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V I T A L I S S U E S

At the final Vital Issues meeting of the school year, the Seminary family will be privileged to hear an address by Professor N.G.D. Joardar, a member of the staff of Koinonia Foundation. This program, which will take place on Wednesday evening, April 8, after a fellowship dinner in the refectory, will involve an address on "Christian Missions in Asia", based not only on Dr. Joardar's own background as an Indian, but also on a study tour which he made of Russia, India, and Asia during the summer of 1958. An ordained Methodist minister, Dr. Joardar will attempt to bring us to a clearer understanding of the "inscrutable East" and the role of the Christian church in it.

F E S T I V A L O F T H E A R T S W E E K

A Festival of the Arts will be held the week of April 13 and continue through Friday, April 18, under the general sponsorship of the Seminary Women. Monday evening, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Robert V. Moss will act as moderator for a panel which will discuss various art forms and their relationship to religion. An exhibit of arts and crafts in Alumni Hall also will open that evening and continue throughout the week.

Wednesday evening Frank A. McConnell will present an organ recital in Santee Chapel beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Friday evening, the Chancel Players will present "The Prototype", a drama by the British playwright Stuart B. Jackman, depicting the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The play will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Santee Chapel. The Social Life Commission will serve refreshments following the play.

The public is invited to all these activities.

E X P A N S I O N P R O G R A M

At a special meeting on Wednesday, the Corporation voted to go ahead with the erection of the three new apartment buildings which will house forty married students. Construction is expected to start within the next two weeks and the project should be completed by April 1, 1960.

It is anticipated that the total program will cost about \$725,000. However, this amount covers a new heating plant to serve the entire Seminary, a new parking lot in the block just east of the campus, and new driveways and parking space on the campus. While the Corporation recognized that apartments are available elsewhere in the community for married students, it acted in the belief that the married student will gain much more from his years in Seminary if he lives on campus. In addition, it is hoped that this step will make it possible for the wives of seminarians to become better oriented toward the ministry.

It is hoped that funds to cover the cost of this new construction will be raised in a church-wide campaign which is being proposed to the General Synod which meets in Oberlin this summer.

Dr. Moss

T H E D E A N ' S C O R N E R

Board of Visitors! Examination!! It was not exactly easy for the Seniors to think of the right words to say in response to the questions which were asked in the examination. Most of the words came out about right, however. This observer, who recalls an examination something like it long years ago, is sure of two things. One is that the preparation Seniors made for this examination gave them an excellent opportunity to organize their Seminary learnings. The other is that the small group conferences on Wednesday evening were most rewarding. Board members and students alike spoke appreciatively of the exchange of viewpoints and the chance for fellowship which those small groups made possible.

A panel on the work of the Church will be provided for Seniors on Wednesday, April 8. Moderator of the panel will be Dr. Sheldon Mackey, Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Members of it will be executives of a number of the agencies of the Church, together with two members of the Faculty. The purpose of the panel will be to present in unified fashion the work which the Church does through its various agencies. The schedule provides for two sessions, from 10:30 to 12:20 and from 1:30 to 2:30.

"Heritage Heyday" Bulletin!

Students who have contact with youth groups in Lancaster Synod, please note that "Heritage Heyday" will be held Sunday, April 12, from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon, at St. Paul's Church, Manheim. The recent poster announcing the place as Lancaster was wrong. (For the uninitiated, "Heritage Heyday" is a worship and dramatic program for Senior High youth featuring the heritage which the Evangelical and Reformed Church brings to the United Church of Christ.)

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Ernest Racz on his recent engagement to Nancy MacClary from North Bergen, New Jersey. Miss MacClary is a freshman at Ursinus College. No date has been set for the wedding.

S P O R T S - P I N G P O N G

Fifteen men are presently contending for the 1959 Ping Pong Championship. Athletic Commission Chairman, Cal Wolfgang, announced that all matches are to be played before the first of May. Trophies will be awarded to the first three position winners.

Entrants in the tournament are: Jim Mengel, Noah Dzobo, Jack Oliphant, Gordan Pfitzner, Bill Johnson, Earl Hahn, Jay Williams, George Hampshire, Carroll Luckenbaugh, Jim Slapinski, Jim Ishler, Charles Bawel, Ron O'Reilly, Dick Benner, and Bob Welsh.

S O F T B A L L

Practices for the spring Softball season will get under way next week it was announced yesterday. Prospective and hopeful stars are urged to loosen up and begin training for a very challenging season.

B R I D G E

The bridge tournament for the winter term ended in a tie between the Kellys and Hampshire-Oliphant. Each won two games and lost one. The teams of Bishop-Englert and the Bachs both ended with a 1-2 record. The spring term tourney will begin very soon winding up another exciting year in bridge circles here at Seminary.

T H E C H O I R T O U R

Members of the choir are still filled with delightful memories of this spring's tour down South. Many expressed the opinion that this year's tour was the finest trip the choir made in recent years. Not only will we remember the southern hospitality, the new church buildings, the sunny weather and the lavish convenience in the rear of the bus, but we will not forget for some time to come numerous more humorous incidents some of which are:

favorite expressions and humorous incidents, some of which are:

"y'all git ya gear!"

"Does anybody have the map?"

"Boll weevil"

"I'll bid three diamonds."

"Thanks Tubby"

"We want to thank you ladies for the wonderful southern fried . . .
chicken."

Nor will we forget -

Smitty

The "ElPro stinko" cigars.

The pinochle and bridge games in the rear of the bus.

Catawba's beautiful scenery.

The night the two fellows searched the countryside for the bus
on which they left their suitcases.

The girls who mistook a short tenor for George Goble and one of
the soloists for Desi Arnez.

The confirmed bachelor of the Seminary who was continually
surrounded by three eligible belles at Tacoma Park Church.

The contented smile on Frank's face while he slept on the bus.

And how we laughed when:

Two girls asked one smiling member, "Aren't you Marian's brother-
in-law?"

The "Romeo" of the choir was serenading the girls and one lady
asked "Is that young man married?" When she was told "No"
she added, "I didn't think so. No married man could be
that happy."

Dr. Sayres rendered "Miss Kate Fenolia".

Dr. Sayres was apologizing in his sermon for our need to depart
early after the concert in Sheperdstown since our driver had
to be back in Washington at three in the morning. Just then
an approaching train sounded its whistle most distinctly.
Whereupon, Dr. Sayres, without even pausing said, "That must
be Smitty blowing his air-horn now to remind me not to
preach so long."

Furthermore, we will always cherish the new friendships we've formed and
the excellent fellowshiping we shared in the various homes. We are indeed
very grateful to the administration who makes this trip possible each year
and especially to our manager, Bob Welsh, whose untiring effort and efficient
planning made every hour of our trip worthwhile.

GREETING TO SPRING

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I went walking in the field,
And heard and saw such wondrous things.
The sun was shining; ah, so bright.
The sky was blue as indigo.
The breeze was blowing; ah, so soft.
The grass was green as emerald.
The birds were singing; ah, so sweet.
The buds were red as ruby stone.
Nature called out loudly, clear.
The message banished every tear.
There was no question in my mind.
I knew that Spring was in the air.

Something moved within my soul,
And forced the words into my throat.
I nought could do but shout aloud
And tell the world that lay around
Of joy that pulsed within my heart
And filled my mind with thoughts of love.
I had to tell of what and looked around
For sun and sky and breeze and grass
And birds and buds had called to me.
I knew "the best was yet to come"
For now God's Spring was in the air.

And so I lift my feeble voice
And join myself with sun and sky
And breeze and grass and birds and buds
And sing with them the song they sing.
There is none other I can do.
I have to sing with all about.
This is why you hear my shout
And look at me as though I were
A little crazed; perhaps gone mad.
Not so! I am not mad at all!
But rather I am filled with joy;
I know that Spring is in the air.

Paul Reed