Department.

THE STAFF is extremely proud of the excellent masthead designed by ANDY HORN. He is a member of the junior class.

SNIPS AND BITS...

—A by-line for Don Kelly was erroneously omitted from the last issue. So, now we give credit: Don was the writer of "It Seems to Me..." This feature will appear under the rotating authorship of Ed Wenck and Don.

—One student's name and school address were inadvertently skipped in the directory published as a supplement to the first issue of the SEMINARIAN: Charles DeBoeser, 110 Richards Hall. Charles is a junior.

—The State Sales Tax license for the Book Store Coop was discontinued by the Executive Board in order to simplify accounting procedures.

Society of Inquiry President George Bach gave this explanation for the Coop's limiting of business to books only.

—It was a privilege to have Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Minister of the Methodist Church, as a guest preacher in Chapel-Assembly Monday afternoon.

METHODIST STUDENTS FORM "HOLY CLUB" HERE

While John and Charles Wesley were at Oxford, they formed a group known as The Holy Club. Today the same thing would be called a cell group.

The Wesley brothers and their friends prayed together, read scripture, helped needy people and visited prisoners.

By a similar calling, a few of the Methodist students at this seminary have formed a Holy Club. The group, which is open to non-Methodist students, too, meets each Thursday, following coffee break in room 317 of Richards Hall.

The group proposes to enrich the student's commitment to Christ by:

- (1) Seeking to glorify Christ in fellowship with one another under the power of the Holy Spirit.
- (2) Prayer and the deepening of devotional life, leading to good works for the glory of God.
- (3) Study of the Bible and the Christian faith.
- (4) Fellowship of Christian experience.
- (5) Witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit in the changed life which comes by the "new birth".

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 4

- 10:00 a.m.--First Swander Lecture: "Major Themes of Biblical Faith: Father and Son".
Prof. Muilenburg.
- 2:00 p.m.--First McCauley Lecture: "Mill Town People and their Problems". Mr. Fackre.
- 3:30 p.m.--Second Swander Lecture: "Husband and Bride". Prof. Muilenburg.
- 7:30 p.m.--Inauguration of the Rev. George H. Bricker as Librarian and Professor of Theology--
Santee Chapel.
- 8:45 p.m.--Reception.

Thursday, November 5

- 9:00 a.m.--Service of Worship: The Rev. D. T. Niles
Ceylon, Convocation Preacher. Sermon
Title: "The Mood of the Gospel".
- 10:45 a.m.--Third Swander Lecture: "Redeemer and Redeemed". Prof. Muilenburg.
- 2:00 p.m.--Second McCauley Lecture: "Giving John Doe a Name and a Face". Mr.
Fackre.
- 3:30 p.m.--Fourth Swander Lecture: "King and Servant". Prof. Muilenburg.
- 7:30 p.m.--Two plays from the television Series
"Look Up and Live" presented by the
Chancel Players, Santee Chapel.