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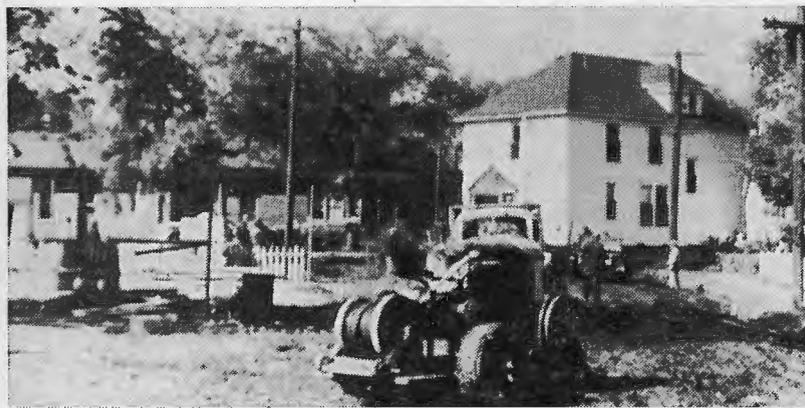
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Building Projects Proceeding



The new building for the Canadian Mennonite Bible College is rapidly nearing completion in Tuxedo, Wpg. The classrooms have received their first coat of plaster. The outside is due to be finished this week. It contains 6 classrooms, library, dining-room, auditorium, and teachers' offices.



Bethany Hall on the Move. On Sept. 27 Bethany Hall, used by music students at the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg, during the last few years, was moved to its new site a few hundred yards east on Riverton Ave. The new administration building is to be built at its former location.

Mennonites at Convention in Spokane

Hugo Jantz

The National Sunday School Association held its most successful convention in the ten years of its history in Spokane, Washington, from October 5 to 7. More than 1900 registered participants enjoyed the challenging messages of some of our foremost evangelical leaders and the inspiring, informative workshops conducted by more than a score of the top Christian educators of our day. The visitors represented 30 states as well as six provinces of Canada and the Hawaiian Islands.

Fifty-seven Mennonites belonging to the various branches were present, with 38 of these members of the Mennonite Brethren fellowship. On Friday, October 7, a fellowship luncheon was arranged for all Mennonites attending the Convention, a practice which seemed to be quite popular with nearly all of the denominations represented. Rev. David J. Wiens, pastor of the M.B. church at Dallas, Oregon, was chairman at the luncheon, while organizational details were looked after by Rev. Jacob H. Epp of Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Sask., and by Bro. John I. Friesen of Chilliwack, B.C.

The luncheon was served cafeteria style in one of the spacious corridors of the Convention center, the magnificent new Coliseum in

downtown Spokane. Immediately thereafter followed a formal get-acquainted period. It was found that forty-five of the group were from Canada, and twelve were from the United States. Especially heartening was the evident interest among the brethren from Canada.

Rev. David J. Wiens challenged the group to give expression to the spirit and principles received at the Convention as we returned to our home churches. Rev. Peter R. Toews, pastor of the M.B. church at Hepburn, Sask., closed the fellowship gathering with prayer.

Confer with Delegates

An MCC delegation visited Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, Pa., during the last two weeks to discuss the situation in

Russia with men who toured Russia recently. William Snyder, J. J. Thiessen of Saskatoon, and Orie Miller conferred with members of the Baptist and Quaker delegations who visited a large number of churches in Russia. They reported large congregations at the meetings. However, most of those attending the services were middle-aged and older.

Bishop J. J. Thiessen was in Winnipeg last week-end to attend the opening program of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

Dormitory Dedicated

The new 72-room dormitory at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Gretna, Man., built at a cost of \$120,000, was dedicated on Monday afternoon, October 11. Fine weather brought out a crowd of about 1200.

Rev. J. M. Pauls of Winkler, chairman of the school's board of directors at the time the plans were drawn up, was one of the speakers. The other speaker was Rev. William Enns of Springstein, Manitoba. The school choir and the ladies' chorus provided the music at the service.

Following the service A. J. Thiessen, a member of the board of directors, conducted a guided tour through the E-shaped building. In addition to the 72 rooms for students the building has a kitchen, dining hall and infirmary. The latter is being used for student's quarters now because of the record enrollment of 172.

Missionary Reports from Europe

D. B. Wiens

Neuwied, German. — Greetings with the words of the Lord Jesus Christ found in John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Sunday, October 2, was a special day in Neuwied. During the morning service we celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving, with the church full of participants. In the afternoon we partook of the Lord's Supper. And in the evening the (See MISSIONARY REPORT on Page 8-1)

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

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YOUR CHRISTIAN
FAMILY WEEKLY

Thankful Churches

— The *United Mennonite church at Waterloo, Ontario*, held its Thanksgiving Festival on Sunday, October 9. Rev. Nick Fransen of Vineland was the guest speaker.

— The *Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel*, an extension work of the Virgil M.B. church, held its Thanksgiving Festival on Sunday, October 9.

— The *M.B. church at Yarrow, B.C.*, held its Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission service on Sunday, October 2. Speakers at the morning service were Rev. P. D. Loewen, Rev. Hermann Lenzman, pastor of the church at Yarrow, and Rev. Jacob Harder of the Greendale M.B. church.

Speaking in the afternoon were Rev. Henry Brucks, missionary to the Belgian Congo, and Bro. Henry Voth, teacher at the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate Institute. In the evening Bro. Peter Isaak gave an illustrated report on his work in Mexico.

— The *M.B. church at Greendale, B.C.*, was filled for the Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 9. The church choir served in song at both occasions.

Speakers at the morning service were Rev. Henry Dueck of Greendale, B.C., and Rev. Redekop of Winkler, Man., who was returning from the Sunday School Convention at Spokane, Wash. Rev. Dueck had Psalm 65 as his text and Rev. Redekop spoke on Luke 16:1-13.

During the afternoon service Rev. Redekop portrayed the different classes of lost sinners with Luke 15 as his text. Rev. G. Thielman of East Chilliwack, B.C., spoke on Mark 6:31-44.

— The *South Abbotsford M.B. church* held its Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, October 9. During the morning service Rev. J. J. Stobbe, leading minister at the church, and Rev. Jacob Thiessen of Vancouver, B.C., delivered messages, using Psalm 116 and Psalm 145 as texts.

During the Mission Festival in the afternoon Rev. Henry Warkentin, director of the West Coast (See THANKFUL CHURCHES on Page 8-4)

Editorial

A Bulwark Against Secularism

Promotion Day in the Sunday School in many churches during the last month has again reminded us of the significance of the Sunday School. Officers and teachers returning from the National Sunday School Convention in Spokane, Wash., have reinforced the fact that the Sunday School is gaining more recognition as an essential part of the church's program.

The Mennonite Sunday School teacher of today is often a trained worker, teaching uniform graded lessons with a moderate amount of equipment in a generally good environment. Many churches also have branched out into extension work, starting Sunday Schools in surrounding communities. Permanent home mission stations bear witness to the fruitfulness of these efforts to reach all the children in the community.

We thank God for our Sunday Schools and their ever-increasing effectiveness. They constitute a bulwark against the encroaching secularism and materialism. However, it is important that we do not rest upon our laurels, for increased knowledge and better equipment bring increased responsibilities.

In a day when a knowledge of the Bible is not generally considered important, the Sunday School teacher must not fail to impart a thorough knowledge of Scripture. It is a sad commentary upon our work when students who have attended Sunday School for 10 or 15 years fail an exam in the most elementary facts of biblical history and geography. With only 45 minutes of teaching time a week, it is self-evident that the teacher must utilize all his talents and energies to make the lesson attractive and unforgettable through imaginative and creative teaching.

As the salesman keeps a record of every contact and makes repeated calls, so the Sunday School worker must regard each child as a potential believer. Praying daily for them, the teacher must go after them "out to the highways and byways". Those who are not won for Christ must first be won to the teacher and then led to a saving knowledge of Christ. Those who are absent through illness or indifference must be convinced of the teacher's love for them.

The full support of the home is essential for a real impact upon the child in Sunday School. The example of the parents tells the children whether it is necessary or not to go to Sunday School. The comments of the parents give the child the attitude it should take towards its teacher.

The extent of the cooperation between the teachers and the officers in Sunday School limits its effectiveness. Shuttling the teachers from class to class without consulting them leads to dissatisfaction and rebellion. "Spying" upon them to discover "subversive" elements only makes for distrust and uncertainty.

The Sunday School needs our support. We must pray for it, attend it, and prayerfully teach in it when that responsibility is ours. Bitter experience proves that where the Sunday School fails, Satan gains a resounding victory with unbelievably tragic results.

Through the Looking-Glass

Has Urbanization Caught us Napping?

Lured by lucrative pay and the 40-hour week many Mennonite young people are moving to the cities. With no special preparation spiritually or ethically they face innumerable problems totally unknown to them on the farm. As young seedlings transplanted from the hot-house into the garden they must acclimatize themselves to the new environment.

One of the problems a born-again Christian faces when starting work in a factory or on a construction gang is that of a vital witness for Christ in a frequently antagonistic environment. Inexperienced, some resort to methods

that only further antagonize and awaken enmity. Others hide their light under a bushel, resorting to the dodge, "I don't know what to say, so I try to live a Christian life and testify in that way." However, statistics gathered by CHRISTIAN LIFE among 5000 College and Bible Institute students show that one in four was won to Christ by a personal witness, whereas only one in thirty was won by the "silent walk" of a friend.

Another problem facing the Mennonite in industry (assuming they are real Christians) is the relationship of labour to manage-

Devotional

"Our Father"

Jacob Friesen *

The Lord's Prayer is only too often glibly repeated by many of us without a thought about its deep significance. Yet its utterance requires a spiritual preparation of which we are often totally unaware, for it is a prayer given to Jesus' disciples and not to the unsaved masses.

The sincere expression of the first two words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father", has far-reaching implications. For any man to call God his Father presupposes that he has entered into a relationship with God which is foreign to the natural man. For the natural man God is a Creator, Sustainer, and a potential Saviour and Judge, but not a Father. Many passages in the Bible point out that the term "Father" is a special form of address which only those who have become "children" can use (II Sam. 7:14; Ps. 89:26; Matth. 5:45, 48; Matth. 6:4, 6, 8; II Cor. 6:18). Yet so lightly do men speak of the Fatherhood of God that one would think he is the Father of all men. But it is only through entering God's door through faith in His son, Jesus, that anyone can become a son in

ment. Almost immediately after work is started a union shop steward approaches the labourer and demands that he join the union.

Though labour unions in principle are not evil, there are evil aspects to many labour unions. Not aware of the implications, many do not even give it a second thought until they see the union newspapers rather consistently portraying the employer as a giant out to squeeze every last bit of usefulness out of the labourer. The employer is in the extortion racket, and it is up to the labourer to fight for his democratic rights. This battle with the giant all too often leads to strikes, violence, and large-scale protests, the non-resistant Mennonite soon finds out. On the horns of a dilemma, some forget the specific teaching of the Bible on this subject, as found in Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22; I Tim. 6:1; Titus 2:9; and I Peter 2:18, and become identified with the resistant movement.

These problems exist and the solutions can be found with the help of God's Word, yet how many churches are preparing the young people by informing them of the problems and providing biblical solutions? Certainly discussions by qualified ministers and experienced laymen in young people's groups, Sunday School, and in our Mennonite high schools and Bible schools, would help to prepare young people for these difficult situations. *An Observer.*

God's family and can truthfully pray, "Our Father."

Calling God "Father" not only presupposes an entry into the Father's family by the new birth, but it also implies a present fellowship with Him. To be able to pray, "Our Father", is to be on speaking terms with God. It means that we are falling into line with God's program. As members of his family, we become conscious of a purpose he has set for us, and our highest ambition becomes to know and accomplish that purpose. All selfish living, indifference, ungodliness, and worshipping of alien interests has no place in God's family. Our wills must become one with the Divine will.

While the word "Father" points to a vertical (man-God) relationship, the possessive pronoun "our" points to the horizontal relationship (man to his fellow-man). As soon as a sinner is born again and says, "Our Father", he acknowledges that all others who are saying the Lord's Prayer with him are his brothers and sisters. There is no isolation in the kingdom of God. The church can only progress when there is unity and love among its members. The mature Christian has risen above the level of "My Father" and says, "Our Father".

As soon as you and I can pray with utmost sincerity, "Our Father which art in heaven, . . . thy kingdom come," God will be able to accomplish His heavenly purpose in us, and through us for His chosen ones.

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ANNUAL FOREIGN STUDENTS BANQUET

As the first step in welcoming foreign students into the homes and hearts of the Christians in Winnipeg, the annual Foreign Students Banquet was held Oct. 3 in the South End M.B. church.

The dinner, co-sponsored by the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship Foreign Students Committee and the Christian Business Men's Committee, featured a descriptive tour of several foreign lands. Speakers Percy Matadeen of Trinidad, Jede Agbowu of Nigeria, and David Kahn of China told of religion, education, and the various ways of life in their respective countries.

Mr. D. E. Redekop, president of the Winnipeg Christian Business Men's Committee, welcomed the guests of honor. Mr. Abe Friesen, baritone, and Mr. Donald Kroeker, cellist, provided music for the evening. The chairman was Mr. Ferdinand Pauls.

OUR READERS SAY

Enjoyed the Paper

We have enjoyed the first issue of our new paper, and wish you the best of success and God's help and blessing in your work.

Miss Margaret Harder.
Winkler, Man.

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Thankful for Christian Teachers

Received the MENNONITE OBSERVER yesterday, and think it is great! We wish you all the best in your new venture. The policy and aim are very worthy of complimentary and interesting.

We are indeed happy that Christian teachers are going out to be a witness in the out-of-the-way places. There are some 13 Christian teachers here in the Hazelton area. This certainly is a blessing in fellowship and in the work in the Gospel Chapel.

Johnny Kornelson.
New Hazelton, B.C.

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Bigger?

I have "observed" the MENNONITE OBSERVER. I will frankly submit one criticism which you will already know. You must make it bigger. You know, the customer always likes to buy in a well-stocked store. Of course, you are striving for that. I wish you further success and God's blessing.

Walter Wiebe.
Hepburn, Sask.

Possibly the oldest newspaper in the world, and still being published, is the King Ku of China, which recently celebrated its 2,350th anniversary. Its first issue appeared in 396 B.C.

YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVE IN GLENBUSH

Alvin Krahn

GLENBUSH, Sask. The young people at Glenbush are not satisfied with receiving salvation as a gift but also serve their Lord. A large number sing in the regular church choir. A male choir has also been active in presenting the Gospel in song to the neighbouring communities, where there is very little witnessing done. The male choir also travels to North Battleford occasionally to sing there.

Teaching in Sunday School is another field of service. Two regular Sunday Schools are maintained in the district, with a third one in operation during the past summer. In addition, nine teachers were active in Daily Vacation Bible School during the last summer.

ANNIVERSARY AT MISSION HOME IN MONTEVIDEO

COLONIA, Uruguay. According to a letter from Robert Foth, Colonia, Uruguay, the mission home in Montevideo celebrated its first anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 18. Bro. Paul Schroeder, house father at the home, opened the meeting. Rev. C. C. Peters gave the main address, using Eph. 3: 14-21 as his text. Several poems were recited by the young people, and a choir, composed of young people resident at the home, sang.

The mission home was founded to supply a home away from home for those working in the city of Montevideo. At the time the number of young people had decreased somewhat, but the number of older people in the city had increased. Yet the opening of the Bible school during the week of September 18 would draw more young people to the city again.

Trainees Arrive from Europe

Twenty young people from Germany, Holland, France and Switzerland arrived in New York on Sept. 17 to spend one year in the United States in the trainee program sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee.

After spending a weekend in MCC headquarters at Akron, Pa., for orientation, they scattered to homes and farms throughout Oklahoma, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana and Colorado. They are moved to another locality after a mid-year evaluation Conference to enjoy a broader fellowship and gain a more complete picture of life in America.

Each trainee is sponsored by a farm, urban family or an institution-hospital, school or old people's home. He lives with the family or

institution staff, assists them in their work and participates in local church and community activities.

The purpose of the program is to let the trainees observe American Mennonite life and work to broaden the fellowship between European and American brethren. The trainees and their friends have found that ties of understanding and appreciation for each other grow strong during these six months. Since the program was initiated in 1950 about 120 European youths have participated.

Governor-General's Medal Won by Hepburn Student

HEPBURN, Sask. Miss Della Rinas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rinas of Hepburn, Sask., was awarded the Governor-General's Medal for this area. Miss Rinas, a graduate of Hepburn High School, obtained a 90.5% average in her grade twelve exams. After studying a year at the Winkler Bible School, she intends to continue studies toward a degree in medicine.

26 SAIL FOR TOUR OF EUROPE AND HOLY LAND

The fifth consecutive tour group sponsored by the Menno Travel Service left for Europe from New York on October 12 aboard the Queen Elizabeth. The group consists of 26 brethren and sisters from the United States and Canada and is under the leadership of Gideon G. Yoder.

The first part of the tour includes a visit to the many spots of historic interest for Mennonites in Europe. They will also visit the MCC and PAX units there, and then proceed through Italy and Egypt to the Holy Land. The return trip takes them through Greece, Italy, and France.

Gideon Yoder is professor of church history and religious education at Hesston College, Hesston, Kans. He will direct worship services and Bible study while on tour, help to point out the historical significance of the sites in Europe, and help the group to gain a correct historical perspective as it walks "where Jesus walked".

GERMAN PROGRAM REPLACED BY ENGLISH PROGRAM

On September 25 the M.B. church at Leamington, Ont., broadcast the last program in the series "Light of Home", a 15-minute German devotional broadcast. For seven months it has been broadcast over CJSP, Leamington, at 6:05 p.m.

Rev. Isaac Tiessen was the speaker on the program and the singing was led by Ben Neufeld.

"Blessings at Eventide", an English devotional program, will be broadcast by the same group over the same station during the winter months, but at 5:15 p.m. It is tentatively planned to resume the German broadcast in March.

First Teachers' Meeting of Year

Martha Janzen

Vineland, Ont. — Our Sunday School plays an important role in our church life, for in the Sunday School pupils, we see the future of our church. On Thursday, October 6, the Sunday School teachers and officers had their first monthly meeting of the year.

Leading the meeting was Bro. Abe Dyck, the assistant superintendent. After a congregational song, Walter Janzen opened the meeting by reading Solomon's prayer recorded in I Kings chapter 3. Several joined in public prayer, asking God especially for guidance during the coming year.

A thorough discussion of last Sunday's Promotion Day program followed. Anne Wiebe, who is now attending Bible school at Kitchener, gave a testimony in which she expressed her joy in serving Christ. Pianist and teacher in our Mission Sunday School at Lake Ave., Stony Creek, she will be sorely missed by the group. A general testimony meeting followed, with Mrs. John Koop telling the story of her conversion.

The main message of the evening was given by Bro. Peter Doerksen, the superintendent. He asked the question "What do we expect

of God for the coming year, and what does God expect of us?" He answered it by saying that, because God is our Father, we expect understanding and help, instruction and correction. Because God is our Lord, we expect him to give each one of us a task, that he will instruct us and give us success in the work, finally rewarding us for it. Since He is God we expect His promises to remain sure, we expect Him to transform a sinner into a child of God, and we expect Him to work wonders and miracles even today.

But God also expects from us, His children, that we will seek His counsel, have faith in Him, accept His help, and that we will uphold our family name as children of God. Since we are His servants He expects us to be faithful, humble, and obedient. And as humans He expects us to realize His holiness and see the need of those without Christ.

Though short, this message made a real impact. With Wm. Carey we want to expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.

Bro. Ed. Wiebe closed the meeting with prayer.

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Allegiance to Whom?

The yellow and gold papal ensign flew above the Union Jack on the flag pole in Memorial Park in Lachute, Quebec, during a five-day Roman Catholic congress. When Mayor Frederick W. Fitzgerald ordered the ensign hauled down and run up below the Union Jack after the congress, 500 shirt-sleeved residents appeared in the auditorium of the city hall and ordered his resignation.

The mayor's answer was, "There were lots of papal flags in the park and I thought the Union Jack should be on the top of the pole."

Christian Campers Meet Death

Billy Liebfred, 12, was vacationing at his preacher-grandfather's camp near Stroudsburg, Pa., and was putting together bits and pieces of wood to make a "Noah's Ark". Jokingly someone asked him, "When's the flood coming, Billy?"

That night the flood came and Billy was dead. Thirty-seven other Christians, mostly women and children, also died when the camp run by retired Conservative Baptist Minister Leon J. Davis of Nanuet, N.Y., was swept away by the most savage flood in the history of the northeastern U.S.

On Thursday, August 18, campers noticed that the normally placid Brodhead was rising. By evening it was obvious that a flood was coming. The Christians gathered together in buildings on two high spots, singing hymns and praying. Then they heard a terrible roar. A wall of water 30 feet high was rushing toward the camp, released when three dams broke upstream. In a moment the water hit the buildings, crumbling them and sweeping them away. In 15 minutes Camp Davis had disappeared.

In the catastrophe four men lost their entire families. One of them

is a missionary to Africa. His wife and son were to have sailed in two weeks to join him.

"Too Chummy With God"

A Winnipeg minister says the semi-religious songs currently popular represent a "religious glibness".

Rev. D. M. Lauchlan of Charleswood United Church, addressing the 370 delegates at the Manitoba Conference of the United Church Young People's union in Dauphin during the week-end of Oct. 9, said the songs indicate a "blindness to the seriousness of Christianity."

"We must not try to be too chummy with God," he said. "We must remember that He is our creator and redeemer."

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CANADASCOPE

DELEGATION ASKS LOAN ON STORED GRAIN

Top spokesmen for virtually the entire prairie farm economy descended on Ottawa on October 11 to appeal for federal aid in providing western farmers with cash for a huge pile-up of farm-stored grain.

Headed by the three prairie agricultural ministers, the delegation called for federal support in providing cash loans to grain farmers at minimum interest rates and with grain on farms as security.

The delegation estimated that Canada's total current supplies of wheat, oats and barley amounted to 1,816,000,000 bushels, up 171,000,000 from last year.

RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR POLIO SUFFERERS

An iron lung complete with shafts and fittings to move the limbs and flex the joints of the patients is now in operation in the King George Hospital at Winnipeg. The results, says the designer, are very important, to relieve pain and, in some cases, to drastically reduce the period of paralysis.

The Chapel was crowded to capacity for the thanksgiving service, with benches being put in the entrance to accommodate the people. Mr. Bill Thiessen, who is in charge of the radio program, "The Gospel Hour", broadcast from Chilliwack, B.C., and Ketchikan, Alaska, was the speaker. The local choir sang, encouraging all to truly thank the Lord for everything.

A farewell was held for Gladys Cridland, one of the young people at our mission station. She left to study at the Briercrest Bible Institute at Carenport, Sask., in order to be able to serve the Lord better. She is the first one to go and we praise the Lord for her. We hope many others will follow her example and go to Bible school.

Dr. Ellen Taylor of Winnipeg conceived the idea and Prof. Hovey, professor of civil engineering at the University of Manitoba, designed the equipment.

One of the major problems in treatment of polio patients with the iron lung has been the tendency of joints to stiffen through non-use. The joints could not be moved even if the nerve was restored to working order. In addition the patient suffered much pain through lying in one position for long periods.

The World Today

65 COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS WHEAT PROBLEM

Between 60 and 65 countries, including Canada, are expected to attend the United Nations conference on the International Wheat Agreement in Geneva next month.

An issue likely to be discussed is the present world surplus of wheat. The Corn Trade News, a leading organ of the international grain trade, says the U.S. now has 1 billion bushels of wheat, Canada has 500 million and Australia 90 million over and above any likely demand in the current cereal year.

HAPPY HOMECOMING

On Sunday, Oct. 9, three trains carrying more than a thousand prisoners of war reached West Germany. On Tuesday, Oct. 11, the first group of civilian German prisoners from the Soviet Union arrived in West Germany. Altogether 8,000 are expected to be released by the Soviet Union.

The civilian prisoners told tales of Americans being held in slave labour camps in Russia. Included is an American left-winger who went to

the Soviet Union voluntarily and was sentenced as a spy.

It seems that American political "refugees" receive a different treatment in Russia than those who escape to the West from Russia.

Death

K. K. SIEMENS

Mr. K. K. Siemens of Saskatoon, Sask., went to be with the Lord at the age of 84 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bath, on October 1, 1955. Mr. Siemens was sickly for several years and died two weeks after receiving a stroke. The funeral was held in the M.B. church at Saskatoon on October 4.

Kornelius K. Siemens was born in Russia on Dec. 29, 1871. He and Agatha Lepp were married on Feb. 4, 1897, and together they were baptized and received into the M.B. church in 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Siemens and family emigrated from Russia in 1925 and started farming near Dalmeny, Sask. Sometime later they moved to the Waldheim district. When they retired in 1939 they moved to Saskatoon where in 1946 he was predeceased by his wife.

Mr. Siemens leaves to mourn five daughters, Ann and Gertrude in Vancouver, B.C.; Mrs. H. Chiko (Agatha), of Saskatoon; Mrs. Isaak (Susie), Glenbush, Sask.; Mrs. E. A. Bath (Katie), of Saskatoon; and one son, Mr. K. K. Siemens of Saskatoon.

Here and There — and Everywhere

STUDENTS AT WATERLOO

EAST WATERLOO, Ont. — Additional students at Waterloo College this year are: Henry Goertzen, Virgil; Dal. Warkentin, Virgil and Winnipeg; Bill Redekop, B.C.; Henry Konrad, Manitou, Man.; Jac. Peters, Abbotsford, B.C.; Lincoln Lautermilch, Woodrow, Sask.; Rosy Keilhau, Waterloo; and Helga Kutz, Kitchener.

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VISIT CITY

WINNIPEG, Man. Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Bargaen and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dick from Coaldale, Alberta, were visiting friends and relatives here over the Thanksgiving week-end. Mr. Bargaen is principal of the Alberta Mennonite High School and Mr. Dick is the music director. The parents of Mr. Bargaen are residing in Winnipeg.

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25th ANNIVERSARY

SPRINGSTEIN, Man. The Springstein Mennonite church will commemorate the 25th anniversary of Bishop Wm. Enns's service as a minister on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

LEAMINGTON, Ont. — The Sunday School Teachers' Convention of the United Mennonite churches in Ontario was held on Oct. 15 and 16.

The Conference of the Peace Churches in Ontario is to meet here on October 22.

CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN URUGUAY

COLONIA, Uruguay. A new church building for the M.B. church in El Ombu was begun on July 25. By the middle of September all the rough work had been completed. It is expected that the building will be completed by the end of this year.

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HOUSE PURCHASED

EAST WATERLOO, Ont. — Recently the United Mennonite church bought the house next to the church because of a shortage of room. At present the Sunday School is utilizing the building.

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PARENT-TEACHERS' MEETING

WINNIPEG, Man. — A Parent-teachers' meeting will be held in the M.B. Collegiate Institute on Monday, Oct. 24, in the auditorium of the Institute on Talbot Ave. The program, beginning at 8 p.m., will include a message by Rev. H. Regehre, report on life at school by the principal, Mr. Victor Adrian, and a discussion about a project. There will also be an election of officers.

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MINISTERS AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE

VINELAND, Ont. — The Ministers and Deacons' Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of Ontario is scheduled to meet here on

Record Attendance

John Reimer

HARRISON, B.C. The Lord wonderfully blessed us in the festivities at the Chapel in Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., on Sunday, October 2. It was a doubly busy day, for we celebrated Thanksgiving as well as Sunday School Promotion Day.

An all-time record of 128 attended the Sunday School. Thirty-three students were promoted in a colourful ceremony and introduced to their new teachers. Each child received a certificate as they entered the new class. A Moody Institute film "Three Men in the Fiery Furnace" was then shown as the lesson for the day.

They Brought Good News

By Mildred Bishop Jorgenson

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(4th Installment)

A mellow twilight was all that remained. David and Evangeline had been sitting quietly in their leafy retreat. Both were deep in thought. The sound of voices, as girls left the dormitory for a college recital, finally brought them back to the present. David stirred from his reverie and put his arm around Evangeline; she leaned against his shoulder in dreamy content.

Although they had never discussed at length their decision to follow the Lord where He would lead, nor of their affection for each other, both understood that their future was linked together in God's service. Through their years in high school and through two years of college, they had been constant companions. Now they were about to be separated. This was their last day at Burwell. Evangeline was to go into nurses' training immediately and David would enter the university to begin his studies in medicine. The years had been pleasant and not too difficult, but now life must begin in earnest. They must prepare themselves for their places in God's great program for the salvation of souls.

Finally, Evangeline realized that David had broken the long silence. It had been a sacred silence in which two hearts were beating as one.

"I've never told you how I felt about you", David began. "You know I'm like Dad. It's hard for me to find words to express the things I feel most deeply. But I hope you understand me well enough to know that I've loved you all these years."

"You are like your father in so many ways. I've always been able to tell by the way he looks at your mother and the way he treats her that he thinks she is wonderful." She smiled up at him. "I like to believe that the way you look at me means the same thing. It is nice, though, to have you really say it."

Despite the growing darkness there was sufficient reflected light to see, as only lovers can, the deep look from his intense blue eyes. A rosy glow came to her cheeks. To David she had never been more beautiful and his eyes told her so. His hand closed over hers and they sat in their secluded nook for several moments before either spoke again.

"Do you still feel the call to mission service as definitely as you did that day almost ten years ago in the Center?" Evangeline asked.

"You surely know that everything I've done since that time has been in preparation for the work. Are you still as determined

to go with me as you said you were that day?" he asked teasingly.

"I'll never change my mind unless God shows it is not His will for me."

"We have a long pull ahead of us. Seven more years of school for me. Do you think you can wait that long?" His arm drew her closer.

"Of course. I'll be busy, too. Three years of training and then some extra experience in Uncle Dan's Clinic. With such a goal to reach, the years will pass quickly."

"Perhaps it is a long time to be engaged. Shall we just continue our understanding? Only this time we will make it more binding. We will seal it with a kiss."

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The expected "long pull" passed quickly as David and Evangeline plunged into their training with a set purpose. They knew that if they would be good missionaries abroad they must be good missionaries at home. A large hospital came to recognize and respect the calm unwavering faith of a young nurse. Patients began to ask for the nurse who could really pray. Girls in training, who were shocked and disillusioned by their first glimpse of the grim realities of life, came to Evangeline for comfort and counsel. Often they went away with the real Comforter within their hearts.

The so-called scientific reasoning which dominated the university thinking was powerless to shake David's faith, for it was firmly grounded on the Rock. Other students who had been taught that medicine and religion could not mix were convinced that spirituality is a great asset to the medical profession.

Short but happy vacation periods were spent together on Stott Street. Such wonderful times as the two families had together! Eric Nielsen and Dr. Whitmore were a team in their ministry to bodies and souls.

They were all gathered together at the Nielsen's for Thanksgiving dinner. David would finish his internship in June. He and Evangeline had just announced their engagement and all were happily discussing their plans for the future. Evie was as dear to the Whitmores as any real daughter could have been. She had always called them Aunt Meg and Uncle Dan, for they had not wanted her to forget her own parents. Aunt Meg had tears in her eyes as they talked of going to a faraway land.

Both Evangeline and David had been aware of a growing interest in South America.

(To be continued)

KROEKER HEADS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

A. C. Kroeker of Altona, Man., succeeds Peter Brown, Winkler, Man., as convention president for the next years Red River Valley Teachers' Association convention. Frank Brown was elected vice-president and Nick Neufeld secretary-treasurer. The Red River Valley Teachers' Association includes inspectional divisions 14 and 32 in southern Manitoba.

Two resolutions were passed by large majorities at the convention.

One decided to ask the provincial government to raise the minimum pension of retired teachers to \$30 for every year that the teacher has taught. Another resolution asked that pension provisions be made for teachers' widows.

An Indonesian church leader declared recently that Christians in his country are converting more Moslems than in any nation in the world. Hundreds are being brought into the church each year and the number is expected to continue to grow.

MENNO VISITS QUITO

David Nightingale

(4th Installment)

The next day on the plane Menno found time to really think about what the Clarks had told him concerning the radio station in Quito. Yes, even now, while he was being borne majestically through the vast heavens, the message of salvation was finding its way from the transmitters of the "Voice of The Andes" to hungry hearts in desperate need of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. The fleecy clouds beneath him seemed to repeat the message of Isaiah of old, "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee". Menno recalled how the prophet continued, "Sing, O ye heavens, for...".

Suddenly the plane lurched violently. The passengers grabbed for their safety belts. The steady roar of the engine had changed to a dangerous splutter!

The plane began to drop... There seemed to be nothing to hold it.

Suddenly a hand clutched Menno's arm, and through the splutter of the engine he faintly caught the words of the lady beside him, "C-a-n y-o-u p-r-a-y?" Menno couldn't explain it, but somehow, there was perfect peace in his heart... Yes, he knew how to pray!

All at once, as though a mighty

hand had intervened, the plane paused in its wild descent. The cough of the engine became more and more imperceptible, and, almost as quickly as the trouble had come, it seemed to pass, until once again the steady hum of the engine acted like a soothing balm upon the hearts of the passengers.

The excitement was over, and Menno turned from the window to see who was touching his shoulder.

"I beg your pardon, sir," spoke the elderly lady beside him, "but won't you please explain how you remained so calm through all that?"

Menno's heart leaped for joy at this splendid opportunity to testify. Eagerly she listened to the simple plan of salvation, and, to the young traveler's surprise, she responded with childlike faith.

"What you told me, is not new to me," she told him. "I have often listened to a Christian radio station, and God permitted this trouble to come to bring me to a decision."

Menno looked up quickly.

"Pardon me, madam, but will you tell me to which radio station you refer?"

"Why certainly, it is HCJB, the 'Voice of The Andes'."

Just at that moment the stewardess entered and announced, "The city you see below is Quito, Ecuador". (To be continued).

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Do you like being introduced to new people? That way you make new friends, and the more friends you have the happier you are. Isn't that true? This week you will learn to know a new friend, someone who likes children and is going to write to you. She wants to be called Aunt Selma—but don't you go guessing who she is, because that is not her real name. She has written her first letter to you, and here it is.

Dear boys and girls,

A little over a week ago we celebrated Thanksgiving Day and you had a holiday from school. Did you remember to thank God for all the good things He has given to you, such as parents who love the Lord Jesus and being able to live in a land where we can celebrate Thanksgiving Day? But what about thanking God for sending Jesus Christ to this world to save us? If you have asked Jesus to come into your heart, then be sure and thank Him every day; if you haven't asked Him — well, don't you think you should? In Ephesians chapter five verse twenty we read that we should be thankful to God for all things.

Do you enjoy receiving letters from other boys and girls, even from those you don't know? Then write to us and tell us about yourself. Then others will do the same thing and you will learn to know each other even if you live many miles apart.

Indian Summer is a beautiful time of the year, isn't it? The other day I went to a park and saw the different coloured leaves on the trees. But they weren't as beautiful as the fall flowers, all kinds of them in their bright colours. Flowers are like boys and girls, lovely because God has made them, each different from the other, yet He loves every one.

Aunt Selma.

Children Write

North Clearbrook, B.C.

Dear Uncle Les,

I was reading your letters in the **MENNONITE OBSERVER**. So I thought that I should write you a letter.

I am ten years old and go to North Poplar school. We live in North Clearbrook, but we go to the South Abbotsford M.B. church. Yesterday we had thanksgiving in our church. Today there is no school.

I am going to go to German school on Saturday as soon as it starts. I am glad that we now have an English paper too. I like to read your letters.

Well, that's all for now.

Eleanor Epp.

You wrote a very nice letter, Eleanor. I am sure other children will enjoy reading it. Now that Aunt Selma has started writing to you I think you will enjoy her letters too.

Blaine Lake, Sask.

Dear Uncle Les,

It really is too bad that everybody is too busy to write to us. I wish that I would have time to write more letters myself.

My thirteenth birthday was on October sixth. I am in grade nine. My favourite subject is composition. My hobbies are making model airplanes and collecting stamps.

Our town used to be a Doukhobor settlement but now there are other churches. We are building an addition to our church because it is too small. In summer we went to British Columbia and stayed there till school started.

Yours truly,

David Esau.

Thank you for your fine letter, David. You have set a good example and I know others will follow it. Your father is doing mission work in Blaine Lake, isn't he?

The Story of our Church

FINDING A LEADER IN MENNO SIMONS

Mrs. H. T. Esau

In the year 1496, four years after Columbus discovered America, a boy named Menno Simons was born in Holland. He grew to manhood, and because he could study he became a Roman Catholic priest. The Christians, who called themselves Brethren, were hated and persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church, and at first Menno also believed the Brethren were in the wrong. But God caused him to begin to read the Bible, and as he studied it the Holy Spirit showed him that he was a sinner and needed to be saved by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. After he found peace and rest for his soul he went to be baptized, and joined the Brethren in 1536.

Because he was a devout scholar and willing to tell others what Jesus had done for him, the Brethren wished Menno Simons to become a preacher of the Gospel of Christ. God was able to use Menno Simons and soon he was called to help the Christians all over Holland. He became a great leader among them. The Pope and his priests did not like him, so they tried to catch him. In a wonderful way God always took care of him and kept him from falling into their hands. At one time the enemies were sure that Menno Simons was on a certain boat, but when the time came for the man who was to betray him to speak, he could not say a word. After Menno was gone he cried out, "The bird has escaped." At other times Menno and his family were

TWO OF US

Some older boys were trying to compel a small boy to join them in some mean act. "I can't do it," he said.

"What's the reason you can't? You will have to, I tell you. We are going to make you do it whether you want to or not. We are all of us against you, and how are you going to help yourself?"

The boy looked at the other a moment and said, "I can't do it; it's wrong. It's mean, and I won't do it. I am not as much alone as you think I am, either. There are two of us, and the other One has always been more than a match for all that have come against Him."

"Two of you!" sneered the other boy. "And where's your partner, I'd like to know? Why doesn't he show up? Much help you'll get from him! You'll be used up before he comes."

"No, I shall not," answered the other boy, quietly, "for He is here now. It is just as I told you; there are two of us, and the other one is — God."

The leader of the rough boys was startled. He looked for a moment into the determined face of the little fellow before him, and then, casting a sheepish glance at his companions around him, he said: "Come on, fellows; let him alone. There is no use fooling with such a chap as that." And away they went.

—Selected.

Future Subscribers

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Jake Dick of Saskatoon, Sask., a son, Garry James, on September 26.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kornelson of New Hazelton, B.C., a son, Donald, on September 24.

moving and fleeing from evil men who sought to harm them. At last they were looking for him all over Holland and the government offered a reward for the one who should capture him, so he went to Germany. Because he loved the Lord Jesus he had to wander from place to place in Germany, but he kept on preaching the Gospel, forming churches, and writing many books for the Christians. Since he knew and understood the Bible well, his books are still studied in Europe and America.

Menno Simons gave up everything to serve the Lord Jesus, and he was so poor that friends sent money to his two daughters to take care of him until he died on January 13, 1561. He was buried in Germany, but no one knows just where his grave is, because a great war laid waste the countryside some years later.

(To be continued)

BOOKS FOR BOYS

Age: 10—17

The Questions of Jack Wantoknow, by Montague Goodman. Jack was a schoolboy and quite an ordinary one at that. But that statement must be qualified, for Jack was especially good at asking questions. This book relates in the form of a story his questions and "Solomon's" answers. Questions answered include "How Do You Know the Bible is True?", "Why Not Fight Your Enemies?", "What's Wrong with Sunday Games?", and "Does God Let People Down? 50¢

Come to Tea with Me, by Montague Goodman. There was young Peter Round, as round as his name and as the doughnut he was devouring in justification of his familiar title of "Hold-all." Next to him sat "the Shrimp". And there was "Sleepy", "Dum" and "Dee", and others. And do they have fun. Chapter headings include, "The Man Who Couldn't Drown", "Brother Adam", "Bringing up the Burglar", and others 50¢

Curiosity Joe, by Montague Goodman. Curiosity Joe was the son of his father—Jack Wantoknow. He was full of curiosity about everything. Possibly this was in part due to his place of birth, for he was born in a mud hut in a native village in the heart of darkest Africa. Read about "The Unhappy Tree", "Digging for Gold", "Adventure with a Lion", and other incidents. 50¢

The Strange History of World-over School, by Montague Goodman. Imagine the scene. Three score schoolboys sprawling on the grass round "Commie's tent" (irreverently termed "Mount Zion") mostly sucking sweets while they listened to the "chapter for the day" of Commie's Yarn. Full of practical Christianity for the teenager..... 50¢

The Curiosity Club, by Montague Goodman. "I know", cried Mike Smart in a high-pitched voice, "call it The Curiosity Club!"

So it was agreed and The Curiosity Club was declared duly constituted. Monthly meetings were to be held on a Saturday evening, to be of a social character for the first hour and then a debate under the general title, "Things I want to know."

Things discussed are: "Why are Wrong Things so Jolly and Right Things so Dull?"; "Do Miracles Really Happen?"; and other matters. For teen-age boys who are beginning to think. 50¢

Solomon Goes to School, by Montague Goodman. Solomon is known from the previous books in this series. In this book he speaks at a school—about high school level.

"My talks are going to be practical, of course, and they're going to be personal. So for that reason and to give a slightly classical flavour, I am going to call them Ego Talks."

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Colleges

MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

Twelfth Opening Program

The twelfth Opening Program of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College was held in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg on Sunday evening, October 9. Parents and friends combined to fill the church as the students and the faculty reminded the congregation that they needed the support of everyone.

The congregation was welcomed by the pastor of the church, Rev. I. W. Redekopp, who is teaching part-time at College, and by Rev. H. H. Janzen, the president of the M.B. Bible College. Rev. H. P. Toews, chairman of the M.B.B.C. school board read Philippians 3: 12-14 as a guide for the school and opened the program with prayer.

The main message of the evening was delivered by Rev. H. H. Janzen, who has only recently returned from a preaching ministry in Europe.

Special features were the testimonies by students in word and song. Henry Dyck of Chilliwack, B.C., declared that he had come to M.B.B.C. because "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things that he hath" but in knowing Christ. Takashi Niwa, a student from Japan, related how God had led him to come to M.B.B.C., emphasizing that he had come to study so that he could be more effective in Christian education at home. Other testimonies were given by Bro. Strohschein, German Baptist immigrant, and Miss Margaret Enns, a second-year student at M.B.B.C. Testimonies in song were given by John Pauls, who sang in evangelistic campaigns in Europe for 6 weeks this summer, and by Holda Reimer, a second-year student from Yarrow, B.C. Three songs were sung by the Acappella Choir under the direction of Mr. H. Voth.

Rev. Ewert gave a breakdown of the student body enrolled to that date. It included 28 students from B.C., 15 from Alberta, 8 from Saskatchewan, 27 from Manitoba, and 19 from Ontario. Foreign students include one from Brazil and one from Uruguay, four from Paraguay, and two from Japan. Nearly half of these 105 students are taking the Religious Education Course, one quarter are studying for the Bachelor of Theology degree, and 15 are pursuing the Sacred Music Course. There are 11 taking the General Bible Course, and two special students.

A new faculty member is Herbert Giesbrecht, a graduate of the University of British Columbia and the M.B. Bible College. He has completed residence requirements for an M.A. in special education at the San Francisco State Teach-

ers College. He has been appointed librarian and is also teaching some subjects. Rev. Henry Voth and Peter Klassen have again returned to teach in the music department and are also teaching some of the liberal arts subjects. Rev. J. H. Quiring, Rev. I. W. Redekopp, and Miss Nettie Kroeker are teaching part-time. The other faculty members are Rev. H. H. Janzen, president; Rev. David Ewert, registrar; Rev. J. A. Toews, dean; and Rev. H. Regehr.

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CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Joyful greetings from Winnipeg. The students have moved into college again, full of life and a desire to study. The new students possibly still feel a little out of place, but they too are hurrying from one lecture to another or sitting engrossed in their books in the library.

By Monday students had started playing volleyball. Everyone is enjoying the beautiful, sunny days of the Indian Summer, but the leaves drifting to the ground remind all of the coming winter.

On Friday the teachers hosted the students at a welcoming service. Over a cup of coffee new acquaintances were made and friendships renewed.

British Columbia and Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba meet here—the Mennonite brotherhood in miniature. Thoughts still often go back home and surely the prayers of those at home and those at school meet at the throne of our Father in heaven.

C. Lehn.

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GOSHEN COLLEGE

During the annual revival services, October 2 to 9, John R. Mumaw, President of Eastern Mennonite College, directed an inspirational study of the book of Ephesians. He was in charge of daily student chapel periods and evening services in the College Congregation. President Mumaw also addressed the seminary fellowship on the theme "The Self-Discipline of the Minister" and spoke to the faculty at the regular faculty meeting on the educational program of E.M.C.

"Whither Bound?" was the theme of the annual Student Activities Conference held at Camp Friedenswald, Sept. 30 — Oct. 2. The key address of the conference "Extracurricular Activities Whither Bound?" was delivered by Acting Dean Karl Massanari. The Student Activities Conference is designed to improve and coordinate the campus extracurricular activities. The conference includes all club, class, and chorus presidents and sponsors.

Charles A. Wells, newspaper cartoonist and writer and editor of *Between the Lines* addressed student chapel Sept. 26 and the Peace Society Sept. 28. Sponsored

by the Goshen Council of Women, Wells gave a series of lectures at the Goshen High School entitled "Christ and World Needs."

A nonconformity conference with Paul Erb and A. J. Metzler as guest speakers is scheduled for Oct. 22 and 23. At this time the College and the College Congregation will be hosts to the northern Indiana churches.

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TABOR COLLEGE

Pipe Organ Purchased

A five-rank pipe organ has been purchased for the expanding Music Department of Tabor College, reports President Frank C. Peters. The purchase was prompted by the increased demand for organ lessons.

The instrument, a two-manual Kilgen unit organ, was bought from the Blessed Sacrament School of Wichita for \$1,800; the original purchase price in 1942 was \$6,000. Installation in the college chapel is expected to be completed by the end of October.

The total cost of the organ, including the cost of readying the platform and the installation, will amount to approximately \$2,600. A very generous donation of \$1,000 toward this figure has been received from a Western Kansas friend of Tabor who wishes to remain anonymous. President Peters expressed the hope that the remaining \$1,600 would be paid through similar gifts from interested friends.

religious conditions, in an interesting and highly readable manner.

J. Winfield Fretz, the author, is a professor of Sociology and chairman of the Division of Social Science at Bethel College, North Newton, Kans. A graduate of Bluffton College, he has gained his M.A., Ph.D., and B.D. since then. During the last eleven years Dr. Fretz has been to Mexico and Canada to study Mennonite life there. He is associate editor of "Mennonite Life" and the "Mennonite Quarterly Review."

Describing his book as a sociological report, Fretz declares that its chief purpose is to "give the reader a clear picture of the results of twenty-five years of Mennonite colonization effort in South America."

The field covered by the author includes the history and heritage of the various settlements, studies on home and family life, education, church life, government and social welfare, manners and customs, health and medical facilities, agriculture, economics, and industry. He also delineates the role of the MCC in the establishment of the settlements and gives a short prognosis of the future.

Not only interesting for personal orientation, this book is invaluable as a reference book, with its photographs, illustrations, and statistical tables.

* Obtainable at The Christian Press, Ltd. for \$2.75 postpaid.

BOOK REVIEW

PILGRIMS IN PARAGUAY: The Story of Mennonite Colonization in South America, by Joseph Winfield Fretz. 247 pp. Published by Herald Press Scottsdale, Penn. \$2.75.*

Pilgrims in Paraguay is a "must" for every alert Mennonite. This up-to-date book (1950) on the Mennonites of South America presents the historical background, the present social, economic, and

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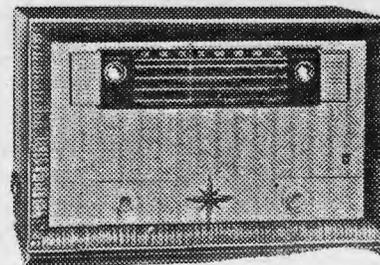
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(MISSIONARY REPORTS, f. p. 1-3) young people were in charge of a farewell service for the Vogts. Through songs, poems, and short speeches they expressed their love for Bro. and Sister Vogt, who have won the love and respect of these people through faithful and loving service. We accompanied the Vogts to the railway station and sang a few songs of farewell before the train left.

While the Vogts were still here I was privileged to make a trip to Belgium. I went to visit the missionaries studying there and to visit the Russian brethren living there. Through Bro. H. H. Janzen I had become acquainted with the leader of the work among the Russians in Belgium, Rev. Grikman.

I was able to spend five days among the Russians and Germans who were driven to Belgium as a result of the war. A real hunger for the Word of God is in evidence among them. Because the German brethren do not have any minister they attend the services of the Russian brethren, even though many do not understand the Russian language. I had blessed times of fellowship there, and several people called upon God for the forgiveness of sins.

The Lord led a former Nazi officer into one of the German services in one of the homes. At present he is teaching school in Brussels. He told me how he and his friends had fought to the bitter end, even though they knew Germany had lost. "Our home is gone, our parents have been killed, thus life has no purpose," he declared. Later I spoke on the text, "For me to live is Christ and to

die is gain." He had never heard of this. When the believers prayed heartily after my message he received an impression that he will never forget.

Now that the Vogts are gone the Mission Home is rather empty. But I know the Lord is with me and your prayers will sustain me.

THIESSEN VISITS B.C. CHURCHES

Rev. John Thiessen, Secretary of the Mission Board of the Conference of Mennonites in North America ended a 2½-week tour of the Fraser Valley churches on October 5. In addition he visited the settlements in north-central B.C., including Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, and Grassy Plains.

LIGHTNING STARTS FIRE ON FARM

ELM CREEK, Man. A 100-ft. barn on the farm of Kornelius Kroecker of Elm Creek, Man., was destroyed by fire during the early morning hours of October 5. Apparently started when lightning struck the large barn during a thunderstorm, the fire quickly spread to eliminate all hope of saving the structure. Only a miracle in the form of a heavy shower saved the farmhouse nearby.

The barn contained approximately 4,000 bushels of grain, some hay, and about \$800 worth of equipment.

Promotion in Mission Sunday School

PQRT ROWAN, Ont. Promotion Day was observed at the Port Royal Sunday School, an extension project of the Port Rowan M.B. church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 25. Most of the children's parents were present.

The Sunday School was begun in May, 1952, with an enrollment of 16. Since that time the enrollment has more than tripled, with the 50 students being taught by six teachers. Several of the children profess to know the Lord as their Saviour.

ACCIDENT DURING HARVEST

Mr. Jacob J. Janz, 42, a Coaldale farmer, lost the lower part of his right leg when he became entangled in the power-take-off of his beet topper on Wed., Oct. 12. While climbing onto the tractor his right leg was caught in the power-take-off and torn off five inches below the knee.

Mr. Shelsky, his hired man, stopped the tractor, but was unable to get him out of the power lift. Mr. Janz's ten year old son drove for his mother, who cut Mr. Janz loose and got him to the Coaldale Hospital. Mr. Janz never lost consciousness, but lost 60% of his blood. After receiving several blood transfusions and undergoing an operation, his condition is reported as satisfactory.

Bible Institute in New Home

The Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute at Abbotsford, B.C., moved its new home on Oct. 5. Although some work remained to be done, the new building is a monument to the initiative and resourcefulness of the Bible Institute school board and the faculty. The dedication service was held on Sunday afternoon, October 9.

The Institute began its school year in the traditional way with a three-day Bible Conference. Attendance on Sunday was good, although it slackened off somewhat on the week-days. Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of the Bethany Bible School at Hepburn, was the guest speaker.

ANNOUNCE OPENING PROGRAM

The Winkler Bible School will have its opening program on Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. in the M.B. church at Winkler, Man. They ask for the prayers of God's people for the coming school year.

(THANKFUL CHURCHES, f.p.1-4)

Children's Mission, and Rev. G. Bartsch, pioneer missionary in the Belgian Congo, spoke.

— The M.B. church at *Glenbush, Sask.*, held its thanksgiving service on Sunday, Sept. 25. The large congregation was addressed by the two local ministers, Rev. N. H. Pauls and Rev. A. Pauls, and by Rev. Abe Sawatzky, city missionary in Saskatoon, Sask. Mr. Sawatzky pointed out that Christians should be thankful for difficult times as well as for the many blessings. He also portrayed the crowns of glory awaiting the faithful.

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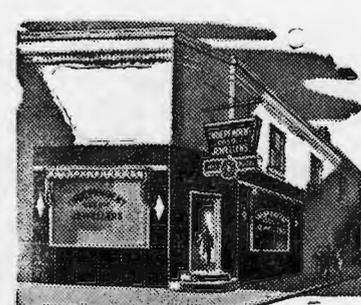
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