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Youth Meet at Niagara Chapel

Holdina Voth

The Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel in Ontario held its first Young People's Conference on September 16, 17, and 18. Months of prayer and planning ended in days of rich blessing while young people took time out to wait on the Lord. The topic for the three-day conference was, "Coming Events in God's Plan."

The guest speakers at the conference were Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Kitchener M.B. church, and Rev. Leo Janz of Three Hills, Alta. The latter is on his way to Germany with the Janz Gospel Team. His brother Hildor Janz is the soloist and Mr. Harding Braaten is the pianist.

The local young people provided a great deal of the music in the form of solo, duet, trio, and quartet. An opportunity was given to ask questions concerning the topic, which were then discussed at the following service. Personal counselling was gladly given. Lunch was served for all after the afternoon services.

The topics discussed at the conference by Rev. Toews were: A Panoramic View of God's Dealing with Man (Heb. 1:1-3); Closing Events in the Church Age (Matth. 16:2; 24:32-33); Rapture (Acts 1:10-11); Tribulation (Matth. 24:21); Millennium (Rev. 20:1); Judgment (II Cor. 5:6-15 and Rev. 20:11-15); Heaven and Hell (Rev. 21:7 and Rev. 21:8; 20:14-15).

The messages given by Bro. Janz dealt with the practical Christian



L. to R., J. J. Toews, pastor at Kitchener M.B. church; Harvey Gossen, leader of young peoples committee; and Ernie Dick, song leader. (Photo by Ernie Friesen.)

life in view of these future events. His topics were: My Everyday Life in View of Coming Events (I John 2:28 and Philippians 4:13); How to Know the Will of God for My Life; Ye Must Be Born Again (John 3:1-15); and My Obligation to the Lost World (Mark 16:15).

As a result of the conference several young people accepted Christ and others dedicated their lives to service in the Lord's vineyard. Older Christians have shouldered anew the burden for the lost world about them and abroad. The offering amounted to \$431.

They Need our Help

"The material help in the time of need during the past years has produced remarkable results. It has opened the ear of the people for the spiritual truths", declared Rev. Cornelius Wall, principal of the European Mennonite Bible School at a meeting in South End M.B. church in Winnipeg on September 27. "We must continue to work toward the spiritual rehabilitation of these people", he continued.

Bro. Wall has been principal of the European Mennonite Bible School for the last three years. He and his wife are visiting the churches in America to arouse interest and support for the school.

"Our aim in Bible school is to get our students to know Christ and then prepare them to be vital church members and labourers in the church," Bro. Wall said. "Many

tell us, 'We have lost our God during the storm and stress of life'."

The three-year course at the Bible school attracts students from many European countries and is taught in German and French by a faculty of 6. School is held in a building that the MCC purchased in Basel for the purpose.

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ORDINATION SERVICE AT KITCHENER

Three brethren were ordained as deacons in the M.B. church at Kitchener, Ontario, on Sunday afternoon, September 25. Ordained were the brethren G. Dick, Jr., D. D. Wiens, Jr., and C. J. Rempel. Speakers were Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor, and Rev. I. T. Ewert, assistant pastor and moderator of the Ontario M.B. Conference. Rev. Toews spoke on Acts 13:1-3 and Rev. Ewert on John 15:1-8 and Lamentations 3:58.

Morden Male Choir Sings at Munich

The Morden Male Choir travelled south to Munich, North Dakota, on Sunday, Sept. 25, to sing at the thanksgiving and mission festival of the M.B. church there. Rev. J. A. Toews of Winnipeg went along as guest speaker.

The Morden Male Choir numbers about 25 singers and is under the leadership of Bro. Isaac Voth. The distance to Munich, N.D., is about 60 miles, and a visit by groups from Canada is much appreciated by the church members at Munich. The M.B. church there numbers about 60, with Rev. Arthur Harder the pastor.

JANZEN RETURNS TO WINNIPEG FROM EUROPE

After a two-months series of meetings in various parts of Europe, Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the M.B. Bible College, returned to Winnipeg on September 27. He arrived in New York on September 24 on the liner "New Amsterdam".

Rev. Janzen was the speaker at a one-week city-wide evangelistic campaign in Basel, Switzerland. He also spoke for a week during the three-week evangelistic campaign in Linz, Austria, as well as visiting many other cities to give expositions on the Word of God.

Europe is still open to evangelism, he states, but it is received best when done on an interdenominational basis because of the strong ecumenical movement there. There is a crying need for evangelists, for there are not many in Europe today.

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2.

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FAMILY WEEKLY

Thankful Churches

— The annual harvest thanksgiving and mission festival of the Justice, Man., M.B. church was held on Sunday, Sept. 18. Rev. H. Regehr, instructor at the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg, was the guest speaker at both the thanksgiving service in the morning and the mission festival in the afternoon.

— The members of the Kelowna M.B. church motored to Oliver, B.C., to join the M.B. church for their annual joint thanksgiving service. John Klassen, West Coast Children's Mission worker at Oliver, was in charge of the services.

During the thanksgiving service in the morning, Bro. George Martens, mission worker at Grand Forks, and Rev. J. J. Unger of Kelowna were the speakers. In the mission service in the afternoon Bro. Marten faced the congregation with the need of the lost sinner. Rev. Neufeld of the United Mennonite church at Oliver also delivered a message.

— The church at Blaine Lake, Sask., observed the annual harvest and mission festival on Sunday, September 11. Visitors arrived from Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Arlee, Shell Lake, and Blaine Lake in such numbers that the church was full by the time the local people arrived. Chronic late-comers, they had to stand outside or in the still unfinished part of the new church, which they hope to finish soon.

A number of ministers had arrived and every one was given an opportunity to say what the Lord had laid upon his heart.

— The M.B. church at Virgil, Ont., held its annual harvest thanksgiving and mission festival on Sunday, Sept. 25. The church was filled in the morning to praise and thank the Lord for His goodness. In the afternoon another service was held with special emphasis on foreign missions.

The speakers for the morning service were Rev. Wm. Falk, North Kildonan, Man., and Rev. Frank Wiens, Virgil, Ont. They spoke on Psalm 145 and Psalm 147 respectively. In the afternoon Rev. Henry Penner, St. Catharines, (See THANKFUL CHURCHES on Page 8-1)

Editorial

They Meet a Need

The Bible Colleges in Winnipeg began another school-year this week. Thus it is in order for us to stop and reflect upon their significance and our responsibilities.

Three thousand years ago a judge and prophet in Israel took steps to ensure the continuation of the "prophetic" line. The Scriptures declare that after the death of Joshua and the elders who outlived him, there arose a generation that knew not the Lord, nor the works which He had done for Israel. And Samuel, aware of the implications this had for the continuation of Israel as a nation set apart unto Jehovah, founded the school of the prophets, men who were "forthtellers" (preachers) more than they were "foretellers" (prophets).

Transferring to the nineteenth century, we find the Mennonite pioneers in Saskatchewan acutely aware of the dangers facing young people in a secularized public school and high school. As a result they founded the first Mennonite Bible school in Canada in Herbert, Sask.

The late thirties and the early forties proved, however, that the Bible schools did not go far enough. The Bible colleges were then founded to meet the evident need for advanced education in Christian education and theology. Centred in Winnipeg, they have opened their doors for another year of solid instruction in an area of life that is rapidly gaining new significance in the minds of educators — the spiritual.

Bible schools and Bible colleges offer a unique opportunity for young people to step out of the race for intellectual, social, material, and physical achievements, and take time out for the development of the inner man. Here is an opportunity to gain the inner spiritual fortitude that is so necessary in a high-tension world.

But going to a Bible college does not automatically mean a deeper experience of the presence of Christ or an instant transformation into the image of Christ. This demands all-out effort and lusty wielding of the sword of the Spirit. Satan and his cohorts make repeated invasions on the shore of man's mind, but by erecting adequate defences through Bible study, prayer, and fellowship, they can be prevented from making beachheads there.

What can we who remain at home do? We can pray for our friends and loved ones as they go to school for another year. We can write them long letters full of news from home. And we can support the Bible colleges as God gives us means.

At no time in our history have so many young people been studying away from home. This places an added burden on the home churches, but it also gives the churches in the area where the schools are located new responsibilities. They must give these students a spiritual home away from home. Are we meeting the challenge?

May God bless our Bible colleges to His glory this coming year!

Through the Looking-Glass

Perspective in Time

When examining an object under a looking-glass it is important to find the right perspective, the appropriate distance. Otherwise the glass becomes a detriment rather than a help. This column is dedicated to constructive criticism of topics on which we have gained the right perspective through the passage of time. The society "Deutsche Muttersprache" is a case in point.

A number of young people have viewed this endeavour with some cynicism and suspicion during the first years of its existence. Among possible reasons was the seeming tendency by some to make the preservation of the German lan-

guage a holy crusade, to promote it from behind the pulpits and in other ways give it special attention. This could not be understood by those whose primary interest is the proclamation of the Gospel. However, since the existence and true aims of the society needed to be thoroughly diffused, a crusading zeal was justified.

By now the young people should have gained perspective, as the first halting steps have been made and healthy tendencies are evident. Chief of these are the correspondence course and lending library. They have placed the endeavour on a practical and sound footing, truly academic. Emphasis is be-

Devotional

Living Beneath Your Privileges!

Walter Wiebe *

Bunyan in his Pilgrim's Progress paints the picture of a man with the muck rake. He is a man worn and bent with little cares about little things. In his hand is a rake with which he continually rakes about in muck, dirt, and filth. All the while in the free blue air over him there hangs a shining, golden crown, the inheritance of the man with the muck rake, if — if he would but straighten his back, look up, and reach out the hand of faith to receive that which God would so freely and gladly give him — a royal crown. His was a kingly privilege, but he was living beneath that prerogative.

In the parable that Jesus told of the prodigal son we see another picture of an individual living beneath his privileges. He was a slave when he might have been a master. He was clothed in rags when he might have been dressed in the best robe. His gnawing vitals groaned for the awkward comfort that swine's husks might provide, when he might have had a decent dinner eaten respectably at a clean table.

He might have enjoyed the pleasant company of those who loved him, and found mental and spiritual satisfaction in intelligent conversation with other bright young men. But all he had to cheer him were the grunts and rooting of ill-smelling swine. He might have had a task which matched his intelligence and challenged the best that was in him. But he found himself bound to the dull drudgery of a degrading job for the sake of very existence.

This has a twofold modern parallel. How many there are who could be sons of God and joint heirs with Christ and yet go about utterly destitute of spiritual, eternal life!

Has it also an application to you and me as Christians? I think it does. We too may live beneath the privileges of the Christian life. What food do I provide for my soul? Am I feeding on the Living Bread? What are the garments of my soul? Am I clothed with humility, and adorned with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of God is of great price? Do we reign as kings and priests unto our God, over self and sin? Who are my companions? Do I intimately know the wholesome influence of the Holy Spirit's companionship?

O, my soul, arise to your glorious privileges in Christ Jesus! You have been quickened together with Him. You have been raised together with Him into a new life. You have been made to sit together with Him, in a new sphere of existence.

* Pastor of Laird M.B. church and instructor at the Bethany Bible Institute.

Missionary Ordained

At an ordination service in the Nordheim Mennonite church in Winnipegosis, Man., on Sunday, Sept. 11, Miss Lena Peters was ordained as a missionary. Rev. J. J. Thiessen, chairman of the Canadian General Conference, performed the ordination.

A registered nurse, Miss Peters has studied at Elim Bible School in Altona and at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College. Together with Miss Martha Boschman she will leave for Formosa early in October.

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—Submitted.

Unique Opportunity at a Funeral

Peter Esau

On the evening of September 7 a funeral service was held in the Blaine Lake, Sask., Mission chapel for Mr. Chernoshenko, a Ukrainian. He was widely known in the community and had many relatives and friends. As a result the church was too small to accommodate the crowd that came.

Because so many could not attend the service in the evening, another one was held the next morning at 10 a.m. The rain prevented an out-door service, so there was an overflow crowd again. Coffin and crowd moved to a larger church 8 miles distant for a third service.

These three funeral services presented a marvelous opportunity to preach the Gospel to many Catholics and Doukhobors who never or seldom hear the Gospel. A brother-in-law to Mr. Chernoshenko, a Ukrainian minister from Manitoba and a true servant of God, brought three inspiring messages in Ukrainian. His son, a student at the Briercrest Bible Institute at Caronport, Sask., also brought a message in their language, inviting the lost to come to Christ. It was my privilege to bring messages in the English language.

The family requested that the song "Shall We Meet Beyond the River" (a Russian song), be sung after they had said a last good-bye to their loved one. Burial was followed by lunch in the church basement.

Mary Toews off To Belgian Congo

A recent letter from Miss Mary Toews reveals that she will be leaving for the Belgian Congo on September 26, after a year of study in Belgium. She is deeply grateful to God that she has successfully passed all 13 government exams.

She writes, "The course is very valuable, and now we appreciate having it. We were obliged to visit a number of Belgian schools from the primary classes on up to the technical schools, which was very interesting. One of the things that impressed me was the good discipline everywhere. There is not this looseness that we so often find at home. The schools are really progressive too, in spite of the difficult environment they often have to work in."

The courses, obligatory for everyone entering the Belgian Congo as a teacher, include among others, geology, geography, the laws of the land, and even the contracts to be made with

labourers. The missionaries are very thankful for the present government, for the doors remain open to missionary work in spite of Catholic opposition.

Commenting on Belgium, she writes that it is a land of great contrasts — some people very poor, and others extremely rich. The people are very energetic, and the recovery from the devastation of the war years has been very rapid. She also briefly describes the Mennonite mission there, headed by Mr. Schank from the U.S.A., who is also a teacher at the European Mennonite Bible School in Basel.

Again she writes, "One of the highlights of the year has been to fellowship with fellow missionaries, all Congo bound, of which there are 150 in Belgium... It has also been a joy to learn to know the

Belgian Protestant churches and meet the Christians... There are also groups of Mennonites in Belgium and in France who are very evangelical. We enjoyed the fellowship with them."

At the time Miss Toews was having a short holiday in France, near the Swiss border, at a home for missionaries.

Reporting on her stay there she writes, "Sunday they had a missionary rally. It just thrilled my heart to see such a large number who took a positive interest in the work of the Lord. They have started their own mission field together with the Swiss Christians... Europe is weary of "religion", and the doors are wide open for the gospel, if only there were labourers who would consecrate their life to this task!"

Puidoux Theological Conference

Albert J. Meyer *

An historic meeting in which a number of theologians from Lutheran and Reformed Churches in Europe met with representatives of the Historic Peace Churches and of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation was held at Cret Berard, Puidoux (near Lausanne), Switzerland, from August 15 to August 19, 1955. It may well have been the first time in hundreds of years that leaders of the Mennonites and other peace churches grappled with leaders of the Continental state churches in days of discussion on the theological issues that separate them.

The possibility of holding such a conference was first considered at a meeting of the Continuation Committee of the Historic Peace Churches and the International Fellowship of Reconciliation at "Heerewegen", Zeist, Holland, in November 1954. The Continuation Committee had prepared *Peace is the Will of God* as a testimony to the World Council of Churches before the Evanston Assembly, and discussions that arose in the course of the preparation of this document indicated that further theological conversation among the peace groups, perhaps with the co-operation of theologians from other traditions, was desirable.

After these preparations, the thirty-three participants from Denmark, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United States met at Puidoux for the four full days of theological discussion. Outstanding papers on the "People of God and the World" were given by Ds. Hendrik Bremer (Dutch Mennonite), Professor Ernst Wolf of the University of Göttingen, Dean Harold Bender of Goshen College Biblical Seminary, and Professor H. G. Wood

of the Woodbrooke Friends College in England. Dean William Beahm of Bethany Biblical Seminary (Church of the Brethren) and Professor Götz Harbsmeier of the Pädagogisches Institut of Lüneburg contributed to the discussions in an important way. The main studies on the "Christian Ethic for the State" topic were presented by Pastor Jean Lasserre of the French Reformed Church, and by John Yoder of the Mennonites.

It was decided that representative members of the Puidoux circle should be responsible for future planning and that the Puidoux study group should henceforth be called "Church and Peace"; Oberkirchenrat Kloppenburg will continue as chairman and the present secretariat arrangement at the Mennonite Central Committee headquarters here in France will be continued.

* MCC worker in France.

Lindal Mission Report

On September 25 the Lindal, Man., mission station took time out to thank God for his goodness during the past year. Bro. Peter Penner, serving there under the Manitoba M.B. Mission, was in charge. Miss Linda Banman, home on furlough from Brazil, reported on her work in the children's home. Bro. John Boldt, teacher at the Winkler Bible School, was the guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Penner have only recently assumed the responsibilities of the work at Lindal, Man., replacing Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kornelson, who are studying. Their work includes services at Snowflake, 36 miles distant, and Darlingford, 17 miles distant.

MORE MENNONITE M.D.'s COMING

Characteristic of medical colleges across Canada, the Manitoba Medical College has had a five-fold increase in Mennonite students during the last three years. This year four students joined the ranks of those in Medical College, bringing the total up to 26.

John Dyck, now of Winnipeg but recently of Winkler, Clarence Labun, Lowe Farm, with two summers of experience in the MCC unit at Selkirk Mental Hospital, Arthur Dick, following in the footsteps of brothers John, M.D. and Victor, 2nd year medicine, and Jim Enns, Niverville, entered Manitoba Medical College on September 12.

During the past year the scholastic record of Mennonite students has been excellent. Arthur Klassen and Henry Friesen were medal winners, given to the top student in a particular subject, and John Dirks, Helmut Huebert, and Henry P. Krahn won certificates in one or more subjects, indicating they had marks over 75 in that subject.

The encouraging feature about this increase in Mennonite medical students is that most of them have a vital Christian witness, strengthening the witness for Christ on the campus. Certainly they, and all other students in universities and colleges, deserve the intercession of God's people.

Two B.C. Nurses Korea-Bound

Miss Bertha Kornelson, R.N., and Miss Margaret Wiens, R.N., were due to leave last week-end for Korea for work with the MCC. There they will be assigned to children's hospitals in Pusan or Seoul.

Miss Kornelson, a graduate of the School of Nursing at the Vancouver General Hospital, has taken post-graduate studies in operating-room procedure, specializing in orthopedic work. Coming from Abbotsford, B.C., she has worked in the Abbotsford hospital as well as the Vancouver General Hospital.

With Vancouver, B.C., as her home, Miss Wiens has been working as night supervisor in the Vancouver General Hospital.

Both Miss Kornelson and Miss Wiens are M.B. church members, the former at South Abbotsford, and the latter at Fraserview M.B. church in Vancouver.

Thirty thousand people of Hong Kong are living in the streets and sleeping on the pavements. In all there are 670,000 refugees in Hong Kong.

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear boys and girls,
 You know, I even found a grown-up looking for another letter to the boys and girls last week—and she couldn't find it. Frankly, I was hoping to find someone who liked children very much and would like to write to you every week. But everyone seems to be too busy. Isn't that just terrible? So until I find someone who has time to write to you, I will do it myself.

How many of you have found time to write to me?

Don't tell me that you don't know what to write about! Now supposing your cousins were to come to visit you for the first time—what would you tell them? In the same way write to us how old you are, what grade you are in in school, who your Sunday School teacher is, and where you go to church. Then you can write about your hobbies, anything unusual about the place you live at, something special you did at home, at church, or at Sunday School.

How old do you have to be to write? There is no age limit, but you first have to learn to print or write, don't you?

Do you see fall coming? Looking out of my window I can see yellow, reddish-brown, green, and partly green leaves. Quite a few have fallen to the ground.

What does that remind you of? It reminds me of what the Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15: 22, "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive".

It Pays to be a Christian

By Mamo, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

(2nd Installment)

I dreaded our football game, for each time I left the field I knew it would be with aching shins. More than once, a player sent me limping home. Pretending to aim at the ball, he would kick at me and my Christian chums.

In spite of our trouble, we decided to start a Sunday School. Some of our own students began to attend, as did those of a nearby secondary school. And now, though we are gone, other boys are still teaching that same Sunday School.

Even in our school work, God helped us. It so happened that we all held top grades, but each of us in a different subject. This angered the boys, and they accused us of studying one particular subject in order to take first place.

One day we were praying together when another student discovered us. Word of this spread rapidly through the school, turning others against us. This boy stirred up much trouble for us. He and the others made our school life miserable and it was not long before they succeeded in getting us expelled.



Harvey Toews, assistant director of MCC, Waterloo office, and the first six boys at Ailsa Craig discuss preparation for dedication services. (MCC Photos.)



The present staff members at Ailsa Craig: L. to R., Abe Schmitt, acting director; Isabel Gingerich, cook; Elaine Brubaker, matron; and Jack Wall, house father.

Isn't that a wonderful thought? Even as the leaves fall to the ground and die, to have new leaves take their place in spring, so we shall be made alive after death, if we are in Christ—that means, if we have let Jesus into our heart.

As ever,
 UNCLE LES.

PROMOTION DAY AT WARMAN, SASK.

The Warman Mennonite Brethren Church had their Sunday School promotion Sunday evening, Sept. 25. Mr. E. Buller, Sunday School Superintendent of the Saskatoon M.B. church, gave a good

talk on "A Fruit-bearing Sunday School."

Promotion certificates were handed to about 12 happy pupils who are going into another department. Because of the marked growth in the Sunday School the past year, with a record attendance of 97 one Sunday, two more classes, a nursery class and a ladies class, will be arranged for.

Mr. E. Rostek is the newly-elected S.S. superintendent, and Mr. J. Friesen is secretary-treasurer. Further blessings in the salvation of souls is expected during the new Sunday School year.

CHURCH BIBLE QUIZ

By Grace V. Watkins

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| 1. C----- | 1. Place where Elijah defeated prophets of Baal |
| 2. -H----- | 2. The doubter |
| 3. --U---- | 3. Husband of Priscilla |
| 4. ---R-- | 4. Place where Ark rested after the flood |
| 5. ----C- | 5. Paul stayed there three months, and the Jews laid wait for him |
| 6. -----H | 6. Mother of Samuel |

Answers to:

"Church Bible Quiz"

1. Carmel, 2. Thomas, 3. Aquila, 4. Ararat, 5. Greece, 6. Hannah.

PETERS — PAULS

Elsie Pauls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauls, Abbotsford, B.C., and Arnold Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Pauls, Mt. Lehman, B.C., were married on September 24 in the McCallum Road Mennonite Brethren church at Abbotsford. Rev. H. H. Nikkel officiated.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pauls have been teachers and will continue to teach.

QUIRING — ENNS

Nettie Enns, daughter of Mrs. F. Enns and the late Rev. Frank Enns, Steinbach, and Frank Quiring, son of Mrs. Quiring, North Kildonan, Man., were married on Sunday, September 25, at the M.B. church in Steinbach, Man. Rev. Jakob Epp officiated.

Just arrived!

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They Brought Good News

By Mildred Bishop Jorgenson

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(2nd Installment)

One day, to Eleanor's surprise, Eric had made known his desire to go to college. He had no special college in mind; he didn't even have any idea what course he would like to take. Under Miss J's guidance he had found it a delightful experience to gain knowledge and exercise his mind. Of course, it would be necessary for him to work for board and room; perhaps he could borrow the money for tuition.

David had marvelled as his mother told these experiences, and especially when she recounted his father's decision to go to Burwell, a Christian college that stood true to the Word of God when institutions of learning on every side were departing from the fundamentals of the faith.

So easily was everything arranged that Eleanor was sure her Lord was directing each step. She had been ashamed that she was in such a hurry, and so ready to doubt God's promises.

David's father had often mentioned how quickly his feeling of devotion had grown for the rugged stone buildings and the ideals for which the institution stood. David also had experienced it and could understand. On every hand were young people so deeply consecrated to the service of Christ that Eric had felt ashamed of his own indifference. "What think ye of Christ?" was the burning and all important question, and the young Dane had not been able to leave it long unanswered.

While Eleanor had gone about her quiet way of effective witnessing to the students at Runsvold, she had spent much time praying for that former student in whom she had more interest than she cared to admit.

At last the letter had come telling of Eric's decision for Christ, and the following summer he was asked to go on tour with a gospel team. The training and experience proved invaluable to him and God had given him an unusual forcefulness and directness in presenting the way of salvation, pointing toward his service in the evangelistic field.

When the summer tour closed shortly before the opening of school, Eric found that he did not have in his possession sufficient funds to register for the fall term. Then it was that he learned the significance of the statement, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." To see his prayers so definitely answered by the Lord was an encouragement to Eric and a stimulus to his new-found faith. God had overruled the one great obstacle in a manner that proved a positive evidence of His faithfulness. He had provided for His

trusting child far in advance and without any knowledge of it on Eric's part.

One afternoon during her senior year in college Eleanor Jarrell was invited to the home of a little old lady who lived near the school. When she left that home another lost sheep had been led back to the fold of the Shepherd. Old Mrs. Jensen, desiring to do what she could for her Lord, had decided to place a money gift in a fund for needy college students. It was from this gift that David's father had received his tuition. As Eric waited upon the Lord He continued to supply and the years, filled with so many spiritual blessings, passed rapidly.

Eleanor had not been back to Burwell since her graduation but she planned to be there when Eric received his degree. And so it was that upon her arrival, and as soon as he had been able to get her away from her friends, David's father had taken Eleanor along the tree-shaded path that led to this secluded bench in the sumac-screened nook near the dormitory. It had not taken long to get Eleanor's promise to marry him and go with him to a Scandinavian Mission in Chicago where they were soon to begin a fruitful ministry.

This evening David was certain of one thing—he loved the girl at his side. How much like his mother, and yet how different. Evangeline! She was just the inspiration he needed as he went forth to serve the Lord. Her name—*it* meant 'bringing glad tidings'—good news. That was what he wanted above all else to do.

(To be continued)

TENTH YEAR FOR EDEN HIGH SCHOOL

The Eden High School began its tenth year of instruction this fall, with the Opening Festival on September 17 in the M.B. church at St. Catharines, Ont. The enrollment of 185 students includes some from as far away as Kitchener and Leamington.

The opening remarks at the school opening festival were made by Bro. C. K. Neufeld of the United Mennonite church. Thereupon Rev. David Neumann, the principal, reported the changes on the teaching staff. Bro. John Wittenberg has moved to B.C. and Bro. George Wichert has taken his place. He also pointed out the obvious need for increased facilities, a problem that is to be solved when the new building is completed (See page 7 for picture).

Guest speaker was Rev. Is. Tiesen of Leamington, Ontario. He spoke on "Students of the Grace of God."



Front Row, Baptismal Candidates at Justice, Man., on Sept. 4. L. to R., Susan Loewen, Ruth Loewen, Agnes Loewen. Back Row, L. to R., J. J. Loewen, Justice; Rev. A. Klassen, Alexander; Rev. D. Derksen, Boissevain; and D. H. Loewen, Deacon at Justice.

MENNO VISITS QUITO

David Nightingale

(3rd Instalment)

"Why certainly, this is the United States office of the 'Voice of The Andes', young man," came the cheerful reply to Menno's inquiry. The middle-aged lady who had answered the doorbell, met the weary traveler with a welcome smile.

"I am Mrs. Clark. My husband is the United States director of our radio work for the present. Please come in."

Thus Menno learned to know this tall, kindhearted Englishman and his wife, who had both dedicated their hearts and lives to the glorious cause of heralding Christ Jesus' blessings by means of radio. Menno had stopped in Talcottville, Connecticut, to meet the United States personnel of the "Voice of The Andes", having already paid a brief visit to the Canadian office in Toronto, and enjoyed the fellowship with the representatives of HCJB there.

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Darkness had crept over Talcottville. Menno was comfortably seated in the Clark's living-room, eagerly absorbing Mr. Clark's interesting story of the radio work in Quito. Suddenly the time signal of the radio attracted Menno's attention. To his delight he caught the announcement, "This is HCJB, 'The Voice of The Andes' at Quito, Ecuador, in South America."

"This is the off-the-record-greet-

ings broadcast of our Quito staff," explained Mr. Clark, as they all drew nearer to the radio. "On the second Monday of each month the missionaries greet their friends and loved ones over the air."

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Clark could see what was going on in Menno's mind, but they could see a shy expression creep over his face. A strange little beam of hope entered his heart, and in a moment his plan was ready. For some mysterious reason that certain young lady who had blushed when he had made his startling announcement in church, had woven some delicate, golden threads around his heart.

"My friends, the Klassens, have a short-wave radio back home," he thought to himself. "I'll write to them from Quito and ask them to invite Suschen to their home a certain Monday evening. Then suddenly... without warning... she will hear my voice, and I'll greet her from the heart of the Andes mountains."

The Clark's were thrilled with Menno's plan to visit Quito, and listened intently when he related his recent experiences. Before retiring they knelt together in prayer. One item of praise was, "Thank you, Lord, for finally making the Ecuadorian consul willing to issue the necessary visa."

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Ministers' Protest Effective

Protests by the Galveston Ministerial Association and the American Social Hygiene Association led to a police order closing down houses of prostitution in Galveston, Texas.

Police Chief Burns said every bawdy house in the city had padlocked its doors within 12 hours after he had issued the order—with a threat that any failing to comply would be raided.

Liquor Outlets Outnumber Grocery Stores in U.S.

Outlets for the sale of alcoholic beverages now outnumber grocery stores in the United States, the Methodist Board of Temperance declared in a public statement in Washington, D.C.

This sad commentary on the state of the nation should make every Christian worker conscious of the magnitude of the forces we are faced with as a church.

Claims Scientists Now Admit Possibility of Miracles

Dr. John R. Brobeck, 41, professor of physiology at the University of Pennsylvania's medical

school, declared in Toronto that scientists now admit the possibility that Christ raised the dead and that Moses parted the waters of the Red Sea.

He spoke to the Christian Medical Fellowship of Great Britain, which met in conjunction with the conventions of the British and Canadian Medical Associations.

"Science is changing. One of the results is that a scientist is no longer able to say honestly that something is impossible. He can only say that it is improbable," Dr. Brobeck said.

Declaring that all miracles did not take place 2,000 years ago, he added, "The miracle taking place in our time is rebirth—salvation through Jesus Christ."

Over 30 Million Bibles Distributed

Gideons International has distributed a grand total of 30,362,077 Bibles since its founding 57 years ago, William W. Gothard, executive director, reported at the organization's 56th annual convention in Chicago.

The Gideons now spend \$2,000,000 a year in spreading the world's "best seller". They claim 17,000 members in 71 "camps" (areas) around the world.

CANADASCOPE

OUTDOOR CHURCH

Two ministers who took their flocks outdoors for lack of another place to worship said their drive-in church was a success.

W. B. Sayers, student minister of Altadore United Church, and Rev. J. C. Lethbridge, of Riverview United Church, held services in the Chinook drive-in theatre in Calgary. About 200 attended the services each week, including a number of tourists.

Novelty arouses interest, but we wonder if the associations accompanying this project improved the atmosphere. It is just possible that these same people frequented the drive-in theatre during the week also—and with equally spiritually refreshing results as a Bible Study?

PRICE-FIXING CHARGED

Parliaments anti-combines body has charged Canada's \$40,000,000 asphalt and tar roofing products industry with maintaining illegal price-fixing operations for some 20 years. One of the industry's main products is asphalt shingles.

Price-fixing is bad in industry, but "fixing" of religious beliefs by priests and ministers is infinitely more disastrous. May God help us to let the Bible "fix" our beliefs.

HARVEST REPORTS GOOD IN QUALITY AND YIELDS

Good progress has been made with harvesting under near-ideal conditions in most parts of the prairies, the bureau of statistics reported on Sept. 21.

The report said threshing of cereal grains is practically completed in Manitoba. In Saskatchewan less than 15 per cent remained to be done.

In Alberta, however, progress has been uneven.

The bureau said that with few exceptions grain yields and quality are good.

If this good harvest can be sold, the churches and schools should certainly notice it. May God grant that we be truly thankful.

The World Today

EGYPT ACCEPTS RUSSIAN ARMS OFFER

Egypt has informed Britain she has accepted a Russian offer to supply her with arms and military equipment, the foreign office said in London on Sept. 27.

The United States, Britain and France are bound under a 1950 declaration to maintain the military balance of power—and to prevent an outright arms race—between the Arab countries of the Middle East and the state of Israel.

With Russia supplying arms to Egypt, and the West supporting Israel, there could be serious repercussions. As Christians, the news from the Middle East is of particular importance in the light of prophecy.

NIX ON RELIGION—NIKITA

News of relaxation in the Soviet attitude toward religion has led some people to think this means a basic change in attitude. But Nikita S. Khrushchev Thursday revealed that this was done only because the Soviet Union was convinced that "the priests had ceased their opposition to the Soviet government." It does not mean any change in their opinion about religion, he said. "We remain atheists," he asserted. "We will do all we can to liberate a certain portion of the people from the charm of the religious opium

that still exists. But our anti-religious campaigns are done by the written word or through discussion and argument."

(Glad you told us, Mr. Khrushchev. Some people were beginning to think otherwise.)

RUSSIAN BOSSES

WOO FRANCE

Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev September 22 called on France to "cease acting like a satellite of the United States". In an extraordinarily frank and wide-ranging interview in the Kremlin with the French parliamentary delegation, both Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Bulganin declared that "some way must be found to reaffirm French-Russian friendship."

The two Soviet leaders concentrated much of their conversation on questions of trade. They asked France to scrap their embargo on strategic goods.

"Take our commercial orders for goods," Mr. Khrushchev said. "Build for us ships and machine tools. Once these conditions have been fulfilled, we can afford to buy, along with the more serious things, the laces and ribbons you produce in France."

This wolf-in-sheep's-clothing act of Russia reminds us of Satan, who at one time appears as an angel of light and at another time as a roaring lion. Have we put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17)?

BEST TOMATOES WIN \$100

Mr. Abram Froese, Cottam, Ont., was awarded first prize of \$100 and a trophy at the first National Tomato Festival held in Leamington, Ont., on September 9 and 10. Abe Taves, Wheatly, won fourth prize.

Tomatoes exhibited were judged for quality, colour, and uniformity.



FALL CULTIVATION

With the soil dry throughout most of the Prairie Provinces and harvesting almost completed, an excellent opportunity presents itself to "take a crack" at perennial weeds.

Canada thistle and sow thistle plants which grew in a grain crop during the summer have been prevented, through the competition of the crop, from storing any appreciable quantity of food in their roots. However, once the grain crop is harvested the thistles no longer have competition and are free to store up food supplies to be used next season. *Now is the time* to take a "whack" at them and prevent this build-up. Any cultivation implement that will make a clean job of cultivation is satisfactory for the job.

Couch Grass Different. Where a field is to be cropped next year the object this fall should be to drag as many couch grass roots as possible to the surface of the soil. The duckfoot cultivator or spring-tooth cultivator will do a good job. Two or three times over a badly infested field will bring a surprisingly large tonnage of couch grass roots to the surface. Two or three hours exposure to bright sunshine will kill them.

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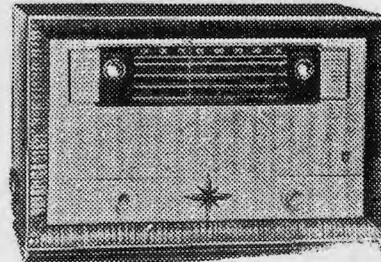
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Colleges

MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

Registration at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College took place on October 3 and classes began on the fourth. Applications indicated an enrollment of about 100, with over half of them coming to M.B. B.C. for the first time. Because of the new one-year arrangement of courses, instead of the former three-term arrangement, this indicates an increase in the total enrollment for the year over last year.

Bro. Herbert Giesbrecht has joined the faculty at M.B.B.C., his primary interest being the library. He will also instruct several courses, including English, M.B. Missions, History of Religious Education, and History of Religions.

Progress has been made in the building program. The Bethany Hall (known as White House) moved to its new site, a short distance south on Riverton, on Sept. 27. With the arrival of Dr. Janzen from Europe on Sept. 27, plans for the erection of the new administration building have received a new impetus. * * *

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

The roof at the new building on the Tuxedo campus of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College has been completed. Only the windows need to be put in now to shut out the elements.

Registration was to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 4, and classes were to begin on Oct. 5. Sixty applications have been received, but it is expected that others will decide to come at the last minute. There has been no change in the teaching staff.

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TABOR COLLEGE

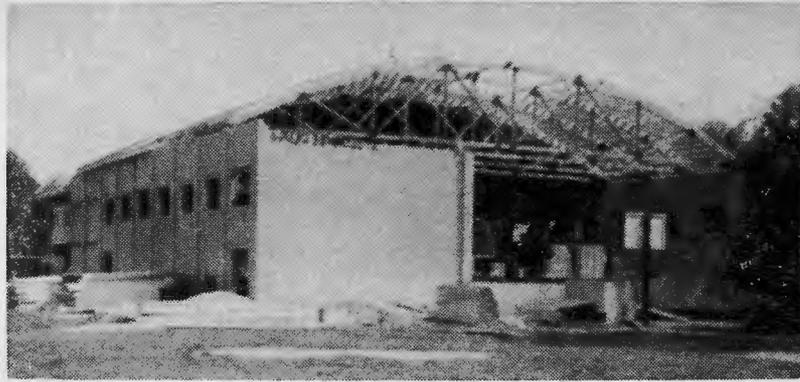
Four appointments announced in the "Tabor College Bulletin" are of interest to Canadian Mennonites. The Abe L. Klassens, the William Schmidts, and the Wilmer Kornelons have been appointed as houseparents in dormitories. Rev. G. D. Pries has been appointed as dean of students. He will also teach a course in Christian Thought during the first semester.

Before going to Tabor College, Mr. Klassen was teacher at the Eden Bible and High School in Virgil, Ontario. The Kornelons were active in mission work at Lindal, Manitoba. The Schmidts have been attending Tabor College during the last year. Rev. Pries has been a teacher at the Winkler Bible School and pastor of the M. B. church at Winkler, Man.

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BETHEL COLLEGE

Frank C. Laubach, missionary and world literacy expert, will be the speaker for the MENNONITE LIFE Tenth Anniversary dinner and program, at 6 p.m., Oct. 12 in the dining hall of Bethel Col-



MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL REBUILT. The rebuilt Eden High School at Virgil, Ontario, will have 7 classrooms, 2 laboratories, 2 teachers rooms, and an auditorium 86' x 86' with full basement. This years enrollment is 185.

lege, according to an announcement from the office of President D. C. Wedel.

With the October issue, MENNONITE LIFE, a quarterly illustrated magazine depicting the life of Mennonites the world over, will have completed ten years of publication. The first issue appeared January, 1946, with C. Krahn, associate professor of church history at Bethel College, as editor of the new magazine, a position he still occupies. He is also known in Canada as associate editor of DER BOTE. In the fall of 1947 he was joined by John F. Schmidt, who continues as assistant in editorial and circulation work.

MENNONITE LIFE has never accepted advertising, giving its readers maximum value for the subscription price of \$2.00 which has never been raised.

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GOSHEN COLLEGE

802 students have enrolled for the 1955-56 school year, Acting Registrar Ada Shaum announced on Sept. 24. Full time students include 36 in advanced theology, 3 post graduates, 109 seniors, 139 juniors, 143 sophomores, and 196 freshmen, making a total of 626. Part time students total 176.

Twenty-four exchange students come from Argentina, Formosa, Germany, Gold Coast, Greece, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Korea, the Marshall Islands, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Somaliland, Switzerland, Trinidad, and Uganda.

President Miner gave the opening chapel address "The Faith of Goshen College," Thursday, Sept. 15. He continued Friday morning, discussing a similar theme.

Sept. 19 through 23 Lawrence Burkholder of the seminary faculty addressed the student body in a spiritual emphasis series.

A new tradition was begun this year, in the form of a seminary retreat. Seminary students and faculty left Goshen for Camp Friedenswald, Michigan, Thursday, Sept. 15, at 4:00 p.m., returning at the same time Friday.

John R. Mumaw will be evangelist for the fall evangelistic meetings Oct. 2-9. The student-faculty work drive has been scheduled for Oct. 13 and 14.

Radio Station for Eastern Mennonite College

The trustees of Eastern Mennonite College have been granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to erect and operate a non-commercial radio station, according to a press release from Washington, D.C.

The first full-sized radio station to be operated by a Mennonite institution, the educational FM transmitter has been given the call letters WEMC.

High Schools

Opening Festival For A.M.H.S.

The Alberta Mennonite High School marked the opening of another school year by a program in the M.B. church in Coaldale, Alta., on Sunday night, Sept. 18.

The high school cannot substitute for a Bible school nor for a good training in the home, Rev. D. Pankratz emphasized in his message. He asserted that one should expect a Christian high school to maintain a Christian emphasis and to practice discipline. On the other hand, he declared, the school should expect the moral and financial support of the community.

Under the direction of Rev. Peter J. Dick the high school choir sang several songs. A male octet, composed of ex-students, also contributed to the musical part of the program. Miss Anne Kornelson and Miss Anne Janzen, teachers at A.M.H.S., both gave testimonies.

Mr. Peter F. Barga, principal of A.H.M.S., declared that because education was morally neutral there was a special need for the Christian emphasis in instruction.

The enrollment at the Alberta Mennonite High School was close to one hundred, with several more expected.

Dedication Announced

The dedication of the new dormitory at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute will take place on October 10 at Gretna.

U.M.E.I. Has Opening Festival

The opening festival of the United Mennonite Educational Institute at Leamington, Ont., was held in the United Mennonite church on Sunday afternoon, September 11.

During the course of the program each of the teachers made a short speech. Other speakers were Rev. J. C. Neufeld and Rev. G. Tiessen, board members. Werner Heinrichs, a graduate, reported briefly on alumni activities.

Students and alumni members, under the direction of Rev. J. P. Penner, provided the music.

With an enrollment of 83, the high school has a staff of four. Mr. P. C. Sawatsky is principal, Rev. J. P. Penner and Mr. J. Driediger are veteran teachers, and Mr. H. Enns has joined the faculty this year.

A fellowship lunch was later served at the school for the staff, board members, ministers, and out-of-town guests.

A.M.H.S. Alumni Banquet

Over 100 members of the Alumni Association of the Alberta Mennonite High School gathered in Coaldale, Alta., on September 17 for their annual banquet. Highlight of the program was the presentation of the play "The weighing of the spirit", written by Rudy Wiebe, one of the alumni members.

The play centred around a student with ambitious plans until God intervened. It showed that God weighs the spirit of man, not the intellect, wealth, or fame.

The theme of the evening was "With Thy Spirit Fill Me". Bro. Regier, one of the teachers at the Coaldale Bible School, emphasized in his message that each one needs to reorientate himself continually to see if he is in the place where God wants him to be.

OPENING FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED FOR M.B.B.C.

The Opening Festival of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College will be held in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg on Sunday, October 9, at 7 p.m.

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THANKFUL CHURCHES

(Continued from page 1-4)

Ont., and Rev. Wm. Falk faced the congregation with the challenge of foreign missions, basing their messages on Acts 10 and Mt. 9:35-38 respectively.

— The congregation of the M.B. church of Aberdeen, Sask., joined with visiting friends on Sept. 25 to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest reaped. Rev. Nick Janz and Dr. Voth, both of Saskatoon, were the visiting speakers. The Saskatoon trio and the Aberdeen Girl's Octet provided the music. A chicken dinner was served by the ladies of the church. An offering was received both in the morning and in the afternoon.

— The Mennonite Brethren Church at Laird, Sask., celebrated their annual harvest and mission

festival on Sunday, September 25. Speakers for the occasion were: Mr. Frank Kroeker of the Brotherhood M.B. Church and Mr. Pete Esau of Blaine Lake. The choir served with songs of praise and missionary challenge.

— On Sunday, September 25, the mission at Winnipegosis, Man., had its thanksgiving and mission festival. The three guest speakers present were Rev. Henry Voth, music teacher at M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Rev. W. Streight, pastor of the Dauphin Bible Mission in Dauphin, Man., and Mr. George Andres of Winnipegosis. A ladies trio accompanied Bro. Voth. They had served in song at the street-meeting the night before, with Bro. Voth singing a solo.

In the morning service it was emphasized that we were to be thankful for our spiritual benefits as well as material. After a lunch prepared by the ladies at the mission, the service in the afternoon centred around missions, with Acts chapter two and six the Scriptural basis.

Though the crops in the district were not too encouraging, the Christians manifested a thankful heart in the offering.

— The Lucky Lake mission station had its thanksgiving and mission festival on Sunday, September 25. Bro. F. F. Froese, the local pastor, was in charge. Guest speakers were Rev. J. S. Adrian, Hepburn, Sask., general director of the M.B. Missions of Sask., and Rev. Rudy Janzen, pastor of the Herbert M.B. church. Other guests were Rev. J. Wiens, leader of the Beechy Sask., M.B. church, and Bro. J. Schellenberg of Beechy.

— On September 18 the M.B. church at Vineland, Ontario, had its thanksgiving and harvest festival. Rev. David Neumann, principal of the Eden High School, and Rev. Henry Penner, St. Catharines, Ont., were the guest speakers. An offering of about \$2,500 was received.

— The M.B. church at Kitchener, Ontario, had its thanksgiving service Sunday morning, September 25. Rev. I. H. Thiessen, Leamington, was the guest speaker.

WALL REPORTS (from Page 1-2)

"We get many in Bible school who are truly seeking", Bro. Wall stated. "Often they come with many questions, only to return home with a new foundation."

The school emphasizes a "tell-your-neighbour" policy. Already many young people who have returned from Bible school have organized Bible study and prayer groups. Others are gathering the children for Sunday School, something extremely unusual there.

"We must show them that Christianity is no dead formalism, but that Christ can and must be experienced," he asserted. "And we must teach them that Christ must be the centre of their life. The



Between sessions at the Young People's Conference at Niagara Christ Fellowship Chapel. (Photo by E. Friesen.)

Europeans must learn to get along with one another."

Mrs. Wall described the physical needs in the kitchen and bedrooms in a graphic way.

An offering was received for the Bible school after Bro. Wall had shown some of the needs in the library and fund for needy pupils. An expansion program is also necessary with the enrollment at 50 during the last year, and more expected this year.

REPORTS ON EVANGELISM IN SOUTH AMERICA

Back from an eight-month evangelistic tour of the Mennonite colonies in South America, Rev. Abram Neufeld of Lena, Man., declared that there is a tremendous spiritual hunger there. Speaking in the Mennonite Mission church in Winnipeg on September 28, he gave an over-all view of his work.

Program Members Visit Interior

The "Crusaders Quartet", Herb Brandt, the announcer, and Rev. Henry Classen, the speaker, of the

"Lighthouse of Hope" radio program, Vancouver, B.C., motored to Kelowna, B.C., on the week-end of Sept. 11 to present a program in the M.B. church there. Several families joined the caravan for the 300-mile trip, making the visit a welcome change for the Kelowna people.

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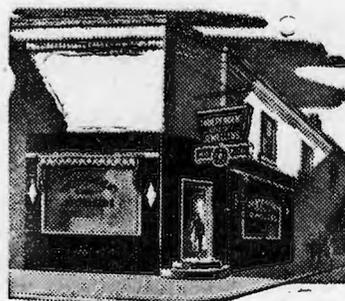
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