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MCCONNELL ARRANGES COMPOSITION ON OBERLIN STATEMENT

CHOIR TO OPEN CONCERT SEASON

TUESDAY AT HARRISBURG HOSPITAL

The 28-voice Seminary Choir will open its 1960 concert season Tuesday evening with a program at the Harrisburg State Hospital.

Under the direction of Frank A. McConnell, F.A.G.O., the choir will sing a variety of anthems by classical and modern composers. One selection of special interest was composed by Mr. McConnell. It is based on the Oberlin Statement of Faith, adopted by the United Church of Christ last summer.

A full schedule has been arranged by Cal Wolfgang, manager, and Dave Knoebel, secretary. Before going on a week-long tour of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan between the winter and spring terms, the choir will give four other Tuesday night concerts. They are scheduled for Second Church, Reading; Trinity Church, Scranton; Niantic-Sassamansville Charge, Bechtelville; and St. Peter's Church, Northampton.

The first concert of the tour, March 13-18, will be given at Trinity Church, Waynesboro. Others will follow at Somerset, Louisville, O., Heidelberg College, Detroit, Mich., Austintown, O., Latrobe, and Gettysburg.

After the spring term gets under way the choir will take to the road again to give concerts at First Church, Carlisle; St. John's, Nazareth; and Zion's, Ashland.

The Churchmouse brings results: See "The Dean's Corner", paragraph 4.

TILLICH WILL ADDRESS

CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING

Dr. Paul J. Tillich will address the annual meeting for Christian educators of the United Church of Christ, to take place this year in St. Louis on Feb. 13-14. The theme of the conference will be "Man's Search for Meaning." Dr. Tillich will speak twice to the anticipated 200 ministers and directors of Christian Education, with discussion periods following each address.

Central in the program of the conference will be the introduction of the first unit of the new United Church curriculum. Editors of Children's Religion and Children's Publications, and the format and art consultant for the curriculum will lead in orientation to the new series.

The United Church meetings are scheduled to precede the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, to be held Feb. 15-18. This conference will be split into 16 sections, to deal with the specific problems of the various professional positions and phases in church work.

Dr. Lee Gable and students in the MRE program will attend both the United Church and National Council meetings.

ED WENCK TO MANAGE BOOKSTORE

Ed Wenck, a middler, will be manager of the Bookstore Cooperative for one year, effective on Monday, Feb. 1. Chosen at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the cooperative on Jan. 21. Wenck moved up from his previous position of assistant manager, succeeding Mary Wenck, his wife.

Elected to the assistant managership for the year is Charles "Bill" Wealand, a junior.

The Executive Committee is made up of Representatives chosen by each of the three classes.

EDITORIAL...

Over week ends many students find themselves in unfamiliar areas as they accept preaching assignments in this and neighboring states. It's not unusual while traveling in strange areas to make a wrong turn and soon find one's self lost. At such times we too often just keep going, faster and faster. This is known as going no where fast. We fail to pause, to pull over to the side of the road and to seek direction from a map.

Isn't this similar to our student situation during the other five days of the week? Too often amid the pressure of deadlines and the ominous threat of exams we just keep going, faster and faster, having lost our direction.

Obviously, the administration is aware of this danger for they schedule a faculty retreat for each term--a time to pull over along side seminary's busy highway and to recheck spiritual "maps".

Our all-seminary retreat opening the fall term was deeply significant. Personal compasses received a stronger pull "northward" as a result of that retreat, many students have indicated. It was truly worth all the time and energy put into it by Ron O'Reilly and the Spiritual Life Commission.

But since September, how many wrong turns have we made and kept going faster and faster? It's time to slow down, to pull over along side the academic highway and to check our bearings. Do our compasses tell us we are headed in the correct direction?

Undoubtedly, the Spiritual Life Commission would be rendering an important service if it would sponsor another retreat, equal in calibre to that of last fall. Perhaps an all-seminary retreat should be scheduled for each termin future years. Probably the best we can do anymore this year is to WORK in only one other.

Yes, it will be WORK, but it will have its reward: individuals will find direction to their destination.

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"If you give when you have been asked you have waited too long."

--William Blake

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A Woman's idea of happiness is being pursued by the man she is chasing.

THE DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

Our faculty participated in the inter-faculty conference of seminaries in eastern Pennsylvania at Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem on Friday. The basis for discussion was Jaroslav Pelikan's most interesting book, "The Riddle Of Roman Catholicism".

The presentation of "The Terrible Meek" at our chapel-assembly, January 18, was a moving experience for all who saw and heard it. We are most grateful to James Santo, director, and to Mary and Ed Wenck, Cal Wolfgang and John Lindner, who took part.

There will be a joint meeting of the Corporation and Board of Visitors and the Faculty on Friday, February 5, to hear reports of committees on long range planning, pending faculty vacancies and dedication and naming of new buildings.

There will be a faculty retreat on Wednesday, February 10. There will be chapel but no classes that day.

Copies of the "Constitution and By-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church", as mended at the General Synod at Oberlin last summer, have been given to our E. and R. students. Ask at the president's office if you did not get yours.

Dr. Ralph M. Calder, president of the International Congregational Council was our chapel-assembly speaker on Monday.

The group pictures of the Middle and Junior Classes were taken by Photographer Shelley after the last morning class Tuesday. These with other group pictures will go into the new Catalogue-Year Book, which should come out early in April.

Our deep concern and sympathy is extended to Carolyn Gable Toth and her family in the trouble she is having with her eyes.

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And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!" ...And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

--M. Louise Haskins

THE ALTAR

By Rocky Riedel

During World War II, men in the armed services used slang expressions to describe their buddies. "Sad-sack" was one of the most famous. When a man didn't do his part of the work, was always "fouling up" the company, or kept running to "sick-bay", he was labeled a "goof-off". He was always "goofing off" when needed most.

For many years people have been comparing Christians to soldiers. We have hymns such as "Onward Christian Soldiers" and others. In Ephesians 6:11-18, the Christian is told to "put on the whole armor of God" and is likened unto a warrior. It's plain from this, portion of scripture that Paul "didn't want no 'goofin' off". His is a "get-out-there-and fight" order. The Church must be a "gung-ho" outfit, not a "goof-off" outfit.

The Christian Army is a peculiar outfit. Everybody is supposed to be a fighter; and everybody is supposed to be a recruiter. Some of the biggest battles are fought in the recruiting office. Winning individuals to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and recruiting them into the "Army of the Lord" is a "Whale" of a battle. But the Christian Army does not fight only in the recruiting office; it is to battle evil all over the world. Our churches can be battle lines or recruiting offices, or maybe a little of both. But many of them are neither of these because we're "goofin' off". We feel that if there are any victories to be won, someone else can have the job.

Stuart Hamblen has written a gospel song entitled "We're Marching in the Army of the Lord". But unlike the implications of the title, too many of us are only in the marching unit--too few are in the Army. Too many of us are just marching, having a big parade, letting everybody look at us, stomping up and down the parade grounds, no fighting, no battles, just a parade. One can be a "goof-off" by parading all the time and never firing a shot for the Lord. Some of the overdone formalism of today is only a big parade. Let's not enlist people to parade, but to FIGHT.

KEN TRAUGER ENGAGED

TO URSINUS STUDENT

The engagement of Kenneth Trauger, a junior, to Miss Marilyn Bodlien was announced during the Christmas holidays. A resident of Baltimore, Miss Bodlien is a student at Ursinus College. They plan to be married early in June, 1960.

This announcement was accidentally omitted from the group of engagement notices printed in the last issue of the Seminarian.

A THOUGHT

"I planned an ultra modern home, but a Belgian citizen whispered, 'I have no home at all.' I dreamed of a country place for my children, but an Arab lad kept saying, 'I have no country.' I decided on a cupboard right not, but a child in China cried out, 'I have no cup.' I started to purchase a new kind of washing machine, but a Polish woman softly whispered, 'I have nothing to wash.' I wanted a great big freezing unit for storing quantities of food, but across the water came the cry; 'I have no food.' I ordered a new car for the pleasure of my loved ones, but a war orphan sobbed, 'I have no loved ones.' I planned a stained glass window for my church but a Korean said, 'My church has no walls.'"

--By a member of the Canadian YWCA

"All mankind is in Christ one man, and the unity of Christians is one Man."

--St. Augustine.

Am I saying that if we "goof off" God will fail? Certainly not! Some cannot "goof off". When some men come face to face with Jesus Christ, they accept him fully; he transforms them; the Holy Spirit fills them to such an extent that they will not "goof off". These are the warriors God will use while the rest of us sit back of the lines waiting for our parade to start.

His is the only army you join by first surrendering. The reason why so many of us are "goofing off" is that we never fully surrendered to Jesus Christ.

Much Ado About

BASKETBALL

... By Bill Ruch

History has repeated itself again. Like their Roman counterparts, the mighty triumvirate of Wolfgang, Richwine and Dean, mentioned in this paper several issues back, has been replaced. This occurred at another practice game with the Chrispus Attacks on Jan. 19, scheduled because the undergraduates across the street are temporarily out of orbit with final exams.

The new top trio consists of Butterwick, Butz and Wenck who played brilliant basketball to give the Seminary a grand total of 111 points. Butterwick, whose rise to power was sudden and quite unexpected, unleashed a wicked hook shot to score 28 points. Butz, a set shot artist, showed superior determination and accuracy, and earned a total of 82 points. And Wenck, who only scored one point, was rebound man of the night and probably could teach Marcus Haines a few things about dribbling.

The rest of the team acted delirious, probably from the shake up of the old regime. Wolfgang and Richwine, along with Wise, Woodring, Bates, Peters and Conrad played very little ball. However they did see a great deal of action. All evening they endeavored to tear the nets off both baskets, a la tearing-down-the-goal posts, for souvenirs of past glory. Referee Marian Gable stopped the game several times to clear the court of the sorrowful has-beens.

The method in which Wenck scored his point was interesting. On one of his low, fast drives downcourt, he was fouled by Butterwick, and Ref. Gable, who was unbending in insisting on fair play, gave Wenck free shots. Butterwick has violated that new PIAA rule in which a player fouled by a member of his own team shoots from the foul line until scoring. After 348 tries, Wenck scored his point and the jubilant team jumped for joy.

Although visibly shaken by the downfall of his first team, Coach Englert was happy for the new resources of ability and wondered, as his team left the gym, what would have happened if the Chrispus Attacks had showed up that night.

'LEFTY' JOHNSON STARS

IN ALLEY BABBLE

For the second week in succession, Jim (Lefty) Johnson has been high scorer in the Friday afternoon bowling contests. On Jan. 15, his winning total score was 493 and on Jan. 22 it rose to 558.

Johnson was also single--game high scorer on Jan. 15 with a 208 point game to his credit. In the Jan. 22 game, George Miller who stands fifth place among seminary bowlers and bowls an average of 142, was encouraged by some not-too-secret inspiration and rolled an 195-point game, the best score of any single game of the day.

The faculty team is still in first place with ten points while the second place third floor team has a threatening total of nine points.

SNIPS and BITS

--Recently a study of the library program and facilities was made by Mr. Donald Bean of Library Consultants, Inc., and Dr. Paymond Morris, librarian of Yale Divinity School. The study was made under the auspices of the long-range planning committee of the seminary.

--The Society of Inquiry-Faculty Pow-Wow is to be held Thursday Evening, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m.

--Rex Dobey, middle class president, reports that \$462 has been received for the Ecumenical Student Project. He expresses appreciation to those who responded to the project.

THE GARGOYLES

Gargle: I hear the Dean smokes theological tobacco.

Argyle: Yah. "Revelation".

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Gargle: Have you noticed the new OT symbol in the refectory?

Argyle: Nope. What is it?

Gargle: Logs cut from the bush that does not burn.

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Argyle: Why do the radiators make so much noise now that the new heating plant is in operation?

Gargle: Dr. Moss uses them as an intercom system for his beatnik drums.

Argyle: Now, what does this say to us?