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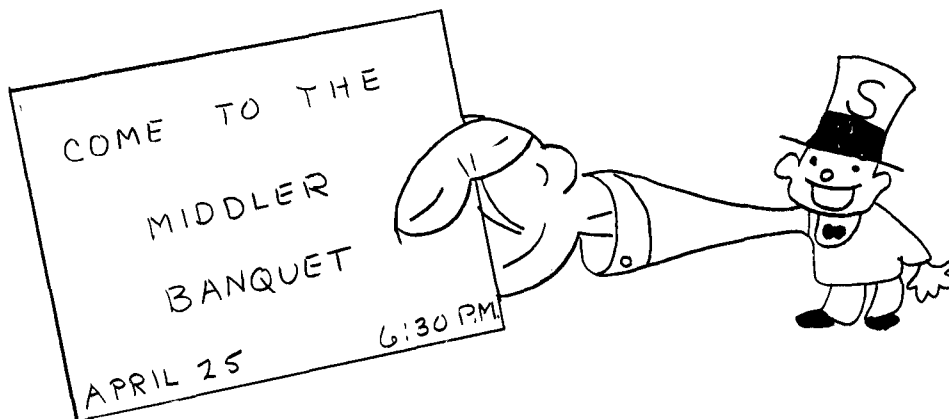
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SAYS:



The time is rapidly approaching for the annual Middler Banquet. It will be held on Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the Refectory. It is the time for an extra special meal (the cost for out-of-dorm students and guests will be \$1.00 per person), fine fellowship with the whole Seminary Family, good entertainment, and a fun-loaded auction - all serving a very worthwhile purpose.

The main purpose of the banquet is to raise the \$400 necessary to assure our continued participation in the Student Exchange program. Those of us who had the pleasure of knowing Rudiger Bremme last year, and all of us who have talked and worked with Roger Matter this year know how illuminating and thought-provoking are the insights which these exchange students bring to our classroom lectures and our informal discussions from their European background. There is no question of the value of this exchange program.

In order to assure the possibility and success of this program next year, all of us must work together to achieve our goal at the Middler Banquet. No one group of students can accomplish this; it requires the cooperation of the whole Seminary Family - dorm and out-of-dorm students and the faculty. Committees from the Middler Class have been organized and are not taking care of the necessary arrangements for the banquet. However, this is not the project of one class but of the whole school.

Concerning the auction itself, it has been suggested that as many offers as possible be of a service nature. This means that the donor will offer to perform some useful service which will go to the highest bidder. Services such as baby sitting, trimming the lawn, typing term papers, delivering dormitory mail, and waiting on tables require the donor's time and talent as well as the money of the bidder. By doing this, we are participating in a vital way in the work required to bring an exchange student here. A personal satisfaction will be gained that is not possible if you buy something in a store and then offer it for the auction. Let's all think of ways of being helpful as well as raising the necessary funds through the auction. Please remember that because you have given something for the auction does not eliminate your responsibility to be there. We need everyone's help if we are to reach our goal. There are a few times during the school year when all of us can unite our efforts in a common cause. The Middler Banquet is such an occasion. Let's all work and share in its success.

We are fortunate this year in knowing who our exchange student will be next fall. Dean Dunn revealed in the last issue of the SEMINARIAN that Miss Wendela Maria van Lynden of Utrecht, the Netherlands, has been recommended for our school by the World Council of Churches' Scholarship Committee. Miss van Lynden has made an enviable record at the University of Utrecht and will be our first exchange student from a church in the Reformed tradition (the Reformed Church of Holland). Now is the time to work and to give, to make her scholarship possible.

As the Middler and Senior classes know, not all is seriousness at the Middler Banquet. Many laughs and spirited bidding are all part of the excitement of the auction. Jim Gold, this year's auctioneer, who will be assisted by Larry Fisher, will provide many a chuckle, as will the entertainment, featuring our own talent here at the Seminary. An enjoyable evening has been planned for everyone - plan to be there!

- Dave Koch

BOOKSTORE COOPERATIVE NEWS

APPLICANTS FOR MANAGER:

Russell L.J. Heintzelman

Education:

B.S. in Electrical Engineering
Course of study included 18 semester
hours of mathematics;
Many other courses included use of
mathematics.

Experience:

Employed as a clerk in a general
store on a part time basis for 7
years. This included:
General sales work;
Taking inventory;
Keeping stock records.

Served 2 years as an officer in the
U.S.A.F. Duties included:
Research and development in Electronics,
required keeping statistical records
of work performed;
Writing progress reports.

Employed 1 year by the Penna. Power &
Light Co. as a Sales Representative.

Presently working part time at Watt &
Shand in sales:
Direct selling;
Taking inventory.

Howard R. Whitebred

Experience:

Student Manager:
Campus Trading Center, Girard College
Duties included selling, auditing,
keeping of records, filing, etc.

U.S. Air Force:
Chief Clerk, Comptroller's Office;
Statistical Control Clerk.
Duties included filing, keeping records,
typing, co-ordination of correspondence,
requisitioning of equipment, maintaining
of finance records, maintaining
accountability status of all squadron
equipment.

Assistant Bookkeeper, Taub Motor Co.:
Duties included bookkeeping, auditing,
filing, correspondence, etc.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Vote for one of the following for manager of the Book Store Cooperative:

Russell Heintzelman _____
Howard Whitebred _____

Candidates for representative to the Book Store Cooperative -

Vote for any three of the following:

James Bright _____
Paul Miller _____
Merrill Ressler _____
Harold Schoup _____
Paul Westcoat _____

Vote for any three of the following:

Mead Bailey _____
George Fitz _____
Merle Fox _____
Van Grimes _____
Barry Kern _____

Faculty Representative - vote for one:

Dr. Bartholomew _____
Dr. Vassady _____

ASSOCIATION OF SEMINARY WOMEN

On Monday evening, April 16, the Association of Seminary Women will meet in the home of Dr. & Mrs. Robert V. Moss, Jr., beginning at 7:45 p.m. At that meeting Mrs. Lyall, a member of the Lancaster Garden Club, will speak to the organization on flower arrangements and will demonstrate several basic arrangements to us.

An important part of this meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. Before voting an opportunity will be given for additional nominations from the floor.

In order to help the officers for next year in their program planning each member of the Association is asked to bring a list of program suggestions to the April meeting. These lists will be correlated and at the May meeting you will be given an opportunity to indicate your preference from the whole list.

To me the most edifying and stimulating speaker was Professor Howard Lane of N.Y.U. who spoke on the topics, "What you are, you teach" and "Relationships in teaching." He said things we all know, but he brought them right down to our own experiences. Although I think all of his thoughts were provocative and powerful, I will mention his main ideas. The following is a list of the vitamins we all need: Friends, Self-respect, Freedom, Respect for Authority, "We need to be needed," Nature, Heart and Fun. He said that every teacher should take the following oath: "I will never again motivate a child to be better than his friends." There are two roles we should play in life toward children: 1) Be an advocate of children (the great cry of the American public: "I don't care"); 2) Be a friend (every child should have one grownup friend besides his parents). He, too, quoted from the homey philosopher who said, "If you want to get rid of somebody tell him something for his own good." Professor Lane followed this up by saying "you haven't finished your job when people thank you," I will add here that this is not easy to understand unless one thinks through its implications.

J. Carter Swain spoke on the topic, "The Christian Teacher's Bible" which consisted mainly of explaining the meanings in the R.S.V. The most disappointing part of the program was the panel discussion entitled, "Helping the Bible Live for Children." In my estimation they never got down to cases, but stayed on the outer fringes of their topic. The most rewarding part of the program to me was the handing out of mimeographed sheets on how to conduct a depth study of the Bible. This was in connection with the Bible study groups which were held every day in the section in another part of the hotel. I will be glad to loan these mimeographed sheets out to anyone who is interested. Although I enjoyed the program as a whole, I am glad I had the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the children's workers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. This in itself was a fine experience.

- Don Stats

PART III: PERSONALITIES

One of the areas of the conference that impressed us most was that of personality. I was literally surrounded by the top people not only of our denomination, but of all denominations. I would like to share with you our experience of being with these people, starting with our own denominational conference and then onto the National Council of Churches division.

Our worship service was led by Rev. Ann R. Blasberg of Bethany Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. We heard speeches and reports from: Dr. James E. Wagner; Rev. Harold Wilke, Executive Secretary, Commission on Church and Ministry; and Dr. Franklin I. Sheeder, Executive Secretary, Board of Christian Education and Publication. Discussion groups were under the direction of Richard Howard, Loren Walters, Dr. Donald H. Shimly, Dr. Harold Pflug, and Dr. Lee J. Gable.

Four people stand out in my mind from the rest of the conferences. We first heard them on Monday at the Directors' Section, but liked them so well that several of us purposely took in more sessions under these men later. They were: W. Randolph Thornton, Executive Director, Department of Administration and Leadership of the National Council of Churches; Reuel L. Howe, Professor of Pastoral Theology, Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary; Paul B. Maves, Associate Professor of Religious Education, Drew Theological Seminary; and Jesse Ziegler, Professor of Psychology and Christian Education, Director of Counseling Services, Bethany Theological Seminary.

Other personalities that some of you might be interested in are: Irene Balliet; Wilson Cheek; Norman Cousins, Editor, The Saturday Review; Virgil E. Foster, Editor, International Journal of Religious Education; Robert E. Koenig, Director of Curriculum, Board of Christian Education and Publication, E & R Church; and Henry Tani. The Ohio Wesleyan Players must also be listed as outstanding. They really did an excellent job in presenting the play "Everyman".

More must be said about another person who was one of the outstanding personalities of the Cincinnati Conference, Dr. Gable. We felt quite fortunate in being chaperoned by someone who knew almost everyone else there. We met so many people that our heads began to spin. Dr. Gable was given quite a commendation for his book and probably got writer's cramp with all the autographs he had to sign. He set the tone for our denominational conference on Saturday and was busy directing discussions and speaking each day after that.

This conference certainly gave us a good chance to: see our own denomination's part in the National Council; meet many people we have read and heard about; and hear outstanding speakers and learn from what they had to say. It was good to have an opportunity to be a part of a group that was like-minded, though different in church affiliations and to think through the problems that each one has to face in his part of the work of the church.

- Arlene Byers

PART IV: FELLOWSHIP

Our trip to the conference was not all sitting and listening to lectures and announcements and then more lectures with more announcements. (continued)

PART I: REACH, TEACH, WIN

These three words were the key note of the whole conference. But in the Directors' Section, W. Randolph Thornton recommended that before we go out to Reach, Teach, and Win others, we need to ask ourselves, "Have I been won?" If we are honest, we may have to answer: "No, probably not...if I think I have," or, "No, probably not...if I do the right thing for the wrong reason," or, "No probably not...if I love anything more than God and people." But the answer could be, "Yes, possibly if: I am still humble; my motives are genuine; I love God and people more than anything else."

In talking about the theological aspects of commitment, Reuel Howe reminded us that the purpose of the church is not to serve itself but to be the redeeming community. "We show our lostness by not only using persons instead of loving them but by loving things which were meant to be used. This does not mean...that things are for exploitation. Things and persons are found together in relationships determined both by God's act of creation and his act of redemption. He stressed that as long as the work of the church is confined to what the clergy can do, the ministry of the church will be unequal to its task. Theological seminaries ought to be preparing men to be trainers of the church's ministry. "In this way the clergy will be able to be the leaders of the church's ministry and the ministry of the laity will be restored to the church. This might end the distinction between clergy and laity which began in the middle ages and which has enfeebled the church since that time." He also said that since God's revelation of himself is personal and is given in personal encounter through Christ and his church, then Christian education is personal. It must take place in a personal encounter and, only secondarily is it transmissive. But Christian teaching must depend upon both.

Jesse Ziegler dealt with the psychological aspects of commitment. He summed up his findings in the following statements:

1. Either favorable or unfavorable family experiences may lead to commitment;
2. Either favorable or unfavorable church experiences may lead to commitment;
3. Feelings of anxiety, meaninglessness, despair, loneliness, rejection, helplessness, shame, guilt are in the background of commitment experiences;
4. Conscious and intentional personal influence leads toward commitment;
5. Unintended influence of which the influencing person is unaware is a potent factor;
6. Worship services lead people toward commitment;
7. Proffered friendliness and acceptance are attractive pulls toward commitment;
8. Printed materials provide cognitive bases for at least an intellectual commitment;
9. Some commitments are sudden, more the result of gradual development;
10. Commitment has a feeling of 'inwardness';
11. Commitment is seen in terms of giving to God of oneself or a symbol of oneself;
12. Forgiveness or rightness with God is seen as a result;
13. Reduction or loss of anxiety, despair, meaninglessness, shame is a result;
14. Human relationships are generally improved in that the subject is less tense but sometimes are made more difficult because of the total commitment to God competing with the total commitment to a person;
15. A meaningful relationship to the church emerges;
16. The subject now feels no longer rejected but belonging."

Paul B. Maves served as coordinator in the "Integration of Theology and Psychology." He said that occasionally God does break directly through into a mind of a person seemingly without any relationship to another individual. Then further on he commented that God works within the plan of human endeavor in ordinary day by day relationships. "Our job as directors is to charge our people that they might unconsciously or consciously lead others to commitment."

Another feature of the Director's section was the congratulations extended to our own Dr. Lee J. Gable on the publication of his new book "Christian Nurture Through the Church". A very fine review of this text was written by Gerald E. Knoff (Executive Secretary, General Division Staff, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches) and published in the January 1956 issue of our Seminary Bulletin.

-Mary Germ

PART II: CHILDREN'S SECTION

I attended the Children's Work Section at the annual meeting in order to learn more about the teaching of children. The following are my opinions on what I thought were the high spots and the low spots in these meetings. The meetings were held in the Ballroom of the Hotel Sinton from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. with time out for lunch, of course. As I sat in the brief worship services led by a Miss Hazel Kennedy, I realized that a ballroom need not only be used for dancing. These services were indeed worshipful experiences. (continued)

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK:

WELCOME to Rev. Harold Wilke, Executive Secretary of the denominational Commission on Church and Ministry, who is our guest today and our speaker at the chapel service.

EXTENSION OF TIME for Prize Essays and Senior Sermons was voted by the Faculty at its meeting last Thursday:

for the Schaff, Spessard, Dietz and Sacred Rhetoric Prizes - until Monday, April 23;
for the Senior Sermons - until Monday, April 30.

The deadline for submission of completed theses to responsible professors remains Monday, April 16.

At the request of the Senior Class the traditional practise of having six brief essays read at Commencement time will be replaced this year by one address by a visiting speaker.

At the suggestion of the Board of Visitors members of the Faculty will represent the Seminary at the spring meetings of the thirteen constituent synods. Four of these synods hold their meetings Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10-11: Lancaster at Myerstown, Reading at St. John's Reading, Southern at Mt. Pleasant, N.C., and Central Pennsylvania at Alexandria. Two other April meetings will be those of Mercersburg at Grace, Hanover and Pittsburgh at Jeannette on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17-18.

The senior pilgrimage to the Schaff Building in Philadelphia will take place on Friday, April 13 for the purpose of acquainting the prospective graduates with the headquarters and activities of the E & R Church

CONGRATULATIONS to the new residents of the third floor - Don and Joanne Flick.

CONGRATULATIONS to Arlene Byers and Don Studer in the big step they have taken.

SCOOP * SCOOP

Jim Bright has "finally" taken the initial step. He announced to the Editor that he has "pinned" Miss Sally Elizabeth Rogers, a student at Dickenson College. Best o' luck, Jim.

SEMINARY SPORTS:

"It was a sad day in Mudville..."

Although the Seminary #1 basketball team did not repeat its championship season of last year, I feel that much credit is due Deacon and his team. At the end of the season they had to settle for a 10 - 2 record. The team agrees that they were really outplayed in their two defeats. Their record of wins shows that the material and fight was there.

I think the 2nd team deserves credit also. Although their season's record was 3 - 9, they always put up a good fight. Although they were beaten badly many times, they did show some excellent team work and ball handling in a few of the games. Win or lose - we had a great time. We hope we have as much support next year.

I have heard no definite starting date for the softball league, but it can't be far away. Several of the fellows have been working out. I suggest you start slowly!

Sign your name on the sheet on the bulletin in the dorm if you want to play in the ping pong tournament. Tuesday the names will be placed on a chart. Wednesday the single elimination will begin. Best of five games determines the winner. If you think you should be crowned the Seminary ping pong champ, sign up and show 'em.

Speaking for the eight members of the Seminary family dartball team, I would like to say that the dart baseball team experienced a wonderful time of fellowship at Mountville last Wednesday evening. Out of such friendly competition can come wholesome fellowship. We felt right at home with the men of Tom Phillips church. It does one good to talk with a group of men in such informal gatherings. We don't mind losing to such a team as Mountville (especially since we won 2 out of 3 games). I would heartily encourage such visitations of dartball often. I wish more would share in such experiences.

- Jim (full-nelson) Bright

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There's always free cheese in a mousetrap, but you never saw a happy mouse there.

Besides meeting some famous personalities within our church as well as outside of it, we had our share of fun and fellowship too. This was provided in the fellowship dinners at which we not only dined but also gabbed, played games, viewed movies or film strips, and the likes of that. Speaking of fellowship dinners - that reminds me of a humorous incident and with Mary's permission, here it is:

One of our own fellowship dinners was held in an E & R church in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Instructions for getting there were something like this:

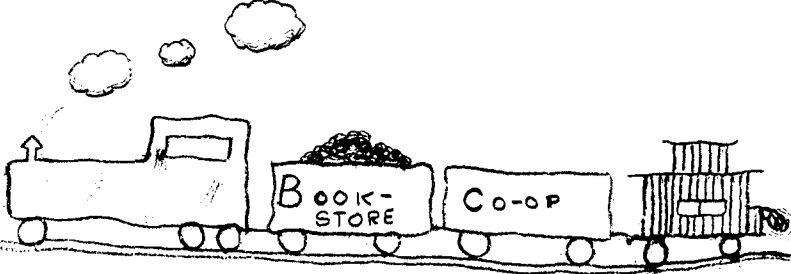
- Get on a bus at the bus depot.
- Pay 15¢.
- Get off at the local post office.
- Church across the street - supper.
- Ride takes twenty minutes.

Well we managed to get on a very crowded bus. We crossed the border line into Kentucky and after ten minutes riding time Mary said, "I wonder where the post office is?" A gentleman standing beside her who wanted to help a damsel in distress answered, "One block ahead." So, on block ahead, we got off the bus. Mary happened to glance at the bus and saw Dr. Gable and a traveling companion. "We better get Dr. Gable's attention or he will ride too far." said Mary. Mary told a lady getting on the bus to call Dr. Gable's name - by this time the whole bus was quiet aware that we were out-of-towners. Dr. Gable and his companion managed to get off the bus. "Where is the church?" questioned Dr. Gable. No church was in sight across from the post office. "Pardon me, madam, but are we in Fort Thomas?" questioned Dr. Gable of a lady waiting for a bus. With a southern accent which I can't even write, she replied, "No, sir, this is Newport." Poor Mary - she had the wrong post office! We stood in the wind and dampness waiting for another bus and chuckling because Mary had led us astray. But after all, this could have happened to anyone. Mary's advice to the traveler is, "Be sure the post office has a name."

- Nancy Wright

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HEINTZELMAN'S THE ENGINEER FOR
THIS JOB!

(This political cartoon was a contribution, and does not necessarily reflect the views of the SEMINARIAN staff).



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NOTE

On April 20, at 10:00 a.m. the Catawba College Choir will present a concert in Santee Chapel.