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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During the summer as well as other times of the year there are almost unlimited opportunities for service in the field of Christian Education. At the request of the SEMINARIAN I shall give you a bird's eye view of those in which it was my privilege to participate during the last three months.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL:

The first challenge which I accepted took me to Derrick City, a small town located in the heart of the oil industry in northwestern Pennsylvania. There, under the direction of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, I helped the workers at the local Methodist Church conduct their very first Vacation Church School. On Friday evening before our school began, we had a general planning meeting. The LEAV Kit filmstrip titled, The Growing Teacher helped us to bring this session to an effective closing. On the following day, we met in departmental groups for more specific planning applicable to the age group to be taught. In these meetings we found the filmstrip in the Children of the Church Kit very helpful. The rooms were arranged on Sunday afternoon, and, we went home to our dinners feeling that we were ready to meet the sixty or seventy boys and girls who would be attending our classes. Much to our amazement, ninety-six children and young people attended our first session. As you can expect, we spent Monday afternoon training additional teachers. Each day when school closed we had an evaluation meeting. I spent the afternoons giving additional training where it was needed and following up the decisions made at the evaluation meetings.

When school closed in Derrick City, I went across the state line to Limestone, a small town in New York. There I helped to introduce another Vacation Church School.

It is quite likely that both of these churches will be conducting their own Vacation Church Schools next summer.

LABORATORY SCHOOL:

At Faribault, Minnesota, I had the

opportunity to observe Mrs. Mary Patterson, a very skillful University teacher, conduct the Kindergarten class of the Laboratory Vacation Church School held for two weeks under the direction of the Minnesota Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. I observed in the section in which the closely graded curriculum was used. In another section of the school group graded materials were used to demonstrate an effective school for the small church. When the school was not in session, we evaluated the work of the morning, planned for the next day, and attended classes in Bible study.

Again and again, the thought occurs to me, "What wonderful Church Schools we would have if our leaders and teachers could have this kind of training."

TWENTY-THIRD INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION:

It was thrilling to be part of the crowd which took over the city of Cleveland, Ohio, during the 23rd International Sunday School Convention. The lectures, interest groups, discussions, and new audio-visuals served to inspire us to do better work as well as to stress the importance of our task in the Sunday School.

At the denominational meetings held in the afternoon I shared in the leadership responsibilities for one of the discussion groups. The afternoon also provided many opportunities for renewing camp and seminary friendships; Dr. Lee Gable was one of the staff members. My joy was great when Mrs. Daniel Kreider and Mrs. Clarence Snyder, two of our departmental superintendents of St. Paul's Church of Lancaster greeted me there.

FAMILY CAMPS:

I learned that our denominational conference grounds at Dunkirk, New York, provide excellent facilities for families at camp. There I spent two weeks teaching in the Kindergarten section of the school for the children. On the last afternoon while we were busily packing the equipment for storage, we were delighted by a surprise visit from Dr. and Mrs. David Dunn.

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THE OTHER THIRD

Our studies and our daily class work are designed to strengthen us for the intellectual side of our ministerial duties. Our seminary athletic program is designed to strengthen us physically so that we will be able to perform our task. The seminary, however, expects us to develop and deepen our spirituality on our own. Because we have a deep spiritual need, we must see that our seminary life provides an opportunity for spiritual growth. To accomplish this important requirement of our preparation, we need to work together and help each other. It was the recognition of this fact that led to the creation of Prayer Cell groups a few years ago. These groups are designed to increase our spiritual capacities and strengthen our spiritual resources. Since all of us have the need for spiritual depth, we should all seek to avail ourselves of the opportunities which

are afforded us by Prayer Cells.

The Spiritual Life Commission of the Society of Inquiry is charged with responsibility for the spiritual life of the seminary. Accordingly, the Spiritual Life Commission wishes to extend the opportunity offered by Prayer Cells to all members of the seminary family. All persons who would like to join such a group should contact either Dan Kratz, Jim Rumley, Jo Anne Townsend or Paul Curvey. The Commission would also like to know how many students are now in Prayer Cell groups. It is therefore requested that all groups inform Dan Kratz of the names of the people in their groups and whether they are willing to receive additional members. Our spiritual life is important, let's not ignore it.

-Dan Kratz

SUMMARY OF FALL TERM REGISTERED STUDENTS

BY CLASSES:

Seniors: 24; Middlers: 30; Juniors: 26; M.R.E. : 6; Specials: ⁷~~11~~; Total: 97

BY COLLEGES:

Catawba: 19; Franklin and Marshall: 19; Ursinus: 13; Heidelberg: 6; Lebanon Valley: 4; Albright: 3; Kutztown, Penn State, Muhlenberg, ~~Cottswold~~, Lehigh: 2 each. Kalosca (Hungary), Grove City, Cedar Crest, Shippensburg, Wheaton, Lycoming, Stroudsburg, West Michigan, ~~Western Maryland~~, Millersville, Elon, Moravian, West Libert State (W. Va.), ^{Allegheny} University of Strasbourg, ~~Susquehanna~~, Oglethorpe, Houghton, Lenoir-Rhyne, George Washington and University of Pennsylvania: 1 each.

BY E & R SYNODS AND DENOMINATIONS

Philadelphia: 13; Lehigh and Southern: 8; East Pennsylvania and Reading: 7; Susquehanna: 6; Mercersburg and Pittsburgh: 5; Lancaster and Potomac: 4; Central Pennsylvania: 3; Magyar, North Wisconsin, Southeast Ohio, Southwest Ohio and West New York: 1 each.
Methodist: 7; Evangelical United Brethren: 5; Congregational-Christian and Presbyterian: 2; Lutheran ~~(W.L.C.A.)~~ (Alsatian): 1.

THE GOLDEN RULE

Nearly every civilized nation has some version of a golden rule. That code of moral law is older than Christianity itself, and some of the most prominent religions express it as follows:

Christian: All things whatsoever ye would that men do unto you, do ye even unto them.
Mohammedan: Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated.
Egyptian: He sought for others the good he desired for himself.
Buddhist: One should seek for others the good he desires for himself.
Persian: Do as you would be done by.
Grecian: Do not that to a neighbor which you would take ill from him.
Chinese: What you would not wish done to yourself, do not unto others.
Hindu: The true rule is to do by the things of others as you do by your own.

THINKING OUT LOUD

"Evan a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back until he starts working." -Sunshine Mag.

which Mr. Hill pointed with one illustration after another throughout the evening. Not broken homes, so much as disinterested parents and friends seemed to be the most common causes of delinquency.

To remedy the suspicious character of a delinquent kindness and firmness must be shown. The fact that someone is interested and cares for them is sometimes enough to help a young potential stay "good." Often we pass up opportunities each day to show warmth or kindness to someone who needs just that and only that from us. Since we are all leaders, Mr. Hill points out, that someone follows and copies us in their life. When we fail with our thank you's and courtesies, someone sees and copies.

After a set of slides on the Boy's Club of Lancaster, which showed it to be more than just a recreation center for Boys, a question and answer period ensued. The object of the Boy's Club is to so attract young boys and attempt to influence them by building confidence in at least one of the counselors.

-Rod Henrie

THE COUNSELING MINISTRY

(Second in a series)

Every minister is frequently called upon to act as a counselor to people who seek his help in their personal crises. Books have been written to help the pastor in this exacting and important work and many conferences include time for speakers and study groups on the subject. One often finds an unfortunate antagonism to any special emphasis upon counseling, however; especially if reference is made to psychology, which seems to irritate the prejudices of some folk. Equally distressing is the tendency of others to approach counseling with an undisciplined and sentimental enthusiasm that may lead to distortion.

This very brief article aims at sharing some ideas that are the result of having had unusual opportunity to engage in the counseling for more than a few years.

1. Disciplined study is essential. No one who has made a serious study in the field of psychotherapy can brush it aside with the remark, "a lot of bunk!" This kind of estimate comes only from the opinionated or lazy person who is adept at giving estimates on things he knows little about. Every minister must continue his study beyond that of college and seminary by coming to understand the main streams of thought in Freud, Adler, Jung, Horney, May, Holman, and others.

2. Recognize your limitations. After some work in this field the temptation is strong to try to become an amateur psychiatrist. Know enough to recognize men-

tal illness, and to refer a mentally ill person to a professionally trained doctor and follow his advice. It is also important to warn ministers away from dallying with hypnosis and other techniques which are safely handled only by experts.

3. Take hold of the unique opportunity and function you have as a Christian minister. Your status is quite different from that of a doctor, psychologist or other counselor. You do not meet with a person to obtain a fee. Your interest in him is not limited to his physical and mental health. By all means you must be severely sure that you are not counseling with people in order to win devotees, to get a thrill, or to boost your ego in some subtle manner. This meeting and sharing with a person is not just part of your job. From deep within you must come the assurance that you recognize him as a child of God. You honor him, have compassion and friendliness toward him, not because he has sought you out or because he is in need or an object of pity. You give yourself to him because he is beloved of God, and your business is to help remove any distresses which harass a child of God. Thus you meet with him humbly, gratefully, recognizing that God is there also.

4. Counseling is an art. No formal procedure or technique can cover every circumstance. Each counselor in the light of the circumstances, should handle particular problems with delicate sensitivity and creative imagination. There are mechanics involved, just as there are mechanics in the art of painting. But the extra touch of the counselor's personality and spiritual resources make the difference between mediocrity and genuine helpfulness. The late Dr. Nevin C. Harner was such an artist in the field of counseling. The way he listened, took his precious time to enter into the particular problems of his students, with advice when it was needed but more often simply omitting the platitudes and helping the person to work out his answers, was akin to a worship experience.

Only a truly authentic Christian, with deep personal resources of faith, hope and love, can fully grasp the opportunities for ministry through counseling. Perhaps on this account younger ministers should not become impatient and should recognize that this important aspect of their work will become rich and fruitful only after they have served and grown a little while.

- Alfred L. Creager, Minister - Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Collegeville, Pa.; Chaplain, Ursinus College.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"But what does the early worm get?"

At the Collegeville Workshop instead of having a teaching assignment as I had expected, I received a liberal education in Audio-Visual aids. I was in charge of the respective section of the Resource Center. In one short and hurried Saturday afternoon with the help of Carolyn Gable, I learned how to operate the motion picture projector which was not at all like the one we have at the seminary. That evening with fear and trembling Gable and Germ presented their first movie without any mishap.

Through these Workshops our department of Children's Work is doing an excellent job in training teachers for the Children's division of our Church Schools.

FUN;

There were many good times and opportunities for recreation interspersed during these busy days. On the way to Cleveland several of us had three days in which to relax on the shore of Lake Erie at a lovely spot between Huron and Lorraine. There was also a delightful weekend at Chatauqua, New York after we finished our work at Dunkirk. Here we saw a refreshing comedy titled Time Out For Ginger. In this play a high school girl tried out for football. And whether you believe it or not, Deacon, she made the scrub team.

-Mary "Steve VanBuren" Germ

NOTICE

Attention - Members of the seminary family.

Keep Wednesday, October 26, 1955 open! Why? This will be the night of the BIG Halloween Party which will be sponsored by the Social Life Commission of the Society of Inquiry. Watch the bulletin boards and the next issue of the SEMINARIAN for further details. Plan now to attend and be prepared to have a good time.

-Curly Myers

COMMENT

A comment concerning the new T.V. set in the lounge;

"I wish you well and I hope it doesn't ruin you." -Dr. Stonesifer

NOTICE

Each evening, Monday through Friday the Chapel is open from 9 to 10 for private devotions. Every member of the seminary family should take this opportunity for prayer and meditation. Periodically there will be guided meditations. These will be announced during Monday's Assembly. It is hoped that no meetings will be scheduled which will conflict with this hour in any way. -Paul Curvey

At a meeting of the Athletic Commission it was decided to have class represented in our touch football league. The schedule begins October 5th. Dr. Englert and one member of the team not playing that game will referee. The games start at 3:00 on the F & M practice fields. If you can stand four 15 minute quarters, or a part thereof, come on out. Here is a good opportunity to get in shape - or if you are more fortunate - to stay in shape.

The Bridge tournament is underway. This year we hope to find a different team on top! (?) If you haven't signed up, find a partner and do so. Just add your name to the list on the dorm bulletin board.

Details of the sports events will follow during the season. Let's support the Athletic Commission this year. See you at the games.

-Jim "Rocky" Bright

A COMMUNICATION

The office of the SEMINARIAN received a letter this past week which is worthy of your notice;

"It gives us great pleasure to announce that Frank McCall, one of your students, is the winner of a Vita Craft Scholarship. Frank won this as a result of being the 4th top salesman in the East and his sales record is certainly worthy of recognition. Each summer, Vita Craft, manufacturers of fine aluminum cookware awards Scholarships to college distributors all over the nation for their outstanding sales.

"Lancaster Theological Seminary should be proud to have men like Frank McCall. Vita Craft is proud of him."

Sincerely,
Robert W. Croman

We are proud of you Frank.
CONGRATULATIONS from the entire seminary family. -Ed.

MR. HILL SPEAKS ON DELINQUENCY

After an opening prayer by Dr. Dunn, Mr. Sherman L. Hill began his talk on the Boy' Club of Lancaster in which he pointed out that 3 to 4% of the youth of America are delinquents. A shift from the negative aspect of accenting the crimes committed to positive talk and action of preventing would be much more wholesome for the nation according to Mr. Hill.

Broken homes, poor environment, and neglect, seemed to be the major factors to continued -

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 5 8:00P.M. Reception for the new students in the refectory.

Thursday, October 6 The First in the series of Marriage lectures.

Tuesday, October 11 7:30P.M. Dr. Glen L. Archer will speak in the lounge on the subject "Church and State." Sponsored by the Vital Issues Commission.

Wednesday, October 26 Halloween Party for the seminary family. More details later.

FROM THE DEAN'S

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Here's hoping that by the time you read these lines the Hand-book or Manual will be in your hands. It is designed to chart the activities and spot the dates of the school year that lies ahead. Write your name on your copy at once, read it through and keep it in a conspicuous and accessible place in your room.

Attention of new students is called to the distinction between their Field Work Advisors and their Faculty Counselors as shown by the lists on the east bulletin board in the main hall. Arrangement should be made soon between the students and their Field Work Advisors as to when the latter will visit the scene of their work with Sunday School classes or Youth Fellowships.

The WELCOME PARTY given by the Faculty to the New Students will be held in the refectory on Wednesday night, October 5th at 8 o'clock. The guests will include Junior B.D., First Year M.R.E. and Special Students and their wives (if any). Please tell Professor Gable if you (or your wife) cannot come in order that we may know how many to expect.

Classes are requested to choose officers (president, vice president and secretary-treasurer) and Book Store Co-op representatives for the new school year in case this has not already been done, and to report them to the Dean and on the bulletin board.

The annual plea: Let the last one leaving a class-room please turn off the lights.

Co-operation with David Koch, our Calendar Custodian is urged upon both Faculty and students. Clear with him in planning for meetings and other events and let him make the entry on the calendar. Then let's look at the calendar frequently to see what's "coming up."

GIVING

There has been a lot of question as to the particular function of the Finance Commission so I thought perhaps a short article might prove to be enlightening, especially to the new members of our seminary family.

One of the chief duties of this commission is to set up a Benevolent Budget at the beginning of each school year. The commission has already had a meeting this year and a Benevolent Budget of \$1000 has been appropriated. These appropriations are made to such needy organizations as the Community Chest, The American Cancer Society, The Heart Fund, The World Student Service Fund, to-

gether with several others. We feel that there is a very definite need with respect to the organizations which I have mentioned, as it is our Christian responsibility, as a seminary family, to reach out and help others where such a need exists.

There are various ways in which we might reach our goal as the year progresses. There are three Communion Services during the school year, and at each of these services there is an offering which is designated for a particular program. At the Fall Communion the offering is appropriated for the International Christian University in Japan. The offering from the Winter Communion is presented each year to one of our homes for the aged so that devotional booklets might be purchased. Our offering in the Spring Communion goes toward helping the work of International Missions. With respect to other phases of our budget, the Finance Commission also provides pennybanks during the Lenten Season. There is a bank on each table in the refectory and also for each of the out of dorm students. While there has been no stipulation on the amount which is given by each student, an accepted practice of one penny each meal has been followed in the past.

The Middler Banquet is an event during the school year which all of the Seminary family look forward to with anxious anticipation. As most of you already know, the purpose of this banquet is to raise sufficient funds in order to sponsor our exchange student each year. It has been the common practice to have an auction at this banquet whereby we might engage in a great deal of fun and fellowship and at the same time accomplish our goal. Do not misinterpret the title; it means that the responsibility in seeing that all of the necessary preparations have been taken care of by the Middler Class.

During Advent there are usually two offerings which are received in the Monday Assembly Period. In like manner there are offerings during the Lenten Season which are also received in the Monday Assembly Period. These offerings are part of the Benevolent Budget.

If any questions arise in your minds from time to time, please feel free to call upon any member of this Commission as each member will be more than glad to discuss it with you.

-Fred Irwin

DEFINITION

A careful driver - one who is driving to court to answer a summons for speeding.

A GEM FROM R.C. 71

As a Christian you shouldn't be a Republican. -Nancy Wright, Wisdom