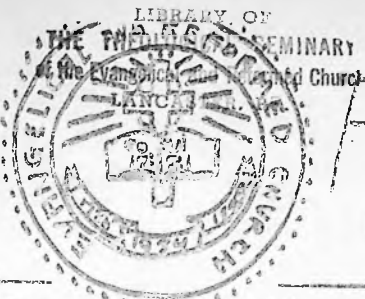


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"EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH WEEKEND" COMING UP

Franklin and Marshall College will celebrate its "church relatedness" this year with a special "E. & R. Church Weekend". This coming Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, the campus just across the street from us will commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States.

This special weekend will be highlighted by a Convocation in Hensel Hall at 3:30 pm on Sunday, October 17. At this convocation the Reverend Doctor FRANKLIN I. SNEEDER, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education and Publication of our denomination, will be the principal speaker. The topic of Dr. Sneider's address will be "The Responsibility of the Church-Related College to the Community." Music by the F. & M. glee club and a formal academic procession also will be a part of this commemorative assembly.

Following the convocation there will be an informal reception in the college Campus House for all guests and their families. An "open house" for all interested visitors is scheduled throughout the campus Sunday afternoon. All local E. & R. congregations and interested persons are cordially invited to attend.



SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

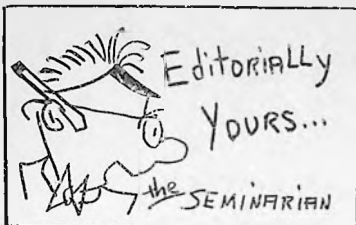
With this map and article, by way of introduction, the "Seminarian" begins periodic reports from our exchange student, Rüdiger Bremme. "Rudy" prefaced this first article for us with the comment: "I thought that this little story from my own experience would give you some idea of the typical circumstances under which we West Germans live."

Ed.

AT THE IRON CURTAIN

In July, 1951, a friend of mine and I had been in Berlin at the German Evangelical Church Congress, where nearly 500,000 Protestant Christians from the two parts of our divided country had borne witness to their unity in Christ. We were now travelling back through the Soviet Zone to Goettingen in Western Germany, where I studied at that time. In a train not very far from the Iron Curtain we became acquainted with a student of physics from the University of Jena, which is situated in the Soviet Zone. He wore the blue uniform shirt of the "FDJ," the communist state youth movement.

There were about five medals on his chest, showing that he was one of the few enthusiastic followers of the regime. He told us quite frankly, though in a friendly manner, that he was a convinced communist, materialist, atheist, and cared nothing for the Christian faith. (CONTINUED: page 3)



THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26TH here at our Seminary is worthy of some comment. Indeed, this second full week of our Fall Term was packed with fine experiences for all of us. Our "new" Society of Inquiry, through its commissions on Vital Issues and Spiritual Life, presented two fine evenings of fellowship that week. In addition to these first meetings of the Society, our Fall Communion Service united us in another experience that same week.

Three nights in that one week of school, then, made it a week that will be remembered for some time by all of us. The three events themselves were excellent. Participation by our Seminary Family in those three events was very good, too. All in all, it would seem that our present student body is ready and willing to take part in the total life of our institution. Let us hope that the enthusiasm not only remains, but also increases, throughout the coming year.

While the Society and the Book Coop continued to prove themselves worthy of our interest and support these past few weeks, your "SEMINARIAN" has been anything but good! In fact, even the editors of our school paper have had difficulty reading the last couple of issues! However, we who work on the staff have been very grateful for the many honest and helpful criticisms of our work which we have been receiving. Be the good Lord willing, the "hospitalized" multi-graph machine will be "inking" properly soon. With this big problem out of the way, we of the staff hope to prove ourselves and our "Seminarian" worthy of your encouraging remarks and advice. Thank you all.

"Thanks," too, to Art Roberts for heeding our S.O.S. and volunteering his help on the multi-graphing assignments now being carried by our managers, Kreps and Adams. Already one Junior Assistant Editor has been named to our staff. She is Mrs. Hal (Ann) Schoup. Ann will serve as assistant to Clara Settlemyre, our Features Editor. Welcome to our staff, Ann. Soon we hope to introduce the other two Junior Assistants.

Watch for our coming "Halloween" and "Convocation" issues; and think a bit about this interesting excerpt from a recent sermon by Dr. Charles Zweizig in Harrisburg: "If things keep going as they have been in this Atomic and Hydrogen Age of ours, perhaps, it will be known in the future as the Age in which all men were cremated equal!" Our thanks to Glenn Rader for this observation and report.

G.H.H.

WHY I DON'T GO TO THE MOVIES

Clara Settlemyre

The following adaptation of an article which appeared in the paper of the Princeton Theological Seminary seems worthy of our consideration, too:

The best way to see how really silly are the excuses given by people for not going to Church is to apply these same excuses to the popular practise of movie-going. Try this little experiment yourselves! Here are some samples:

"The manager never comes to visit me." "I don't like the manager."
"They're always asking for money. Money! Money! Why can't we just give when we feel like giving? They don't need it anyway."

"The people who do go aren't any better than I am." "Does anyone come up to me and tell me they're glad I came? No!" "Besides, I don't like the subjects they feature. Why don't they keep people's private lives out of these things?"

"Whoever heard of wanting a nice new building? We can see movies in a barn!" "John Doe is going to be there, and I wouldn't be found dead in same building with him!" "It takes up too much of my time; I need my rest!"

We told him about the wonderful experiences we had had at the Church Congress. After some time we asked him if he didn't know of the restrictions on freedom set by his government. We thought that he would deny them strongly; but we were surprised, as he became very uneasy and admitted that he was very scared by the method of the regime. It is important to know that he was just going to pass over, illegally, to Western Germany, in order to pilot a group of West German communist teen-agers into the Soviet Zone for an international youth rally.

In spite of this he told us a story to illustrate how scared he sometimes felt. Some months ago he had gone to Berlin to meet a West German friend at a square in the Soviet sector. Talking to his friend, he suddenly recognized that a man wearing a badge of the SED (Communist Party) was observing his conversation, and then speaking secretly to a policeman. "As I realized that," said our friend, "I became very fearful, said 'good bye' to my friend hastily, and fled as fast as it was advisable from that part of town."

Meanwhile, we had reached the last station before the Iron Curtain and had to go about one mile to the Soviet Zone's frontier guardhouse. It was just midnight and only the stars were shining. The frontier guard looked at our luggage and, seeing my camera, politely asked whether or not there was an exposed film in it. When I couldn't help but admit that there was, he at first demanded that I leave it there; but then he said, "Give the film to this 'Jugendfreund' (the members of the FDJ call each other by this name). He may develop it and, if there is no objection, send it to you."

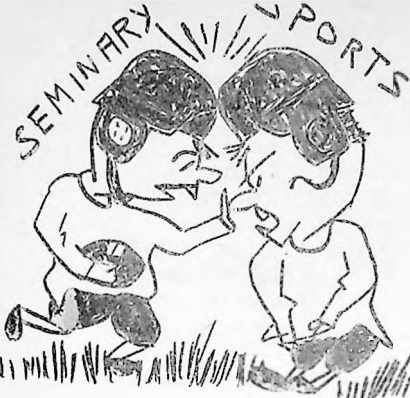
No sooner than we had left the frontier guardhouse the 'Jugendfreund' gave the film back to me, trying to repress laughter. While we went together towards the frontier guardhouse on the West German side, I wondered how our friend would manage it, trying to get into West Germany without a passport. On the way he took off his glittering uniform shirt and put it into his satchel.

It was 12:45 am, and it had become a bit foggy. When we arrived at the West German guardhouse a sleepy customs-official asked us to enter the house for the formalities of an inspection. He didn't recognize at first that only two of the visitors accepted his invitation. Our 'Jugendfreund' had taken this opportunity to walk over the frontier and disappear into the fog. Of course, we didn't know anything about it, when we were asked by the official about "the third man." Perhaps, because we were theologians or because he didn't mind the illegal frontier-passing, the customs-official believed our story and let us go in peace.

After we had walked along some hundred yards, our friend suddenly appeared from out of the misty darkness; and we laughed heartily at our nice adventure. At a crossing we had to part. He asked for our addresses and promised to write. We said a "Gott befohlen" (God bless you); and he thanked us for this wish. Unfortunately, we didn't put down his name and address.

We have never heard anything from our 'Jugendfreund' during these past three years. There is no chance to get his address. I wonder what has happened to him... Please, pray for him... God knows his address...

MORE ARTICLES by Rüdiger on his homeland and more impressions of Japan by Arpad de Kallos will be printed in the near future. Your staff would appreciate your comments concerning its coverage of these two valuable "resource persons" and their materials. Thank you.



THE FIRST FOOTBALL GAME of the year proved to be an exciting one, even though the Middlers won by a score of 26 to 0. The first quarter was a see-saw battle with neither team scoring.

The second quarter was also a see-saw battle, until the Middlers scored on a short pass from Henning to Rader. The attempt at the extra point was successful, on a pass from Henning to Gross.

The second and third Middler touchdowns came in the third quarter, with passes from Sponsler to Henning and from Henning to Rader respectively. After the third touchdown, a pass from Henning to Harner scored for another extra point.

During the last quarter the Juniors gained ground, but could not cross the goal line. During the last few minutes of play in the game, the Middlers scored again. This time it was on a thirty yard pass from Leonard to Henning, who caught it in the end zone. The attempt at the extra point was unsuccessful. Next week, Coach "Deacon" Westcoat and his Juniors seek revenge! On guard, Middlers! "Hal"



VISITING SPEAKER at our Assembly on Monday, October 18th, at 1:30 pm will be DR. CARL D. KRIETE, who has been for many years the "dean" of our mission force in Japan and who has now retired and is living with Mrs. Kriete in our Missionary Home at President and New Sts. Dr. Kriete was one of the four mission leaders chosen to return to Japan and resume negotiations with the Church in that land following the last war. He will have an interesting picture to give us of the present situation

in the Far East.

The newly-elected CLASS OFFICERS and representatives are as follows:

Seniors: President, Raymond Craven; Vice-pres., Victor Vogel; Sec.-treas., Jan Ports

Middlers: President, Robert Reiff; Vice-pres., Leonard Sponsler; Sec.-treas., Charlie Settlemire

Juniors: President, Joseph Glen; Vice-pres., Fred Irvin; Sec.-treas., Nancy Wright

The Junior Class also held elections for their representatives on the Executive Committee of the Bookstore Coop. These Junior representatives are: Ronald Krick, Philip Harner, and James Bright.

The FACULTY has taken action on the following items:

Interpretation of grades: A-excellent; B-good; C-fair; D-passing; E-conditional (may be changed to D by completing assigned make-up work within time allotted by professor); F-failure; I-incomplete (may be changed to D by completing required work within five weeks from the deadline for such work).

In Re... Courses and Theses: (1) At the beginning of the winter term Juniors and Middlers will register the degree for which they are studying (B.D., M.R.E.) or, if for no degree, for Certificate of Graduation or Special course. (2) Students who fail to meet any one of the deadline dates for thesis work, as listed in the Manual, will be required to appear before the Thesis Committee (Dunn, Bartholomew, and Moss) on the following day. Names of such students are to be reported to the Dean the morning following the deadline date.

DEAN DATA: (continued)

Thirty-nine colleges are represented by the various members of our present student body. Of our 105 students registered for this Fall Term:

18 are from Catawba,	4 from Penn State,
17 from F. and M.,	3 from Elizabethtown,
11 from Ursinus,	2 each from Dickinson, Lebanon
7 from Albright,	Valley, Muhlenberg, University
5 from Heidelberg,	of Wisconsin, Western Maryland,

1 student each hails from these other 27 colleges:

Baldwin-Wallace	Kalosca Teachers	Kent State
Bloomfield	(Hungary)	Louisville U.
Bob Jones	Kutztown Teachers	Lycoming
Ohio University	Millersville Teachers	Moravian
Bowling Green	Morris-Harvey	Oglethorpe
Cedar Crest	Princeton	East Stroudsburg
George Washington U.	Shippensburg Teachers	Teachers
Huntington	Susquehanna	U. of P.
Heidelberg U. (Germany)	Virginia Polytechnic	Westminster
	Wheaton	West Liberty
		State

FOR YOUR OWN RECORD, make the following changes in the List of New Students in the Manuel:

1. change in designation: Clarences Funk (from "special" to "Junior")
2. addition to Junior Class role: Mrs. Anna Pnebla, Camp Hill, Pa.
3. correct address: Russell D. Mengel (Allentown, not Palmerton)

SEMINARY WOMEN MEET TONIGHT IN LOUNGE

Tonight, October 11, at 8:00 pm the Association of Seminary Women will hold its first monthly meeting of the new year. MRS. RUTH PEOPLES, a former president of the group, will be the special guest of the ladies. Mrs. Peoples will give an informal talk entitled, "The Young Minister's Wife Speaks." There will be a brief discussion period following Mrs. Peoples' presentation. A time for fellowship and a closing worship service are also scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Committee chairmen appointments will be announced by the officers; and project plans will be discussed. All seminary women are urged to attend this important meeting.

Looking to future programs, the officers of the A.S.W. announce the scheduling of two Lecture Series. One such series will be held during the month of November, the other during the month of January. Watch for later, detailed announcements concerning this special opportunity for women of the seminary.

QUARTERLY SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 13

7:00 pm:Lounge

Agenda: Business Meeting, president presiding
"The Student Looks at Evanston," by
Jim Cress

Closing Coffee Hour

EVERYONE INVITED! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND! Y'ALL COME!