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Dean-o-grams

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the letter which was received from Dr. Helfferich in reply to our donation of money to be forwarded to Derl Troutman to aid in his work in Riziany. (Received December 24, 1953)

Dear Miss Weirich:

Will you kindly extend to the members of the Society of Inquiry and all the members of the Seminary who assisted in gathering the generous gift of \$100.00 to be forwarded through World Service to Derl Troutman for use in his ministry in Riziany, Greece, our very deepest thanks.

It was a source of real pride and great joy for me to have been able to visit Derl this past fall as I passed through Greece. Though he has been there but a short time, his energy, enthusiasm, and ability had already made a marked impression and he was getting into the swing of things in his own inimitable style. Later reports from the field would indicate that he is serving as an inspiration and leader to the rest of the young people on the Greek Village Team.

Your gift of \$100.00 will be forwarded immediately through the World Council of Churches to Derl for use in the purchase of a loom and with what funds are left over for the purchase of fruit trees or for any other helpful program he may have in mind.

You will probably be happy to know that our Commission, meeting December 1 in St. Louis, allocated the sum of \$2,500 for the purchase of a good four-wheel jeep and pick-up carrier for Derl's use and an extra \$500 was allocated as a discretionary fund for Derl's use in the program in Riziany. In addition to
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WELCOME TO Rev. Eugene E. Grau, President of our Mission in the Gold Coast, Africa, who is our speaker today at our Assembly. The Graus, father, mother, and four children, are spending their furlough year with headquarters at Belleville, Ill.

OTHER VISITORS in the near Future:

Dr. Harry A. Atkinson, Director of the Bureau of Church Building, National Council of Churches, on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 10:20 and 1:15. There will be no classes at these times. In the morning Dr. Atkinson will speak on "General Church Buildings" with his sub-topic as "Building for Worship." The afternoon lecture will emphasize "Building for Education and Fellowship." Slides will be shown on the exterior and interior of churches to illustrate both presentations. As Building Director, Dr. Atkinson has as his duties the preparation of materials to guide building committees, the conducting of conferences on church buildings, and the visiting of seminaries. As time permits, he meets with local building committees. Before he held his present position Dr. Atkinson was Church Building Consultant for the American Baptist Convention.

Rev. Edward L. Schlingman, Director of Camps and Conferences, Board of Christian Education and Publication of the E. and R. Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Rev. Schlingman will meet the class on Church Work with Young People at 8:00 and with the one on Developing Lay Leadership at 10:20. In the afternoon he will confer with those interested in the camping program. Anyone who wishes to have an appointment with
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Sports Scoop for New Year

The Christmas vacation filled many of the Seminary family with a new zest for life. Proof of this great happening may be seen by taking a brief look at the sports in which a high percentage of Seminar-ians engaged in the past few days since classes have reconvened.

This past Tuesday the bowling league got under way with a bang! The bowlers journeyed to the country club to try their hands at the great sport, the object of which is to knock down as many pins as possible. If this ideal were to be obtained, the result would be truly significant, a score of 300. Well, no one achieved this goal, but everyone had fun just the same. There is one suggestion for improvement that is fitting at this time. A ball with an extra large thumb hole should be devised so that Bill Simpson's thumb could be accommodated!

We must move on to America's allegedly most popular sport, baseball. The students shone here as they beat the faculty two out of three games. Miss Jeanne "The Babe" Ingold turned out to be the big slugger as she drove players around the bases with not one but several home runs.

But the contest of the year was played on Tuesday night when the Seminary basketball team No. 1 fought it out with their worthy opponents, team No. 2 of the Seminary. The score, 65-26 with Seminary No. 1 on top, does not indicate the ferocity with which the game was played. "Killer" Lyerly was fouled out for the third straight time in three games!!!! Glenn Rader led the scoring spree for the Seminary Oners by laying 21 points through the hoop. Nels Wenner was a close second with 19 points. Lyerly had 12 tallies, and Henning netted an even 10. Paul Stull led the opposition with 7 points and Bill Rader followed him with 5. The next games to be played will be this Monday evening with Seminary No. 1 playing at 6:30 and Seminary No. 2 playing at 8:30 PM.

Len and Glenn

By the courtesy of Dale Heckman, William Rader, and Bill Simpson, the Library is now receiving copies of FELLOWSHIP, organ of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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Rev. Schlingman during the afternoon period is asked to see Dr. Gable for a conference time. After the dinner hour Rev. Schlingman will be at the Gable home where students are invited to stop in anytime during the evening for an informal chat.

Rev. Hartland Helmick, Director of Student Work of the Board of Christian Education and Publication, on Monday, Jan. 18 at 1:30.

Rev. Martin Ghworowsky of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, on Jan. 25 at 1:30

LATER DATES:

Faculty reception for MIDLERS. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 8:00 PM. Professor Moss, Chairman, Committee on Arrangements.

Inter-Seminary Conference here at our school, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27. Chairman, local committee: Joseph Gross.

Day of Prayer with Lincoln School of Theology---Tuesday, March 2. Chairman: Professor Vassady.

FOR SENIORS:

Questionnaires have arrived and will be distributed at a meeting to be arranged for on a day this week.

Reminder: Board of Visitors' Examination of Seniors on Friday, March 5. Hours to be announced.

How are those B.D. theses coming along? Consult your advisor on your progress and problems.

William R. Shaffer has been appointed lecturer for the course on evangelism which will be offered during the Spring Term.

CHOIR BUSY WORKING TOWARD TOUR

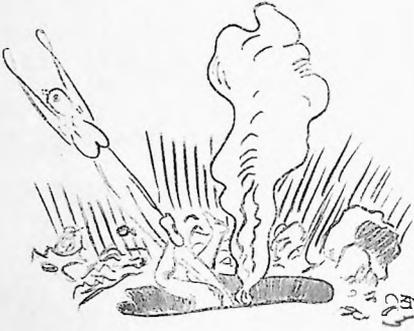
With the preparations being made for the Choir's forthcoming tour several persons have gotten into the process of paving the way.

The choir would like to thank Dale Heckman and Will Wetzel for their assistance. Dale for his improving touches on the choir posters and Will for writing the press releases.

SOCIETY and WOMEN meet this week

Turning to another week of Seminary activity we see a list of events to take place. In addition to several guests there will be the usual meetings. Tonight the Association of Seminary Women will have a program sponsored by the Bell Telephone Company on "Your Voice and You." This will feature a lecture with recording illustrations. The meeting will convene at 8:00 pm.

Tomorrow, at 6:30 in the Lounge, there will be the regular monthly business meeting of the Society of Inquiry.



The SEMINARIAN'S solution to
the heating problem!



SENIORS CALL TOUR OF VA HOSPITAL INTERESTING

Classes in religious education continually stress the value of seeing as an aid to impressing fact. Thursday the senior class became a part of a visual aid program which each member lauded as "wonderful."

Lectures, tours, and patient demonstration were all included in the tour of the Coatesville Veterans Hospital. The dominant note of warning for the use in parish practice was that the minister should remember the value of prompt treatment in the case of mental illness. It takes years to become a fully licensed psychiatrist and there are only 4,000 such fully qualified men in the country. A minister should not attempt to go too far in any cases of mental behavior which seem abnormal in his counseling. When a parish member is to be admitted to a mental institution the family should work only through and with a doctor. And so the wealth of advice continued as the seniors heard from three of the "4,000."

Lectures on the types of mental illnesses, the admission of the patient, and therapy were given. Two patients who suffer from religious delusions, and hallucinations were brought before the group.

The two Protestant chaplains both stressed the fact that in the VA set-up at Coatesville the chaplain staff was not mere window-dressing but a part of a vital team in the recondition of the patient and his recovery. The role of the chaplain in helping to get facts to aid in diagnosis and to prepare the environment for the patient just released was portrayed.

A film showing the before and after of electric shock treatment in the case of paranoid and catatonic psychoses was projected for the group. After lunch the seniors saw the physical equipment of the hospital, its print shops, trades rooms, gyms, and pools for physical therapy, the treatment rooms for hydro-therapy, the kitchen and meat lockers, laboratories, and the various provisions for recreation.

The tour left a definite feeling that the VA had provided the ultimate in providing for treating psychiatric cases.

The tour of the hospital was arranged by Chaplains Paul W. Bare and Howard K. Hilner. It is hoped that this trip may become an annual affair for seniors.

ARPAD LOOKS AT AMERICA

(Conclusion of article begun in the Christmas issue of the SEMINARIAN.)

Through the American Information Service in Europe, Arpad learned a lot about America. They would show many slides and give lectures on this country in the DE camps. But America was not new to him. His early Hungarian schooling included a thorough study of all countries in the world. He had to learn about the rivers of America, mountain ranges, and mineral deposits.

Along this line, Arpad noted a basic difference between American and European educational systems. In Europe, the teachers carry the load, the system is slower, and not very specialized. In America, the students carry the load and the system is very specialized. Arpad said that was necessary, for there are few specialized jobs over in Europe, and so education there gives you a more general preparation for the job-world. In Europe, there is no specialization until after the B. A. degree is attained; specialization follows in the University.

America, to Arpad, is a great land of opportunity, freedom, and peace. But it has its limitations, not with opportunity, but in freedom and peace. He sees this where the poorer classes and racial minorities are concerned.

Long before coming here, America was always referred to as a Christian nation. This distinction was never made about another nation. But when he came to America, he found that the Civil War was still on, with a very slow movement to better those conditions. Arpad felt that the Christian Church in the South did not do what it was preaching.

Arpad sees in freedom a great possibility, but he feels that too much freedom is dangerous, and worse than not enough. People in America do not have laws to obey laws, rather, they have laws to get around laws. Perhaps this observation comes through Arpad's strict European discipline, but he feels that the Golden Rule in application can outdo any law we can make. He has tried to make that Rule the guiding principle of his life. Generally, however, in America, the Rule is 'an eye for an eye...'

Of course, Arpad sees exceptions to that philosophy in America today.....exceptions in a 'real' Christian community, where people

"OVER THE SHELVES"

In the best interests of the Book Store Cooperative, this edition of the SEMINARIAN has the first writing of the above column. The purpose of this column will be two-fold. First of all, to promote the continued success of the Book Store Cooperative and secondly, to inform the members of the Co-op of new books, new services available, or any item of interest to the members of the cooperative.

Future editions of this column will cover such subjects as: book reviews, lists of favorite books of professors and students, and also a list of good, but perhaps unknown books, which pass over the shelves of the book store.

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This column is written in the interest of the members of the cooperative. If anyone has any suggestions for possible inclusion in this column please contact the members of the executive committee or the book store manager.

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Committee

feel Christianity in their living processes, and where they are not forced by Christianity to do good.

If America is a Christian nation, then Christianity needs to permeate more of our governmental actions. Arpad felt that any real advance in non-segregation in America would do much to establish America again in the European eye.

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THE STORYTELLER

Now-a-days they're putting chlorophyll in everything from tooth-paste to dog food. In fact most of us feel cheated if we buy something and we don't find the familiar "Contains Chlorophyll" label.

But how many of you are aware that everytime you look through the refectory windows you are looking through glass saturated with chlorophyll?

Nor are these same windows holy by virtue of their presence at this theological seminary, for they were long ago dedicated to the glory of God as windows in a monastery greenhouse in Belgium built sometime during the sixteenth century.

The refectory, which was completed and dedicated in 1917, was built during the presidency of Dr. John C. Bowman. Planned in every detail by Dr. Bowman, it is said to be considered by experts as one of the finest examples of Old English architecture in America.

Remarkable as the building itself, however, is the story of the tinted transparent glass of its windows. Desiring neither the usual stained window glass nor plain transparent panes, Dr. Bowman was at a loss as to where and how he could secure what he had in mind.

The architect who had drawn up the plans for the building mentioned Dr. Bowman's problem in a letter to a Belgium colleague of his. Whereupon the Belgium architect immediately replied that he knew where some glass could be obtained; glass which he was sure would meet the approval of the President of the Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Years before, in the vicinity of the Belgium architect's home, a monastery built sometime during the sixteenth century had been torn down. Among the ruins were stacked the windows of the large monastery greenhouse. This glass was available if Dr. Bowman were interested.

Dr. Bowman lost little time in indicating that he was interested, and the glass was very carefully packed and sent across the ocean.

Originally the panes had been plain transparent glass, but over the centuries the actinic rays of the sun reacted with the chlorophyll in the air together with the reflection of the flowers and foliage, tinting the glass green, blue, yellow, and pink.

As you sit in the refectory in

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this, the sum of \$2,500 was allocated to help support the general program of the Intervillage Creek Team work. You who know Dearl very well will know that he will have no difficulty at all in finding good use for this money. He is full of ideas and enthusiasm and I am sure that this year, or year and a half, if he can find it in his heart to stay that long, will enable him to make a real impression there in Northern Greece. I think one of his valuable contributions beyond that of helping in the regular program with these refugees who are being resettled on the land is his acting as spiritual guide or pastor to the other members of the team and also the wonderful relationship he has established with the pastors and people of the small but strong Evangelical Church of Greece.

All best wishes for a happy Christmas and a new year filled with God's richest blessings.

Sincerely yours,
Reginald Heifferich
Executive Secretary

This note will assure us, I feel, we have contributed in a field where much is and will be done. To us who know Dearl, it will bring a feeling of thankfulness that he has been able to do so much in the mission field he so longed to enter.

-SAW

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE PLANS LENTEN DONATIONS

With the Christmas Communion Offering the Benevolence Committee added \$47.10 to its charitable efforts. This amount was sent to the Nazareth Orphans' Home, Rockwell, North Carolina.

The next way you will hear from this year's committee will be through the Lenten Offering jars which will be placed on the dining hall tables. For the out-of-dorm Seminarians there will be individual provision for participation in the Lenten donations.

table fellowship some day, recall that centuries ago the sun shone through the same glass upon monks scurrying about in long robes caving for a monastery garden.

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"Love thy neighbor..." means loving him here in America first, before attempting to love him in other parts of the world.

Now Arpad finds that America is not Christian as a nation, but Christian only in isolated communities. His idea of Christianity is to emphasize it not by ideas, but by deeds, and America has a real opportunity to show what Christian love is and how it works.

This insight became real to him when he was given a coat by the Red Cross. He felt it a pharisaic action, a physical expression of American love. At another time, he felt the real expression of spiritual love when he was given a pair of trousers by a church organization.

Our student went on to say that American Christianity needs to "see the lot in her own eye, before she sees the speck in another country's eye." And yet, at the same time, America should continue to help other countries, for it is only through real Christian expression that it can overcome its pharicism. But real Christian giving for Arpad is when "the left hand knows not what the right hand is doing."

Another factor which helped him be prepared for any real shock of finding America what it really is was the underhanded policies of its occupation troops in Europe. Many a soldier operating a black market would don a MP uniform the next day and reclaim articles sold as stolen goods!

Since Arpad has a brother in the Russian army--serving not by choice but by conscription-- he concluded by saying that if America ever declared war on Russia or the Communist controlled nations of Europe, he would fight for her if necessary. Arpad feels that if America is willing to adopt him, then he must accept all her ideals and principles, and be willing to help express them as America sees fit.

He feels that peace will only be obtained through the giving of lives and the shedding of blood... for two reasons: (1) because there is a terrific gap between Communism and Christianity and he doubts if there is any other way to bring them together except through open war, and (2) because real peace in the Bible story is obtained only through giving of lives for it. Arpad especially stressed Christ's

ALBERT'S ALLEY

Happy New Year! Everybody. Once again ALBERT is roaming the hallowed halls of the "Angel Factory" and looking for tidbits of a humorous nature to fill space while your editors write up the important columns for your SEMINARIAN. Did I say "hallowed halls?" It would be more in keeping with the season to speak of "Alleys" since everyone here at the Seminary seems to be bowling-bound these days!!! Did you folks check the bowling score made by Don Leonard? "Never bowled before in my life," said Sir Leonard, as he made his fifth strike!

Albert caught some sad looks on the faces of the Second Floor Sport-Club "members" after last Tuesday at Overlook. I guess the "all-stars" were reconsidering the scores of Rader, Sponsler, and Stüder!

The new year brought some new things to the Seminary, too. The coffee pots now carried by the waiters are big enough to keep even BOB content! And, then, there is Dr. Meck's proclamation that there will be heat in the buildings this year! Too bad that all this new and good news could not be topped off with a report that the reference books in the library had been returned! Albert's personal opinion is that keeping a reference book out for such a long, long time is almost as great a sin as beginning a benediction with "AND NOW MAY"...!"

Jerry Hinkle

Some elders frown and gruffly
sweep
His jewels in an ugly heap;
But God must feel a pleasant glow
As long as children love the snow
shedding his blood for us. However,
Arpad would be for any other measure possible to obtain peace without war. But he would not even let the killing of his own brother deny freedom and peace to many others.

Throughout all the interview, Arpad was extremely concerned about being sharp in his answers. But his own Christian convictions and observations saw no need to 'pull punches.' It was my feeling that if he could speak anywhere, it certainly should be within this fellowship. I feel that we are all too little aware of how our country appears to one born and raised outside of it. But we are more unaware of the nature of our mission, especially as a Christian nation.

Curt Sandrock