



# The Seminarian

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## SEMINARIANS TO HEAR CHAPLAIN HARP

The chapel speaker for Wednesday, Feb. 16, has recently been made Chief of Chaplains of the Navy and Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel. Rear Admiral Edward B. Harp, Jr., a graduate of Lancaster Seminary, in 1929, was commissioned in the Navy that same year.

He is a survivor of the Battle of Midway and the sinking of the carrier Hornet. Other theaters of service for Chaplain Harp were the U. S. Coast Guard and U. S. Naval Academies, and the Naval Hospitals in Portsmouth, Va., and St. Alban, N. Y. In 1943 he was the executive officer and instructor at the Naval Chaplains School. Later he served as Pacific Fleet Chaplain.

He received his B. A. and honorary D. D. degrees from F&M College, and served as assistant pastor of Christ Reformed Church at Cavetown, Maryland, before entering the Navy.

Prior to his Wednesday engagement at chapel, Admiral Harp will be honored at a dinner given Tuesday evening which will be attended by the faculty of F & M and local friends of his.

Lenten Services will be held weekly at the Monday chapel hour--1.30 P.M. Ten minutes of the 2 o'clock classes will be appropriated weekly to make possible a 35-minute service. Professors Dunn, Englert, Gable, Stonesifer, and Vasady will lead the services and give meditations on the five questions asked by Pilate during his trial of Jesus. Offerings will be devoted to the support of next year's European student.

## OUR MIDNIGHT SON

-Per A. Haugland-

Lancaster and the Seminary were quite unknown to me until April 1952. At that time I was in northern Norway where I had worked among the youth for two years. My home is in the southern part of the country, about 1500 miles away from my work. North-Norway challenged everybody after the war because the Germans burned down everything they could burn when they retreated in 1944. The people have, therefore, had a very hard time in their attempt to rebuild their homes and their society. Thousands are still living in small and unsound barracks through a long and cold winter when the sun is below the horizon for more than two months. Barracks are

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## RABBI REVIEWS EASTER

-Lawrence Rezash-

Rabbi Lester Roubey's stimulating address at the weekly assembly on February 9 led to questions which may yet be unclarified in the minds of his hearers. He first outlined the significance of the life of Jesus to Judaism, paying special attention to the passion narratives. Rabbi Roubey inferred that much anti-Jewish prejudice in the past and in the present was and is from the Christian Church's emphasis that the Jews killed Jesus. He pointed out that the Roman officials were the instruments of Christ's martyrdom and not the Jews --that it was a political and not a religious threat which precipitated the crucifixion incident. Rabbi Roubey overstates his case at this point: certainly the Temple authorities were instrumental in Jesus'

ultimate death and Jesus himself realizes this certain doom in going to Jerusalem. Rabbi Roubey is correct in abhorring the guilt placed upon Jews today for this historic incident, which had every indication of going against the will of the populace at that time. The blame, however, must

primarily be placed on the Temple authorities. If Rabbi Roubey is correct in assuming that anti-Jewish prejudice stems from this distorted Christian account of the passion, then it becomes our responsibility as Christian leaders to be the leavening counter-balance. But the roots of modern prejudice look deeper and more complex: Christians and non-Christians alike feel that Jews are sly businessmen with an in-group consciousness at the expense of Gentiles. The Jews stress on the "clan", money, and education, feeds the bigot's argument.

Rabbi Roubey sees in the life of Jesus the work of a great prophet and teacher, the gentle and meek Nazarene whom all the world has come to admire. It is regrettable

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## OUR MIDNIGHT SON (CONTINUED)

used for churches, schools, and everything else, with traces of the fire and the war seen everywhere.

In the place where my wife, my son and I were, very little work had been done among the youth previously. The challenge and the needs are great, so in order to be better able to do this work I applied to the World Council of Churches for a scholarship, and so I landed in Lancaster. My wife and our little boy had to be left in Norway unfortunately, and this is, of course, the greatest drawback with this story.

You can imagine that it was quite a transition for me to come to the New World. It was no easy job to orient myself in a totally new environment with another language, another culture, an unknown church organization and often a foreign way of thinking and acting.

My first transition was from our system of free study to your seminary system. It was a transition from the distance there is between an European professor and the student, and the formalism which you soon would recognize in the Old World. It has really been a wonderful experience for me to be in the Seminary Family. I felt the warm welcome from everybody, both professors and students, and it was not difficult to feel at home. It is very easy to become acquainted with Americans. They have an amazing interest in everything and in everybody. As a member of this family here I am greatly impressed by the concern and the willingness to help in any situation.

Another remarkable thing is that the American students try and succeed to make the best out of their years of study while most of the Norwegian students don't enjoy their life at an university or seminary at all. They try to get through as fast as possible, and therefore they work and study with greater insecurity, but they have not learned to live in the same way as you.

The impressions and experiences I get here are, of course, too many to be dealt with in a short article and it is not possible either that I can take everything back to Norway and use it there. It has to be transformed into our situation. One of the greatest advantages of learning a new people and a new church is that you always have some basis for making comparisons. You always know another way of doing the thing. Even if I think that America has not found all the right answers, it is of greatest value to

## RABBI REVIEWS EASTER (CONTINUED)

that he pictured Jesus totally in this sense, for in Jesus the heroic also is portrayed, in all its awesome reality. The Jewish fear to splice Jesus with the monotheistic unity of the Godhead is understandable. Yet Christians affirm that Jesus is the full blossoming of God's revelation--that in Jesus we have the human, but also the divine. Basically, of course, it becomes a theological problem with which Christian and Jewish scholars must contend.

Rabbi Roubey's closing remark, claiming religion to be "ideas" and not so much "institutions", is confusing. Jew and Christian both agree that God acts in history, and reveals himself to men. But at this point the rabbi became philosophical and ignored the historical implication. He stressed, in effect, the genuineness of all world religions which seek after God. If Rabbi Roubey had had time he might have modified this apparent paradox --for the Old Testament at no point divides the "idea" from the "institution". In fact, one of the unique characteristics of Judaism is its indivisible compound of the two concepts concerning religion. Christianity affirms this philosophy of history.

That Rabbi Roubey left an impact on the seminary cannot be denied; that he correctly pled for Jewish understanding and not prejudice among Christian people, was perhaps the most valuable contribution of his address.

## MRS. BOLLMAN SPEAKS

At the regular monthly meeting of the Association of Seminary Women, on Monday evening, Mrs. John Bollman spoke to the ladies on "Living the Role of a Minister's Wife". Mrs. Bollman in a warm and humorous talk interpreted the difficult and trying situations which a minister's wife is apt to face. From a four point outline of "Be a citizen, Be an individual, Be a Christian, and Be the minister's

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see your church in action. Just your action is what an European would like to learn the secrets about and take home with him.

The future will tell how much this year has meant to me and my work among my own people. And as the years are passing by my thoughts will often cross the seas and remember with thankfulness the Seminary, its work, and my own stay here. May it all be to the glory of God.

## DEAN -O- GRAMS

Two new students are expected for the Spring Term; both will be taking Junior work. Robert Barroll, Urainus '48, has been blind from the age of three. He comes from Palmerton, Pa. where he has been in business since graduating from college. He is single and will live in the dorm. Albert K. Brinker, Ogleshorpe University, is a native of Arkansas. He is married and will commute from Harrisburg where he has been serving as assistant superintendent of the Bethesda Mission in the city. He is a Methodist while Mr. Barroll is a member of the E. and R. Church.

The Inter-term Recess will continue from Friday, February 20th at 12:10 to Monday, March 2 at 8:00 A.M. Winter Term work should be finished and required papers in the hands of the professors by Friday midnight (Feb. 20). Students are reminded that failure to turn in work due on Fall Term courses before this hour will mean "F's" in such courses.

The schedule for Spring Term Courses is on the black-board in Room I where Faculty and students are advised to examine it for possible conflicts, which they will then report to the Dean and arrange for their solution--if possible!

The Faculty has recommended the name "Schnader Hall" for the dormitory at 330 College Avenue in memory of Dr. A.B. Schnader, physician of Terre Hill, Former President of the Board of Trustees, who gave largely of his time, interest, and resources to the Seminary. Dr. Schnader established the Schnader Memorial Missions Lectureship in memory of his older brother, Dr. David B. Schnader, veteran missionary to Japan and his colleagues.

It is expected that the Faculty will issue a statement bearing on the class attendance system before the end of the Term.

The Faculty has approved continuation of the Exchange Student and Foreign Student projects. Juniors interested in the former plan have been asked to speak to Dr. Englert.

Dr. Meck will be at Buck Hill Falls the week of February 23rd, attending the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System of Church Government. He is the president of that organization this year.

Get out the cigars! Dr. Meck and company did it again! In a flurry of pin-bounding the Faculty went to a decisive victory and the bowling title for the Seminary. Following the losers was the out-of-dorms team, and bounding out the big three was second floor.

The Seminary Angels, idle for the last two weeks, look forward to continue their sweeping their four remaining games against losers of position. All four games were rescheduled from the previous week because of activities at the college and will appear this in six to ten days. They should be a fine play-off against Inter-Seminary competition.

The mental gymnasticists of the Seminary will have an opportunity to show their skills in the North Atlantic Chess and Bridge tournaments. Lists have been placed on the bulletin board noting rules and entries, plus dates and times.

Without any star-gazing, or crystal ball to help, this column will attempt to make the predictions on the winners:

1. In Bridge - the team of Matt - 1947.
2. In Chess - a stalemate between Don Schenk and Paolo Kungedy, but with your favorites, can cheer them on; but don't be disappointed to find our choice the victor! - G.A.

## DID YOU EVER?

BY SARAH WEIRICH

Did you ever see fellows oppose girls in basketball? Well, if you haven't, let me tell you it is a rare sight! Did someone say that it would be ridiculous, a runaway victory for the male of the species? May I stick my neck out on the topic and say, "Do not underestimate the athletic-skill of the weaker sex." (I here submit to the title of the less strong to prove a point) Yes, such contests have interesting results and very often they surprise even the gals themselves. For instance, the coming event that the Seminary Family is looking forward to is the Spring Term game of Wives vs. Husbands in a basketball contest that promises to make sports history in this Lancaster educational institution. This contest may well prove that we girls are not as meek and demure as we sometimes are pictured.

At least we will try to prove

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## Scribe's Inkpot

A small native son of Vermont sat barefooted on the fence of his father's farm, idly gnawing a grass blade. Down the dusty road sped a long yellow roadster, passed by, returned and stopped by the fence. "Which way is Boston?" shouted the sporty-looking driver.

"Don't know," replied the boy. "Well, then, is this route #39?" asked the driver.

"Don't know," replied the boy. "Young man, could you tell me the name of the next town down this way?" glowered the man from the city.

"I don't know," admitted the boy. Revving up his powerful engine, the driver scowled, "You don't know any thing, do you, kid!" and roared off.

"Nope," mused the kid; then suddenly shouted after, "BUT I AIN'T LOST!"

How much better it is to declare (to ourselves and to others) only what we know, little as it may be, than to hurry proudly along into strange places until we've utterly lost the way!

Are you in the habit of repeating the words of others before you have considered them, made them your own? For us it is awkwardly simple to accept dogmas, repeat pat theories, and parrot creeds. But before we hurry away with these things on our tongues, our intellects must test them, our hearts receive them, and our living square with them. Otherwise we lose our way amid a maze of unfamiliar directions, no matter how fast we go.

Now, tell yourself, which do you resemble more: the boy who said he didn't know, or he who blustered and got lost? (1)

"c/o THE EDITOR" . . .

## AN EPISTLE TO THE COMMANDER :

DEAR SIR: The Elmwood is a theater in York. It is an art theater. It features those foreign & art films whose appeal is to relatively small segment of theater groups.

Three weeks ago the management advertised the showing of "The Grand Concert". This is a "non-political art film" made in Russia. It is based on scenes from Borodin's opera "Prince Igor", Tchaikovsky's ballet "Swan Lake", Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo and Juliet", and Russian folk songs and dances.

"The Grand Concert" was never

## A STUDENT'S PRAYER

God, help me to work hard. I would not waste the priceless energies of body and mind Thou hast bestowed upon me. Help me to spend my days in honest shares of work and rest, so that I may render Thee a good account.

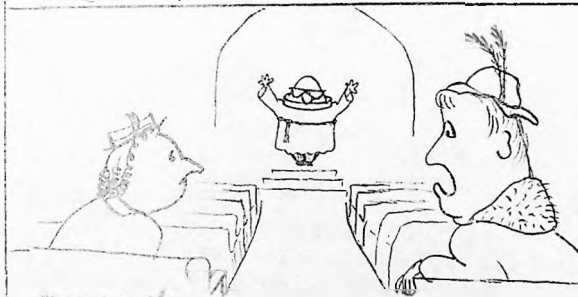
God, help me to think straight. I long to see the world and life in it thru the eyes of Christ. I would learn to know the true from the false, to discover the real values of life and what it costs to win them.

God, help me to play fair. In the give-and-take of my contacts with others, I want to treat my fellows as I would like them to treat me. While many lower desires pursue and over-power me, this is the desire of my better self; I need Thy power to attain it;

God, help me to live right. Guide my feet into ways of clean and upright action. Draw my thoughts to what is honorable and good and true, so that I may master every base passion and mean desire.

God, help me to serve well. Stir me with a deep concern for all who need what I can give--whether goods or loving service or simple friendship--so that I may aid the coming of Thy Kingdom of Love. Amen.

ED. NOTE: Keep and use this prayer. It is the first-published of the faculty's responses to the editor's plea, "Sirs, teach us to pray." Why not read it devotionally with a neighbor?



"PEACE" THAT PROVES HE'S A COMMUNIST!

shown in York. And not until the full story appeared in the York newspapers a few days later did the public realize the full implication of the cancellation. It is to Commander Richard Bruggeman of White Rose Post 557, Veterans of Foreign Wars and to Commander Harry Buser of York Post, 127 American Legion that we all owe our greatest praise. For were it not for their courage their untiring watchfulness in protesting the showing of the film, the loyal citizens of this area

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## 'THE GREAT REFORMERS'

By Agur Ben Jakeh

"Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar." (?) (Wrenched from Proverbs)

It was quite evident from the many small discussions after the meeting of Seminary Women, that many husbands didn't agree with the idea that their wives should be yes-ladies when it came to sermon criticism. Besides being ornamental, hard working, a comfort to their worried husbands, a discomfort to their overly optimistic spouses, advisor on big decisions (American 50-50 ideal), unrealistic on trivial matters, and just plain pleasant the rest of the time; many ministers-to-be-husbands definitely want honest, constructive criticism of their preaching.

It is amazing that such advice was given, which inferred that the person who is supposed to be most sympathetic and understanding dare not criticize her husband's oratory. If she can be all the aforementioned things, there is no reason why she must remain silent when her preacher husband continually practices poor grammar, peculiar mannerisms, or illogical "logic". Behind every successful man is a woman, whether it is his mother, friend, or wife.

The great reformers (all married or nearly so) placed preaching at the top of their list in their concept of the revised worship service. It is in this act that the Word of God is spoken and interpreted. The minister is trained to speak as a Prophet and he must do so to the best of his ability.

As every wife knows, there is plenty of work cut out for her as a minister's wife, but if she does one thing, let her have a wise and sympathetic understanding of what he says.

## SENIORS STEAKED OUT

By Donald Paine

Thick, juicy steak was the entree for the banquet served to the seniors and their guests by the Presbyterian Minister's Fund on Tuesday, February 3, 6:15 P. M., at the Stevens House.

Each year the Presbyterian Minister's Fund "throws" a steak dinner for the seniors. It is one of those events that all seniors look forward to, and are not disappointed. Some of the sumptuous 1½" steaks were merely halved by the time the epicures sighingly pushed them aside.

A group of forty-five attended. This included the senior class with few exceptions, a sprinkling of spouses, Dr. Meek, Dr. and Mrs. Englert, and the two representatives of the Fund, Dr. Mackey, President, and Dr. Fudge.

Dr. Meek as MC called upon Ernie Miko who expressed the thanks of the class for the evening. Music was provided by a quartet consisting of Charles Trout, Norman Bucher, Luther Heist, and George Schultz with Donald Paine as accompanist.

The rest of the evening was devoted to the representatives of the Fund. Dr. Fudge briefly presented the financial and statistical end of their insurance and pointed out its enviable position in the field of insurance for ministers. He introduced Dr. Mackey as the main speaker for the evening.

The President of the Fund used as his text, "The still pig get the swill." The comparison between the seniors and still pigs was purely coincidental, even after the steaks! But the point was well taken when the figure was applied to insurance--ministers must be actively concerned about their future through insurance. The pig is static---we must have a vital and dynamic view of life and insurance. It was not only entertaining; it was also discerning and realistic.

## A VIEWPOINT OF THE STATE OF OUR EDUCATION

By Ted Haas

Let a man go to a town meeting, and he will gain a greater understanding of things; for although the many opinions he hears are not likely to uncover the whole truth, they will scratch away at it long enough to permit one to get a better look.

Last week's town meeting of the Seminary Family was no exception to this rule. Called to consider the present state of our education, with special reference to the attendance system, the meeting revealed enough for us to grow in knowledge of what education in a theological seminary is all about. This would not have been possible, however, without the fine work done by the agenda committee and Paul Eberts, the Moderator--nor without the family atmosphere which prevailed. Such work and such spirit are necessary to the weightier matters.

After all the arguments and the testimonies--the criticisms of the present system and the affirmations of faith in the same, the pleas for human initiative and the call for greater devotion, the asides and the side issues--three

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## LETTER TO EDITOR (CONCLUDED)

Those patterns are right. That will happen from now on depends a lot on whether we heed the rabble-rousing orations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and let ourselves be cowed by such flag-waving mental midgets as Senators McClellan, McCarran and Jenner. I never want to see thought control in this country. No one in his right mind does. Let us wake up to the evils inherent in the action of the two World War veterans' commanders.

Respectfully,

Ronald Keller

**MRS. BOLLMAN SPEAKS (CONTINUED)**  
wife. "Mrs. Bollman developed her discussion to include the problems of friends, leadership, clothing and many other phases of being the lady in the parsonage. Mrs. Bollman is the wife of Dr. William Bollman, pastor of First Church and President of the Lancaster Synod.

**VIEWPOINTS OF OUR EDUCATION (CONT.)**  
factors were apparent. First, some theological students misunderstand freedom, discipline, and theological education in general; second, neither the faculty nor the system is perfect; third, the present state of our education is sound as we have made it, and this has to do not so much with educational policy as with educational practice.

Now think of these things:

(A) A theological seminary cannot take the laissez faire attitude towards students that another graduate school might take because a greater responsibility is involved here--the care of the Church for men of varied intellect who are called to be ministers of the Gospel. "Consider your call, brethren; not many of you were called according to worldly standards." Yet an educational preparation is necessary. The Church must guide this carefully.

(B) Education is social, not solipsistic. Therefore, professors and classroom learning are essential. However, these must be complemented by a student's own "outside" reading and thinking. The mature student cherishes both "compulsion" and "freedom" in education. (C) The cult of freedom leads to the betrayal of freedom, and men who seek to loose all bonds fall again into bondage. Only by self-discipline under academic compulsion is true freedom won; practice has demonstrated a kindly, enlightened compulsion. (D) Every man on the faculty has

A series of six lectures on Marriage, sponsored by Planned Parenthood, will be offered to our students and their wives with Lincoln University ministerial students sitting in the front. The tentative dates are for four Wednesday evenings in March and April 6 and 20. Outstanding men and women will discuss the psychology and biology of marriage and present status of family life, and marriage counseling.

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that we are able to contribute for the best interests of the ministerial group. Come on out and see the fun if you question our proposition. When the game will be played depends upon when the Son will leave these professors free for an evening. Our Organist, Nels Weenig, and Walter Hart are in charge of publicity and final arrangements.

The program that was game will be held in the hall in the dormitory for the ministerial group. Therefore I have say that the game is not a useless one. Dr. Keller and his wife have offered to be working servants. I am sure you will not mind.

considering to come out, who has not found freedom this is in danger of "choosing" to stay that would benefit him. These are family areas or to family, to family in divine and to justice is to justice ourselves. (E) The present system could be improved by a critical examination of evening make-up classes and of make-up work. Considering the present system is now a real issue for us. (F) Part of the real issue lies in the "theological point" in this whole affair. At the bottom lies the attitude of us all to our education. Do we feel we are under a "dictatorship"? Do we have a "negative" approach as we sit in class "in body only"? Then the fault is only in ourselves. That we are unwilling. Christ should be our motivation, not any system. We ought to be eager to do the work of preparation for the ministry. We ought to strive each class hour, each outside free hour to be fully awake in spirit. And we ought to seek grace for this task in every daily chapel experience. If we are free to give ourselves to our work thus, we are free indeed. Educational practice, not educational policy is the real subject for survey, though we are often more tempted to think otherwise.

# SERVE WORLD IN PARISH, ASKS SPEAKER

## Open Meeting Follows Assembly Address

In an evening meeting held in the Board Room, on Feb. 2, Dr. Reginald Helfferich, executive secretary of our Church's Commission on World Service, discouraged seminarians from making plans for career work in Church World Service. He pointed out the great need of ministers in the parishes as his reason. The greatest contribution we can make, he said, is to stir the hearts of our laymen to the cause; the need of Church World Service is still very great.

His address in the Monday afternoon assembly gripped the hearts of all in the seminary family who have a concern for Church World Service. There Dr. Helfferich voiced the hope that we as a church would set up a service organization similar to the Friends Service Committee and the Congregational Service Committee.

Vividly he dramatized that the greatest hunger which gnaws at the world's people is the craving for love. We of the Evangelical and Reformed Church can be proud of the gift of \$5000 sent to aid Holland in her current crisis. (Even while Helfferich conferred with us here, his office worked on this benevolent transaction.)

Dr. Helfferich pointed out that we have a tradition of generosity in our church. We do not have the Evangelical and Reformed Church flag in our world service work. Many material gifts are sent abroad without any mark of denomination on them, for example. Service work is based on compassion and concern.

## LETTER TO EDITOR (CONTINUED)

would have been subject to all the dastardly influences of the Russian ballet. America is secure; her honor has been vindicated, her glory untainted. Three cheers to Commanders Bruggeman and Buser!

Will you bear with me a moment Mr. Editor, while I drop a few lines of protest to the New York Times, the Chicago Daily News, Variety, and the New York Post for acclaiming "The Grand Concert", and to the Pennsylvania Board of Censors for passing such a corrupting film?

Now then, let's get down to business. In all seriousness, I cannot fathom the stupidity of these two chauvinists from our neighboring city. Commander Bruggeman declares that "the stronger Russia etc, the more we have to fear". Fear what, Commander? You don't explain yourself. Is there some cryptic message in the scores of Swan Lake and Prince Igor? Is Prokofiev stirring us to revolt with the very music for which the Kramlin gave him a tongue lashing because he was too "Westernized"? Commander, your memory is too short. Undoubtedly you have given WW II's

## FRANTZ TO LECTURE

With great interest the Junior class heard the announcement made by Professor Moss this past week that the New Testament course on the Fourth Gospel would be taught in the Spring term by Dr. Oswin S. Frantz. Dr. Frantz, Emeritus Professor of New Testament Science, served as Associate Professor in 1951-52.

Explaining his reasons for inviting Dr. Frantz to teach the course, Mr. Moss said that he wished to start work on his doctoral thesis and hopes to lighten his teaching schedule. In addition, he feels that Dr. Frantz's lectures on the Gospel of John will give the subject one of its best interpretations, since this area of New Testament scholarship is a favorite of Dr. Frantz's.

Mr. Moss also mentioned that it is better to study under different men in the field rather than just one. The forthcoming visitation by Dr. Frantz promises this opportunity. Past courses given by Professor Frantz seem to indicate that opportunity to study under his tutelage is a valuable one.

"V for Victory" knock that stemmed from the opening passages of the Fifth Symphony of Ludwig van Beethoven. He was a German, Commander. Germany has twice been our enemy.

You said that "The Grand Concert" was not educational, Commander, because it failed to show how the Russians live and think. But even if a film would arrive which did fulfil those qualifications, you forget, Commander, that your own fellow-in-arms Mr. Buser also said "the mere fact the picture is Soviet produced is enough to keep me away from it."

I think it is significant, Commander, that you could not even gain the support of your fellow citizens. The Elmwood PTA would take no action; neither would the East York Lion's Club. And what is more significant, I think, is the objections of the patrons of the Elmwood theater, "It's not so much pulling the picture but what will happen from now on?"

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well, here is the final issue of The Seminarian for this term! Instead of reviewing the paper's shortcomings (e.g. staff-failure in December) or modest triumphs, we look forward to a fuller service in the new term, of such stuff as:

A list of books which the faculty consider essential for ownership by a pastor;

Sketches, by several seniors, of the substance of their theses studies;

Prayers for Students----by the Faculty;

Messages from other seminaries and alumni of our own;

And improved "penetration" of events pertinent to you, the seminarian.

We look forward to another Town Meeting in the same commendable spirit as that of the recent one. May we suggest the topic, "How to make the most of our classes" as a logical continuation.

In an informal survey of student reaction to the prospect of oral examinations in conclusion of courses, a surprising number of students favored the idea. Maybe, moreover, that's one answer to improved class attendance. We look forward to one or more trials of this in the new term.

Above all, however, we scan the horizon in hope that a fresh breath of Galilean humility might cool our post-graduate brows.

## A MATTER OF SITTING

Jesus' method was not to preach to the sinners about their shortcomings, but to join with them, live with them. His enemies called him a "gluttonous man" and a "wine bibber," a friend of publicans and sinners." But because he sat where they sat, they responded to his friendship.

To sit where sinners sit--this is what the Christian church ought to be doing. God wanted to break the power of sin in human life, so he came down to sit where men sat. He was one with us and shared his friendship. As men identified themselves with him in friendship, new life became theirs.

Too often we in the churches sit apart from our fellows. But the "sinners"--the drinkers, the greedy, the gossipers, smokers, swearers, loose and loud women, light-headed students--need us. It is not moral judgments they want from us, however. They want fellowship that will bring strength into their lives, because we are willing to identify ourselves with them. This means that sometimes we must live dangerously. To live and to love generously is to invite hurt and danger, but this is the only way to get close to our fellowman. Only when we sit where the "outsiders" sit will the gospel of Christ have a chance to reach this generation. (FROM A BOOKLET OF DAILY DEVOTION)