



# The Seminarian

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HO SEMINARIANS! The Middler Banquet has taken form. From what we have heard you should plan to be there; it will be an especially interesting evening of fun and fellowship, indeed the joy we knew in the fellowship of the fall and spring retreats will be present at banquet time.

The banquet is an annual affair held for the purpose of raising money for the foreign student fund. The Benevolence Committee has designated a goal of \$250 for the banquet this year. The money for the fund will be raised through the annual auction with Vernon Stoop as

the auctioneer. The name of next year's student will be announced at the banquet.

The price for seminary students who eat in the seminary dining hall is \$.25; it is \$1.00 for out of dorm students and guests. These prices were set in a meeting with a faculty member and the budget committee.

The date set for this year's affair is April 28th at 6:30 PM in the Seminary Dining Hall. The auction itself is an event you will not want to miss — plan to bring a guest.

- Vic Vogel

With speculation running high concerning what may be expected from the 1954 Middler Banquet and the items of note which may be on auction as the auctioneer lowers his gavel the SEMINARIAN takes great pride in being able to submit a preview to its readers. The following list was given to the editors by the banquet sales committee as an appetizer for a purchase-hungry audience.

## ITEMS

Charles Atell Hair Tonic  
Legal Smoking  
Wesleyan Theology (dead wood)  
Alarm Clock for Getting Reports  
Date Book  
Rural Field Work  
Baby Sitting (experienced)  
Jehu's Chariot  
(1) Smelly Pipe  
"From Woo to Wed"

Recreational Franchise  
"Korean War Stories" (Book)  
Call of the Farm  
Scheckle Gathering (experience)  
Penna. Dutch Dialect  
Bill Bollman's Pulpit Style  
Gigantic Appetite  
Ten Lessons - "How to Nag Your Husband"  
Diary of European Experiences  
Relaxed Tranquility  
Southern Drawl

Book - "How to Gain Weight"  
(1) Can of Used Fish Worms  
(1) Can of Used Tire Patches  
Bookstore Frustration  
"Church Dogmatics" (Book)  
Used Bassinet  
(1) Scotch Plaid Skirt

## DONOR(S)

Solt/Rodland  
Bishop Corson  
Morris  
D. Dunn  
Don Flick  
Certain Lass  
Yarborough  
Englert  
Turnbach  
Hartman

Morris & Yarborough  
Saylor  
Bartholomew  
Dr. Englert  
Dr. Crockenbrod  
Anderson  
H. Pennyworth

Betty Morris  
Hartman  
Craven  
Kasten

Whitmoyer  
Meiss  
Turnbach  
Stoop  
Weaver  
Solt  
Ma Groff

## PROBABLE BIDDER(S)

Dr. Sayrés  
Morris  
L. Lawver  
L. Lawver  
H. Denhart  
B. Barroll  
Hennessey  
Druckenbrod  
A. Gail Holt  
Stoop, Ellsworth,  
& Shelley

Rezash  
Geschwindt  
Craven  
Cherry  
Simpson  
????  
R. Whitmoyer

Sam Weirich  
Juhasz  
Barroll  
Yarborough &  
Geschwindt

Jim Morris  
Turnbach  
Yarborough  
????  
Rodland  
Anderson  
Simpson

## CHOIR CONTINUES

### TOURING ACTIVITIES

The choir's activity during the last four weeks has led the choir into three new areas, one of which has much historical value to our denomination, and a church which was a repeat from last year's agenda. These places were as follows: March 16, Robesonia, Pa.; March 23, Mercersburg, Pa.; March 30, Allentown, Pa.; and April 6, Lewistown, Pa.

Of course, the high point of all this activity was the trip to the historical spot of the Reformed Church --- Mercersburg, Pa. Here the choir was given an extensive tour of the Mercersburg Academy, and sang in the historical church which was the site of the famous Mercersburg Debate. During the tour the spotlight seemed to center on the chapel of the Mercersburg Academy which is today worth about \$1,000,000. The unusual item here was the set of bells ranging from 9 to 3 tons. The bells were imported from England and are played very masterfully by an Englishman. It was interesting to find that a good bell is composed of 90% copper and 10% tin. It was really a rewarding day which was spent at Mercersburg, Pa.

As one can see, the choir has been very busy again during the last month. It will end its off-campus concerts Tuesday evening, when it travels to Ephrata, Pa.

### TRIBUTE TO HECKERT

Much has been said during the school year pertaining to the success of the Seminary Choir. This of course, can be reiterated again and again without over-evaluating the work of this group.

However, just as any organization cannot succeed without planning and leadership, the prosperity of the choir has been the direct result of the fine efforts of Manager Paul Heckert. He has devoted himself unsparingly to his task with the desire of making the choir that of which the Seminary can be proud.

Therefore Paul deserves not only a salute from the choir members, but also from every member of the Seminary Family, for he has been instrumental in establishing favorable ties from parishes throughout New York and Pennsylvania to our Seminary here in Lancaster.

Joe Hennessey

## REPORT ON . . . . .

### PACIFICISM DISCUSSION

The largest group in our discussion about Christian Pacifism on Monday, March 29th, were the "passivists," who were conspicuous by their absence. The remaining group of pacifists and non-pacifists found themselves equally concerned about the Christian endeavour for Peace in a world, where another war may mean total destruction for both the defeated and the victor. In the panel Rev. Shollenberger and Dale Heckman represented the pacifist, Rev. Maugans and George Allen the non-pacifist side.

Dale's main point was that the pacifist is not a "passivist" who merely stands back and does nothing. On the contrary he is very active in propagating the Christian principle of non-violence and in doing so he may have to undergo suffering. In connection with that Rev. Shollenberger pointed out that Christ does not allow compromise and requires our complete dedication to His way of fighting, in which no violence is used but rather martyrdom endured. That the spirit of Christ is contradictory to any use of violence is proved by the history of the early church, where Christians did not use violence to defend themselves at least during the first two centuries, according to Rev. Shollenberger, no Christians could be found in the Roman army.

On the non-pacifist side George Allen brought out that God's blessing surely rests on the one who is willing to sacrifice his life for his country and his beloved ones because this is one of the highest forms of self-sacrifice. He also asserted that the soldier can shoot the enemy and yet love him at the same time. In addition to this Rev. Maugans pointed out that the important fact that nobody can really be a pacifist in the sense of not participating in war at all, because he supports warfare by paying taxes or by replacing someone in his work, who can become a soldier. He also said that there is essentially no difference between a police force used to maintain the order in the state and an army, which is really nothing else than a police-force on the international level. The pacifist solution in its final consequences would mean anarchism.

After the audience entered into the discussion most of the intellec-

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# DEAN-O-GRAMS

THE LAST GLASS HOUR - before the Easter recess will begin at 11:20 on Wednesday; the first after the Recess will be the one at 8:00 A.M. the following Tuesday.

NOTE THE CALENDAR - on the west bulletin board in the main hall. Have your items to be added, into the hands of Marie Sattelmire or Jim Cross.

THE ANNUAL SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY - will hold its seventy-sixth consecutive session at our Seminary on Friday and Saturday, April 26th - 27th. At the 2 o'clock Friday afternoon session papers will be read by D. Bard Thompson on "The Palatinate Church (Order of 1563)" and by H. H. Walsh on "Trends in Canadian Church History." At the Saturday morning session (10 o'clock) Dr. Roland H. Baintain will read on "Jonathan Edward's Conception of The Church." Interested professors and students will be welcome to attend. Carl E. Schneider of the Eden Seminary Faculty is President and Raymond W. Albright, now of Harvard Divinity School, one of our alumni, is the Secretary.

THE DEAN - LONE - for handing in prize essays or sermons has been moved on one day by the faculty. It is now midnight of Tuesday, April 26th. They may be left with the Dean in case the president's office is closed.

REGISTRATION - for Fall Term courses - - - Wednesday, April 28th: 10:20-12:30 and 2:00-4:00.

MAY FACULTY MEETING - Saturday, May 8th at 9:00 AM.

COMMENCEMENT time rapidly approaches. Students are reminded that they are expected to "stay through to the end." We need the interest, attendance, and cooperation of the whole Seminary Family.

THE FACULTY COMMITTEE which works with the Student Committee on Arrangements, consists of President Meck and Professor Bar-

From the

## Editors' Notebook

Within the next several days, people gathered around tables laden with food will turn to us of the Seminary Family. There will be an inner feeling of simple satisfaction and pride that "the Reverend" is among the feasters.

Then there will be silence, a pause in the busy conversations of where will you be located, what do they tell you at the Seminary these days? The host will turn to one of us, Reverend, will you say the blessing? Heads will bow and we, many times will thank God for food and care, for fellowship and hope.

But is there blessing in our hearts and thankfulness for food and drink? Grace is spoken and heads are bowed three times a day in our own refectory. One Reverend, with the "Praying Hands" before him says a few words of thanks as the rest of us join silently.

But then - Amen - and the conversation starts again. "I wish they'd learn to cook out there." Do you want some of this slop?"

### GRIPES ARE NATURAL

Then a note is sent out to the kitchen declaring the meat as unfit for serving to the diners in the refectory. The words seem a bit harsh and the action blundering for future counselors.

### INSULT IS CRUEL

"Say the blessing, Reverend." Pride and respect govern this request, Respect for the man who has given himself to serve God and to lead men. As Easter approaches people feel closer to God, the thankfulness is deep and vital. Lead them, Reverend, you are the clergy; these people look to you. "Be you therefore worthy."

SAW

tholomew.

RESPONSIBILITIES for the various services, connected with the Commencement events will be assigned and announced. The members of the Junior Class, "according to ancient tradition,"

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# O'er the Shelves

Coming to you O'er the Shelves again is a reminder that this evening a General Meeting of the Bookstore Cooperative will be held in the Dormitory Lounge, at 6:30. This meeting is for the purpose of electing a new manager. The Executive Committee urges you to attend.

Here are several "don't forgets" we bring to your attention:

1. Don't forget that orders will not be accepted after April 14th.

2. Don't forget that a list of books for the Fall Term will be posted from which you can order; to be received at the beginning of the Fall Term. This list will be posted in time for you to order before the April 14th deadline if you wish to receive them this term, if you order later than April 14th you will have to wait until the beginning of the school year to receive them.

3. Don't forget that there is another dividend on the way.

4. Seniors: don't forget about your withdrawal money. This will be paid in cash at the time you receive your dividend checks.

Bookstore Cooperative  
Promotion Committee

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will have the ministry of serving tables.

SENIOR (VACATION) WEEK - begins Monday, May 10th. By the evening of that day B. D. theses must be approved by the respective Faculty counselors, as "finished," i.e. all but final copying on thesis paper. Otherwise names of Seniors cannot appear on Commencement programs. The deadline also pertains to other work due from Seniors and also for the reporting to the Dean of B.D. THESES SUBJECTS BY THE MIDLERS.

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tual guns were fired on the poor pacifists, who, however, stood firm. The crucial problem was a practical one. In case everything possible had been done to preserve peace by a peaceful attitude and by negotiation, what would be the use of remaining a pacifist after war would actually be declared on the enemy? In wartime there is no possibility of getting across pacifism to the enemy by its own example. Does that mean then that until open war breaks out there is no difference between the pacifist and the non-pacifist endeavour for peace? The non-pacifists say so. And they also assert that the difference lies only at the point, where actual war breaks out and where the pacifist must become passivist, whether he wants to or not. The pacifists, however, point to the basic difference between the pacifist and non-pacifist endeavour for peace. According to their opinion the enemy can only be convinced by someone, who has already put down the arms rather than by one who "holds the pistol in his back." The question could not be solved, whether pacifism is a Christian idealism which tries to anticipate the heavenly city here on earth and to make the lion and the lamb eat grass together in peace or whether it is Christ's realism, which knows that only sacrificing love can end the deadly circle of violence answered by violence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Horst Haefelin

JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS - of Tremont, Pa., father of Ellwood Williams, of the Junior Class, died on Monday, April 5th, after a lingering illness. We extend to Ellwood the sincere sympathy of our Seminary household.