

That was one of the toughest job I ever had in my life. It was 4 hrs. in a row in a subject you had never taught before. And with a group of students who were absolutely devoted to the man you were replacing, and whose inclination was--they were fine Christian people and they did not let it affect their attitude, but their inclination was to ~~dislike~~ dislike anybody who would take his place. But they overcame that pretty well. But it was a touch thing.

The strange thing was he said it's the greatest crisis and they would not probably have another like that in a century, and the very next year they had a much worse one and he was out! That was in connection with ours when half the faculty left us.

Dr. Stam was a tremendous help to us. He became dean and registrar. He was --is in a nursing home now and can hardly see. We heard from him just a couple of weeks ago. I said to my wife-- they said he can't read; his eyes are too bad. I knew someone a few years ago who could not read. His eyes were bad, but he could get around alright and they said the government provided them with a machine to listen and all kinds of things to listen to at the government's expense. I think I should write his daughter about this. I mention this to my wife. She said, He could not sit still long enough to listen to it.

I don't know whether that's true or not. I'll put it up to his daughter, but he was a sort of nervous disposition, and on the go every minute. He got a lot of things done, and on the whole he had a very good influence on the students. I'm very grateful for the 8 yrs. he was with us. A ~~grand~~ grand fellow.

I mentioned to you how Dr. McIntire insisted on us ~~xx~~ having that course that would -- because there were not enough fellows becoming Bible Presbyterians. I think we had 7 graduating with 2 of them (BP's). He was all upset and I did not know what he might do., and in the end it was to ask one of our finest graduates to come in and teach this course on the present issues. I mentioned to you the mistake was having it the first semester of the first year. The result was that a great many people who would have gone along with it in the course of a few years, but getting that right the first year it developed a very unpleasant attitude among the students.

I felt that for a few years it was not like ~~x~~ it should be at all, and the war got us out of it. Because when the war came so many of our students were drafted that our student (body) got very small. There was an irritation developing that affected the senior class and would pass on to the others. Well, when the war came we got to where our senior class was very small, and that influence was broken. So the effect of it just wore itself out. It was broken by the war. So that was one of the good things the war did.

Neher: People were being drafted, is that the reason -- or enlisting, and that was the reason there were less students?