



# The Seminarian

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## LENTEN OFFERING

### GOAL ANNOUNCED

The Benevolence Committee is launching their second project during the Lenten Season. The money that is received from the individual penny banks and from the Lenten chapel service offering will be used for various causes, including W.S.S.F., A.R.C., Boys Club in Lancaster, American Bible Society, and "Thirty Bibles for Yugoslavia." Our goal is \$350.00.

For those of the seminary family who do not attend the Monday chapel services and who want to contribute to the offerings, may do so by putting their contribution in the collection box in the rear of the chapel.

The slogan for this Lenten season is "A penny a meal..for others."  
-Don Geschwindt

## CHOIR RETURNS

### FROM CONCERT TOUR

In spite of an abundance of rain and a lack of sunshine the Seminary Choir enjoyed a successful tour through Pennsylvania and western New York. The Choir sang in eight churches, and with one or two exceptions to full congregations. In several churches, Sunday School rooms were opened to handle the overflow. The average attendance was 259. The aggregate attendance was 2079, an increase of 260 over last year.

The choir received many favorable comments, ranging from the usual "oily" ones to those that sounded sincere. One pastor said, "That was just what our people needed. It really lifted us up." Many comments were made indicating that the choir provided more than entertainment. It instilled a real feeling of worship in those who heard it.

In addition to the eight churches in which we sang, the choir also visited several other points of interest along the way. On Monday we visited for an hour with Stanley

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## WELCOME !!

We of the Lancaster Theological Seminary extend greetings of welcome to the faculty and student body of the Lincoln University School of Theology. We hope that this union Day of Prayer will prove to be an enriching experience to all those participating.

## MIDDLERS PLAN BANQUET

Last evening Middler president Dick Fehnel met with committee chairmen to lay the plans for the annual Middler Banquet. The date set for this year's affair is April 28.

As has been the custom during the past several years, the purpose of the banquet is to raise money for the foreign student fund here at this seminary. The Benevolence Committee has designated a goal of \$250 for the banquet this year.

The committee chairmen for the banquet are as follows: finance, Jim Morris; program, Joel Hartman; kitchen, Curt Sandrock; publicity, and decoration, Jack Kasten and Don Flick; auction, Jan Ports.

All members of the Middler class will be asked to take part in either the planning or the execution of the banquet.

## DEAN-O-GRAMS

THE FACULTY - Announces the acceptance by Dr. Wilhelm Pauck of our invitation to be the Swander lecturer at our Convocation next November (9-10). Dr. Pauck was for many years on the Faculty of the Chicago Theological Seminary but now teaches at Union Seminary, New York. His lectures will deal with phases of the theology of the Protestant Reformation.

SENIORS!!! - Remember the change in the date of the Board of Visitors examination from that form-  
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erly announced. It will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 12th. The committee consists of Rev. Paul C. Shumaker of Greenville, Pa., Dr. Cyrus T. Glessmer of Lansdale, Pa. and Rev. Russell D. Custer of Milltown, N. J.

MARY MADI - widow of Rev. Steve Madi, has sent \$50.00 in his memory which will be applied to the Alumni Fund for the Seminary marker at the corner of College and James Streets. Mrs Madi has gratefully acknowledged the \$50 sent by the Seminary Family to the Igonier Orphanage in Steve's memory.

CHANGES - in Spring Term registrations should be made during the first fortnight of the term and reported to the professors involved as well as to the Dean.

DR. WILLIAM R. SHAFER'S \* first class in Course #60, "A Parish Program of Evangelism," will be held on Tuesday, March 9th, at 11:20 in Room 1. We most heartily welcome Dr. Shaffer to our Seminary community and hope that he will feel at home among us.

CATALOGUE-YEAR BOOK - copy, all but a small portion, went to the printer on March 1st; the balance is due March 17th. Students who have changes to make in the data they have given should do so before the latter date. Seniors should advise Paul Heckert, Middlers, Dick Fehnel, Juniors, Charles Williman and Specials and M.R.E.'s the Dean.

FACULTY MEETING - Saturday, March 6th, at 9 o'clock.

REV. GEORGE BRICKER - will be installed as pastor of St. Peter's E & R Church, College and Buchanan Avenues on Sunday, March 14th, at 10:45. Dr. Edwin Lewis, his teacher at Temple University School of Theology will preach the sermon. Drs. Spotts, Sayres, and Dunn will serve on the installation committee.

PROFESSOR MOSS AND DEAN DUNN - represented the Seminary at Heidelberg College and Elmhurst College during the Inter-term Recess. The former continued westward to Chicago where he successfully passed the oral examination for his Ph. D. degree.

## O'ER THE SHELVES

There are several items regarding your Bookstore Cooperative that should be emphasized at this time. They are all of importance, so take note:

1. Dividend payments for the winter term will be paid during the first week of the spring term.

2. The annual meeting will be held March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Election of a new manager and of next year's executive committee will be held at that time.

3. The Bookstore is equipped to handle pulpit robes at a discount of twenty percent.

4. There will be a list of required books for the fall term (1954) posted in the near future. Those who desire their texts at the start of the fall term should order them now.

5. The final date for placing book orders is April 15. No order will be accepted after this date. This rule must be imposed so that all business will be closed by the end of the spring term.

6. Your Bookstore Cooperative experienced its highest month in terms of gross sales during the month of February.

-Bookstore Cooperative  
Promotion Committee

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### PLANS LENTEN PROGRAM

Special Lenten Meditations will be held every Thursday evening during the Lenten Season. These services are arranged by the Worship Committee of the Society of Inquiry.

This Thursday, starting at 10:00, there will be quiet organ music by Arpad deKallos. This music will be of the meditative type and informally presented. The next Thursday, March 11th, a tape recording of the Choir concert will be played at 9:30.

Following programs are being arranged. Music by Frank McGonnell and a trumpet trio, as well as records from the Easter portion of the Messiah are being planned. The final Thursday it is hoped there will be participation in a directed meditation. Further announcement will be made.

## IN OUR MAIL BOX...

Dear Editors:

Thankful for the concerned letter by Vernon Stoop which you published in the recent issue of the SEMINARIAN, I am nevertheless unsatisfied by its varied maze of arguments.

Analysis of the letter lays bare the following views:

1. The Christian "way" of non-violence is altogether idealistic;
2. Just now the world is not ready for such total idealism;
3. We must be "realistic" (contra-"idealistic"), which means that we can not afford to be idealistic just yet while the rest of the world is so immoral;
4. But on the other hand, by golly, when Jesus healed the servant of the believing Centurion maybe he meant it would be O.K. for 20 centuries of Centurions to build up a new world on the pattern of, -say Hiroshima;
5. The Way of non-violence is not really idealistic because pacifism means passivism or "the failure to take effective action against evil," and besides, it doesn't work;
6. Therefore, the good people of the world must be protected from harm by war, as the Koreans have been protected from harm by war;
7. Let's protect the present system by force of arms, for, after all, we aren't Jesus Christ.

The letter, I admit, holds no more contradictions than the average American life or the average American western movie. In case you haven't observed either category recently, the common theme just now is this: THE GOOD GUYS MUST KILL THE BAD GUYS BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS HURT --- THERE'LL BE A TIME FOR LOVIN' BYE AND BYE.

The Christian answer will not appear in letters to the editor by Arpad, Vernon, or me, but it must appear. The aim of this letter is to plea that our subject is a blind spot, and that such a blind spot needs urgently the concerned attention of Christian ministers and students and believers. Will the cell groups, the classes, or the student Society focus some thought, prayer, and discussion upon the dilemma of "arms and the Christian?"

Respectfully,  
Dale M. Heckman

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Dunn, who is pastor of a Home Mission Church in Cattaraugus, New York. Another interesting stop was made at Boston, New York, where Richard Whitney is ministering to a congregation founded by the grandfather of Harry Emerson Fosdick. On Tuesday we had an opportunity to get rid of some excess energy at Niagara Falls. The bus was parked on the American side, and those who were interested walked across the International Bridge to view the falls from the Canadian side.

Although several concerts were more outstanding than others for the amount of spirit and emotion displayed, from a technical standpoint the choir reached a peak at the first concert on Sunday morning and maintained it throughout the week. The almost flawless performance at every concert can be attributed both to the outstanding efforts of the director, Frank McConnell, and to the unusual devotion of each one of the twenty-seven singers in the choir. A prayer meeting before each concert helped many of us to gain a fuller understanding of the real purpose of the choir --- to sing praises to God, and to lift the spirits of those who listened.

One of the highlights from the standpoint of the choir members during the trip was the "decorating" of our bus driver, Roy Lefever. For three year's faithful service, Roy was given a stole which made him "officially" an honorary member of the Seminary Choir. His faithful service went far to compensate for the adverse weather conditions endured during the trip.

Dr. Sayres explained to the people the purpose of the Seminary and extended the challenge to the congregations to send more men and women to the Seminary to train for full time Christian service. It is the opinion of the writers that the tour was helpful both in improving the relations between the churches and the Seminary, and also in lifting up the spirits of the hearers and the singers.

-Paul, Joe, and Bob