



The Seminarian

RETREAT ISSUE

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CO-OP BEGINS INITIAL OPERATION

by Lawrence Rezash

There's an old saying, "Something new has been added," and so it is with the Theological Seminary this fall. For this is the first year of operation for the Book Store Cooperative.

Last year the students and faculty organized the structural elements of this new venture. Vernon Stoop, of the middler class, was elected manager. An executive committee was also elected which includes the manager and representatives from the middler and senior classes and the faculty. The senior representatives are Les Ringer, Stewart Bortner, and Paul Eberts. The middler representatives are Joseph Hennessey, Harry Goodlin, and Lawrence Rezash. Professor Robert Moss is the faculty representative. At the organizational meeting of the Executive Committee Lawrence Rezash was elected president and Harry Goodlin, secretary.

Membership to this Co-op is voluntary upon payment of a \$10 membership (stock) fee, which will be returned upon graduation or withdrawal from school. Stock will be sold in the Co-op room September 14-16 (Monday through Wednesday). The Co-op Room is in the basement of the Administrative Building.

Nonmember students and members of the Co-op may order books from the Co-op daily Monday through Friday. Hours of operation will be posted on all bulletin boards. At the end of each term the members will receive a stock dividend. All books will be sold at list price. Orders, for the present, will be restricted to students and faculty.

Upon payment of the membership fee each Co-op member will receive a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, which he is strongly urged to read in order to become an informed stockholder.

Any member of the Executive Committee, and the manager especially, will be happy to answer questions which may arise from time to time on the part of all stockholders. All the monthly Executive Committee meetings are open to all stockholders, and suggestions to improve our Co-op will receive due attention.

Since this is our first year of operation it is only natural that unforeseen difficulties will arise. The Executive Committee would like

MEMO FROM MECK

Allan S. Meck, President

We welcome you into the family of students and faculty who are dedicated to the fraternity of Christ's witnesses in word and life. This school of the prophets is the oldest Theological Seminary in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It was founded in 1825. Thus far more than 1800 men and women graduated from this institution. Most of them went out from these walls to become parish ministers. We believe that the Gospel Ministry is the greatest and most rewarding vocation in which young people can serve God and man. The need for human engineers was never greater than it is in our day and generation.

I congratulate you that you decided to devote your life as servants of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. To become an effective minister of the Word you need the training which our school offers. The need of the hour is not just more ministers of the Word; the great need is for leaders who know the Word, know their Lord and Savior, know their God, and know people; their heart hungers, yearnings, vicissitudes, problems, sufferings, guilt, grief, and the grave. A minister prepares the Word for the people and also prepares people for the Word.

For this purpose you have come. We as a faculty will do our utmost to help you. We are your friends, not only your teachers. May God bless you in all your endeavors.

We welcome two new members to the Seminary staff: Mrs Edna Hafer, part-time secretary to the faculty (Room 6), and Mr. Ted Cox, janitor, 523 North Pine Street.

all members of the Co-op to work together in mutual trust and confidence, for only in this attitude can our business organization exemplify in any way the spirit of Christian love.

DEAN-O-GRAMS

LETTER

FROM THE EDITOR

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 a.m. Fall term classes
begin.

10:00 a.m. First Chapel Service

Monday, September 21

1:30 p.m. Matriculation Service
for new students; Dr. Sayres,
leader.

Thursday, October 1

7:30 p.m. Fall Communion Service
for Seminary family and
friends, Santee Chapel.
Dr. Vassady, preacher
Dr. Bartholomew, liturgist

Thursday, October 8

8:00 p.m. Welcoming party for
new students in Refectory.

Tuesday-Wednesday, November 10-11

Annual Convocation.

Swander Lectures by Dr. Paul
Minear of Andover-Newton.

McCauley Lectures by Dr. Louis
H. Gunnemann, Mission House
Seminary

Friday, November 20

Lecture by Dr. William F.
Albright - Palestinian Arch-
eology.

UNUSUAL PURDUE

by Professor Robert Moss

As church conferences go, Purdue was unusual in many respects. It is rare, in this country at least, that several thousand Christians will spend the better part of a week together out of interest in the work of the church. It is even rarer that so many churchmen will come together to learn, to share the educational process. Large groups such as this usually assemble to hear reports and transact business. At Purdue they came to learn, to attend classes.

One of the profoundest impressions many of us received at Purdue was a new sense of the nature, scope, and work of the church. Too many of our conferences give the impression that the program of the E. and R. Church is planned and executed by the clergy, who are the only ones virtually interested or competent for such a task. But at Purdue, lay delegates outnumbered clerical delegates by at least six to one. One became acquainted with the grass-roots of our denomination, the people serving on consistories and teaching in church schools. They are enthusiastic, capable, and devoted to the church. You don't easily forget the young architect who takes his week's vacation in order to improve his ability as a

After only one year as a part of the Seminary student body I have many recollections which make me full of anticipation for the hours of this Retreat here at Camp Andrews. As I look over the past year I realize the unique spirit with which this Retreat took-in the new segment of the Seminary family. This spirit united new students with those already a part, contributing greatly in making me feel perfectly at home as a newly adopted family member. So to new students and new wives, the next several hours are yours with the hope that they will serve to help you in the months of Seminary association before us.

Today we listen in a relaxed atmosphere, and talk with each other before the courses of study place a rigid schedule on us. As dorm life, apartment dwelling, and field work close out the busy weeks ahead, --- today's associations will become a key to our knowledge of family members.

I should like to welcome all new students and hope this retreat may do this and even more for all of you. To those of us returning it should bring us back from busy summer days to Seminary life. We all should try and make this first association one of hearty participation. Then as committee meetings, Seminary Women's programs, Convocation, and other organized activities take us into the formal year here at the Seminary, Retreat memories may be the bases for later associations.

Sara Weirich

church school superintendent; or the college student who postpones taking a summer job for the whole month in order to go to Purdue; or the stenographer who traveled nearly a thousand miles by bus because Purdue offered her a chance to ask questions about Christian faith and to receive helpful answers.

One could not help being impressed by the potential of even a small denomination like our own. After Jim Robinson had spoken on Wednesday night about the needs in Asia, the Purdue delegates, who constituted less than one-half of one per cent of the membership of our church, then and there contributed money enough to support the work of a Christian student worker in an Indian University Center for one year. This same impression of potentiality was expressed to us by a seventy-five-year-old farmer from Michigan who said after the closing

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SCHNITZ AND BITS

FROM THE

EDITORS' NOTEBOOK

This first issue of a SEMINARIAN, the official news sheet at the Seminary, is a special one put out for the Retreat. Before our next issue we hope to have a full staff of editors, reporters, and production managers. So, without further camouflage of purpose we invite all those interested to offer their services in the publication of THE SEMINARIAN. Typists, reporters, artists and business managers are all needed.

The staff remaining from last year is eager to make the paper a better reflection of Seminary life and ideas. After Dale Heckman's, last year's editor, excellent job of improving the paper's standards, we can only hope this year's staff will be capable of maintaining the same standard of improvement.

-SAW

Although we extend a word of welcome to all the new members of the Seminary family, we should like to spread out our welcome mat and express a special greeting to our two exchange students, Horst Haeffelin and Maurice Cherry.

Horst, whose home is in Stuttgart, Germany, has completed three years of study in the theological school of Tübingen University, Tübingen, Germany, which is the outstanding German university for Protestant theological study.

Maurice comes to us from the Howard University Divinity School in Washington, D. C. His home is in Cordele, Georgia; his undergraduate work was completed at Paine College. He is also co-president of the Southeastern regional UGVM Conference.

To both of you we extend a sincere wish, in behalf of the entire Seminary faculty and student body, for an enriching and profitable experience during the coming year. We are aware that this experience will not just be a "one-way affair," as it might appear outwardly. One year is indeed a short time, but we pray the associations of that short period may help increase the understanding between each other individually, and in part between the larger groups we represent.

-JAH

SEMINARY GRAD RETURNS FROM HEIFER PROJECT

August 31 the Rev. Roy R. Schmid returned to this country after spending eighteen months in Europe as West German representative of Heifer Project, Inc., New Windsor, Md. During that time he supervised the distribution of eleven shipments of livestock to war-ruined West German farmers and to refugee farmers who had recently fled the Eastern Zone of Germany and other countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Rev. Schmid, who was graduated from this Seminary in 1951, hails from Columbia, Pa., where he was a member of the Salem congregation. It was his responsibility in Germany to handle the distribution of heifers, supervise the selection of recipients, and to make check investigations to determine whether proper care was being given the cattle. He also served as a guide for the American volunteer "sea-cowboys" who fed and watered the cattle while at sea and then remained to observe the distribution and to visit with the German people who had already received heifers.

Thurl Metzger, executive secretary of Heifer Project, recently stated, "Roy Schmid has made a contribution to the success of practical overseas relief and international good will that only can be appreciated by the people of Germany to whom he has given so much. His ability to speak German and his willingness to try to understand people who have gone through physical danger, emotional shock, and extreme political pressures have endeared him to these people whose life was at a standstill until help came their way."

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communion service that in all his years he had never gathered at the Lord's table with so many of his Christian brothers. It seemed that he was trying to express something that all of us had begun to feel during the Purdue Conference: our deeper unity in Christ is the real source of our strength.

RECOLLECTIONS ON GENERAL SYNOD

By Dean Dunn

The ninth meeting of the supreme judiciary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church was held in the new Seiberling Gymnasium of Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, June 17-24. There were 337 ministerial and lay delegates, representing 34 synods with 2745 communicant members.

The retirement of Dr. Louis W. Goebel as President of the Church after an incumbency of 15 years and the election of Dr. James E. Wagner of St. Peters Church, Lancaster, on the first ballot, as his successor, featured the sessions. Dr. Robert Stranger, pastor of Bethany Church, Chicago, and a former Swander lecturer at our Seminary, was elected to succeed Dr. Wagner as First Vice President.

The outstanding business of this year's General Synod meeting was the report of the Study Committee, appointed three years ago, to revamp and streamline the organization of the church in the interests of greater efficiency in the work of the Kingdom. This report was taken item by item and, despite sweltering weather and sharp differences on many issues, was dealt with in Christian spirit and democratic manner. Aisle microphones enabled wider discussion from the floor and a moderator, large in body and fair in practice, Rev. Ruben Haenemann of Lodi, California, guided the parliament procedure in splendid style.

Most, though not all of the Study Committee's proposals were adopted. The one most embattled was that providing for 14 areas, each with a full-time president. After long hours of conflict of ideas a compromise was unanimously passed. Synods having more than 9000 members were encouraged to elect full-time presidents. Certain western synods of large extension and comparatively small membership were encouraged to join in areas.

Financial aid to the extent of \$2500 (with additional subsidies in case of need) was promised to such synods or areas as would establish such full-time supervision.

One high point in the sessions was the appearance on the platform of 17 foreign missionaries from 6 of the 7 fields where our Church is working, with brief statements made by a representative of each field. Another feature was the appropriation of \$30,000 for giving young volunteers after a two-month training program a ten-month opportunity to serve in areas of great need. Another innovation was the creation of a Commission on the Church and the Ministry which will work with the corresponding committees in synods and congregations in the interests of developing both ministerial and lay leadership. A budget of

\$3,757,590 per year and a goal per year of \$500,000 for World Service were adopted, representing about a 25% increase.

The General Synod adopted a statement on inter-faith marriage, a resolution condemning "intemperate attacks upon teachers, clergymen, schools, libraries...and the slander and degradation of persons because of unpopular opinions or unproven charges of misconduct," and a re-affirmation of its commitment to the goal of "a non-segregated church in a non-segregated society."

President Heck represented the interests of the Alliance of Reformed Churches as well as those of our school. Dean Dunn alternated with Professor Allen Miller of Eden in giving the six morning devotional talks on "The Church Universal." Dr. Sayres served as narrator for the Visual Program of the Commissions on Social Action and Evangelism on Thursday night. Don Flick was in attendance as a member of the Youth Delegation and Don Orander as a member of the Youth Caravan.

The next meeting of the General Synod will be held at Lancaster in August, 1956, with our Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College as hosts. More detailed accounts of the proceedings of the General Synod can be read in the MESSENGER of July 7, and in the CHRISTIAN CENTURY of July 8.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

The speaker for this evening's Schneder Memorial Lecture on Missions will be the Rev. Paul H. Streich. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Rev. Streich was graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and Eden Theological Seminary. He also did graduate work at Yale Divinity School.

For six years he served Christ's Church, Bronx, N.Y., under the Board of National Missions. In May, 1945, Rev. Streich and his wife Betty were called by the Board of International Missions and commissioned to serve under the United Andean Indian Mission, Ecuador.

At present the Rev. and Mrs. Streich and their three children are living in the Missionary Home at 1118 W. New St., here in Lancaster, while on furlough.