

So he's just going to have to confine himself to this, but he is having an influence in many denominations. It is really a thing to praise the Lord for -- the part we had in preparing him.-- that he's done.

We're still pretty much on the first 3 years. In '37 we started. By '39 the war in Europe had started. That cast a shadow. It wasn't long until the draft started and all our fellows were signed up for it. Before the draft started we would have 40 students signed up in May to come to seminary the next year. When fall came 20 of them might have gone somewhere else.

On the other hand we might get 20 new ones we'd never heard of before. But once the draft started the fellows had to be definitely signed up early, so it made a big difference in the whole situation. I think I've already mentioned to you the night of Pearl Harbor and the -- that had quite an effect on the seminary situation. We had some fine fellows during those years. We kept getting a sizeable number from Wheaton. I'd go to Wheaton for two days and would stay there four or five. By the time I was there the third day, I'd have appointments all through the day talking to students.

Since '56 we've had practically nobody from Wheaton. Those years from '37 to '52 we were in Wilmington. In '52 we --our finances got rather far behind. Also the seminary had grown to the point where we were crowded. We bought a house from our main building over this way a block and a half, and we were having our chapel down that way for a block. We needed more space, and we were spread all over the town. We had a lot of contacts in the town. Particularly in the First Independent Church.

We had a meeting with Dr. McIntire and talked about the financial situation. He said you'll have to cut your cloth == pattern according to the cloth you've got, etc. We had to cut down, etc. He told me he was rebuked when he got home and thought about it, and thought we should not hold back. But we needed more space definitely. So he looked around and found this property at Elkins Park. I went up with him and looked at it and I said, Why don't you get it.

He decided it would be worth getting, but Dr. Stam said, Our roots go pretty deep here in Wilmington and we should consider it at more length. McIntire made up his mind it was a good thing and, of course, it was a good thing from two viewpoints: We would have more space which we needed badly. Another thing was we were behind financially, and it gave us a strong thing to appeal to our constituency. Here is a big step forward. Then in making the big step forward we make up what is behind in our finances and get everything in shape.

He had a little argument, I remember, with a woman who was assisting our treasurer because she said, This money is sent in for the move, not for running expenses. He said, The money is sent, the money we are getting is for moving our whole activity from there to there, and it cannot be divided that way. It brought the expenses up, etc. It was a big step for the seminary.