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## ALBRIGHT IMPRESSIVE

Occasionally in the pursuit of knowledge one comes across a brilliancy that makes one feel very humble and insufficient. For all those who heard William Albright lecture on "Biblical Archeology with Special Reference for Seminary Students" this sort of feeling must have been one of the dominant notes in this experience. Here was a man who has dedicated his whole life to Biblical Archeology, and this dedication radiated through his whole being and resulted in a blossoming out to such a degree that the lecture made one thankful to Almighty God that he was living in this age which promises to enrich God's word and restore theology to its rightful place in the Bible through the revolutionary findings in archeology.

Dr. Albright outlined in comprehensive terms the history of Palestinian Archeology, filling in with colorful and humorous anecdotes concerning the pioneers in this field. In 1890 Petrey began archeological work in Palestine and after passing through periods of trial and error the archeological method was developed into the science and logic similar to that methodology in geological work.

The dating of the materials can now be done through various well established means: radio carbon, pottery, historical records, tablets, scrolls, coins, and cross dating. Albright pointed out that in Palestinian Archeology the chronology is now well established, but only after painstaking effort. The archeological finds of the past and present are giving us a superabundance of tablets and scrolls in new languages. For everyone of these deciphered three and four new languages are found. Albright claims that we have not yet reached the point of diminishing returns.

Due to the lack of trained archeologists and funds with which to

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STOP!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR  
2<sup>ND</sup> TERM FEES YET?

## WITNESS: Interseminary Journ.

Last year a group of student and faculty members of the Federated Theological Schools of the University of Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary began editing an interseminary journal called THE WITNESS. Recently Donald G. Bloesch, the editor, who happens to be an Evangelical and Reformed graduate student at the University of Chicago, got in contact with Professor Moss, asking that we at Lancaster participate in this venture.

Upon request I accepted to handle all the details with the editors of WITNESS, and act as go-between for Lancaster Seminarians. This journal is aimed at seminarians and ministers connected with a Christian seminary or church related college. The journal comes out three times a year in October, January, and May. A year's subscription costs \$.60, a single copy \$.25.

It is my hope that many of us at Lancaster will support this interseminary project. We can do so in two ways: 1. subscribe regularly, and 2. write papers (800-2400 words) for publication. WITNESS has a three-fold purpose:

1. To awaken the reader to the urgency and decisiveness in the Gospel of the crucifixion and resurrection.

2. To point out the discrepancy between the Word of God in the Bible and much of modern preaching and teaching.

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The staff of the SEMINARIAN wishes to express their sympathy to Mrs. Stonesifer upon the death of her father, James D. Wittlinger, who passed away early Wednesday morning.

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 carry out this work the layer method if excavation has been succeeded by the trench method in the various mounds. This has proven to be a fruitful method, especially in Palestine, where the finds are extremely rich and varied, since this country was the center of the ancient world. Therefore, we cannot separate the archeology of Palestine from that in the surrounding countries.

According to Albright the Patriarchal Age, Exodus event, and the Exile are historical events which can be proven archeologically. The customary laws are dated in the Patriarchal Age, and there can be doubt now that the Mosaic law reflects the milieu of the Exodus period. He blasted at scholars who deny Mosaic Monotheism, claiming that with the existing finds this cannot be denied.

Concerning the New Testament, Albright said the recent findings since 1946 will show that no book in the New Testament can be dated later than the 80's A.D. and that the Gospel of John reflects an Es-sene background and not a Gnostic one.

Concluding his remarks as to how Biblical Archeology bears relevance to seminary students, Albright said that this whole field has great bearing on Biblical interpretation. The R.S.V. is already outdated by the latest finds since the Jericho cave discovery. The Poetical parts of the Bible will now become nine-tenths intelligible and the meaning of the previously "strange" words will be understood. Particularly disheartening to seminary students who invested their hard-earned funds in various biblical commentaries was Albright's statement that, "All commentaries now published are already antiquated as the result of new archeological findings since 1946."

Archeology shows us clearly that the Bible is historical and that much of the literature, which previously was thought not to be written in its true historical context, reflects the milieu. Biblical theology is basic to the understanding of the event of salvation. According to Albright the greatest threat to American theology is the trend of Kierkegaard's existentialism and Tillich's philosophical theology which disregards the Bible as a historical and literary revelation of God which gives us the true understanding of salvation. Albright is not a literalist but he rightly stresses the great necessity of accepting the Bible as God's revelation and the ultimate source of theology.

**ALBERT'S  
 LLEY**

No! You're wrong! ALBERT did NOT forget to write a column for the last issue of the SEMINARIAN! It just happened that almost everything Albert hit upon was covered, in one way or another, by other features of our Convocation issue.

Speaking of that Convocation issue, Albert was tickled to read the clever and subtle ending Dr. Stonessifer tacked on to his article concerning the history of our annual Convocations. That ending made his historical presentation hysterical as well!

While helping the "clean up crew" in the dormitory the other day, Albert sneaked into Al Denhart's room to find Mr. Denhart unpacking his 14-inch telescope and 8-volume German-English dictionary. These new pieces of equipment are to help Hal with his "observations" Albert supposes! Watch out, Hal, Bob Reiff is also spotting that same target! "Ach, Ja! Das schönes Jungfrau sitzt dort oben wunderbar."

Albert would call to the attention of the Seminary's coming basketball team the possible name suggestion by Bob Reiff. Bob seems to think the fellows should call themselves the "HECK-SARTIANS!"

Did any of you read (Albert asks as he looks up from his latest copy of "Pogo") Al Capp's "Lil' Abner" (continued on page 5)

## NEWS FLASH!

*Seminary begins second term.*



Albright's overflowing knowledge and dynamic and warm personality truly capture the admiration and respect of those in attendance.

Vernon Stoop  
 Larry Rezaah

## SCHNITZ AND BITS

from the Editor's book

At the beginning of another term I would like to thank the entire student body for their cooperation in the publishing of the SEMINARIAN. It has been a great satisfaction to all of the staff to work with and for its appreciative readers. We hope to continue serving you and expressing the ideas and happenings here in our student body.

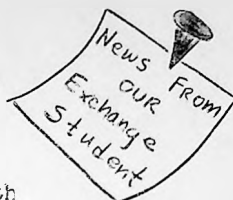
With the size of the Seminary and the way articles are assigned and requested it is impossible to list those that have written and contributed to our various issues. We will continue to ask different people to express their views and contribute articles for the paper and hope that by the end of the year nearly everyone will have contributed and we will really have had a Seminary Family newspaper. But I would like to mention with this opening issue of the Winter Term some writers and workers who have regularly given their time:

Joe Hennessy has been our news editor and is doing a fine job of hounding all of you for a showing of your journalistic talents. In the features department, Jerry Hinkle writes and spies off us to produce his ALBERT column. Bill Baylor sends us the news from "Across the Street." In the Sports department the star athletes themselves edit our column, Glenn Rader and Lenny Sponsler bias the results your way with that subtle Junior paternalism. Charlie Settlement has taken over for Curt Sandrock in getting the bits from the various offices, while Curt, along with his wife, has turned to pounding out the stencils. Curt also is a regular writer. Betty Boyer also helps to type the stencils.

The most patient helper has been Bill Ellsworth as he taught two very unmechanical editors the mysteries of the multigraph machine. Our humble apologies to Bill for the smudges in the last issue. For those of you who have been using the talent information, Bill Simpson has been the gleaner of the facts. So, along with everyone these people have been giving of their time to publish the SEMINARIAN. SAW



## Rezash Reporting



During our recent Convocation, Bob Rezash visited with the Seminary Family and gave the features department of the SEMINARIAN a report of the annual Convocation at the School of Religion of Howard University, where he is now an exchange student.

Howard's Convocation was held on November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. It had as its theme "The Church and Pastoral Care." Carroll A. Wise, Professor of Pastoral Psychology at Garrett Biblical Institute at Northwestern University, and David D. Bitzen, Professor of Religion and Pastoral Counselling at the University of Southern California, were the principle Convocation speakers.

Throughout the Convocation, morning, afternoon, and evening lectures were given....with sufficient time for question-and-answer periods at each session.

The Howard School of Religion featured two additional Convocation ideas in programming which will be of interest to those responsible for our Convocation here at Lancaster. The audience of students, faculty, and alumni was divided into four groups which met twice during the Convocation to discuss the lectures as they were presented. Also, two round-table, panel presentations were made during the courses of the Convocation which hit upon various approaches and practical applications of the general theme of pastoral counselling. These panels were led by men who were experts in this field of the ministry.

Bob ends his report with the following note: "The Convocation was a mountain-top experience for those who participated in its sessions."

He hopes that this report on another Seminary's way of conducting a Convocation will be of interest and use to us all.

### Registration for Winter Term

Seniors: 28; Middlers: 31;  
Juniors: 22; MREs: 3;  
Special: 6; Total: 90

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3. To explore and clarify theological issues from a kerygmatic perspective.

Anyone who is interested in this journal, please get in contact with me. For greater efficiency and service, all subscriptions and papers to be submitted should go through our Seminary channel, which, this year, happens to be me.

-Larry Rezash

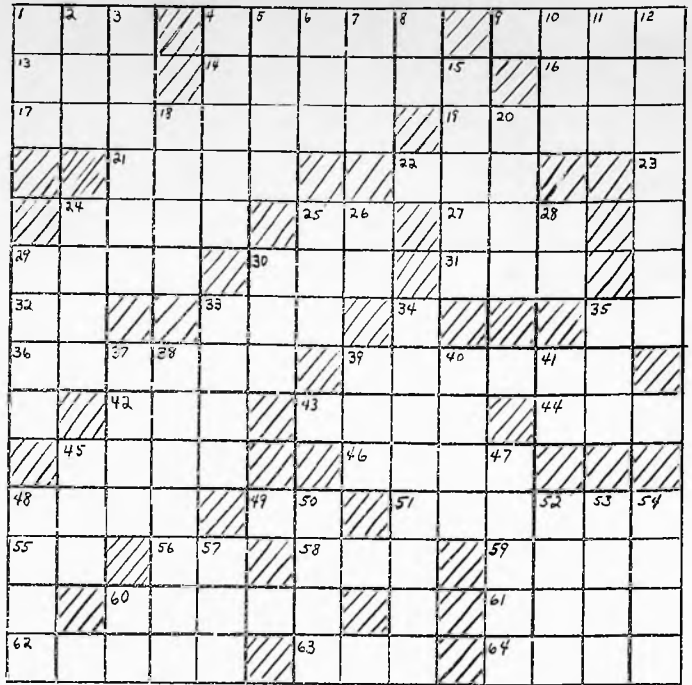
# MORRIS - GRAPH

## ACROSS

1. part of the face
4. four-legged animal
9. dressed
13. fuss
14. steering device
16. anger
17. grazing ground
19. not seldom
21. trial
22. era
24. directed
25. State of the U.S. (abbr.)
27. Indian of Utah
29. store
30. play
31. long narrow water creature
32. preposition
33. father
35. facsimile (abbr.)
36. law of gravity discoverer
39. crib
42. sup
43. neighbor to Israel
44. queer
45. Harvard foe
46. mash
48. rib
49. postscript (abbr.)
51. equipped with gears
55. article
56. part of the Bible (abbr.)
58. exclamation
59. store
60. hot water
62. plaque
63. sister
64. denomination

## DOWN

1. kind of dog
2. Eddie Cantor's wife
3. sign
4. part of bread
5. pain
6. consumed
7. possessive pronoun
8. regarding (abbr.)
10. lighted
11. verb of condition
12. teeth
15. scoundrol
18. dwelling place for nomads
20. honor; celebrate
24. rational
25. grime
26. preposition
28. street railway
29. kind of tea
30. method of keeping cool



33. adore; spoil
34. breezes
35. given to eat
37. break away from milk
38. abilities
39. policemen
40. capable
41. behold
45. over there
47. leaves of book
48. lure
50. totals
52. unusual
53. story or poem
54. bend
57. golf apparatus
60. continent (abbr.)

## CO-OP NOTES

The question is frequently asked: "What sort of books can I order through the Co-op?" The answer in brief is any kind. Anything from fiction to technical books of all kinds. Just recently we have begun dealing in Mentor pocket books and classics from the Modern Library Series. Catalogs from these publishers and many more are available for scrutiny at the book-store. Used books are available also through our association with the Baker Book House.

Dividend checks will be distributed within the next few days to stockholders.

Stockholders are reminded of the contents of Section 1, Item 5, of the Constitution of the Book Store Cooperative: "Suspension and reinstatement of Membership: Membership shall be automatically suspended if

## PLEASE NOTE

No solicitations this year for Benevolence unless the Seminary Family does not cooperate by giving generously to Advent, Lenten, and Communion Offerings.

The money that is received will be earmarked for a certain item on the Benevolence budget. The project for each offering will be announced one week in advance so everyone will come prepared to assist in the work of the Kingdom.

-Don Geschwindt

the book bill is not paid within one month of the term's end, except in the Spring term when all bills must be paid by May 10. Suspended members shall be reinstated upon the receipt of necessary payments."

Vernon Stoop  
Manager

## Local Talent...

Have you asked a resource person to speak to your group? Ask them now so that you will be sure they can come when you need them. (List continued.)

Larry Rezash - "Internat'l Missions in the E.R. Church;" Nat'l Missions in the E.R. Church" (ass't pastor with Home Missions, Akron, and Student for Internat'l Missions' work).

Lamar Bender - "Life in Korea" (with costumes and materials) - (Occupation forces in '45-'46).

Jim Gress - "I.I. Caravanning and its work with Y. P., camp, and Youth Conf. (a 'caravanner' in Eastern Pa., N. J., Conn.)

Bill Simpson - "The Church in Britain and Ireland;" also various aspects of life in these countries (slides and materials available); "Music for the Church Program" (student at U. of Edinburgh in yr. '52-'53; special studies in music).

If you know of someone whose name and work should appear in this column, please tip off a member of THE SEMINARIAN so that the person in question may be contacted.

## The Lamplighter

by G. Harry Nelson

Trudging along the dusky street  
Made mystic by the falling snow,  
The lamplighter made his  
nightly call,  
The old lamp-post  
Stood lifeless, cold,  
A silhouette against the wintry sky,  
Awaiting his magic touch.

Opening the lamp  
He lifted high the pane  
And deftly waving his flaming  
wand aloft  
A miracle he wrought,  
For lo! A warm and shining light  
Embraced and filled the lamp---  
Cast bluish rays upon the snow.

The lamp-post now transformed  
Became a friendly thing  
With life and light aglow.  
A light that lifted weary feet  
Now wending home,  
Tired from the toil of day,  
To family and to friends.

I wonder if the lamplighter  
ever knew  
How many little boys  
Watched and wondered in awe  
At the miracle he wrought.



## News Flash!

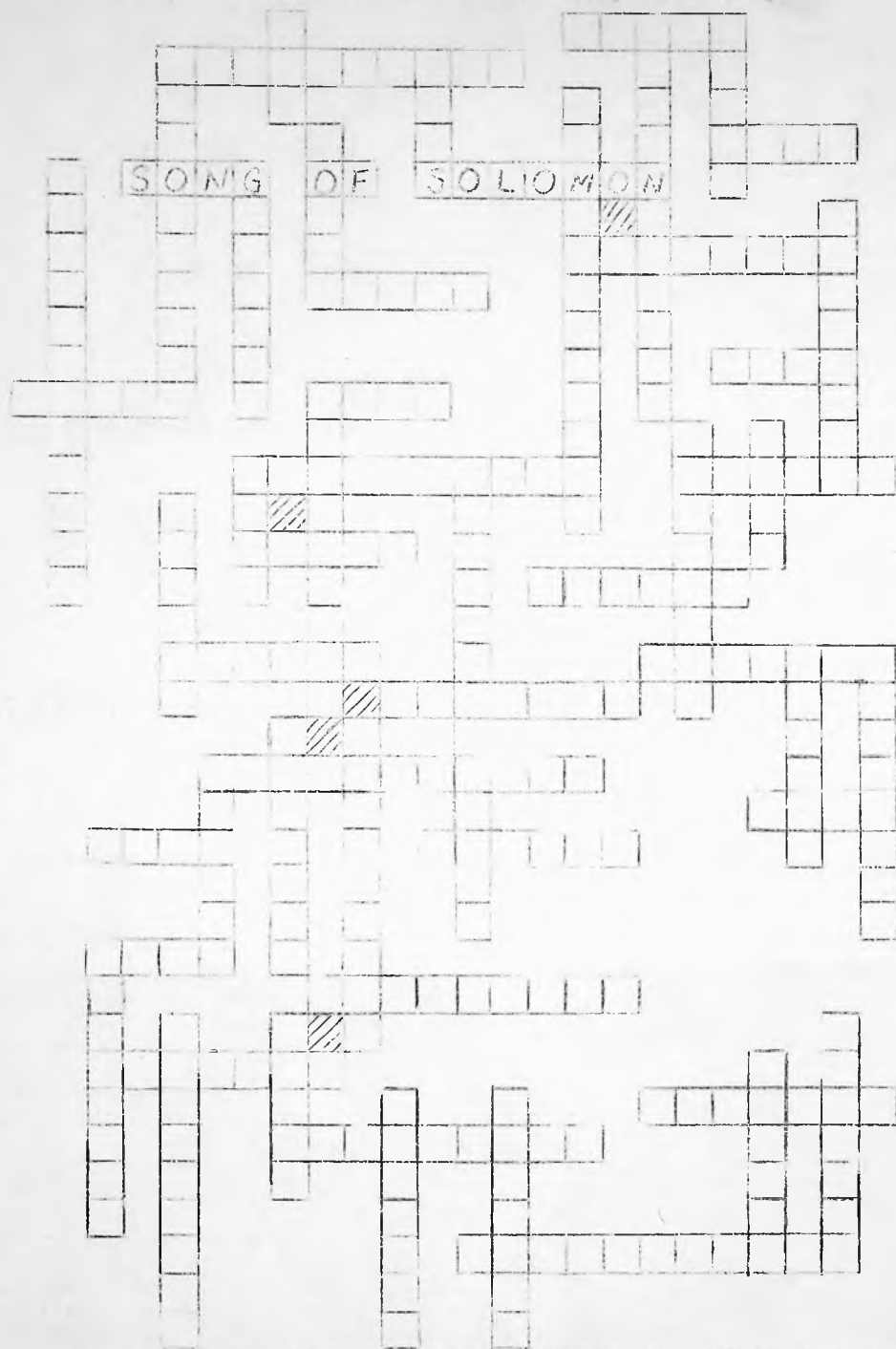
Rural Church Dept.  
Considers Laboratory Course  
on Farm Techniques.

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in last week's Sunday papers? In it  
all the Dogpatch females had their  
big wives' meeting. The announce-  
ment went something like this:  
"Dogpatch Ladies Brotherhood Wel-  
come! No entertainment, no refresh-  
ments, we give to the point!!"  
Fearing a fate worse than death,  
Albert addresses this little gem to  
"whom it may concern."

The above article was not the  
only "sign of the times" which Al-  
bert has noted from his outside  
reading. Scanning the column on  
"College News" last week, our an-  
gelic mascot was struck by the an-  
nouncement of the last lecture in  
the new scientific series at F. &  
H. for the coming year. That lec-  
ture, you will remember, will be  
on the subject: "Is Our World Get-  
ting HOTTER?" Albert doesn't want  
to miss that one kiddies! It may  
have a deep theological signifi-  
cance! (sort of a "Hildebrand" type  
of subject, don't you think?)

While the rest of us spent out  
writing for those term marks, Al-  
bert will take over in the fields  
of Lancaster County for Bill Boyer,  
Don (Bring 'em back empty-handed)  
Leonard, and Elwood Williams. May-  
be Albert can trap a turkey for a  
late Thanksgiving dinner. (One  
thing is certain.... sixteen-chello-  
and-one-rabbit Boyer couldn't!)  
-Jerry Hinkle

How well do you know the books of the Bible?



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