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### SEMINARY CHOIR RETURNS AFTER SUCCESS- FUL SOUTHERN TOUR

Leaving Lancaster at 12:30 P.M., on Tuesday March 1, 1949, the Seminary choir traveled south on the first extended singing tour of its history. The group traveled on a chartered bus over the entire route, which covered approximately 1250 miles. First stop was Grace Church in Washington, D.C., the Rev. Mr. Olweiler, pastor, where the men presented their concert of sacred music on Tuesday night. The following morning found the group enroute early, having to travel more than 300 miles to Burlington, N.C., where the next concert was to be presented in the evening. Nice weather and winding Carolina roads made this day's journey interesting. The bus arrived early enough to give the men a chance to warm up a bit, eat their first real southern meal, and present a good concert in First Church, Burlington, the Rev. Dr. Fesperman, pastor. Hickory, N.C., was the next stop. The concert was given at Corinth Church, the Rev. Dr. Althouse, pastor. This concert was broadcast over the local radio station. Friday morning found everyone awake early, readying themselves for the trip to Catawba College, where a short concert was presented at 10 o'clock chapel service. After a meal at this beautiful and progressive southern college, the bus moved on to Winston-Salem, where another concert was sung that evening. The choir really hit its stride at First Church, the Rev. Mr. Davis, pastor. The next day's journey was the longest single jump of the trip, adding up to almost 400 miles. In spite of the distance, the men arrived at Woodstock, Va., in time to sing at Massanutten Academy, enjoy a good meal served at the academy, watch the cadets haul down the colors, and sing another good concert that evening at St. Paul's Church in Woodstock, the

### AS I SEE IT . . .

"I've come here this evening with high hopes of meeting some of the Christian brethren who will be my new relatives." These were the opening words of the very charming Miss Helen Kenyon, the Moderator of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, as she addressed a group of more than forty persons at a reception in the lounge of Richards Hall. Present were Seminary faculty members and their wives, a handful of students, some F and M professors and their wives, and a large number of local clergymen and their wives.

Miss Kenyon began by relating a number of incidents that revealed the present temper of thought in the C. C. churches, which for a number of reasons seems to be becoming increasingly pro-merger. The two-fold program that occupies the attention of the General Council revolves around new churches and the proposed merger. There are at least three major factors at work for unity. In the first place, the interpretations made at Oberlin are responsible for the winning of a number of large C. C. congregations. Second, the C. C. people are arriving at the enlightened position that the furtherance of the Kingdom of God is to be placed above the preservation of peace in their family. And last, their members have been very favorably impressed by the fine spirit exhibited by the officials and members of the E and R Church throughout the whole affair.

The position of the anti-merger forces seems to sum up thus - the manner of conducting the matter is entirely too authoritarian; the whole thing was instituted at the top and engineered from there. This opposition seems to cluster around three centres: Northeastern U.S., Northern Illinois, and Southern California. Miss Kenyon hastened to reassure us that we need

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## SPORTS CORNER

### CRUSADERS MOVE INTO FIRST PLACE TIE

Since the last issue of the Seminarian went to press the Crusaders have been active in their campaign for the F & M Intramural Championship. To date they have won five games and dropped only one.

On Feb. 10 the Crusaders met City #1 in a contest that found our boys on top by a 42-25 score. After a slow start, which found the home team ahead at the close of the first period 4-2, the sharp-shooters found the range so that they easily romped home with the win.

Stan Dunn, Bruce Hatt, and Herb Siegler were the big guns in the attack, accounting for 28 points between them. Dunn and Hatt each had 10.

By far the game was the best performance the boys have put on; for a change the passing and rebound work showed improvement. However our lads still need to pick up their shooting ability.

With the beginning of the second quarter when the Crusaders pulled into the lead, they were never threatened. Coach Englert made sure the fellows had plenty of playing time.

Again on Feb. 17 the "hoopsters" went into action, this time against the Newman Club. In a rough, poorly-played game that had many of the spectators howling at the officials, the Crusaders were able to bring home the bacon by a 31-24 score.

The entire game was sloppy, but the Crusaders were able to get a lead that was never challenged except in the closing minutes of the first half when the Newman boys came within two points of knotting the score.

Zeigler, "Bones" Bailey, and "Able" Abby with 10, 6, and 6 points respectively kept pulling the game out of the fire.

Poor passing and shooting on both sides highlighted the game, but thanks to reserve power the holy rollers were victorious.

The night of Feb. 24 was a most successful night for the Crusaders as they defeated Hartman #6 easily 34-13.

In winning the team looked for the first time as if they were getting to know one another. Coach Englert was more than pleased with the progress his boys were showing.

The game was 14 minutes old before Hartman scored--such was the defensive quality of the Crusaders. "Reb" Settlemyre and "Bones" Bailey stood out in defensive play.

Offensively, Stan Dunn, "Able" Abby and Bruce Hatt carried the load with 10, 8 and 6 points respectively. These

lads were aided greatly by a brilliant passing attack that completely caught Hartman flatfooted.

A sliding zone was the defensive weapon that kept the tall Hartman team away from the basket. The zone confused the opposition so effectively that they got but a few shots at the basket during the first half. It was during this time that our Crusaders built up a sizeable lead and coasted home to an easy victory.

Coach Englert saw to it that the bench was cleared and all players saw plenty of action.

The Seminary quintet met and defeated Dietz Hall #3 team on Wed. March 9 by a 33-17 score. The win enabled the Crusaders to move into a first place tie.

Displaying a brand of basketball such as our local hoopsters have never shown they completely swept a determined Dietz team right off the floor. A sliding zone that moved with speed and an accurate passing attack enabled the Crusaders to move into an easy lead which was never relinquished.

Bruce Hatt and "Reb" Settlemyre played a fine defensive game as their floor work broke up many of Dietz's potential scoring plays.

Sharpshooting by "Able" Abby, Herb Ziegler and Stan Dunn, with 10, 10 and 6 points respectively, aided the Crusaders in moving into a lead which enabled Coach Englert to clear the bench several times throughout the game.

Your writer cannot help but note the lack of interest in the team. Very few of the Seminaricians ever attend the games, yet all are ready to rebuff the players when they are not victorious.

It seems to me that if one is to criticize a player, that same person should make it a point to attend the games and encourage the team when it is behind.

We may have the possibilities of a good team, but there is definitely a lack of spirit that is caused mainly by our lack of a following. Our record has been good enough to justify a following by our fellow students.

Give the fellows three-quarters of an hour and help them bring home the bacon. There is a schedule of the games on the bulletin board. Let's use it!

Dick Abernethy

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### WEEKLY JOKE

Harwick: But sir, physical degeneration will mean no more race propagation.

Dr. Frantz: Oh, I guess they won't give it up for a while yet.

# CHOIR TRIP (Cont'd. from p. 1)

Rev. Mr. Lautenschlager, pastor. Sunday, the last day of the concert tour, dawned bright and early for the traveling group. This day was to be the acid test, since there were three concerts lined up. Each was presented in order: the Evangelical Church in Frederick, Md., the Rev. Mr. Althouse, pastor; dinner at Hood College; the second at St. Paul's Church in Westminster, Md., the Rev. Mr. Lippy, pastor; and finally the last concert that evening at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore, the Rev. Mr. Siegenthaler, pastor.

When the men had finished their last concert Sunday evening they realized that a fine piece of work had been accomplished. In addition, they realized how much work had actually been done, for all were ready to sit back in the bus and rest. The choir was very well received by more than 3800 people who displayed their hospitality and appreciation by generously providing meals and overnight accommodations for everyone. There were 37 people who made the tour, 27 of them singing in the choir, 6 wives keeping up morale (and making the trip quite enjoyable), Prof. McConnell, Dr. and Mrs. Frantz, and Max, the likeable fellow behind the wheel. All who participated know how much this trip served to broaden their perspective. These ten concerts proved to be a wonderful method of acquainting the various churches with their theological seminary, and bringing them the sacrament of music. The men gained by the experience of seeing the various churches and meeting the fine people who keep these churches strong in the fight for Christianity.

Grant Harrity

## THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

During the course of the Winter Term the vespers programs in the basement of the dormitory were discontinued. These programs took a new turn as they found their setting in Santee Chapel. The Seminary family has discovered that the chapel has produced a most worshipful atmosphere and has provided for real devotional periods. Adding to the unity of our family has been the presence of a number of faculty members. We look forward to future devotional periods which will be under the direction of faculty members.

Another factor which has increased the value of the vespers programs is the increased attendance. The average attendance at vespers since they have been held in Santee is above 20 persons.

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# AS I SEE IT. . . (Cont'd. from p. 1)

and Southern California. Miss Kenyon hastened to reassure us that we need have no fear of any large number of congregations bolting the church or of any fatal results from legal proceedings which may be taken by the churches that will withdraw from the regional associations of the C. C. Church.

Perhaps in light of what Miss Kenyon said, it would be wise to sum up briefly the address of L. Wendell Fifield made after the vote for merger had been cast. He began by expressing his personal sorrow over the result of the vote, but went on to say that the mark of maturity is the ability to adapt to changed situations. He then directed himself to three groups: to the victors - Do not lose your enthusiasm, for you'll need it; to the denominational officials - Do not become denominational tinkers rather than ecclesiastical statesmen; to the losers - Do not besmirch the spirit of Lent with bickering. Consider the facts objectively until after Easter. To the group he suggested the following three positions: (1) acceptance, cooperation; (2) quietism; (3) opposition. As a basis for deciding into which group one will fit, one must ask himself: "In these next ten years - which will determine the future of civilization - from the point of view of the Kingdom of God, which of these three positions is wisest to take?"

We've heard from Miss Kenyon and Mr. Fifield. The general tenor is encouraging, but the dark days have not all come within the compass of time's bending sickle. There are more dark days ahead. There is an anti-merger pamphlet on the presses now. The opposition is not weakening appreciably. The C.C. churches might be able to take no definite action before 1950. It is for us of the E and R Church, therefore, to wait patiently, giving all the support possible to our pro-merger brethren in the C. C. Church. We are fighting a winning battle. There is no reason to be discouraged.

Dave Mark

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE (from col. 1)

All of us look forward to a happy unity of the Seminary family. A family that prays together stays together!

The Worship Committee thanks all those who have provided for placing flowers on the altar. We ask you not to forget that during the Spring Term we will be glad to place your floral tribute upon the gradine. Please make such arrangements with Robert Delp.

Earl Marks