

Dr. Sanford Yoder Writes Book on Bible Poetry

A new book, *Poetry of the Old Testament*, by Sanford Calvin Yoder, S.T.D., D.D., has recently come off the press. Critics regard it as a scholarly work approached in a sympathetic Christian manner.

Dr. Yoder is dealing with one of his favorite fields in this book. The Old Testament and particularly the



poetical sections always have been of great stimulus and inspiration to him. Students are impressed by his ability to read Hebrew poetry feelingly. He can communicate to others his sincere appreciation for Old Testament verse. The book testifies to his ability to pen this feeling equally well.

Of unusual interest is the remarkable career of the author. Dr. Yoder was born and reared in an Amish Mennonite home in Iowa. His early life as a buckaroo furnishes him with a wealth of illustrations in teaching and preaching. His desire for education led him to receive a high school diploma and ultimately a S.T.D. degree. He and his wife, the former Emma Stutzman, are the parents of one son and two daughters, one of whom, Mrs. C. M. (LaVerne) Hostetler is known to many students.

Dr. Yoder has been entrusted with leadership in church activities for many years. He is an ordained minister and bishop of the Mennonite Church. He looms outstanding in

the fields of missions and education. He has been president of the Board of Education. For seventeen years he served as president of Goshen College. Currently he is professor of Bible in our college. He has held the office of both secretary and president of the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities.

Even writing is not new to Dr. Yoder. *For Conscience Sake* and *Down South America Way* are his two earlier publications. The former is the study of migrations of Mennonites following World War I. The latter records his observations on a trip to South America.

Keen Biblical insight, deep love and appreciation of Old Testament poetry, and years of observation and study combine to make this book a highly commendable work.

Music Theme Used For Social Sept. 17

A throb of anticipation, the gym in party dress, a colorful crowd in more colorful spirits meant an atmosphere ready for this annual event, the Get Acquainted Social. Getting acquainted is a process which begins on the first day of college and continues until the last, but a social such as this adds considerable zest and spice to the process.

The program was packed with lively numbers from Owen Gingerich's opening anecdote to the last spoonful of ice cream. There were evidences of an alert committee behind the scenes which cleverly planned to interweave the college song throughout the features. The Spartan Quartet, Mark Blaising's marimba, and Miss Mary Oyer with her cello added sparkling music, while Fred Erb's admonitions rang with characteristic sincerity.

The main feature in becoming acquainted was through the introduction of the faculty, especially the faculty wives. Mr. Gingerich, master of ceremonies, made the introductions. Ray Bair concluded the program with a talk on "Alma Mater, We Love You". The Social Committee of the "Y" served refreshments after the singing of the Alma Mater. The map on the south wall of the gym was drawn by Harvey Snyder.

Higher Requirements Bring Comp Changes

Freshmen no longer find English composition on their agenda beginning this semester. A large majority of them are taking a new three hour English course. In two of the sections able communication is considered, while in the others the stress is laid on grammar.

The freshmen who have been exempted from this course are not taking work under the English clinic, but will be required to enroll for three hours of work in English next semester along with the other freshmen.

The English clinic will function for sophomores next year, however. There will be no credit for the course, and no regular classes.

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Students Donate Work Days For Auditorium - Gym Finances

Goal of \$7000 Set for 600 Workers Co-operating in Two Day Program

Goshen College students again responded to the Y.P.C.A. Service Committee's request to meet a goal of \$7000 in a whole-hearted positive way. On Wednesday of the preceding week, chapel was held under the impressive superstructure of the new auditorium-gymnasium, where Calvin Redekop, first speaker in the new building, presented the Service Committee's plan and Paul Diller explained the details of it. In accordance with this plan, Thursday and Friday of last week found classes suspended and students dispersed throughout several states, donating their time and wages to

the new building fund.

Groups Speed Harvest

Thursday morning at five o'clock 32 students left for Archbold, Ohio, where they spent the two days either as waitresses and waiters at a calf sale or as employees of the tomato canning factory at Wauseon.

Twenty students on Thursday and 24 Friday picked apples for Maynard Hoover of New Paris. Ten picked up potatoes for Martin Hoover and 15 performed the same operation for Ummels, south of Elkhart.

The tomato cannery at Milford employed 14 students Thursday and Bristol Orchards hired 11 boys, paying them \$200 for the two days.

Jobs Found for 600

The employment service, headed by Cal Redekop and Paul Diller, found jobs for 600 students. Many students from neighboring communities helped relieve this situation by taking a carload of their friends home with them. Several cars went as far west as Illinois and Iowa, others eastward to Ohio. Harold Cullar took five boys to his home at Columbiana, Ohio, where they helped in his father's greenhouse.

Digging ditches, shingling roofs, mowing lawns, putting on storm windows, laying tile, housework, dam building, and bookkeeping are only a few of the odd jobs performed by the other students. Ten students helped gather information and take orders for the Elkhart County Guidebook being published by H. S. Frye of New Paris. The First Old State Bank in Elkhart hired two girls, Berman's Sporting Goods, two boys, Snuggle Products of Goshen hired two girls and two boys. Miss White had five boys re-finish the new library floor.

Shisler Highest Paid

John Raber of Bristol, who was last year's most liberal contributor, hired two boys again this year, paying them \$20 a day. However, Milton Birkey of New Paris merits that title this year, for he paid Arlin Shisler \$100 for plowing two days.

A Little More Work A Little More Time Finish It In '49!

Students and friends of Goshen College are all looking forward to the completion of the new auditorium-gymnasium. This new building will meet many needs now lacking on our campus. Beside providing adequate auditorium and gymnasium facilities, it will provide a student activities center, basement classrooms, a book store, and a post office. Because of the increase in enrollment from 300 to 600 students in ten years, the original plans have been enlarged by an addition of a wing for a student center. This wing will be partly used for the activities of student organizations.

Many persons have already contributed to the drive for funds. These business men, farmers, students, alumni, and others have contributed a total of \$250,000. Approximately \$175,000 is still needed. It is the policy of the Mennonite Board of Education to make improvements for the colleges under the Board without going into debt. Goshen College hopes this rule can be followed with the new Auditorium-Gymnasium. J. Gordon Jackson, construction engineer, stated, "If the funds are on hand, I am confident we can complete this project by the fall of 1949." Our auditorium may become a reality in 1949!

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 4:15—Aurora-Adelphian Softball Game.
Friday, Oct. 1, 6:00—Freshman Banquet, Class Socials.
Monday, Oct. 4, 4:15—Women Literaries; 7:00, Home Economics Club; Spanish Club.
Tuesday, Oct. 5—Men's Literaries.
Wednesday, Oct. 6—Secondary Education Club.
Friday, Oct. 8—Campus Peace Institute.
Tuesday, Oct. 12—Next issue of Record.

ACHERS OF POTATOES



Series to Feature Seven Programs

Dr. Willard Smith, chairman of the Lecture-Music series committee, announced the following numbers for this coming school year.

On October 26 the Chicago Symphony Quartet, a returning number from last year's series, will render the first program. The next number will be Congressman Walter Judd from Minnesota. Mr. Judd, a former missionary to China, will lecture on "China Today" on Nov. 20. The Homecoming number will be given by Francis Line. His illustrated lecture, "Sheep, Stars and Solitude", will be given on Friday evening, Nov. 26.

The leading harpist in America, Carlos Salgado, will render his number on Thursday, Jan. 27. On Feb. 28 the original Don Cossack Chorus will be here. Dr. A. W. Cordier, a former professor at Manchester College and now the executive assistant to the Secretary General of

the United Nations, is now in Paris and has been unable to give the exact date of his lecture on "The United Nations and the World Today." April 7 the last number will be given by the chorus from the St. Augustana College at Rock Island, Ill.

All of the lectures will be given in the high school auditorium. The price for staff and student season tickets is \$1.80 including tax.

Paul Goering Speaks On 1948 Draft Bill

With the legislative and governmental insight possessed only by those with Washingtonian background and experience, Paul Goering, M.C.C. representative in the nation's capitol, spoke to the Peace Society on Thursday evening on the origin and implications of the Selective Service Act of 1948. (S. 2655).

After briefly discussing the purpose of the N.S.B.R.O. (National Service Board for Religious Objectors), Mr. Goering declared its willingness to help C. O.'s of all faiths in any way possible.

The new draft law, passed only 15 months after the expiration of the World War II law, was born out of congressional diversity. In fact, the dissonance was at times so great that many doubted the bill's passage. Not least among these divergencies was the question of the conscientious objectors. It is significant to note that the final agreement to defer C. O.'s was decided upon, not in respect to individual conscience, but only to postpone the solution of a complex problem.

The important thing for the C.O. now is, (1) request special form No. 150, (2) accept no classification higher than IVE, (3) think intelligently and prayerfully concerning our non-resistant position—be sure you know "why", (4) ponder this—"What is the motivation of my service: compulsion of government or the imperative of love?"

Five New Teachers Join Faculty

The beginning of the new school term brought with it new faculty members as well as new students.

The Teacher Training Department gained two new members. Karl Massanari from Urbana, Ill., is an Associate Professor in Education. He is working on his doctor's degree at the University of Illinois. For a number of years he was principal of the high school at Mahomet, Illinois. Last year he did research and survey work related to the reorganizing of school districts. Prof. Massanari is one of the Massanari brothers who last year presented prizes for the Indiana Peace Oratorical Contests.

Witmer Joins Faculty

Mildred Witmer, an Assistant Professor in Education, is another new member of this department. She has her master's degree from Indiana University and for some time has been Elementary School Supervisor in the City of Goshen.

Miss Witmer is the daughter of Samuel Witmer, Professor of Biology at the College. Last year she taught one of the evening classes at the College.

A newcomer to the Social Science Division is J. Howard Kauffman, Instructor in Sociology and Economics. Mr. Kauffman graduated from Goshen in 1947 and last year took graduate work at Michigan State College, receiving a master's degree in June.

Weldy to Teach Music

Dwight Weldy has joined the Music Department and is Instructor in Music. Before coming to Goshen, he was a teacher of music in a high school at Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Goshen College in 1940 and has done graduate work at Northwestern University. Last year he served on the Summer School faculty here.

From Canada has come Robert Buschert, Instructor in Mathema-

tics and Physics, to substitute for Professor H. H. Hartzler, who is on leave of absence. Mr. Buschert graduated from Goshen last January and during the second semester of last year did graduate work at Purdue University. In August he married Joy Martin, a former student here.

Just as some students have returned this year after a year or two of absence so faculty members away for a time have returned also. Dean Harold Bender has just recently returned from his assignment for the Mennonite Central Committee in Europe to resume his duties as Dean of the Seminary. Mrs. Bender, who has taught at the College at various times since 1925, has again joined the faculty as an instructor in German. Miss Royer, on leave of absence last year to work on her doctorate at Ohio State University, has also returned to the campus.

WELCOME! We Are Many!

Many times during the past several weeks we have been reminded of the truthfulness of President Miller's statement, "We are many". We face this fact often, for we must wait in a meal line, ask people their names, endure noise when it is time to study or sleep, move with the masses in our crowded halls, develop patience when many arms are crossed in front of our mail boxes, or seek a place just to be alone.

After meditating on this only a short time, we may feel inclined to say, "We are too many." But are we? No matter what your answer is, being many presents a challenge to each one at Goshen College this year. Can we accept the challenge of individual concern instead of a general interest in the masses? Can we accept the challenge of Christian witnessing knowing that the greater our number the greater our outreach should be in the Goshen community? Or can we accept the challenge of Christian living, which means showing love when there is hate, joy when there is distress, peace when there is confusion, kindness when there is unconcern, or humility when there is pride?

As we welcome you to Goshen College this year, we also ask you to accept the challenge of "we are many".

E.

ASHAMED?

A Mennonite complex. One sometimes hears this expression used to designate an apologetic attitude concerning the principles of our church which makes us different from the world. If you are one who sometimes excuses himself by saying he is a Mennonite and Mennonites don't do such things, read the editorial below, reprinted from the "Wichita (Kansas) Eagle."

Written by the editor of the leading newspaper in a city of 120,000, "air capital of the world," this editorial should encourage us to stand for what we believe and not for our church policy.

B.

PURE CHRISTIANITY

In the midst of spy scares and alarms about Russia's violent designs upon us, thoughts coming out of the world Mennonite conference at Newton are worthy of note.

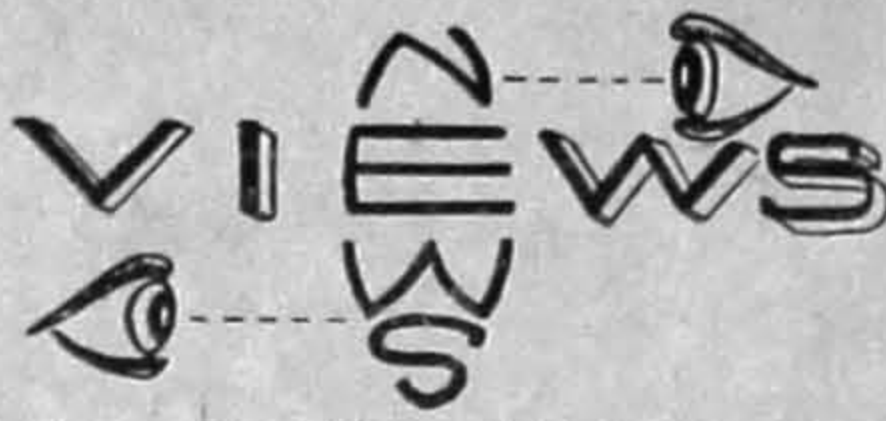
S. F. Pannabecker, former missionary, proposes sending organized help to "our Christian brethren and souls that need Christ behind the Iron Curtain." He adds: "If there is any group to which modern Mennonites are bound by the injunction to 'love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you' it is the Communists."

These sentiments are uttered despite the fact that posts are being pillaged in North China and missionaries are retiring before a Red tide.

No one can deny that the thoughts voiced at Newton embrace the Christian ethic in its purest state. The precept of Christ was to surrender yourself utterly, taking no thought even of your personal survival. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every living creature" didn't mean to preach it to friendly congregations where all the comforts of life are available. It meant to go without reservations, to preach and minister to tough customers particularly.

As we a Christian nation? What would happen if our national foreign policy followed the Mennonite doctrine? We fight to defeat tyranny, slavery and misery. More of them spring up after each war. Suppose we practiced the teachings of Jesus, though we lost our national sovereignty and the heavens fell.

Idle speculation. Our national philosophy on that score is apart from the Christian philosophy. It is in all other nations. Gandhi tried to lead India to it by word and deed. He failed. The spirit of the sorrowing Jesus broods over a world, much of which takes the name of His teaching but is incapable of applying its essence.



By Edgar Metzler

LIFE considered it one of "Protestantism's most important achievements since the Reformation." TIME gave it feature article prominence. The foremost Methodist bishop in America predicted that in a hundred years historians would see this event as the most outstanding happening in the twentieth century because it marked the "beginning of the end of denominational hostilities."

What has happened? For the first time in history Protestant union, at least in spirit, has become a reality. Last month in Amsterdam 440 delegates from 44 countries set up the World Council of Churches, thus bringing together for the first time the world's great Christian faiths. These delegates represented 147 separate denominations with a total membership of 140 million Christians. Of this number 30 million are from the U. S. The only major churches conspicuous by their absence were the Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox, the latter being Soviet controlled.

What did this history-making conference accomplish? To quote Goshen alumnus Don Berry, who was a youth delegate to Amsterdam, "We did not find unity in actual church union, nor in intercommunion"; but he hastened to add that there was unity in fellowship greater than ever dreamed possible. With the theme of the assembly "Man's Disorder and God's Design," the delegates attempted to seek out and to answer as a united body the many problems which are troubling Christianity today. The East-West line immediately became apparent as John Dulles opened the debate on Communism. Notable among other achievements was action on relief and refugees. The delegates left Amsterdam as they came—still 147 separate denominations, but with definite plans for co-operation and a deep sense of fellowship in Christ with Christians everywhere.

Wherein the significance of this moment? Will it actually do away with ecclesiastical feuds between denominations? This has been the chief hope of many layman and clergy. I believe it has far greater consequence than that. No one will deny that a church of Christ on earth would be ideal. But because we are afraid, or rather, have too little faith, to be idealists, we promptly shy away from the slightest connotation of ecumenicity. Or do we shy away for other reasons; perhaps selfishness? (Remarks such as this—"We would gain nothing by it.")

Has Amsterdam been the climax of futile efforts or will time prove it to be another Spirit-led step on the long, hard road to the ideal?

Have you prayed for the World Council?

(P. S. The Mennonite Church had no delegate at Amsterdam.)

Architects' Dream

Future plans for Goshen's campus include these items: equipment for Science, Education, and Music Departments, an additional women's dormitory, a chapel-seminary building, and a residence hall for missionaries and married theology students.



By Jane Willey

Welcome, gentle reader, to yet another innovation of this, the best of all possible Records. In the plotting of our "beloved publication" (homage a B. B.), a voice was at last given to that area of culture which we have distinguished as the "Fine Arts". In doing this, we again recognize that our education in this field can and should extend beyond a two hour course and a bottle of aspirin at term paper time. Through the cultivation of sincere aesthetic appreciation we achieve not only a meaningful deepening of our own emotional and intellectual character, but a sensitive medium through which to touch and respond to the experience of others. This column will, in this and succeeding issues, be devoted to information about and interpretation of the various activities, events and generally relevant news items which can enrich, through the medium of the Arts, our culture for Christian service. Our stand thus taken, off we go. . . .

Attention ye music lovers!

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 3, 5 P. M.

WHERE: First Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Jefferson Sts., Goshen.

WHAT: A dedicatory organ recital. During the summer months this church's old but richly-voiced instrument underwent a thorough renovation, increasing its versatility, yet preserving the dignity and tone quality so often lost in certain modern organs. All of the old pipes were preserved, many new ones added and the entire action electrified, thus eliminating the ton of wood which the church organist (an intimate acquaintance of your columnist) was obliged to push down. This being now completed, the church will hold a public dedicatory service and present, as their honored guest recitalist, Mr. Van Denman Thompson, Director of the DePauw School of Music. Mr. Thompson is a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Minister of Music at Gobin Memorial Methodist Church in Lafayette, and an eminent concert organist. Although we have not yet received his program, it is certain to be varied and to include many of the great and too-seldom heard classics of organ literature. Don't forget . . . it's this coming Sunday.

Foreign Delegates Speak on Campus

Goshen College students have been particularly fortunate in hearing many of the foreign guests who attended the World Conference in August. Many of them have spoken both in chapel and in the church services.

These included Dr. Meihuizen, Holland; Ulrich Hege, Germany; Dr. Leendertz, Holland; Dirk Catterpoel, Germany; Samuel Geiser, Switzerland; Samuel Gerber, Switzerland; and Pierre Widmer, France. Dr. Emil Haendiges from Germany is scheduled to stop here in October.

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The "Y" and Wherefore

Welcome to all new members of the Y.P.C.A. One of the foremost aims of this year's Y.P.C.A. cabinet is to make every "Y" joiner a "Y" member. With over 500 members, the effort to make this aim a reality depends equally on the Y leadership and the Y membership at large. Let us keep continually in mind these three points:

1. Accept any task, large or small. The scope of "Y" work is such that there are many passing tasks to be fulfilled.

2. Regard any such task, large or small, as "Y" work and as a part of our effort to fulfill the "Y" motto.

3. Let each contribute his share of initiative and vision. Expansion of the "Y" influence depends largely on those who are sensitive to needs as they arise and help fulfill them.

If we all keep these in mind, we can unitedly come to the end of the 1948-49 year having had a share in the program of "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known" to others.

—W. Krabill, Y.P.C.A. President

"To Know Christ, and To Make Him Known"

By joining the Y.P.C.A. you have pledged yourself "to know Christ—". This means your love will become an active growing love, developing into whole-hearted obedience and service to Him.

You have also pledged yourself "to make Him known." This is done according to your own talents. "Whatever be the gifts which each one has received, you must use them for one another's benefit, as good stewards of God's manifold kindness." I Peter 4:10. In everything may glory be given to God through Jesus Christ.

—Esther Shank, Vice-Pres. Y.P.C.A.

A skit depicting "Y" activities was presented in chapel last Monday by the Membership Committee of the Y. The setting was the college snack shop and the plot was centered around an analysis of life at Goshen College and specifically the position of the "Y". Various students entered the scene and very ably directed the conversation to discussion and clarification of the "Y".

The latest reports from the Membership Committee are that 520 students have joined the "Y" this year, which indicates that the membership drive was quite successful. The total membership last year was 475. The present membership figure will probably be increased by late joiners.

Six hundred tracts printed in the German language were distributed by Goshen College students who were members of the European summer service unit. The majority of the tracts were given out on trains and in the two German work camps in which the students participated. According to Mary Maple, who was in charge of the tract project, they were generally very eagerly accepted. The tracts were purchased by the "Y".



In view of the fact that conscientious objectors are deferred by the present law, do you think the church should require a year in service units?

Orley Swartzentruber, Seminary: No. The service unit does not belong to the area of what the church can require. The church ought to teach it strongly, however, and recommend it.

Bill Pletcher, '51: Such a program would show a more positive attitude on the part of the peace churches. However, it would be fine if the period of a year could be broken up into summer service for those who are going to school.

Olive Rich, '49: No. We ought to awaken a deeper motive for service. Our young men ought not to be coerced.

John Horst, '50: No. Each individual should make the choice for himself. It should be a voluntary program, but the church should encourage such a program. It would be more effective and useful if not compulsory.

Marion Groff, '51: Yes.

Edgar Metzler, '52: I would advocate a church draft in order to maintain ecclesiastical dignity and for the sake of discipline.

Mary Ann Hostetler, '48: It is an excellent thing to urge it. But the ideal is to have those deferred feel an obligation to contribute service through the church as an effective means of witness.

Mac Cripe, '49: Emphatically yes. If the C.O. feels he owes more to the church, he should give up as much as the boy who puts national beliefs first. The church should take a forward and progressive stand.

THE "Y" AND WHEREFORE . . .

The financial needs of the "Y" will be presented to the students by the Financial Committee during the October 6 chapel service. All "Y" members will at that time be given an opportunity to help support the organization.

Y. P. Advisor John Mosemann will speak at the Thursday Student Devotional on the subject of the "Personal Devotional Period". The following week a student speaker will give his views on the same theme.

The "Y" Social Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all those people who helped in the work connected with the Get-Acquainted Social.

A Word to the Stupid

ON SCIENTIFIC GUESSING

Twice annually I find that old question recurring, namely, "Why can't I get more A's?" In order to let our freshmen in on the secret (and any others who may have missed it) I feel they should be given the truth immediately.

So, sit down and relax while Uncle Ot lights up his ego and ladles out some free advice on how he did it back in '06. The *sine qua non* is scientific guessing, a very complex branch of mathematics more fully expounded in a new book by Moser and Meyer: *The Theory and Application of Varying Variables to Scientific Guessing*.

From the very beginning an important aspect is to guess when you will be asked to recite in class. This is very difficult, because so many factors complicate the situation, such as, if you are wearing a red shirt or not. So the ideal way is to prepare your lessons quite thoroughly, using such extra sources as the World Almanac and Encyclopedia Britannica. This need only be done the first few weeks, however, since by that time the professor will think you know the answers anyway.

As a precaution, you could study the first third of the assignment carefully, and volunteer an answer in this part. If nothing else, be sure to say, "I fail to comprehend the content of your inquiry."

Another phase is to out guess the so called "pop" tests. The odds are 56 to 12 that they won't be on Monday; 193 to 46 that two won't occur in succession. Relying on statistics alone, however, may be dangerous, and the novice is urged to study occasionally.

The crux of the entire theory, however, is in guessing the questions before a test. The student should always note when a professor says an item is a good test question, because he will never ask it. Also skip the main points, as they are too obvious to ask. (This is more true in the humanities than sciences, however.)

If you have finally arrived at the test without applying any of these rules, there may yet be hope. On true-false test, answer all you can and then alternate with true and false each time in the blanks. With multiple choice this is more difficult, but by eliminating some it should be possible to alternate between even an odd numbers.

In a last resort, remember to flip a coin.

Visitors View Skies With New Telescope

Over 100 visitors have observed the stars and planets with the 8" telescope built by Owen Gingerich since its completion last May. Many more have visited the instrument in the daytime to see the sunspots. "Visitors are always welcome as long as not too many come at once," stated Mr. Gingerich. Students who would like to see the telescope which is located at the north-east corner of the athletic field should contact the owner beforehand.

During the summer observations were made of five planets, a comet and about 60 galaxies, nebulae and clusters. More serious observations of variable stars were carried out for Harvard College Observatory as well. The telescope performs well and has passed several rigorous tests for instruments of this size.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Engagements

At a cabin party Saturday evening, September 18, Miss Kathryn Yoder, who is a senior at Goshen College, from Hubbard, Oregon, announced her engagement to Warren Miller from Millersburg, Ohio.

Miss Luella Gingerich, Chengtu, West China, formerly of Parnell, Iowa, announced in August her engagement to Eugene Blosser, a senior at Goshen College, from South English, Iowa.

Birth

On September 20, a son, Stephan Carl, was born to Dean and Mrs. Carl Kreider.

Faculty

During Freshman Days, H. H. Hartzler, professor on leave, was visiting on campus. He and his family are residing in Tucson, where he is doing graduate work in astronomy and mathematics in the Steward Observatory, University of Arizona.

Paul Mininger and family are residing in Souderton, Pennsylvania. He, also on leave, is working on his dissertation for a doctorate.

On September 5, Dean H. S. Bender was guest speaker at Mountain Lake, Minnesota at the Mountain Lake Peace Institute. On September 12, he also spoke at the Quarterly Mission Meeting at West Liberty, Ohio.

J. C. Wenger journeyed to Walnut Creek, Ohio, where he spoke September 19, on Church School Day program.

Clubs

The Aero Club met September 20 at 7:00 p. m. Thirty new members were admitted to the club. Officers were elected as follows: Harold Metzler, president; Jim Bowden, vice-president; Edwin Herner, secretary; David Weaver, treasurer, and Dr. Glen Miller, sponsor.

Last evening the French Club listened to Pierre Widmer, French delegate of the World Conference, tell of his experiences in the past war and recite some of his original poetry. He is a teacher and a pastor of Mennonite Church of Montbelliard, France.

Thimble Party

The college cabin echoed with gaiety on Friday, Sept. 10, as the annual women's Thimble Party got under way. After group games and refreshments, a program was held in the cabin. Group singing opened the meeting which featured a talk entitled, "Needles and Pins" by Dr. Schrock. About 260 "big and little sisters" attended the party sponsored by the Y.

Men's Mixer

Two hundred twenty fellows headed to McNaughton Park in Elkhart on Friday, September 10, for the Men's Mixer. Major activities included football, volley ball and tennis. After a weiner roast a brief program was held which featured John Umble. Professor Umble spoke on "What I Would Tell My Boy If He Were Attending Goshen College in '48-49."

Literary Solicitation

Monday afternoon, September 20, found Assembly Hall filled with hilarity as rival literary societies made one final attempt to ensnare innocent freshmen. Avons and Auroras presented "Scenes of the Past" and the Vesperians and Adelpians offered a slow-motion basketball game. Conflicting "unbiased" reports were given by both sides. Quantitative results favored the Adelpians and Vesperians, but qualitative evaluations will have to wait until after public programs, athletic and forensic contests.



Metapon, a pain killer better than morphine, is now available. Being derived from opium like morphine, it is habit forming; however, addiction builds up more slowly. So far, it has been released only to relieve chronic pain in cancer patients.

Perhaps you've been wondering if the atomic bomb might be responsible for the queer weather we've had for the past several months. To this question scientists and weather experts definitely reply "No". In explanation, the normal radiation of the sun is equal to about 5 billion atomic bomb explosions every 24 hours. The only weather variation noticeable as a result is the creation of a hurricane in the tropics. Because the earth is but a small speck in the universe and 93 million miles from the sun, it is mathematically calculated that the earth's daily share of the sun's radiation is 80 A-bombs. As far as is known, only six atomic bombs have been set off on the earth. So, we can't attribute Mother Nature's quirks in the weather to man as yet.

Prof. West of Louisiana State University recently declared at a meeting of the A.C.S. that such supersensitive tests for gold and copper have been developed that copper can be detected on the fingers of a person who has merely picked up a copper coin. Also gold can be detected in the atmosphere weeks after gold solutions have been exposed to the air of a room.

The average length of life of the people of the United States based on 1946 death rates reached a new high of nearly 67 years, according to Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing. This represents an increase of almost a full year over the corresponding figure for 1945. The expectation of life at birth for white females is now 70.3 years, exceeding the Biblical "three score and ten" for the first time in the history of the nation. On the average, white men do not live as long, their average length of life being 65.1 years.

? ? 1948-49

This is the day when girls and boys in joyfulness
Can get acquainted socially . . . Oh, certainly!
Never will you forget in grieving loneliness
What that evening did so suddenly.

Owen came to court before professors and dean
To tell them a humorous tale.
But this isn't all, that's what I mean,
Else tear wouldn't have fallen from your eye.
Who has the courage to blame the magic
Given by the music through a tender hand?
The Spirit of God, you only can say
Removes the human tragic.

Culture for Service!
Dil you realize that the sun gives the ray
And Ray gives the light?

Are you lonesome, are you blue?
If so, "go out and wait no longer
And look at the immortal evening clouds!"
There is a nice spot by the Elkhart River,
When the grass is dewy and the moonlight bright
And all the trees in the darkness shiver.
"Listen to the Father of the waters, and wait . . . !"

Friendship how good it is to be led in truth and service.
The life begins to have value, use and joy;
This was the purpose, I shall say twice,
Of the social evening in the college gym.
Like in a garden the ladies were sitting in rows,
And the gents realized the fragrant flower
Of the rosy lips so near beside.
"Go, pick the rose!" before withered she is.
She sent already the smile "retour"
And thought "c'est l'amour".

—Sam Lehman

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ELEVEN TEAMS COMPETE IN MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The fellows who sharpen batting eyes and the men who loosen pitching arms are at it. Some fellows are even trying to raise averages.

There are two men's softball leagues, the A League and the B League.

Standings		
Men's A League		
	W	L
Junior I	2	0
Freshman I	1	0
Seniors	1	0
Sophomores I	1	0
Junior II	0	2
Freshman II	0	3
Men's B League		
	W	L
Freshman V	1	0
Sophomore II	1	0
Freshman III	1	0
Junior-Senior	0	1
Freshman IV	0	2

Freshman I, 6 - Freshman II, 1

Don Sommers and Herman Ropp held the Freshman II squad to 3 hits and 1 run while their team mates were scoring 6 times on 7 hits. Myron Oesch was the Frosh I catcher. Oesch and Stover had two hits apiece for the winners. The battery for Frosh II was Kauffman, relieved by Yoder in the 6th with Schultz receiving. Keenan hit, safely twice for the losers.

Junior I, 23 - Freshman II, 4

Bill Swartzentruber handcuffed Freshman II for 4 innings allowing 2 hits and no runs. The Freshman finally scored 4 times in the fifth off Meyer who relieved Swartzentruber. Meanwhile the Juniors were lambasting 19 hits and scoring 23 times. Art Meyer got 4 hits for the winners including a mighty homer. Swartzentruber also homered. The batteries were: Junior II, Swartzentruber, Meyer (5) and H. Yoder; Freshman II, Hoffman and Schultz.

Seniors 6 Junior II, 1

Carl Yoder pitched no-hit softball until with one out in the sixth inning Bob Harnish dropped a Texas Leaguer behind first base for the Juniors only hit of the game. The Juniors scored twice in the 4th inning, however, on a walk, an error, passed ball, and a fielder's choice, spoiling Carl's shutout. The seniors meanwhile got to Albrecht for 10 hits and 16 runs, 8 of them in the final inning. Boehr, Miller and Erb each got 2 hits for the winners. For the Juniors it was Albrecht and Johns all the way, for the seniors Yoder and Erb.

Sept. 22—Junior I, 11 - Junior II, 1
Bill Swartzentruber held the Junior II team to one hit and one run while his teammates romped across 11 times. Sarge Yoder and Chet Raber clouted for the circuit for Junior I.

Albrecht and Johns were the battery for the losers. Swartzentruber racked up victory No. 2 for the season with H. Yoder taking care of the catching chore.

Sophomore I, 14 - Freshman II, 4

Taking advantage of Hoffman's wildness the Sophomore I team scored 14 times on 6 hits to win their first league start. Cripe went to the hill for the sophomores and allowed 4 runs on 5 hits. One of the runs was a homer by John Schultz, the Freshman's catcher. Schult caught for the sophomores. The loss made it 3 in a row for Freshman II.

B LEAGUE

Frosh IV 10 Frosh III 18

The opening B league game saw team III pile up 11 runs on 11 hits in the first inning and coast in from there to win 18-10. Nafziger and S. Hostetler had 4 hits each for the victors. E. Metzler and P. Conrad had 3 each for Frosh IV. Frosh IV got 10 runs on 13 hits. The battery was Conrad and Troyer. Frosh III got 18 runs on 23 hits. Hostetler was in the box with Sloneker catching.

Frosh V 9 - Junior-Senior 8

Frosh V scored 3 runs in the sixth to edge the Junior-Senior squad 10-9. Redekop, Bender and Hurst pitched for the upper classmen. Ivan Miller caught. For the Freshman it was Nafziger and Hershberger.

Sophomore II won a B league game from Freshman II by forfeit.

SOPHS, FROSH I WIN FIRST GAMES

The 1948-49 girl's softball season has opened and from all appearances we can expect some keen competitive games. The sophomores, juniors and seniors have re-enlisted their old standbys, and the freshmen, with their "fresh out of high school" stamina, are not to be underestimated.

Throughout the season we are bound to have some thrillers. So, girls, give it all you have and take it, win or lose. And fellows, how about coming out and giving some moral support? The results might surprise you.

Scores for the games thus far are:

Soph 32 - Frosh III 2.

Frosh I 35 - Frosh II 3.

The completion of the Junior-Senior game, 10-8, was postponed due to that overwhelming drive called hunger.

The W.A.A. held an outing at Brunk's cabin on September 25-26.

An Avon-Vesperian Literary game is scheduled for September 28. Here is your chance to see if you made a good choice.

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Comparatively light activity is reported on the romantic front. Outposts on the benches near Kulp Hall report little unusual. Most of the current activity is reconnaissance work. Since the rouge's gallery has been removed, surveys must be made at closer range, i. e., in the mile long chow lines, etc.

Both sides are attempting to determine their opponents' strengths and weaknesses. Some are putting on a bold front. We are wondering where that red tie comes from, Ray.

Several rookies have been caught fraternizing with the enemy. One was court-martialed Friday night. More informed sources report that victim number one was a martyr for better athletics. Moral: Learn how to swim before you strike John out.

Captured photos are appearing in greater numbers at all centers. Current black market rate for prize photo of Mary Yutzky is highly inflated. Contact Claude Miller for details.

Already several armchair strategists are bringing forth their grand designs. Seems several from the tin castle described their perfect girl, after which she was made into an ideal composite. It turned out that Jean Carper came nearest to fitting the imaginary description! Hmm.

It is only reasonable to expect that the next few weeks will bring steadily increasing activity in this sector, as both groups seem to be getting better acquainted with the terrain.

Doc Moser seems all set for the coming rush with his red and black poster on the physics stockroom door. The "Justice of the Peace" does 'em three ways, including well-done.

P.S. We fishes are living better since the Adelphians were moved to put water in the hole. Rumor has it that one Aurora gave moral support to this nocturnal episode.

Special communique for North Hall residents only. This is hot stuff. Electrician John Byers claims he has the heating plant fixed!

How absent minded can a prof actually get? Ask Professor Smith. After frantically searching for his coat one entire afternoon and after quizzing hundreds of delegates at the Kansas World Conference, he was finally reminded that he had taken it in to the cleaners that afternoon.

Caution for freshmen: If Norman Berkshire (Senior) arrives at the conclusion that you are the logical successor to John Howard Yoder, don't be too worried. It's happened before.

—The Fishies

In order to present a more successful column, the editors are soliciting the aid of everyone in writing this column. If you have a choice item for the Fishies, write it down and send it to "Over the Dam" via the campus mail. The editors reserve the right to edit or refuse any material.

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Joe College to Betty Coed: "You know, Betty, this new Gym is it. There isn't a thing it isn't going to have. It's simply a marvel of architectural beauty and luxury."

Betty Coed to Joe College: "That's the truth, Joe. There's only one place that is going to be able to hold a candle to it; that's the Goshen Tourist Lodge. Speaking of luxury and comfort, that's a place that really has it. I've got it reserved for Mom and Dad this week end."

Joe to Betty: "Kinda chilly in those cabins this late in the fall, isn't it?"

Betty to Joe: "Chilly! Don't tell me! Those cabins are snug as a bug in a rug—the whole winter through! And such beds, and private baths, and everything! It's just the ideal place for Mom. She's so particular! Boy! We'll have a good time. I sure am homesick to see them!"