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FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU...

The staff of the 1954-55 "SEMINARIAN" extends a special word of "WELCOME" to all alumni and friends of the Seminary who will be with us during our days of Convocation this week. Extra copies of our school paper have been printed; so that all of our guests may have a copy. May your visit with us be a pleasant one. May the fellowship and study offered us by the

Convocation sessions strengthen you in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the bonds of friendship and interest which we share.

INTRODUCING... OUR CONVOCATION LECTURERS

This year's Swander Lecturer is the Rev. Wilhelm Pauck, professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Pauck was born in Laasphe in the province of Westphalia, Germany. He studied at the University of Goettingen and at the University of Berlin. Having received the degree of Licentiate of Theology at his Berlin Alma Mater in 1925, Dr. Pauck came to the Chicago Theological Seminary as a German exchange student.

Our Swander Lecturer remained at the Chicago Theological Seminary as instructor, then professor, of Church History. Until 1953 Dr. Pauck served the Chicago Seminary in this capacity, also serving as professor of History at Chicago University.

In 1953 he became professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Pauck has served as guest professor in many schools in the United States, Germany, and Switzerland. He served as editor of the publication, Church History, from 1951-1953 in this country.

In addition to his many published articles, Dr. Pauck is the author of several books. Among these are: The Heritage of the Reformation, Karl Barth, Prophet of a New Christianity?, and Religion and the Present Crisis.

Presenting the McCauley lectures for this Convocation is the Rev. Elden Ehrhart, pastor of the Overton Charge of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Dushore, Pa. Rev. Ehrhart was born in Dallastown, Pa., and received his college degree from Franklin and Marshall College in 1939.

Rev. Ehrhart graduated from the Lancaster Seminary in 1942 and received his first call to the St. David's Charge in Millersburg, Pa., that same year. Serving the St. David's Charge of our denomination for ten years, Rev. Ehrhart distinguished himself as an outstanding pastor in the rural church field.

In 1952, our second Convocation lecturer went to his present charge in Dushore. Rev. Ehrhart comes to us out of a splendid background in rural pastorates. We welcome both him and Dr. Pauck to our Seminary for this year's Convocation.



AFTER THE BALL WAS OVER your editor-in-chief left the Halloween Party very much cheered by the fine spirit and wonderful attendance which accompanied our first social event of the year. Feeling a little pang of personal guilt, he reflected to a fellow "spook" who walked out the door with him that it was a shame that the same kind of attendance and enthusiasm couldn't show itself

among us when the Society held a regular meeting! His companion, however, observed that a party is the release from the classroom everyone needs, while a "heavy" discussion is merely an extension of the classroom atmosphere. Since his companion was a "real wheel" in Society circles, your editor-in-chief was quite unafraid to agree with him! Indeed, it is too much to expect attendances to balance at two such different types of extra-curricular activity. At least, "human nature" would lead one to conclude that; but what about the extreme difference between attendance at "heavy" and "light" programs of the Society? That extreme difference (or indifference) is the product of more than just "human nature," isn't it? Like confining one's religious fervor to one morning a week, confining one's seminary interests outside the classroom, so entertainment only is a practice hard to justify.

ONE OF THE DELIGHTS of being editor of the "Seminarian", just discovered by yours truly, is that of reading old issues of our school paper. Pouring through Dean Dana's file of back issues of the "Seminarian," your editor has found some "gems" by former students of our Seminary. In forthcoming issues you'll be getting a chance to read some of these for yourselves, by way of our plans for reprinting certain articles "from the dim past." For instance, here is an article from an issue of the "Seminarian" in the year 1949. It is the kind of article which lots of us could write, but never get around to writing. It covers a rather prominent theme at the Seminary these days -- more prominent now than when this article was written by one "Ruthie" Hubbard:

"Girls -- Are you tired when you come home at 5:15 P.M. Do you feel worn out after banding over a hot typewriter all day long? Are you ready to drop dead? Of course you are! All you poor girls can say is "another day, another dollar!" Let me ask you some questions now about the other half of your family. Are your husbands tired from a long day's work? Do they have to work overtime and come late to dinner? Are they weary and grumpy? You bet they're not!!

"Do you know why this terrible difference exists between you and your hubby? Simply because your hubbies haven't been working at all! Oh, maybe they had two or three classes during the day, or maybe a quiz. But heavens, that doesn't tire them out. How can they be tired after sleeping in almost every class and then taking a cat-nap in the afternoon? What a life they are leading! Too bad you girls were born with looks instead of brains. You might be up there with the scholars, catching up on that much-needed sleep! I'll have to admit that your husbands are pretty smart, though; for, they know a good set-up when they see one!

"Well, don't worry, girls; their Seminary days are numbered. Then, the shoe will be on the other foot. It will be their turn to make the dollar each day. Remember what the little sign in the dentist's office reads: 'Keep Smiling!'"

YOUR CHECK-LIST FOR THE CONVOCATION:

Tuesday: 8:00 pm First Swander Lecture
Reception (following lecture)

Wednesday: 9:00 am	Second Swander Lecture	Swander lecturer:
10:30 am	First McCauley Lecture	Dr. Wilhelm Pauck
2:00 pm	Third Swander Lecture	
3:30 pm	Second McCauley Lecture	McCauley lecturers:
7:30 pm	Fourth Swander Lecture	Rev. Elden Ehrhart



"SEMINARIAN" SPOTLIGHTS ... ON TWO PARTS OF THE GLOBE

OUR OLD FRIEND and former exchange student from Germany, Horst Macfelin, has written a letter to us. Your staff knows that you will be interested in the following excerpts from that letter:

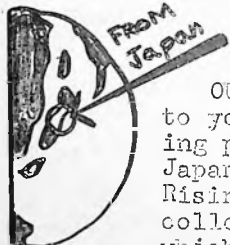
"Dear professors, dear fellow-students,

Again you have started with another academic year. I wish I could be among you for some time to see what's going on in the classes, in the dormitory, and at the tables, and to meet familiar faces and some good friends...

"As most of you know I had earned enough money to be able to make a trip through the South and out West. It has been a wonderful experience and has corrected and rounded my picture of your country very much...

"In Evanston my work as a translator at the conference of the World Council of Churches was most interesting. We translated all the working papers and most of the speeches, and thus we had a survey of almost everything that was going on in the assembly. I was very happy about the whole ecumenical atmosphere at the conference...

"Already during the last few months of my stay in America I gradually came to the decision that I wanted to go into theological publishing work... In order to be able to work in a Christian publishing house, however, I must get some practical and technical training, which I want to acquire now through one and half years of training in a publishing house here in Stuttgart... I am very happy now with this work and I really feel that I am doing something... I shall let you know how I am making progress in my work... It may take some time until I catch on fully with life here in Germany again. Returning after only one year of absence makes one feel like a stranger sometimes even at home... wishing you God's blessing for your work and study..."

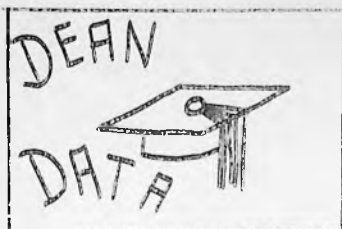


OUR "WORLD TRAVELER," Arpad de Kallos, has been very kind to your probing staff members, and has given us a very interesting publication from the International Christian University in Japan, which Arpad visited during his summer in the Land of the Rising Sun. This paper-bound edition, This I Believe, is a collection of essays written by a freshman class at I.C.U. which is struggling with our English language. Everyone of these 25 personal essays in English reflects the philosophy of some Japanese freshman student. One student writes as follows:

CASTING MY LOT

It was the fifth of August, 1945, just ten days before the end of the war. About 8:00 in the evening, I heard the air-raid alarm. Father told my sister and me to go to grandfather's house in the suburbs which he considered safe. We left home, but when we were half-way along, we were urged to get into a shelter because the bombers were coming close. We entered the shelter. Time passed, but the people warned us of the danger of leaving. Despite their advice, something whispered to me: "Go in haste!" I could not understand what made me do so, but my sister and I left the shelter and hurried to grandfather's house.

By the time the horrible day had broken most of our homes had been burnt in the raid and many neighbors lost. Most ironically, all of the people in the shelter had been killed by a direct hit during the night. If I had remained there with them, I should have cast my lot with them. Although I was only eleven then, I realized that some holy power had come upon my life. I admitted belief in God. I gave thanks to God for the first time. And I realized God's great intention for me. I was destined to live on, under His protection.



WINTER TERM REGISTRATION (expected):

Seniors (including 4 E.U.B. prospective graduates at United Seminary) - 36

Middlers - 22

M.R.E. - 4

Juniors - 35

Specials - 7

TOTAL: 104

THE FALL TERM will come to an end Wednesday, November 24th, at 12:20. THE WINTER TERM will begin Monday morning, November 29th, with the first class listed on the Winter Term Schedule. A copy of this schedule has been posted on the #2 Bulletin Board in the Main Hall. Conflicts should be reported to the Dean as soon as possible; so that they may be taken into consideration in preparing the "final edition" of the schedule, which will be mimeographed and distributed later.

ALL FALL TERM WORK should be handed in by midnight of Friday, November 26th, unless other provisions have been made by the respective professors. PRESIDENT JAMES E. WAGNER will speak at chapel Wed., Nov. 17, on the MERGER.

ARPA'D'S CHALLENGE ... OURS, TOO

A Japanese student named TADAO OTA became one of Arpad de Kallos' many friends during his work-camp experience in Japan last summer. This Japanese workcamper is now back at school; but, his mind is on more than just his books. This Tadao Ota is struggling with the "problem of Christ." His contacts with Japanese Christians has been such that he cannot keep from thinking about his own possible acceptance of the Man from Nazareth. All of these things he has written to Arpad in a most challenging letter. This letter Arpad has answered, expressing his own Christian witness on behalf of his Japanese friend and his spiritual struggles.

Now Arpad has asked the staff of the "Seminarian" to repeat the challenge of this situation for every member of our Seminary Family. Not with a theological discourse, but with a simple testimony of personal faith in Christ, all of us can add our letters to Arpad's. Tadao Ota writes of the influence of psychology and how it is keeping him from making a decision. He writes, too, of the labor and politics in Japan whose confused state only adds to his own.

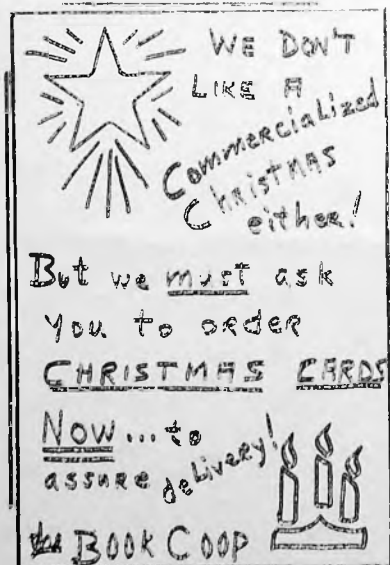
Here is an opportunity for Christian witness which is rare indeed for all of us. Will you help in this letter-writing "evangelism" which Arpad feels may strengthen his own efforts toward Tadao Ota? See Arpad.

LADIES... BE SEATED!

On Tuesday, November 16th, representatives of the American Seating Company will visit our Seminary. These representatives will set up a display of Church and Church School equipment in the board room.

All seminarians are urged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to inspect the latest ideas in Church furnishings. "Come into the Board Room, and lounge around -- literally and figuratively!"

At 2:30 on the afternoon of November 16th our visitors will hold a special session for interested students and faculty members in the Chapel. At this session the American Seating Company men will conduct a study on "Furnishing your Church and Church School."



"HOW TO ORGANIZE WOMEN" -- GOOD TOPIC!

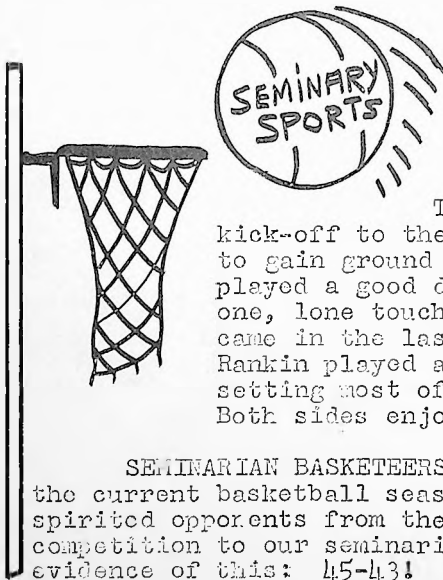
Tonight, November 8th, at 8:00 pm this interesting topic will be discussed at the home of Mrs. Robert Moss, 527 W. James St. However, fellows, you're not invited!! You are urged simply to remind your wives about this important monthly meeting of the ASSOCIATION OF SEMINARY WOMEN.

With faculty wives serving as hostesses, the A.S.W. will meet to see and hear a special skit on the organization of the Women's Guild. Taking part in this informal presentation of the evening's topic will be: Mrs. Lee Gable, Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. William Boyer, Mrs. Tom Adams, Mrs. Joe Hennessey, Mrs. Roland Turnbach, and Mrs. Curtis Sandrock.

A short devotional from the Women's Guild packet will close the main portion of the meeting. The ladies will be served refreshments following the program.

--- THAT'S TONIGHT -- 8:00 -- at the MOSS MANSION ---

On successive Monday evenings, beginning November 15th (Nov. 15th, 22nd, and 29th), the Association of Seminary Women will sponsor the first of two lecture-series for this academic year. This first series will be conducted by Dr. Gable, on the general theme: "What a Minister's Wife Should Know about Christian Education." The time of each of these meetings is 8:00 pm, in the Lounge. The specific topics will be: "Curriculum," "Preparing to teach a S.S. class," and "How to Lead a Group Discussion."



IN THE SECOND GAME of the three-game series between Deacon's Demons and Henning's Hurricanes, the Demons came through with their second, and decisive, victory. The score was 7-0.

The game was a see-saw struggle from the kick-off to the final whistle. The Hurricanes were unable to gain ground offensively; but at the same time they played a good defensive game, holding the Demons to that one, lone touchdown. This decisive thrust by "Deac's Boys" came in the last quarter. "Killer" Reiff and "Big George" Rankin played a great defensive game for the Demons, upsetting most of the offensive plays of the Hurricanes. Both sides enjoyed this well-fought, final game all the way.

SEMINARIAN BASKETEERS hit the hoop for 45 points, as they opened the current basketball season against the Crispus Attucks club. The spirited opponents from the city's Youth Center afforded some stiff competition to our seminarians. The final score of this first game is evidence of this: 45-43!

The seminarian squad came from a seven-point deficit at the half-time to surge ahead in the third quarter. Sharp-shooters who figured in this new lead were Glen Rader, Gerry Gerber, and Bob Godfrey. This trio accounted for 12 quick counters, which broke the backs of their opponents.

Monday evening (tonight) another squad of seminarians will play in this three-game series of practice games at Crispus Attucks. A squad of about twenty players compose the potential Seminary line-up for the official games of the season. Veterans like McCall, Rader, Leonard, Reiff, Henning, Cress, Eaylor, and Sponsler are now joined by talented new-comers like Flickinger, Myers (Rabbit), and Knight. If our basketballers correctly combine their talents, with Deacon Westcoat's coaching to spur them on, we should have a fairly representative team on the court of which the Seminary Family can be proud.

"Hal" and "Bob"

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WHERE THE "LOST TRIBES" OF MIDLERS WERE...

Last week anyone looking for members of the Midler class from 3:30 until 7:00 pm were likely to be quite frustrated. For most of the Midlers were no where to be found. "Dropping in on old friends" at the dining hall for a hasty evening meal, the "lost tribes" again disappeared each evening -- after a similar disappearance each afternoon. What was going on? Let the story be told in the words of ALBERT, the unofficial mascot of the class of '56.

"When I joined my chosen Seminary class in their course with Dr. Gable this Fall on Church Work with Children, little did I know what was in store for me.

"The boys and I soon learned, however, that this course in R.E. was to include a first week in November which we would never forget -- and, I mean that in the very best sense, too!

"You see, Dr. Gable and our class arranged for a week of observation. This observation was to be of a specially-selected class of Junior-age children from the Church Schools at St. Luke's and St. Peter's E. & R. Churches in Lancaster. This class was to be conducted by Miss Bernice Buehler, director of Children's Work for the Board of Christian Education and Publication of our denomination.

"Frankly, at the time, all I could think of was that long, long week of afternoon observation-periods and evening evaluation-sessions. The drudgery, however, never materialized; for we really gained a great deal from this unique experience. Much of this was due to the excellent leadership of Miss Buehler, the fine cooperation of the pastors, children, and congregations at the two churches, and the general interest of our class.

"It was not all 'watching and waiting' either. During those five consecutive afternoons with the children most all of us had a chance to take part in their activities as 'helpers.' Indeed, good old 'Rudy' even got a chance to play his flute, besides telling the children about Germany!

"An opportunity for each of us to have one child as our special 'ward' for the week gave us some good insights, concerning that fascinating 'children's world' we all seem to forget when we grow up. I'd like to tell you more about all this; but I must get to work on my evaluation term-paper for the course. Childishly yours, ALBERT."

NOTICE TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS:

When the staff of your school paper set a deadline for each issue (Thursday at noon, before the Monday of each publication), we did not mean to discourage early contributing! Thursday noons are the last-minute goal-lines we have established; however, if you "carry the ball" to us as far as the 25-yard line (let us say around Tuesday or Wednesday), we will still help you score your touchdown! Please give us your materials early whenever possible. It helps a great deal. We are not trying to set a new record this year for doing a three-day job of planning in one, last-minute day! Thank you.

the Staff.