Here on Campus

1977 SUMMER SCHOOL
JULY 11-29

INSTRUCTORS AND TENTATIVE COURSES:

David Showalter
Family Nurture
Inductive Method of Bible Study
Introduction to Homiletics

Le Roy Yoder
Galatians
O. T. Typology
Non-resistance & Non-conformity

Alvin Yoder
Proverbs
James
Epistles of John

Willard Mayer
Genesis 1-11
Christian Evidences
Principles of Biblical Interpretation

Families also take advantage of Summer School by combining spiritual refreshment with a family vacation. Pictured is John Hochstetler and children.

The final selection of courses offered will be made according to student interest expressed by May 31. Each course offers 1 1/2 hours credit.

In addition to the regular three-week session, three one-week "mini-courses" will be offered this year. Students will be able to receive 1 hour credit per course. (Students need not be enrolled for the three-week term in order to receive credit for these classes.)

FIRST WEEK: July 11-15 -- Intro. to Child Development -- Elmer Jantzi
SECOND WEEK: July 18-22 -- Guidance in Counseling -- Mel Shetler
THIRD WEEK: July 25-29 -- Science and the Bible -- Elmer H. Maust

For further information and/or application, write: ADMISSIONS, Rosedale Bible Institute, 2270 Rosedale Rd., Irwin, OH 43029.
1977 EUROPEAN TOUR

A summer project of study and singing in Europe is being planned at RBI for early summer, 1977.

The idea began over a year ago in an informal conversation between Walter Beachy and Lloyd Kauffman. When each discovered the interest of the other in spending a period of time in Europe for study next summer, discussion began about the practicality of a student group accompanying them for several weeks. Counsel from a number of persons in or associated with Mennonite churches in Europe led to a decision to plan for a tour with a combined choral and study emphasis.

As tour plans have progressed, the purposes of learning, fellowship, and sharing have especially come into focus. Along with a basic intent of learning as guests in a foreign setting, we also plan for a concentration of input in Anabaptist history, co-ordinated by Walter Beachy. As there is opportunity, we hope to share a bit of ourselves in various churches through a ministry of music.

Because of the newness of this kind of venture, the group was assembled on an invitational basis. Those comprising the singing group are: Karen Jantzi, Janet Good, Elaine Miller, Esther Haarer, Jim and Mary Suter, Mrs. Mary Kauffman, Glen Miller, Jon Yoder, Jon Showalter, Laban Miller, and Walter Beachy. Additional group members include Walter’s wife, Mary Jane, their two daughters, Sharon and Lisa, and Lloyd Kauffman. (Walter plans, along with members of his family, to spend additional time in Europe following the group tour for a further period of study of Anabaptist history.) Each participant is responsible for his own expenses.

As the tour this summer progresses, we are also aware of the possibility of interest in future study groups which would focus specifically upon Anabaptist history rather than combining it with a choral tour. If you as a student, alumnus, or acquaintance of RBI would be interested in such a tour, perhaps in 1978, with leadership by RBI personnel, we would be happy for you to register that interest with us. This can be of help as a factor in determining whether or not that kind of tour should be considered.

As we continue to plan details of the tour, we are aware of a sharpened focus in perspective of history, mission and Christian fellowship which can happen. We pray that it shall.

-- Lloyd Kauffman

Viewpoint

WHO IS THE SERVANT? -- Elmer Jantzi

Currently, there is a sense of uneasiness among the "Sons of Memno" regarding Conference and church-sponsored boards, agencies and institutions. It appears that there has developed a "They-We" tension suggesting a mutual distrust rather than mutual confidence. The withholding of funds by the local churches reflects such a mood.

Theoretically, all such agencies or institutions began as servants of the Church. They were designed as tools or aids in developing the spiritual life and interests of the local sponsoring fellowship.

History, however, reflects a dynamic that work in which a reversal of process takes place. Gradually, the Church becomes a servant of the institution with the institution assuming an autonomy suggesting its intrinsic right to exist. This is particularly characteristic of church-sponsored educational institutions.

It seems to me that academic expertise must always be tempered by and adjusted to the practical needs that exist in the everyday life of the local church. Unless this adjustment occurs, such expertise can become trained incompetence -- a pseudo-intellectualism that may be impressive within the academic community itself but of minimal value in its contribution to the life of the local church.

RBI is not exempt from these dynamics of history. I would hope, however, that these processes can be slowed down and reduced by maintaining a keen sensitivity to the needs of our churches -- by maintaining a willingness and readiness to adjust our program to the needs of the people. Academic quality need not be sacrificed but rather it becomes quality by ministering practically to contemporary church needs.
NEW YEAR'S REFLECTIONS

As I look back, the past year has been one of learning; not only assimilating cold facts, but also experience.

The process of maturity can be painful. I remember how hard it was to decide to put away my dolls for good. I struggled between living in the unrealistic world of "just for fun" and discovering myself.

We make some of the same decisions today. Each new step that is taken must be preceded by a clearing of any selfish obstruction. A part of self must be sacrificed so the added discovery or commitment has room to grow.

Becoming mature heightens "responsibility"; learning to apply the knowledge we have. God reveals a bigger part of Himself only as we digest what we already know. We are not to be spoon-fed; a definite act of the will is involved. At that point, Christ moves in to take over what we cannot do ourselves.

May we as a body of Christ covenant to live with a receptivity to God's spirit working within us in the coming year.

-- Ruth Anne Swartz, MI --

CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS

A person is constantly thinking and it is only as you choose to confide in someone that they will know what you are thinking. By sharing confidences, you will begin to know yourself and allow someone else the privilege of knowing you. To confide in a person is to give one's self, the most precious gift one can offer.

Everyone is naturally reluctant at first, but by sharing our concerns, struggles, and burdens, we can actually be liberated from the grip under which they hold us.

You will never know the peace and strengthening power that comes from another's prayer if you don't first give of yourself. Liberate yourself from the restraints that hold you back from experiencing the true communion that you could have with God and others, and open your heart to love.

-- Deb Jamison, KS

EDITORIAL

I've heard it said that "wisdom consists in knowing what to do with what you know." As I learned more and more truth about God and how He works, my mind finally became so full of new concepts that I was almost overwhelmed at how to use that knowledge. It was head knowledge, but was it heart knowledge? Could I really put to practice all the things I had put in my notebook?

Then God reminded me that the most important thing for me is not to come to know truth in its manifold aspects, but to know Him -- the "living truth".

John 16:13, "... He will guide you into all truth..."

"The door to the human heart can be opened only from the inside."

A LIFE OF EASE

My time of solitude and meditation is almost over. The students have come and gone, leaving me behind with a few scratches and scars as reminders of their playful activities. I was thrown across the table as the object of a game and sometimes I crashed over the edge. My buddy and I were rubbed and twisted together as nervous hands were calmed. Sometimes the students mixed our contents or set us on edge as we balanced dangerously in mid-air.

My life is never boring and Christians can take a lesson from me. They can flavor the world with love and concern as they share the good news with the lost just as I flavor the food they eat. I add a dash of spice to food much like they give new hope to those in despair. A Christian life isn't all a life of ease -- but then neither is a salt shaker, especially at Rosedale!

-- Connie Miller, IN
HOW DO YOU KNOW IT’S WINTER?

Linda Yoder: My hands and nose are always cold.
Lester Diller: I had to put more blankets on my bed.
Edna Fern Hershberger: It takes more hot chocolate.
Luke Weaver: I have a cold.
Patti Stutzman: I'm wrapping up.
Kevin Burkholder: When you have to wear long-johns to class.
Anita Frey: When you try to close a door that’s frozen shut.
Walter Beachy: By observation and experience.

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"Nothing like a cold shower to wake you up -- you have to go back to bed to warm up!"

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OVERWHELMED?

"... but they harkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage." Ex. 6:9.

In desperation, the Israelites cried to the Lord for deliverance. Moses brought God's promise to deliver them but overwhelmed by weariness and self-pity, they failed to recognize the answer God sent.

Studies, deadlines, demands of close relationships, frustrate me. Problems loom larger than solutions. I pour out my troubles to any sympathetic ear, but I want only pity or the removal of difficulties, not promises of better days nor advice on ploughing ahead. Then I think of the children of Israel.

Am I too enwrapped in problems to see God's hand in my experiences? Do I brush aside God's answers in my friends?

-- Carolyn Roth, OR

The promises of God --
They're too good to be true, but they are! -- Walter B.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Claiming God's precious promises and maturing in the Christian life was the central focus of the Revival meetings held Jan. 14-16. Walter Beachy was the speaker.

I felt the highlight of the meetings was Sunday evening. Many commitments were made after which there was a time of singing and testimonies. I thank God for using Walter to show us a new and different perspective on the Christian life.

-- Terri Jordan, WI

Christmas Caroling

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

"Joy to the World . . ."
"Silent Night . . ."

Everyone was in the Christmas spirit. Rosedale residents were no exceptions. One Friday evening the students divided into two groups to sing Christmas carols. One group sang in the Columbus shopping mall, while the other group went to the Springfield mall.

The students and faculty wish to express their thanks to the staff for the effort and enthusiasm put into the colonial-style Christmas banquet on Dec. 11. The faculty and their wives sang several songs after which Lucy Beachy gave a slide-sound presentation of her trip to the western states.

The highlight of the Christmas activities was the Christmas program. The chapel was nearly filled on December 17 as the Chorus, the Chorale, a Mens' ensemble and a trio presented various numbers. Near the end of the service, the choruses and audience joined in singing Christmas carols by candlelight -- a fitting climax indeed.

-- Anna Mary Lantz, PA
Faculty Meditation

WHERE IS THE SAFEST PLACE TO LIVE?

About a year ago a special newsletter was handed to me by a frightened girl in the seventh grade. A tidal wave, predicted by a church group claiming to have had a vision from God, was to engulf all of Florida. The letter in essence said, "Flee for your life!"

A number of Floridians were troubled. Guatemala had just experienced a devastating earthquake. I remember thinking, "Is this of God?" I presented it to God and prayed, "Lord, we belong to you. Show us your will in this matter. Amen." A peace flooded my total being, for I knew I was in the will of God.

Since that traumatic experience, I have thought of others whom God had called to live dangerously. In 1952, Jim Elliot, a young man of twenty-five, headed for Ecuador — the answer to years of praying for God's guidance concerning his life work. He wrote in his diary, "My going to Ecuador is God's counsel, ... and how do I know? Yes, my heart instructeth me in the night season. Oh, how good! For I have known my heart is speaking to me for God!" Jim and his four comrades went to Ecuador to their death. Could it be that these men were born to die in the jungles of Ecuador?

Adoniram Judson and his wife Ann of the late 1700's and early 1800's were led of God to Burma. Adoniram was cast into prison and Ann and his daughter died of spotted fever. Yet, after toiling over manuscripts, he translated the Bible into the Burmese language. His labor of love and hardship produced a harvest of souls for God. T. W. in his book, The Christian Hall of Fame, writes, "Thirty years after his death, Burma had sixty-three Christian churches, one hundred and sixty-three missionaries, and over seven thousand and baptized converts."

Where is the safest place to live? In Psa. 91:1-2 (Living Letters), the writer concludes that "We live within the shadow of the almighty, sheltered by . . . God. He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I am trusting in Him."

The place of safety may be a dangerous or difficult one. It depends what God's plan is for the individual. For many it was death. For us in Florida it was life.

The point is not whether we are in an environment that is safe, but that we are where God wants us to be. For God can protect us just as well in Auca Indian territory as in a peaceful neighborhood like Rosedale. Jim Elliot's life message was completed with his death. The place of safety must always be in the center of God's will. Hallelujah!

-- Francis Overholt

At Rosedale...

A number of faculty and some students plan to attend a seminar with Francis Schaeffer in Indianapolis, IN Feb. 10-12. The Seminar includes a newly released ten-episode film series entitled, How Should We Then Live? written by Mr. Schaeffer.

Visitor's Fellowship Week-end: Feb. 4-5. The chorus program is planned for Saturday evening, Feb. 5.

Two Gospel Teams from RBI are preparing to share programs during the Feb. 11-21 term break. Programs are being scheduled in DE, VA, NC, and TN for the one team. The other team will be in MI, IN, and KY.

Myron Augsburger will be guest speaker for the Christian Life and Missions Conference Mar. 4-6. Representatives from a number of Mennonite Mission programs and concerns will be giving some input as well. A Saturday session is also planned. You are invited to visit RBI this week-end and share in this conference.

WEATHER REPORT:

COLD. SNOW. DRIFTED ROADS. CARS STUCK. NO MAIL. TEMPERATURE: -23 DEGREES. WIND CHILL INDEX: -60 DEGREES. COMMUTING STUDENTS STRANDED AT RBI OVERNIGHT. PRESIDENT RUNS FACULTY "SCHOOL BUS" WITH FOUR WHEEL DRIVE. FROZEN PIPES. CARS WON'T START. WIND: 15-20 M.P.H.

FORECAST: MORE HOT CHOCOLATE & POP CORN
Alumni News

BIRTHS

Rodney Scott was born Nov. 22 to Marie (Zimmerman) (68-68) and Beryl Moser, Akron, PA.

Troy N. was born Nov. 21 to Harold and Eva Jane Hoover (71) Lititz, PA.

Daniel Curtis was born Oct. 6 to Fred (76) and Julie Heller, Lititz, PA.

Jeffrey Ryan was born Oct 17 to Floyd (76) and Geraldine (70S,76) (Delagrange) Kenney, Spencerville, IN.

Matthew Todd was born Dec. 22 to Andrew and Joy (Yoder) (68-72) Eversole, Austin, IN.

Amy Rashelle was born Dec. 25 to Bill and Susan (Miller) Hochstedler (73-75), Red Lake, Ontario. (Formerly from Kalona, IA).

ENGAGEMENTS

Leon D. Miller (74S), Belle, Blaineville, PA and Lynda Byler, Belle, Blaineville, PA. A July wedding is planned. (Leon was from Goshen, Ind.)

Eileen Mauet (74,75,??) Meyersdale, PA and Richard Yoder, Salisbury, PA.

Arlene Eberly (75), Roanoke, IL and Ron Kennel, Peoria, IL. Arlene was from Bay Port, MI. A June wedding is being planned.

Delmer Bichorn (76) and Kathy Wert, both of Lexington, OH.

Margaret Sommers (72,73) Hartville, OH and Delmar Hostetler, Louisville, KY.


WEDDINGS

Shirley Yoder (71-73) Dover, DE and Maynard Miller, Stuarts Draft, VA were married Nov. 20.

David Siegrist (69-71) (formerly from Lancaster, PA) and Dorothy Nast, Sugar Creek, OH were married Dec. 31, David was Dean of Men at RBI in 1971.

DEATHS

Aaron Jantsi (69) Lowville, NY died October 5 at the age of 74.

Third term enrollment is 256. This is the highest per term enrollment in the school's history. The use of one classroom as a dormitory has provided room for about 25 additional fellows.

A ladies' restroom has been installed in the old business office in the classroom building.

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JESUS

He is the Way the Truth and the Life.

[Image: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
John 8:32"

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