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"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2.

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A view of the new home of the Steinbach Bible Institute.

## Steinbach Bible Institute in New Home

By Ben Hoepfner

**Steinbach, Man.** — The Steinbach Bible Institute dedicated its new 56' by 100' building to the service of the Lord on Sunday afternoon, January 8. The auditorium was not large enough to accommodate the many visitors, which had to be seated in various classrooms, where they heard the service through the loudspeaker.

Rev. Don P. Shidler, the president of the Gospel Missionary Union, and Rev. J. H. Friesen, bishop of the Rudnerweider Church, were the main speakers. Rev. Archie Penner, the registrar, gave a report on the building and the financial status. The material for the building cost \$52,000, while \$8,500 worth of free labor and materials were donated. Climaxing the afternoon's service was the dedicatory prayer, led by Rev. B. D. Reimer, the principal of the school.

*Begun 24 Years Ago*

The Steinbach Bible Institute had its beginning in 1931, when Rev. Jacob W. Reimer, a minister of the M.B. Church, and Rev. Isaac Ediger of the Mennonite Alliance, took the initiative and began Bible classes. When Rev. Ediger left after the first year, Rev. Henry P. Fast from the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church took his place. Yet, although the start had been promising, there was a break of four years before the school was organized again in 1936 by seven Mennonite Brethren church members. With two teachers active, the classes were resumed in the M.B. church.

In 1938 the school underwent a great change. Brethren from four churches in Steinbach and vicinity organized a Bible School Society. This society was to promote interest in the school and help in its development. They elected a

board of directors to operate the school, a move that not only made the Bible school interdenominational but also enabled it to have its own campus. The following year a lot was purchased on Mill St., where the school was located for 16 years.

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## Revival at High School

Word has been received in Winnipeg that many have made decisions for Christ and others have rededicated their lives to God at a series of meetings held in the Alberta Mennonite High School at Coaldale, Alta.

Meetings were held in the school every evening from Wednesday, January 18, to Saturday, January 21. Rev. Abe Regier, principal of the Coaldale Bible School, spoke at the services. He was also the speaker at last year's evangelistic meetings held in the school, when many found peace through faith in Jesus Christ. On Thursday and Friday services were held both morning and afternoon in addition to the evening meetings.

Reports indicate that while approximately 20 decided for Christ from among the high school students, the awakening spread to the young people of the M.B. Church. Several went to Rev. Regier's home the day after the last meeting to get right with God.

## Seminar Meets at Rosthern

**Rosthern, Sask.** — The Mennonite Seminar held its first session of the year here on Monday evening, January 16. Even though temperatures had dropped sharply the attendance was good.

Rev. Regehr, instructor at the Rosthern Junior College, opened the session with Scripture reading and prayer. He then introduced Dr. Walter Quiring, editor of *Der Bote*, who spoke on the Chortitza settlement in Russia. In a very interesting way he outlined the movement of Mennonites from Prussia to Russia, their early experiences there, and also their development socially and economically up to 1870.

A lively discussion followed his lecture. To close the evening the ladies present served coffee and biscuits.

The next Mennonite Seminar

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will be held on Monday evening, January 30, when the topic will be: The Chortitza Colony Movement to America.

## Makes Trip to Canada Before Returning Home

Mr. Andreas Balzer, a Mennonite student from Paraguay, is making a quick trip to Canada even though he and his family are to return to their homeland in two weeks after four years of study in the U.S. After a weekend in Winnipeg, Man., he left on January 23 for British Columbia to visit his brother and to tour some of the churches there.

Four years of study in the United States have not dimmed the vision of service to their own people for Mr. and Mrs. Balzer, who came to study at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans., in January, 1952. Although he has received attractive offers for a teaching position in the U.S., Mr. Balzer, together with his wife and nine-year-old Freddie, will be returning to Fernheim, Paraguay, on February 4. There he will join the staff of the "Zentralschule" in Filadelfia for the beginning of the current school year.

After two and a half years at Tabor College, the Balzers transferred to Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, in order to become more widely acquainted with the educational system in the U.S. and the different Mennonite groups. He returned to Tabor College last fall to complete requirements for his AB degree there.

Mr. Balzer is the son of Rev. G. Balzer, the leading minister of the M.B. Church in Fernheim col-



ony. He has had nine years of experience as an elementary school teacher before coming to study in the U.S., having migrated to Paraguay with his parents from Russia at the age of nine.

# EDITORIAL

## Watching and Working

With the exception of the early church age, there has never been a period in history when the second coming of Christ has occupied the minds of ministers and theologians more than during the last few decades. Christian writers have published many books on this theme. Many prophetic conferences have given their undivided attention to this event, while the creation of the state of Israel brought about a renewed emphasis upon this salient event in predictive history. Even the World Council of Churches took time out to discuss the eschatological implications of its theme: Christ, the Hope of the World.

It is significant, however, that many of us who regularly attend church and participate in Christian service to some extent have not been particularly affected in our practical Christian life by a consideration of the imminent return of Christ. We are not particularly impressed with the urgency of the day we are living in.

Already in the second recorded sermon of the Apostle Peter he tells his hearers that God "shall send Jesus Christ". The Apostle Paul, in one of his first letters to a church, wrote to the Thessalonians: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven." Anyone thoughtfully reading the epistles cannot but be impressed by the note of urgency. We must redeem the time, we are to put our whole energy into the extension of Christ's church, we must purify ourselves, the writers admonish us.

If we were really convinced that Christ is coming for His own at any time we would not be too tired or too busy to attend the mid-week prayer service; we would not be sleeping in on Sunday morning instead of going to Sunday school; we would not stay at home and watch television rather than go to a church meeting. We would then find time for prayer, for service, and for worship. We cannot afford to play at being a Christian when millions are dying in their sin daily, when missionary doors are gradually closing in many lands, when churches are becoming social centers, and when all signs point to the imminent return of Christ.

It is indeed high time to wake out of our sleep, for the bridegroom cometh at an hour that we know not.

## LOVE

(A paraphrase of I Corinthians 13)

Though in the glamour of the public eye I sway the emotions of man by my oratory, or by my silver singing, or by my skillful playing, and then go home and gripe because supper is late, or because my clothes weren't made to suit me, I am become as sounding brass or as a tinkling cymbal.

And though I am able to impress others with my vast knowledge of the deep things of the Word of God, and though I am able to accomplish mighty things through faith, so that I become famous among men as a remover of mountains, and have not the love that reads the deep longings of the hearts around the family circle and removes the barriers that grow up in shy and tender hearts, I am nothing.

And though in the glamour of public praise I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I win the name and fame of a martyr by giving my body to be burned, and yet close up like a clam at home, or behave like a snapping turtle, knowing nothing of the glory of giving myself in

unstinted; self-denying service to those nearest and dearest, it profiteth me nothing.

Love is never impatient, but kind; love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade; gives itself no airs.

Love is never rude, seeks not her own, nor fights for her own rights, is never resentful, never imagines that others are plotting evil against her.

Love never broods over wrongs; never exults over the mistakes of others; but is truly gladdened by goodness.

Love suffers silently, is always trustful, always cheerful, always patient.

Home is the acid test of the truly yielded life, for in all other phases of Christian service there is a certain amount of glamour; but in the home one is confronted with the bare facts of life, stripped of all glamour. The home is given to help every Christian "not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think". And it is in the home that we have the privilege of demonstrating that the Christian life is "faith which worketh by love".

*Log of the Good Ship Grace*

## Devotional

### The Lord Was With Him

John Unger \*

"And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord." I Samuel 3: 19-20.

We frequently compare human life with a journey which begins at birth and culminates with death. Companionship on this journey not only helps to make the way more pleasant, but gives increased courage in facing the obstacles which arise while travelling together.

Samuel chose the Lord as his companion. When he had made

The decision of Samuel to have the Lord as his guide was a voluntary choice on his part. The Lord offered His hand of fellowship to Samuel and received acceptance. Enoch made the same choice and of him we read, "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Genesis 5: 24. We might draw an analogy between Enoch's walking with God and our journey of life. Enoch apparently made such progress in his walk with God that God just took him the rest of the way, indicating thereby that the journey back to earth would be too far for him.

Samuel's life stands forth in direct contrast to that of Saul's. Of the latter we read: "And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul." I Samuel 18: 12. The vacancy which arose in the human heart as a result of forsaking the Lord created a vacuum which had to be filled with the sound of a harp. Fear and foreboding took root rather than calmness and confidence.

God's hand of fellowship is extended to everyone today. Those who walk with God are making progress: God leads them forward to fulfill His purpose for their lives. Whether the path is one of popularity or obscurity depends upon the One who has planned the way. Of one thing we can be certain: the path leads to glory—and so we travel on.

\* Home missionary at Stoney Creek, Ontario.

### WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

*If He should come today,  
And find my hands so full  
Of future plans, however fair,  
In which my Saviour has no share,  
What would He say?*

*If He should come today,  
And find my love so cold,  
My faith so very weak and dim,  
I had not even looked for Him,  
What would He say?*

*If He should come today,  
And find I had not told  
One soul about my Heavenly  
Friend  
Whose blessings all my way attend,  
What would He say?*

*If He should come today,  
Would I be glad—quite glad?  
Remembering He had died for all,  
And none, thro' me, had heard His  
call,  
What would He say?*

—Grace E. Troy.

this decision, the Lord proved to be his constant guide. Man must learn by experience, but the Lord, who is acquainted with all the ways of man, can foresee the pitfalls and snares which cause man to fall. Samuel evaded many pitfalls because he was guided of the Lord.

We note furthermore that Samuel made marked progress in life; the effect of this was felt from one end of Israel to the other. Growth to him was a simultaneous development of body, mind and spirit. These faculties in turn God used in making Samuel a blessing to his fellowmen.

Samuel's speech was seasoned with salt. The words which fell from his lips touched the hearts of the hearers and a chemical reaction resulted—all Israel was conscious of the presence of the Lord. The people only saw one man but in seeing him they invariably felt the presence of Another.

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## STEINBACH BIBLE INSTITUTE IN NEW HOME

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During these 16 years the school has grown steadily. To the initial purpose of training Sunday school teachers that of preparing young people for mission work was added. This emphasis on mission work has borne fruit, for 30 former students are now active in mission work. The student body increased until in the 1954-55 school year 98 students were enrolled in the Bible Institute course and the high school course, which had been introduced in 1946.

### Reorganized

When the high school curriculum was added to the Bible school course, the name of the school was changed from Steinbach Bible School to Steinbach Bible Academy. The high school course, however, was dropped for several years, only to be reinstated in 1953, when another change in the administration was made. The society operating the school gave way to a self-perpetuating board. At this time also the name of the school was changed to Steinbach Bible Institute. Today the Institute is still missionary in objective, interdenominational in church affiliation and character-building in ethical considerations.

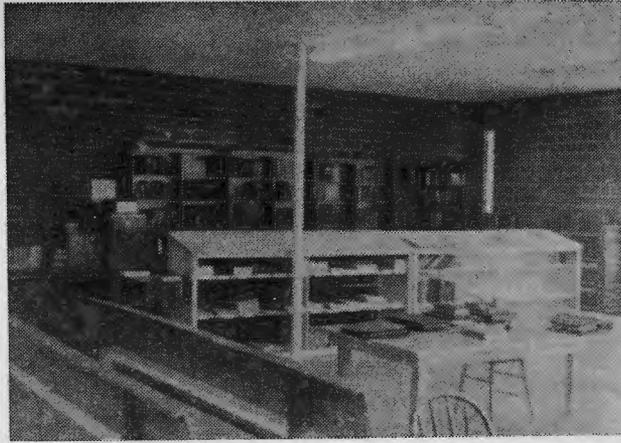
With the steady increase in enrollment the building proved inadequate by 1955. Rather than limit the student body the board, after prayerful consideration, decided to expand. Yet it was a venture of faith, for no church had obligated itself to support the Institute. Probably \$18,000 could be raised through the sale of the old property, but much more would be needed. The board, however, went ahead with its plans, bringing its needs before God and the churches of Steinbach.

### Begin Work on New Building

Work was begun on the basement in July and an artesian well was drilled. Then apparently everything came to a halt. The architect's plans were not ready. Weeks went by and nothing happened. Prayers kept ascending to the throne of God and finally in August, with only a few short months left before school was to start, construction was begun again. God's grace and the faithfulness of His people contributed to the rapid progress of construction, so that school could begin on October 30. Rev. Archie Penner, supervisor of the building project, declared that he had been amazed at the splendid support given by so many Christians.

### Wide Range of Facilities

Today the building stands as a demonstration of divine grace channelled through faithful believers. Located on 13 acres of land, the 56' by 100' building has dorm-



In the picture above you see a section of the large library at the Steinbach Bible Institute. To the right is the executive board of the institute. Left to right, they are: Rev. Archie F. Penner, registrar and supervisor of the building project; Rev. B. D. Reimer, principal of the Steinbach Bible Institute; Mr. G. K. Reimer, a local school teacher; and Ben L. Reimer,



president of the board. Also on the picture is George F. Loewen, who together with Rev. Archie Penner and Mr. Ben L. Reimer formed the building committee.

itory space for 50 students, classrooms, an auditorium, a typing room, two music rooms, a large library, a kitchen and a utility room. The classrooms accommodate both the Bible Institute and the high school students.

At the present time 110 students from nine denominations are enrolled. A faculty of 12 full-time and part-time teachers offers the accredited three-year Bible school course, accredited high school course, including grades 10 to 12, typing, voice and piano.

The board and faculty of the Steinbach Bible Institute take this opportunity to publicly express thanks to the Lord and to all contributors.

## Now Meet in New Chapel

George Martens

*Grand Forks, B.C.* — Our new chapel has been completed so far that we can use it fully. The dedication service was held on November 27, 1955, when in spite of snow and bad weather many visitors had gathered in the chapel. Rev. H. Warkentin of Yarrow, B.C., served with a message from the Word of God and led in the dedicatory prayer.

It was a real surprise for us to receive so many greetings, Christmas cards and gifts of love during the Christmas season. They gave us much joy and encouraged us in our work.

During the Christmas season the Lord blessed us in a special way. The group here presented a Christmas cantata, "While Shepherds Watched". Many came to hear the program. The Sunday school pupils also gave a program to which many parents who usually do not attend our services came.

The new year lies before us with its many opportunities to make the Word of God known. Our prayer is that we might do all things "heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3: 23).

## Froeses Active in India

By Dr. G. J. Froese \*

Greetings with Psalm 23, which we read at our home on New Year's Day when the Jadcherla medical staff was gathered for a time of singing and fellowship. Truly, the Lord is our Shepherd and if we only trust in Him for this New Year He will not let us want.

On January 25, 1954, we left our beloved Manitoba for India. It was a very cold day, such as we will not experience until we return. Although we left a cold country, we know that we have left many warm hearts there who are remembering us in their prayers and with their gifts.

In this great land of India we have experienced the Lord's goodness and mercy in many ways. He has helped marvelously in all things. At first the Telugu language seemed very difficult. While we still have much to learn we now can converse with the people on most matters. We also praise the Lord for the health He has given to us and to our dear little children. Living in a tropical land is quite different from living at home and yet none of us have been sick.

Perhaps you would like to see what we do at the Jadcherla hospital. Before the patients are examined in the morning our native preacher or a Bible woman from the village nearby presents the Gospel to the sick and their relatives on the hospital veranda. During the day a Bible woman breaks the Bread of Life to the patients waiting their turn. She gives or sells tracts, portions of Scripture and Bibles to the literate. The in-patients are also visited in their rooms. In this way many people hear the precious Word. Many only hear it once and then go back to their dark villages. However, God promises that His Word will not return void unto Him (Is. 55:11).

There have been some conversions at the hospital. The native preachers as well as the missionaries say that through the hospital

work they find more open doors in the villages than formerly. We praise God for thus blessing His work.

At present most of our medical work is seeing out-patients and doing minor surgery. However, major surgery is also on the increase. Many people are still afraid to submit to surgery, but as they see the results they gradually gain more confidence.

Just before Christmas our new Autoclave arrived, and now our "sterile technique" has improved. We have also been praying for an X-ray machine. The latest news is that it has been purchased in the U.S.A. and is probably on the way by now. We would like to thank all those who have helped to make this possible. We are especially grateful to the Sewing Circles of Manitoba who have helped a great deal in this project. It will be a very useful machine. The nearest X-ray machine at present is 50 miles away. To these people that is about like 500 miles at home. They very often refuse to leave their district, sometimes even their village, to seek medical help.

Every Thursday I pack my bag and set out either by car, rail, or bus to visit our mission hospitals, which are operated by nurses. These sisters are doing a very great work. On the visits, which are made about once a month to each hospital, I try to help them with more difficult cases and at times I perform minor elective surgery.

In closing we wish you all much joy in this New Year.

\*Medical doctor working under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions in Jadcherla, Deccan, India.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Colds with Complications Afflicting Several

*Waldheim, Sask.* — It is surprising how many have already been stricken with a bad cold that develops into pneumonia. Already before Christmas several school children had to be taken to the hospital. Now Mr. Herman Gossen and Mrs. Jacob Redekop are in hospital with the same ailment. Mrs. John Isaac from Hepburn was also brought to the hospital last week. She is believed to be suffering from an attack of influenza. \* \* \*

### Unable to Attend Services

*Petaigan, Sask.* — Deep snow and recurrent blizzards have blocked roads in this district and made it well-nigh impossible to get out. Even the services during Christmas had to be cancelled because of blocked roads. \* \* \*

### Annual Business Meeting

*Rosthern, Sask.* — The United Mennonite Church here held its annual business meeting on Wednesday, January 18. Mr. Nick Thiessen, whose term on the church board had expired, was re-elected for another term. The crowded conditions of the Sunday school received special consideration and plans were made to provide more adequate space for it. \* \* \*

### Classes in German Offered to Children

*Rosthern, Sask.* — Children in the district who have no other means of acquiring a working knowledge of the German language may do so at the German classes offered at the Rosthern Junior College every Saturday morning. At present the attendance at these classes is over fifty. \* \* \*

### Grant for Greenland Home

*Steinbach, Man.* — The Greenland Home, for which dedication services were held in the Greenland, Man., church on January 3, has received a government grant of \$5,000 as the first installment of a grant that will total one-third of the cost. The additional sum is expected to be received upon completion of the home. To date there are three patients in the home. \* \* \*

### Not Identical Twins

*Niverville, Man.* — Identical twins sometimes make similar experiences, especially when sickness strikes. Yet Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foth have proved there is as close an affinity between man and wife as between identical twins.

Some time ago Mrs. Foth was taken to the hospital for a gall bladder operation. She returned on January 8 to convalesce at home. Then it happened. Two days after her return her husband entered hospital for an identical operation. Both are reportedly recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. Foth is the owner of the Niverville Sash and Door shop.

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### Take to the Air for Trips

*Steinbach, Man.* — Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Reimer and their two daughters left by air on January 13 for their mission field in Panama. They had spent several weeks visiting their respective parents here.

George F. Loewen left here on January 13 for Chicago, from where he will fly to Africa to tour the mission field of the Congo Inland Mission together with Rev. John Thiessen and Mr. Driver, both mission board secretaries. \* \* \*

### Arnaud Sewing Circle Has Social

*Arnaud, Man.* — The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Arnaud M.B. Church held their Christmas social on January 3. The program was held at such a late date in order to have Rev. and Mrs. Henry Brucks, missionaries to the Belgian Congo, with them at the event. \* \* \*

Rev. I. I. Toews made a few introductory remarks before the program, basing them on the story of Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha. After a short program of songs and poems, the ladies exchanged gifts. The men were then invited to join the ladies while a delightful lunch was served. \* \* \*

### Farewell for Brucks in Arnaud

*Arnaud, Man.* — A farewell program for Rev. and Mrs. Henry Brucks, missionaries to the Belgian Congo, was held at the Arnaud M. B. Church on Sunday, Jan. 15. The Arnaud Mennonite Church was also invited, so that it was a joint service for the two churches.

Speaking briefly at the service were Rev. I. I. Toews, Rev. J. Poetker, Rev. David Thiessen, and Mr. P. R. Harder. Mrs. Peter Brown recited the poem, "In alle Welt", on behalf of the Ladies' Sewing Circle. In his farewell remarks Rev. Brucks, referring to I Cor. 15: 10, pointed out how the grace of God had become manifest in his life.

After the lunch in the basement of the church, the congregation bid farewell to the missionaries by singing, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again".



Miss Sarah Peters, Winkler, Man., and Miss Nettie Berg, Coaldale, Alta., are seen together in Antwerp, Belgium, where they are taking a medical course prior to their departure to the Belgian Congo as M.B. missionaries.

## Make Plans for Future

*Coaldale, Man.* — The annual meeting of the Coaldale Crusade for Christ was held on Friday, January 13, in the Glad Tidings Tabernacle. Elected to the executive were: Mr. H. Nikkel, chairman; Rev. R. Schneider, vice-chairman, and Rev. R. Drisner, secretary-treasurer.

Coaldale Crusade for Christ is sponsoring religious instruction in four local schools at the present time. Plans for the coming year's activities include a two-week evangelistic campaign and the showing of Christian films.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### INDIA

John A. Wiebe expresses much gratitude to God for a business transaction at Mahbubnagar, India, which has been successfully terminated after several years of thorny legal difficulties. For six years the Mahbubnagar municipality had offered to buy a part of the Mennonite Brethren mission compound. Early in December payment of \$10,000 was finally made. Payment of this sum is particularly encouraging because the Board of Foreign Missions had earlier designated it for the Jacherla hospital compound and for reconstructing the Mahbubnagar church building, which collapsed as a result of rain and age.

### SOUTH AMERICA

The first chapel in an Indian village in Fernheim colony, Paraguay, has been completed, according to J. H. Franz. In the past services have been held in the open but the weather was not always favorable for this arrangement. Describing the work, Brother Franz writes: "The services are well-attended and we are thankful to notice their eagerness to hear the Word of God. It is a great joy to observe those who have come to know the Lord Jesus more fully. They pray openly in the prayer meetings and their daily life also shows that they have come to know Christ as their Savior. Pray for these new ones in the faith that they may come out more and more in a clear and open testimony for Jesus, that through their testimony others may be won for Christ."

Istmina station in Colombia was planning two weeks of evangelistic meetings which were to begin on January 7. LaCumbre is also planning similar meetings. Missionaries Thomas Cherrys of the Latin American Mission have been invited by LaCumbre to serve as evangelists.

### AFRICA

— Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M.B. Board of For-

eign Missions, arrived in Leopoldville on December 12 for a several months' visit to the Mennonite Brethren field in the Belgian Congo. He was met by the Brethren John B. Kliever and Art Wiebe. After several days of valuable consultation in Leopoldville, he departed for Kafumba on December 17.

— H. K. Warkentin, a member of the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions from Fresno, California, accompanied by Sister Warkentin, was scheduled to leave New York January 4 for the Belgian Congo. There they planned to join Brother Toews and, after several months on the African field, proceed to Europe.

— Clyde A. Shannons, back at Kajiji station in the Belgian Congo, report the work there has grown tremendously. Five hundred children attend the native school. About 100 of them are girls. There are 61 out-school teachers. "Many have been baptized and others professed to receive Christ since we left," they write.

### OKLAHOMA

Lawton View Mission in Oklahoma was visited by representatives of the Mennonite Brethren Southern District Conference Board of Home Missions in December. This visit was made in response to an overture by the Board of Foreign Missions to the Board of Home Missions to accept responsibility for the Lawton View work.

### MEXICO

Construction of projected buildings at Piedras Negras, Mexico, is to get underway late in January, the Lord willing. The first building will be a one-storey, six-room, brick dwelling for the I. M. Alaniz family. Next will be a 40-by-60 foot brick chapel. At present the Alaniz family lives in the rear part of the chapel damaged in the 1954 flood. Following construction of the chapel on the Piedras Negras compound, another chapel will be erected on the hill in the new part of the city.

## Bible Institute in India

Dear Praying Friends:

We greet you today with the words of our Lord Jesus according to Matt. 28: 19, 20: "Go ye therefore, and *teach* all nations . . . *teaching* them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." God has called us into this work, and that is what we have been doing. It is our intention to give you a little glimpse into the work that we have been doing in the Berean Bible Institute these last six months.

The doors of the institute were opened for the second year of instruction early in July of 1955, with four teachers and two part-time teachers. Not only did the students return in full numbers but several new ones also arrived, so that we had all the living quarters filled and had to rent a few extra ones. Since we are close to the village this was also possible.

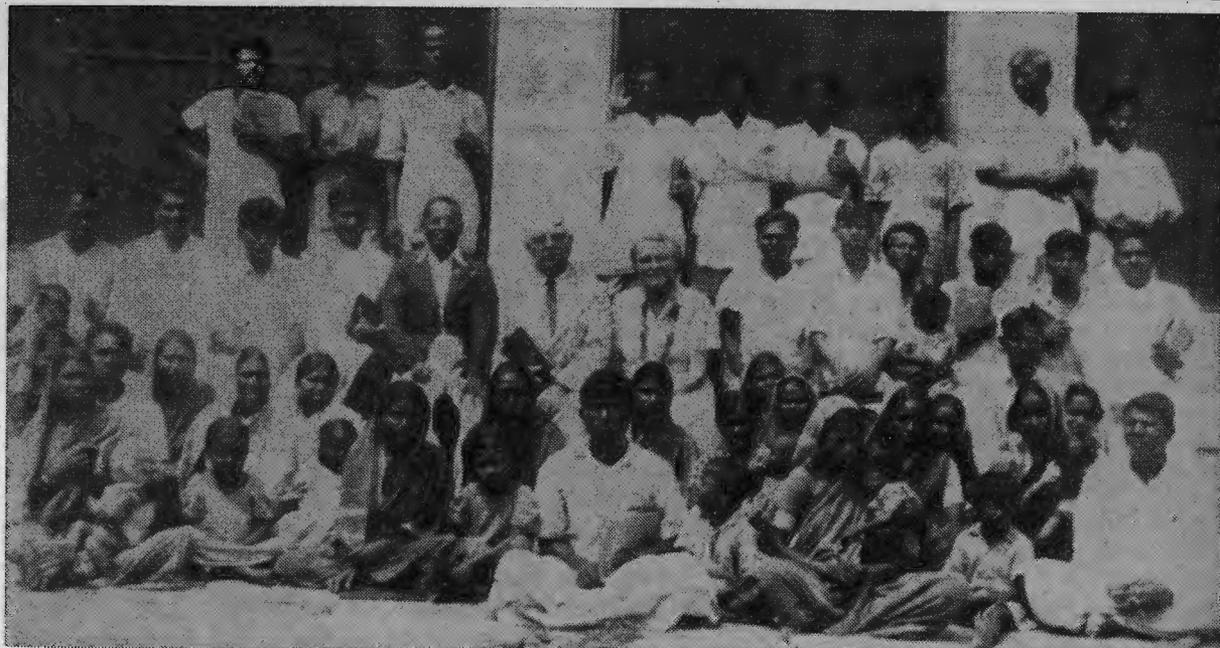
Because of the large range of difference in the education of the students they had to be divided into three classes. The first class accommodated those who had studied in high school, those who had finished a Bible School course, and a few of the more mature teachers and evangelists who had been at work for a number of years, being men of experience.

The lower class consisted of those who can read—not too well—and had not passed the grades. Almost all of them have been in the villages, leading small groups of Christians in prayer-meetings, singing and simple testimonies of their faith in Christ.

The third class, or elementary, was arranged for those wives of evangelists who are still illiterate. They are taught to read, to write, to tell the Bible stories as simply as possible. They were also taught a few of the best known Christian songs in their mother tongue, so that they might be able to teach the children and their mothers these little songs. There were eight in this class.

Sixteen students were enrolled in the lower Bible class. They studied the Life of Christ, the Acts of the Apostles, Old Testament stories, memory verses, elementary Bible Doctrine and Bible Introduction. This class was taught for three months only.

The upper class received instruction for six months in the following subjects: Old Testament Exegesis, English, Epistles of Paul, Synthetic Bible and Bible Doctrine. There were five students attending. In the classroom one would occasionally hear an expression like, "I never knew that this is the meaning of that Scripture," or, "When we read the Bible alone it is not so tasteful." Another one said, "I long to go to my village to teach my village Christians what I have learned here." In general



Above you see the students and teachers of the Berean Bible Institute in Narayanpet, Central Rly, So. India.

they show promise of making good leaders in the church, if they will yield themselves fully to the Spirit of Christ. Now that the school has closed most of them have gone back to their villages and churches to continue with greater energy to build up the church of Jesus Christ in the village where God has placed them. One J. Samuel came yesterday with a group of children to show us how they could sing and recite their Bible verses. It was a pleasure to see the youngsters enjoy the Christian songs and to hear them recite a number of verses each.

We have enjoyed the work of teaching the Bible very much. God has blessed the Institute. We are looking forward hopefully to continuing next year. Till then may we lay before you the following requests for prayer:

### Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

Mennonite colonies in the Paraguayan Chaco are deeply grateful to God that generous rains in December broke a two-year drought. After about a week's rain, which began December 21, our brethren are busy plowing and planting. Seeding, however, is overdue as crops should be planted in September and October. Gerhard Balzer, leader of the Fernheim Mennonite Brethren Church and assistant chairman of the South American Mennonite Brethren conference, writes that prayer services for rain were held for two evenings previous to the day on which moisture began to fall.

While the colonies have prospects for a crop, there is still a difficult period ahead because of the extended drought. In a letter to the Welfare Board office, Peter Derksen, Neuland "Oberschulze", writes that the colony has borrowed to the limit of its credit.

Pray that the Spirit of God may interpret the Word to those who have studied it this last year.

Pray that they may use their time in teaching the village Christians the truths of God's word and by a life of separation, lead the believers on in the faith.

Pray for the necessary strength to teach next year also, if the Lord so leads.

Pray that the Lord may provide the necessary finances, so that without financial burdens the work may continue.

Now in closing, we wish to be remembered by God's praying people for a renewed filling of the Spirit of God for greater efforts for the spreading of His kingdom.

Your brother and sister,

P. V. and Eliz. Balzer.

### FEAR GRIPS CITIZENS IN HAMILTON

*Hamilton, Ont.* — The city of Hamilton, Ont., situated at the western extremity of Lake Ontario, looks to the near future for a period of expansion and progress never before experienced in its history. One reason is the St. Lawrence Seaway Project.

However, at present things do not look so promising in this city where so many young Mennonites work or study. Fear has gripped its inhabitants. Women and children do not venture out at night. Everyone avoids dark streets or alleyways. Why the fear? The sex criminals. Tension and fear has mounted to such a pitch that every male is eyed with suspicion, and for the slightest reason at all women will call for aid. When women are boldly snatched from their escorts and little girls assaulted and murdered, the situation looks anything but promising for the future.

### FAREWELL SERVICE FOR HUGO JANTZES

*Chilliwack, B. C.* — The young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church here held a farewell service for Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Jantz on January 17. The Jantzes have been members of this church during most of their stay here.

The programme featured a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Jantz and a film portraying the experiences of a typical missionary couple as they prepare for and enter the mission field. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and a time of fellowship while refreshments were served.

Although we are sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Jantz leave us, we are thankful that they have obeyed God's call to Quito and pray that He will bless them in their radio ministry.

— Hans Legiehn, a minister and teacher in the Mennonite Brethren Church at Curitiba, Brazil, spent December 10 to 16 visiting and ministering the Gospel to the Mennonite Brethren fellowship at Sao Paulo, Brazil.

— Peter Klassen Sr., one of the Mennonite Brethren Bible school teachers in Fernheim colony, Paraguay, recently spent several weeks visiting and preaching in Neuland colony.

— Preparations are under way for the South American Mennonite Brethren district conference to meet in Bage, Brazil, from January 29 to February 5.

— G. H. Sukkau, Welfare Board worker of Yarrow, B.C., plans to visit Mennonite Brethren groups in Brazil after the conference. Following this he will return to Filadelfia, Paraguay, to begin the new Fernheim Bible Institute. This visit to preach the Gospel and fellowship with the brethren will take him to Curitiba, Clevelandia and Sao Paulo.

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever wondered why the people used to like being with Jesus when He was on earth? Do you think it was because they knew He would be their helper when they saw His kind face and His kind, helping hands?

Do you think Jesus' hands ever hit anybody? No, and Jesus does not want us ever to be angry or to strike anyone. Once there were two brothers who liked each other and had grand times together. But one day they became angry at one another. The one brother struck the other brother harder than he thought he did. He hit him so hard that he became ill. How very, very sorry that brother was. He had not meant to hit that hard, but he had been angry.

I want you boys and girls always to remember that Jesus wants you to have helping hands, not hands that hurt. He wants you to have kind hands like His.

Jesus is not here today as He was long ago. But while we live in this world Jesus wants us to work for Him. I'm sure that you have lots of chances to show that you have helping and kind hands in school. Be kind to others even if they are not always kind to you. Remember that Jesus can help you if you ask Him to.

Aunt Selma

## Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(5th Installment)

### THE WALDENSIANS

Last week we read how the Waldensians had to suffer persecution. They tried to hide in secluded places to save their lives and worship God according to their faith. But they could not understand why the Lord should suffer them to be so bitterly hated and persecuted. They thought God would certainly be on their side and help them if they armed themselves and fought with their enemies, for they surely had a just cause to fight.

Gathering in secret places, the Waldensians armed themselves as best they could, worked out their plans for attacking the enemy and marched against the armies of the Catholics. They fought like lions, but they were defeated. The result of this battle was that they had to retreat still farther into the mountains.

Since many were too weak to endure the hardships of the flight they died of privation and exposure. Many women and children lost their lives on their perilous journey through the deep valleys and over the high, cold mountain passes. When they were finally safe in their hiding place, they searched the Word of God to find out why they could not overcome their persecutors. They found that Jesus Christ had never defended himself by means of deadly weapons, but had suffered death on the cross instead of killing men in self-defence. They also found that Jesus had commanded His own to love their enemies. How could anyone kill the person whom he loved?

After this experience many of these people laid down their arms

and became defenseless people who did not want to protect themselves while killing others. They thought they would just have to suffer persecution until the Lord himself would deliver them from all sufferings. They were persecuted mercilessly and had to flee from place to place. Pitying them, the good-natured people began to call them the "Fellowship of the Cross".

Fleeing from place to place these people hid where they could. Nowhere could their preachers and missionaries stay for any length of time. As soon as the Catholics found them they had to wander away and find some other hiding-place. (To be continued)

### Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Martens of Smith Hill P.O. on January 3, a daughter.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Berg of Waldheim, Sask., on January 8, a girl, Barbara Joan.

### CHECK THE CORRECT ONE

By Chester Shuler

Several answers are given in each case. Check the correct one.

1. The prayer "Create in me a clean heart, O God" was prayed by (Paul — Jesus — Solomon — Silas — Peter — Moses — David).

2. David's first wife was named (Bath-sheba — Ruth — Michal — Lois).

3. The longest Psalm is the (27th — 119th — 150th — 117th)

4. The words "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief" were spoken by (Thomas — John — the centurion — the father of the demoniac boy).



## Studying

I wonder what big brother and sister are studying for. That pile of books would seem to say that they are doing home-work for some of their subjects in high school.

That reminds me. Do you get "home-work" in Sunday school too? Maybe you have those little lesson booklets where you have to answer questions. If you do them faithfully you will learn a lot out of the Bible.

5. (Paul — Jesus — Silas — Peter) declared that "bodily exercise profiteth little."

6. Jesus began His active ministry at the age of (23 — 30 — 33 — 36).

7. The shortest verse in the Bible is (Psalm 23: 1 — John 11: 35 — John 3: 16).

8. When Peter raised Dorcas from the dead, he said: ("Arise, follow me." — "Take up thy bed and walk." — "Tabitha, arise.")

9. The inscription on the Liberty Bell, "Proclaim liberty," etc., is found in (Psalm 23: 4 — Leviticus 25: 10 — Genesis 1: 1 — John 14: 1).

10. John and James were the sons of (Abraham — Zebedee — Ananias). *Young Ambassador*

(Answer next week)

"No, not toilet soap either. My soap is for the heart."

"Soap for the heart!" cried the proprietor, "I never heard of such a soap."

"Here it is then," and from his sleeve, which is the Japanese pocket, Cook-San drew a Bible. "If you will read and follow the teaching of this wonderful Book, it will show you how to receive a clean heart."

And because of that strange testimony the shop-keeper read the Bible and was saved.

A Japanese knows that he needs a clean heart, but so few find it. And so does everyone who has not taken Christ as his Saviour. They (Concluded on page 7-4)

## Soap for the Heart

Now that is a strange title. But the man who said it knew what he was talking about. He was a Japanese cook who was engaged by some missionaries in Japan. He was not a Christian, but he was a good cook. However, that did not keep him from being a wicked man. He had a very ill temper. This he vented on his little daughter.

Each day at the mission home he was in his place when prayer time for the servants came. Finally the Holy Spirit had His way and did His work of converting Cook-San. He was then a Christian. And when he became a Christian his home life changed.

After letting the Lord have His way in his home, and all the wrongs had been righted, Cook-San looked about for something else to do. Then he opened his home for Christian meetings. He did personal work among his friends and invited them to take Christ as their Saviour. In the course of his work he had an interesting conversation in the shop where he purchased supplies for the mission.

"Good morning," said Cook-San, "today I have come to sell instead of buy."

"Indeed," said the shop-keeper, "and what have you to sell?"

"A kind of soap."

"Soap? Is it laundry soap?"

"No, not laundry soap."

"Perhaps it is toilet soap?"

### BOOKS TO CHALLENGE YOUR CHILDREN

#### The Story of Martin Luther

By Anna Katterfeld. 90 pp.

This vivid and lively account of one of the most striking and challenging figures in the history of the church has been translated out of the German language by Lydia Regehr. A fictionalized biography, it succeeds admirably in presenting and interpreting this significant story for young people. \$1.00.

#### Trail Maker

By Robert O. Latham. 95 pp.

This story of David Livingstone, who stands boldly as one of the great adventurers of the Christian faith, is also written for older children. In graphic style the author sketches Livingstone's boyhood and his adventures as explorer and missionary. Every growing boy and girl should know the story of David Livingstone. 75¢

#### Bishop Jim

By Joyce Reason. 93 pp.

This is the story of James Hannigan. He marched toward the Uganda border in the days of the spearmen, when to go as he did meant risking health and life itself. How he lived and eventually died a heroic death makes one of the uplifting stories of faith and fame. 75¢

#### Rusty

By Frank Vanderberg. 85 pp.

It seemed that nobody cared what became of Rusty. Still too young to have a fulltime job, he wandered to a city where he got a new chance, and in a high school that was different. At the same time he found the greatest friend of all. 75¢

# They Brought Good News

By Mildred Bishop Jorgenson

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(18th Installment)

Through dangerous moments when the pulse fluttered and almost stopped, while David worked faster than he had ever worked before, Margaret was at her post. Boldly she held on in prayer. Some time later, Evangeline slipped quietly in and sank wearily on the settee. Margaret arose with some effort from her cramped position and faced her questioningly. "At least she survived the operation. If they can keep her alive the next three days, we can hope for her recovery."

"She will live," said Margaret simply but firmly.

And Senora Vallejo did live. But better still, before she left the hospital she had eternal life as well, and never did the missionaries have a more loyal friend or a more influential supporter.

Margaret truly knew the secret of "praying without ceasing". As she went about her duties she was always in an attitude of prayer. She had pictures of the Bible School classes and of the nurses in every available space in her living room. She had asked for the special task of sorting and mending the laundry for the busy nurses. As she sewed on buttons and mended hose, she would glance about the room. When her gaze would fall upon the likeness of each beloved young person, she would breathe a prayer for his or her special needs. Many young native workers in difficult places were often encouraged and uplifted by the thought of Mrs. Whitmore's prayers for them.

On Margaret's desk there was an attractively framed, tinted picture of Carmen. Dressed in a lovely Spanish costume which had been in the family for generations, her beauty was shown to best advantage by the flowing skirt and lacy blouse and mantilla fastened with a large rose. Carmen had taken nurse's training at the hospital, then when Manuel had finished his pastor's course, they had married and had gone to open a mission station in Los Altos.

One morning as the nurses were gathering for prayers they found Margaret gazing intently at Carmen's picture.

"I was forcibly reminded this morning to pray especially for Carmen. Is there any reason for it? Has anyone heard from her recently?"

"There was a letter last week, I believe. She said something about losing weight and feeling rather weak. Manuel is gone quite often on trips to neighboring villages."

"I feel sure she needs our prayers at this very moment." And as they knelt to bring her to the Lord in prayer, Carmen was lying un-

conscious on the bedroom floor of her small home in Los Altos. Manuel had gone since early morning and when Carmen had tried to get up a few hours later, she had staggered a few steps from the cot and had known nothing more.

Nearby lived a native girl named Loma, strong and large of body, but weak in mind. She had gone so deeply into sin that even her own family despised and shunned her. She had been attracted by Carmen's beauty and grace and fairly haunted the little house, peering in windows until she had become quite a trial to Manuel and his wife.

With her nose pressed against the screen, the slow-witted Loma sensed something wrong when she saw that still figure lying on the floor. She rushed in and tugging at the unconscious Carmen was able to lift her to the cot. Farther than that her mind could not go. Carmen came back to consciousness to find a gaping, terrified girl bending over her. As her thoughts cleared, the sick woman was able to speak, "Loma, you know Doctor Verdugo?" There was an emphatic nodding of the large head.

"Will you get him to come here at once? Do you understand? Tell him to hurry!"

Another nod and the huge body was off at a lope. Carmen closed her eyes and when she opened them again, the doctor was leaning over her cot.

"A miraculous escape!" he exclaimed.

Yes, it was a miracle, Carmen knew. And the instrument used by her heavenly Father was an idiot girl who had been such a source of irritation. Carmen, lying languidly in bed, while Loma hovered happily about, asked God's forgiveness for thinking only of the simple girl as a nuisance and giving no thought to her precious soul. Loma had understood about getting the doctor, surely she could be made to understand the way of salvation.

The nurses were gone but Margaret continued to pray for Carmen until a feeling of calm in her heart made her realize that her prayer had been heard and would be answered in God's own way. She was not surprised when the word came a few days later that Carmen was ill and Manuel was bringing her to the hospital. They were all relieved to find that Carmen's illness had resulted from an ulcer which could be cured in time by diet and rest.

When Carmen told Margaret about Loma, Margaret said, with her usual unwavering faith, "I will pray for Loma. Our Father will prepare her heart and when you go back she will be saved."

## CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

The Children's Home at the "farm", as the Mission now proudly spoke of the acreage, was crowded. Accommodation for twice as many would hardly have begun to meet the need. One wing was used for the boys and a young married couple lived with them. In the other wing were the girls with a teacher and a nurse. The huts were occupied by peons who did the farming. They had cows and chickens and were able to supply the Bible School and Hospital as well as the farm with milk and eggs.

Evangeline had many heart-breaking experiences in the children's clinic, but she was encouraged to know of the ever widening influence Mission and hospital had in this needy field. One day a grief-stricken mother appeared, hugging a shawl-covered bundle to her breast. "My little one, my poor little one," she sobbed. "She die while I come to the so kind doctor."

Evangeline gently took the bundle, promising that the baby's body would be prepared for burial. She went out to another room and later returned to hear the mother's story.

"My little one was so sick. She cried and cried. I live twenty miles from here, but I have heard of the hospital. I start to walk with my baby. A truck comes by from the Petroleum company, full of men. They offer me a ride. The baby has cried so much, now she is still. I look and she is dead. I wrap her up tighter and dare not tell the men. They would be afraid to ride with death and would put me out along the road. I tell no one she is dead until I come to you."

A few questions and Evangeline discovered that the mother was a believer. One of the nurses led the weary woman away for refreshment and rest. After Evangeline had dressed the little body in one of Janelle's white embroidered dresses the missionaries assembled in the garden for a funeral service. Before dark a tiny box was borne gently away to the cemetery by some of the students.

Although the servant problem is usually a serious one in the tropics, the kitchen staff at the hospital was quite dependable because Ramona and Mirada, the cooks, were both Christians. But when Mirada failed to appear two days in succession, the missionaries began to wonder.

"I'm afraid she is ill. I'm sure she would not fail us without a reason," Margaret said to Evangeline.

"I'll go down to see her during my hours off this afternoon," decided Evangeline.

It was a long walk through the poorest section of the city, but Evangeline came at last to the little clay hovel which Mirada called

home. A voice invited her to enter. As she grew accustomed to the dimness of the windowless hut, she saw Mirada lying on a straw mat in the corner.

"Oh, Mirada, are you ill?" Drawing nearer she saw that the poor woman's arms and face were covered with welts and purple bruises.

"Not sick," murmured Mirada sadly, "but Luis beat me because I would not quit working at the Bible Hospital."

"How cruel?"

"Luis is not really cruel. The priest told him I had sold my soul to the devil by working for you and that the devil would take Luis' soul too, if he did not keep me away. The priest sold that to Luis," indicating the brightly colored picture of a girl in a red and black dancing costume of Spanish design, flanked on either side by lighted candles. "He said we must offer many prayers to this Santa Juana so she would plead with the Virgin Mary to keep us out of purgatory. Luis is beside himself with fear. When I would not bow down to the picture he beat me until I am so covered with bruises and cuts; I can scarcely move."

With murmurs of compassion, Evangeline knelt to examine the wounds, but there was an interruption. Luis rushed into the hut and when he saw the missionary, he fell to his knees before the improvised shrine, trembling violently in abject terror.

"El Padre! He comes!" he gasped and Evangeline arose to find herself confronted by a burly, enraged priest. He caught her roughly by the shoulder, shouting as he shook her.

"Child of the devil! May the Holy Saints strike you dead." With the other hand he whirled a huge silver crucifix in her face. In her corner Mirada was sobbing, "O heavenly Father, help us!"

Luis, kneeling before the gaudy picture upon which the candles shed their flickering light, moaned, "O, Mary, mother of Jesus!"

Then suddenly the priest shoved Evangeline from him against the wall and she would have fallen had she not clung to the box upon which the picture was standing. She had been stunned by the ferocious assault of the priest, but as her eyes glimpsed the picture her mind cleared. Picking up the so-called "saint", Evangeline calmly confronted the irate priest.

(To be continued)

## SOAP FOR THE HEART

(Continued from page 6-4)

must let Him wash their sins away with His own precious Blood. The reading of the Ten Commandments makes us see the need of God. The Holy Spirit causes the Word to sink deep into our hearts. Then the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, covers all our sins.

—Author Unknown

# MENNO VISITS QUITO

David Nightingale

(7th Installment)

(Those of you who have been reading the MENNONITE OBSERVER since September will remember that the story began with Menno's decision to visit the missionary radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador. After some difficulty in obtaining the visa he finally left Canada on his trip to Quito, stopping off at the U.S. headquarters of "The Voice of the Andes" before continuing to Quito. In the sixth installment, November 11, 1955, Menno is shown the buildings and grounds at the station in Quito. The story is now continued. —Ed.)

Menno's friends and loved ones back home were beginning to wonder why they hadn't heard from Quito for such a long time. Some who were inclined to be a little demanding by nature (nevertheless very harmless folks!) said impatiently: "The least he could do is write a few lines. I would never have expected such downright negligence from Menno!" Others, who were more kindly inclined by nature, dismissed the matter with a shrug: "I'd do the very same thing! It's such a nuisance to bother with letters. I'm sure they were meant only for lovers and people who have nothing else to do!" Menno wasn't pleased with himself, but he just hadn't gotten around to writing. "If they really get worried about me," he thought, as he smiled to himself, "they can tune in to HCJB and listen to the German broadcasts!"

Just in case there are some of those peculiar people who never seem to mind being bored, this is how Menno spent one of his days with the Nightingales at the radio station: The three youngsters saw to it that everything was stirring early in the morning—in fact much earlier than "Father Nightingale" seemed to approve of. (Having studied this knotty problem of unrest in the family many times since the three little knots had been added to the family tie, the distressed father had come to the conclusion that there were international reasons for it. How could it be otherwise? He, the theoretical head of the house, was born in a hopelessly confused Russia; his gentle and loving wife, Anne, was born in a lonely spot in Saskatchewan, Canada; Grace, the oldest and heir to the throne, was born in the madly rushing U.S.A., her brother, Teddy, in the capital city of Costa Rica, and finally, Kenny, in Quito, Ecuador, which had at one time been the capital of the warlike Incas!)

After the necessary preparations for the day had been made in the home, including a hearty breakfast, Menno accompanied Dave and Anne to their office for the

final arrangements for their recording time. At 9:30 sharp they were in Studio A, one of the four studios in the building, ready to start recording the first half-hour program, "Hafen der Hoffnung". Mrs. Wilda Savage, the wife of the station program director, played the Hammond Organ for a special number and for background music for the poetry which Anne read. The control operator was a young and capable Ecuadorian lady, who found it very easy to smile pleasantly while she worked. It was Menno's responsibility on the program to give a personal testimony, which he did very well. How thrilling it was to stand before the microphone and have a definite part in proclaiming the most glorious message of a Saviour who can save, keep and satisfy!

After the "Hafen der Hoffnung" program another half-hour German release was recorded, whereupon they returned to the office to work with the correspondence and the preparation of other programs. Menno was delighted to find letters from listeners coming from so many different countries. The files contained letters from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand. The letters had to be answered, Q.S.L. cards had to be filled out to confirm reception reports, and tracts had to be included in the envelopes. Suddenly, there echoed the deafening clang of a bell, which seemed to be suspended right above Menno's head! To our shocked Canadian friend each clang pierced his mind with the alarm, "FIRE"! He sprang to the door—if help were needed, he was ready and willing to give it. As he threw open the door, he drew back in embarrassed confusion—for in his haste, he had almost knocked over the field director, Mr. Abe VanDerPuy!

"I . . . I . . . I sincerely beg your pardon. . .!" Menno began to explain, but before he could continue, Mr. VanDerPuy smilingly told him that he had only rung the bell for the daily staff prayer-meeting. He then invited Menno to join the rest of the missionaries for this half hour of prayer. This was the "place of power" for HCJB.

The last notes of the song "Great is Thy faithfulness" had died, and a solemn silence crept over the group as the Field Director announced that he had a very urgent matter to present for prayer: "It concerns the five missionary friends in the jungle who are on Auca territory, attempting to make a friendly contact with this wild and fierce tribe of Indians. This has never yet been accomplished by anyone, for these Aucas never hesitate to

attack and kill an outsider. The five stalwart young heroes, whose hearts yearn to bring the Gospel to these sin-darkened souls, promised to send word to the home base by radio contact on Sunday, at 4:00 p.m., but up to now no word has come. This is no light matter. While thorough investigations continue, all of God's children will have to pray fervently, without ceasing, to that ALMIGHTY ONE, by whom all things are possible!" (To be continued)



(With this issue we are beginning a feature which we hope will be a blessing and inspiration to all Christians endeavoring to witness for Christ in special fields of service not covered by the annual Sunday school teachers' conventions, ministers' and deacons' conferences, etc. We feel that an exchange of viewpoints and experiences will help all of us to become more effective in our service.

To start the ball rolling we are soliciting articles from various people. However, we hope that with time more and more will voluntarily send in letters relating their experiences, offering suggestions, asking questions that could lead to discussions, and discussing methods of witnessing found effective in the field where they are active.

If you have friends active in outlying districts, in unusual situations, and in occupations where they are witnessing for Christ, be they teachers, nurses, chemists, laboratory technicians, etc., send us their names and addresses. Not only will you be doing them a favor, but they might be able to contribute something that will prove a blessing and inspiration to many.

Our first contribution is by Jake Martens, a graduate of the M.E.I. at North Clearbrook, B.C. He has taught in northern British Columbia, at the high school sponsored by the Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Sask., and on the coast of British Columbia. At present he is teaching at Port McNeill, B.C., a large logging camp near the northern tip of Vancouver Island. —Ed.)

## MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT WITNESS

Teaching in communities at a considerable distance from the home church and away from Mennonite contacts is indeed an interesting experience. Many a person may say, "My, that would be something I would love to do, for there must be wonderful opportunities for witnessing of my Lord and

Saviour." This is quite true, but does it also show a "farther fields look greener" idea?

Some time ago a Bible school student who had been thinking of numerous past experiences said to me, "Yes, but you don't have the terrible temptations I've had when I was away from home." This brought a question to my mind, "How can a person stand true to God in a place where there is evidently no fear of God?" A few of the things that have been a great help to me may be stated as follows.

Be sure that this is the place where God would have you be. Without this assurance in your heart doubts may often fill your mind, bringing fear and discouragement.

Live with and for a real purpose. The reason why most people live in isolated places is that they either couldn't secure another job or they came there to make big money. Yours is a much more valid reason. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" should also be our purpose in our position.

Make your Christian position known immediately. By that is not meant a public proclamation of your convictions the moment you get to your town; they won't believe you anyway. The important point is to be truthful. If someone asks you to a "show", excuses like being too tired, or not caring for the picture, or having other engagements, will never do. Tell them you're a child of God, they'll respect you for it and probably never ask you again.

Keep in mind the things that you were taught at home. Christian training in school, in church, and at home will prove to be invaluable when temptations beset you.

Visit and fellowship with the children of God. In some instances you may think there are none within hundreds of miles, and yet if you keep searching you will find some.

Read Christian literature and Christian periodicals. Bible correspondence courses are very helpful. These books and periodicals will often answer apparently insoluble questions.

Be a witness for your Lord and Saviour. Your whole life should be a testimony for Him, but a closed mouth will cause them to question it. Follow God's guiding hand, be tactful, and be confident that He will bless your sincere witness.

Remain in constant, holy fellowship with the master, Jesus Christ. To maintain daily devotions, to speak to Him in prayer, and to live a holy life in His sight is most important of all. It is only through the power of God that we can stand firmly in a trying situation. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3: 2).

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Debate Graham Style of Evangelism

Western Canada's university students participated in a debate on the topic: "Resolved that the Billy Graham style of evangelism is necessary in our age." Teams from the universities in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba participated in the McGoun Cup debate, an annual feature of university life.

In the debate held in Winnipeg the affirmative side declared that the big Graham crusades came at a time when man's greatest problem was his "alienation from fundamentals". They asserted that "Evangelism is a reaffirmation of faith and Billy Graham is its foremost exponent." This reaffirmation is essential for the welfare of mankind or the church at a time when "man is toying with the possibilities of self-destruction".

"There is no wizardry, no necromancy, no emotionalism—only a simple appeal. Because he is a moral person," they stated. "Dr. Graham demonstrated by publicizing faith that the churches could still win the influence of mankind. He doesn't guarantee finished products: the churches must do that. No superior method could claim equal results. Everywhere he is met by the largest audiences ever to greet an itinerant preacher."

The negative side, a team from the University of Saskatchewan, asserted that Graham's methods were inconsistent and motivated by personal glory. His appeal is "hysterical". "When reason, scientific enquiry are needed, the problems of the world are met by fear," the negative maintained.

They also said that Graham's methods were "detrimental" to the churches. The "souped up recruit" to Christianity made by Graham is faced with disillusionment when he goes to church as prescribed. "There's no show in Christianity."

The Graham publicity campaigns were built up "to sell a name" in the same way as commercial television programs. What happens is that "the Gabriel in gabardine" builds up personal idolatry. He creates "emotional souls on which the church must capitalize before the effects wear off".

The Manitoba team, debating on the affirmative, won the debate.

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### Youths Volunteer

In Sweden thirteen youths in the Mission Covenant Church have answered an appeal to "Give a year to mission work". They are now being trained in both practical and theoretical aspects of church management. On completing their period of intensive training they will serve in teams of two each

among various churches in the denomination. They will be youth workers and will receive board and "a small sum of pocket money". Some of the youths left well-paying positions to participate in the denomination-wide appeal last year.

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### Ninety Per Cent "Faithful to God"

In Russia, according to an estimate by an Orthodox priest, 90 per cent of the 215 million people "are faithful to God". Best guesses as to current religious statistics suggest that approximately one-fourth of the population holds membership in the Orthodox church. There are 20 million Old Believers (an Orthodox dissident group), 20 million Moslems, three million Baptists, and an unknown number of adherents of the Jewish faith. The USSR has 20,000 Orthodox churches today, compared with 26,000 in 1917. The Baptists have 5,400 churches. There are relatively few Roman Catholic churches or Jewish synagogues.

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## CANADASCOPE

### Urge Bonus for Seeding Grass Instead of Grain

A plan for bonuses to farmers who return some of their land from grain to grasses—a move to cut surpluses—was urged by the western branch of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture a week ago.

Meeting in Winnipeg, delegates to the annual western convention asked the parent body to study "the feasibility of presenting to the federal government a plan that would provide from the federal treasury an incentive bonus to encourage producers to more soil-building crops".

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### Call for Better Inspection

The Canadian Construction Association at its annual meeting in Winnipeg last week called for better inspection services, a move spokesmen of the Association claim will help rid the building industry of "dishonest" and inexperienced contractors who have crept into it in recent years.

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### Federal Government Halts Arms Shipments to Egypt

Canada will ship no more arms to Egypt or Israel until the House of Commons has an opportunity to debate the issue. The halt was announced by Prime Minister St. Laurent after a flare-up in the Commons last week over disclosures of new shipments to the strife-torn Middle East.

### Fire Sweeps Armouries

A \$600,000 fire swept through the Minto Armouries in Winnipeg on Sunday, leaving the 40-year-old structure a smoke-blackened skeleton. Firemen battled for ten hours to bring the fire under control. One of the firemen lost his life when he was overcome by smoke.

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### Give Up Right to Strike

Manitoba teachers voluntarily gave up their strike rights and voted to accept arbitration arrangements by a substantial majority last June. During the present legislature session the government will introduce legislation to implement this setup. It had been recommended by a joint brief of the teachers and trustees presented to the government.

## The World Today

### Hammarskjold Hopeful of Settlement

After meeting with Gamel Abdel Nasser, Egypt's prime minister, Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold of the United Nations confirmed his "continuing optimism" that the Arabs and Israel will ultimately settle their Palestine conflict.

Hammarskjold also discussed the Israeli-Egyptian frontier problem with Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, chief UN truce supervisor, while in Cairo.

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### British Say They Have Best Polio Serum

The British Health Ministry announced that it has discovered a new anti-polio vaccine which so far is the best in the world. Minister of Health Robin Turton said the vaccine owes its origin to the "brilliant pioneer work" of U.S. Dr. Jonas Salk, but that the British system has eliminated the more virulent strains of the Salk vaccine and the vaccine has been diluted.

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### East Germany Votes for 'Peoples Army'

The East German Parliament last week voted to form a new "people's army", but it will be the old Russian-organized barracks police with Soviet-type uniforms which was set up six years ago.

The Communists claim they need an army to stop an "imperialist invasion" which they charge is being planned in West Germany. Deputy Premier Willi Stoph said an army also is needed so East Germany can fulfill its obligations under last year's Warsaw Pact setting up a unified Communist block command to counterbalance NATO.

### STABILIZED IODINE IN SALT BLOCKS

Loss of iodine in salt blocks exposed to the weather can be avoided when potassium iodate is used as a source of iodine. This was demonstrated in 1951 by Dr. Watson and Mr. Davidson, chemists with the Canada Department of Agriculture, and their recommendations have now been given official sanction under the Food and Drug regulations.

Iodine is required by livestock, as it is by humans, to prevent goitre and other ills attendant on diseases of the thyroid gland. When pigs, calves or foals are born dead, or weak and hairless, iodine deficiency in the maternal diet is immediately suspected. For this reason iodine as potassium iodide is included in the salt. This is quite satisfactory for table salt which is kept dry, but not for livestock, as an iodized salt block exposed to the weather or left in a manger will lose its iodine fairly rapidly.

Efforts have been made to stabilize the iodine in salt blocks by coating them with fatty materials, photographer's hypo, and even molasses, with no real success. Blocks exposed for two months under summer pasture conditions lost all their iodine in spite of such treatments.

Two compounds containing an available source of iodine proved relatively stable under both stall and summer pasture conditions. One of them, potassium iodate, proved to be cheaper than the other. Salt blocks were made up to contain 0.015 per cent and 0.50 per cent iodine, and tested by the Department's animal pathologists who gave the iodate a clean bill of health.

Permission to use potassium iodate has now been granted by Food and Drug officials and when salt blocks containing this compound are produced commercially, farmers can be assured of a stable source of iodine for their livestock.

### 45 ATTEND SIX-WEEK BIBLE COURSE AT GUERNSEY

Guernsey, Sask. — Average attendance at a six-week Bible school being held from December 28 to February 4 at the Sharon (Old) Mennonite church here is about 45.

Included in the classes being taught are the subjects, Life of Christ, by Rev. Milo Stutzman, Tofield, Alta.; Introduction to Theology and Biblical Theology, by Rev. Clarence Ramer, Duchess, Alta.; Old Testament History and Old Testament Survey, by Rev. Paul Voegtlin, Tofield, Alta.; and How to Study the Bible, by Rev. Stanley Shantz, Guernsey, Sask. Music is under the direction of Rev. Paul Voegtlin.

## Deaths

### MRS MARGARET WIEBE

Mrs. Margaret Wiebe of Abbotsford, B.C., passed away on Thursday, January 12, in the MSA General Hospital at the age of 69. The funeral service was held in the McCallum Rd. Mennonite Brethren church on Sunday, Jan. 15. Rev. H. H. Nikkel, the pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. F. Redekop.

Mrs. Wiebe was born December 12, 1886, in South Russia. In 1908 she married G. W. Wiebe at Sunny Slope, Alta. They later moved to Dalmeny, Sask., and came to Abbotsford 11 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, five sons, William of Abbotsford, John of Penticton, Walter, George and Henry of Vancouver; three daughters, Helen, Mary and Margaret of Vancouver; three grandchildren; and three sisters.

### MRS M. FLEMING

Mrs. Mary Fleming of King Road, Abbotsford, B.C., passed away on January 13 at the Mission Home, Yarrow, B. C., at the age of 90. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 17, at the Clearbrook Mennonite church, with Rev. Henry Epp officiating.

Mrs. Fleming was born June 26, 1866, in South Russia. She married Jake Fleming in 1891. She is survived by five sons, Henry of Chilliwack, John, Peter, Frank and Jake of Abbotsford; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Wiebe, Aldergrove; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.



### TRAINING FOR PSYCHIATRIC AIDES

The Mennonite Mental Health Service will now offer pre-service training to new staff members entering service at either Brook Lane Farm, Prairie View Hospital or Kings View Homes. Wade Jones, R.N., will direct these quarterly orientation courses. They will be held at Reedley, Calif., in conjunction with Kings View Homes.

The first school is scheduled for March 5. Seventeen workers are needed at that time: four nurses, six aides (men and women), three cooks, one dietician, one farmer and two patient activity workers.

This centralized pre-service training will set the stage for further on-the-job training at each hospital. It is designed for aides and supplementary personnel entering service at the three hospitals. Incoming

nurses and other staff members may also enroll.

Wade Jones has completed one year of conducting in-service training courses at each of the three hospitals. Prior to entering MCC



service he instructed aides at Veterans Administration Hospital, Las Animas, Colo.

Young people interested in working with the mentally ill may write to Mental Health Services, Akron, Pa., for further information about admission to this training school.

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### NATURALIZATION OF CO'S

The office of the Attorney General in Washington, D.C., recently announced a change of policy in procedures for naturalization of conscientious objectors which affects about 25 Mennonites now seeking U.S. citizenship.

"The Immigration and Naturalization Service has issued instructions that a petitioner for naturalization who expresses willingness to perform work of national importance under civilian direction will not be interrogated further regarding the type of such work he is willing to perform. The cases of such petitioners, including those who are unwilling to work in a munitions or defense plant, will be presented to the courts with favorable recommendations."

This policy change should solve the problems currently confronting 25-30 Mennonite conscientious objectors who are encountering difficulty because they were unwilling to work in defense industry. Ernst Harder, a minister in the G.C. Church at Newton, Kans., received his citizenship at Wichita, Kans., on Jan. 10 as a result of this new direction.

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### JAVA

The MCC unit in Java traveled to South Java over New Year's weekend. In the mountain town of Salatiga they visited a government sanatorium and Christian village project for orphans, crippled and poor people. There are about 700 in the village, and MCC provides

milk for 300 children and sick people.

The unit also visited the large Christian hospital in Jogja. Here are over 500 beds, mostly non-paying patients. In the children's ward were some very pitiful undernourished babies. MCC and other relief agencies also supply this hospital with milk for 300 patients.

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### INDIA

Rudy Friesen, Marquette, Man., spent the latter part of November, December and most of January in the Punjab of northwestern India. This is the area where the floods in October were so serious. Here the normal rainfall is very low, and the summers are hot and dry. Most of the houses are built of mud with flat roofs. These houses were demolished when as much rain fell in three days as they usually get in one year. Many people had to seek refuge in tree-tops until they were rescued.

Though the danger and emerg-

ency period is now over, Friesen distributed clothing, blankets and medicines to the flood-stricken villages. They especially need blankets and clothes for the cold weather. "And believe me, it gets cold here," says Friesen. He also helped to install pumps for drinking water, for most of the water supply was polluted by the floods.

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### INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL HERSHEY

Recently representatives of the Mennonite Central Committee and National Service Board for Religious Objectors interviewed General Hershey to discuss the changes in provisions for CO's which he had proposed. In essence General Hershey's proposals were: (1) to eliminate the Department of Justice referring of CO cases on appeal, and (2) to include specific criteria of sincerity such as "humility", "time of conversion to conscientious objector beliefs", etc. for use by the local boards in classifying CO's.

## Extension Mission Work Done in Saskatoon

Helen Giesbrecht

Saskatoon, Sask. — For many years city mission work has been carried on here by interested Christians. The work took on a more permanent nature when the Lord sent Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Sawatsky and Miss Helen Giesbrecht here more than five years ago. They are sponsored by the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan and carry on missionary activity in various parts of the city, although the main effort during the last few years has been concentrated on the southwestern part, where a chapel was erected in 1954.

### Regular Services

Regular services are held in this building on Sunday and during the week. Projects include the usual branches of work in a church, including morning and evening services, Sunday school, children's hour, prayer-meeting, youth fellowship. A Girls' Club and the ladies meet every two weeks, while a new venture is the choir. All these activities are only possible because of the active participation of a goodly number of people from the regular church in the city. We are trusting the Lord to send us more workers as the mission expands.

Besides the Sunday school and the Wednesday Children's Hour, Bible classes are held in five homes in various parts of the city. On Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays children in three different parts of the city gather in homes. On Saturday afternoon one class is held on University Heights, where the children do not attend any Sunday school, and another with the children of a family that used to live

in that district. On Tuesday evenings a class of about 17 children meets in the sanatorium. These children really look forward to this class and the work has the support of the staff there. Every summer a Daily Vacation Bible School has been conducted there.

### Visitation Work

Regular song services and occasional Bible readings are conducted for the blind, while the city mission church also participates in services sponsored in the Saskatoon Nursing Home by the Saskatoon Ministerial Association. Personal visits are greatly appreciated there. The three general hospitals and the sanatorium present a tremendous opportunity for visitation work also.

House visitation work is a very important aspect of city mission work. This gives the workers an opportunity to gain the confidence of the parents and to do personal work. It has been a joy to see some come to know the Lord in their homes.

God has given fruit in the work. Praise Him! Pray that more may come to know Jesus Christ and that those who are saved might grow in grace and become witnesses for Him. Pray also that the building, of which only the basement is ready for use, might be completed soon. Above all pray that the workers may be faithful stewards in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

The world has forgotten, in its preoccupation with left and right, that there is an above and below.

—Franz Werfel.

## Colleges

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

In order to make the many new students feel at home in our midst and to become acquainted with one another's names, the teachers once again put on a reception for them, which was followed by a lunch. This took place on Saturday, January 7, following our prayer meeting.

Classes for the second term commenced on Monday, January 9. We had many visitors with us during the first three days of the week, as the College Board, the Executive, the Program Committee and the Foreign Missions Committee for the conference were holding meetings here. We therefore had many guest speakers for Chapel. On Monday Dr. Pannabecker of Chicago spoke on "The Ministry of the Church" and gave some important factors to be remembered by those preparing for the ministry. Rev. D. Schulz of Altona, Manitoba, spoke to us on Tuesday and Rev. G. Peters of Chilliwack, B.C., on Wednesday.

The weekly student chapel service was held this week on Thursday, at which time a third year student, Bernhard Retzlaff of Rosemary, Atla., brought the message on the theme "Thankfulness to God".

College life is not without its times of relaxation and fellowship. On Friday evening a group of students went on a skating party.

Rev. Bruno Enss, the father of our secretary and the leader of the church at Greendale, B.C., which recently burned down, visited us on January 17. He spoke in chapel on the blessings of Christian training.

### MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

Rev. Bruno Enss, former student at M.B.B.C. and presently pastor of the United Mennonite Church at Greendale, B.C., was guest speaker during chapel period on January 18. Basing his message on Romans 8: 1-6, he spoke on "Geistlichgesinnte Glaebige".

"The difference between the Bible and all other books is one of kind, and not merely of degree," asserted Rev. Affleck, principal of the Winnipeg Bible Institute, in chapel on Friday, January 20. Speaking to us on "The God-breathed Book" and using II Timothy 3: 14-17 as the basis for his message, Rev. Affleck emphasized that: the Bible has God for its source; the Bible has salvation for its subject; and the Bible is sufficient.

The Student Night program on Friday was presented by the South America Prayer Group. A brief summary of the mission work done

by the M.B. Church in South America was presented by Henry Martens. Later Peter Teigroeb and Frieda Schroeder each gave a short biography of a missionary. The message of the evening was presented by Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the college. He used Galatians 5: 1-6 as the basis for his message, particularly emphasizing that faith working through love motivates all true missionary effort.

Helmut Klassen

### GOSHEN COLLEGE

#### Candlelighting Service

Twenty-six sophomore nursing students are participating in the sixth annual Candlelighting Service, Jan. 27. Paul Brosy, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, Goshen, will address the audience. Each sophomore receives a white New Testament, presented by Mrs. Ancel Whittle, Bible secretary of the Goshen Gideon Auxiliary. The candle-lighting and pledge, led by Edna Amstutz, Acting Director of the School of Nursing, symbolizes dedication to the nursing profession. Participation in this exercise indicates that the student has satisfactorily completed preliminary study and is accepted for the nursing program.

#### Duerksen Visits Campus

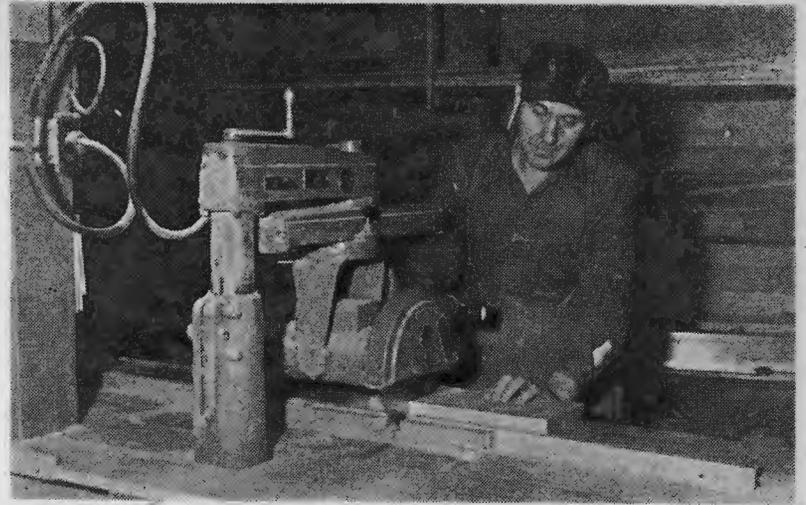
Martin Duerksen, pastor of a Buenos Aires congregation made up of Mennonite refugees, and director of MCC in Argentina, visited the campus Jan. 3 to 16 with his wife Kathe. During their stay on campus Brother Duerksen visited classes and spoke at a Jan. 8 vesper service of the College Mennonite Church and Jan. 11 in college chapel. He also filled appointments in several neighboring churches.

Other visitors on campus included Dr. Maurice Troyer, Vice-President of the International University, Tokyo, Japan, and Dr. J. Edward Dirks of Yale University, editor of *The Christian Scholar* and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Christian Fellowship. Dr. Dirks spoke to the faculty Jan. 13 at 4:15 p.m. concerning the work of his organization and the growing interest in theology and Christian higher education in American colleges and universities. Dr. Troyer, who has worked closely with Dean Carl Kreider at I.C.U., spoke in chapel and addressed the faculty in a special faculty meeting, Jan. 12.

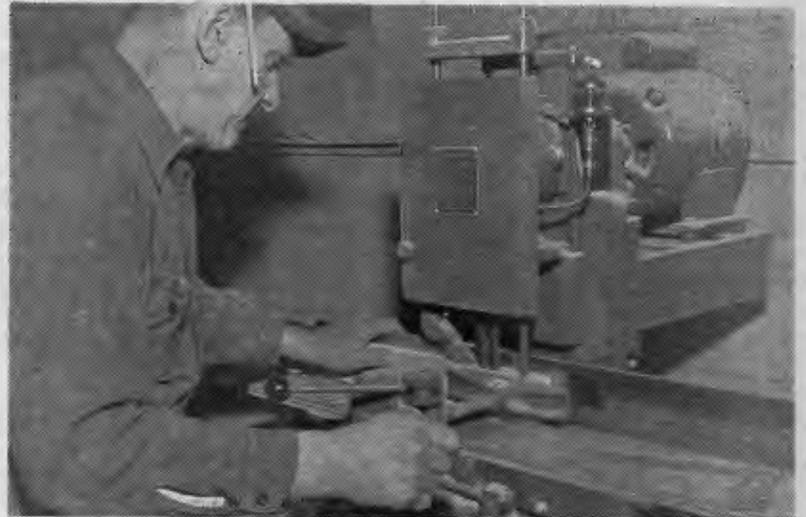
The Manchester College A Cappella Chorus, Manchester, Indiana, presented the chapel program Jan. 18. This was an exchange college program; the Motet Singers sang at Manchester last year.

#### Contest Winners Named

Janice Luckenbill, Elkhart, Ind., won first place in the annual



Above you see Rev. J. Pankratz of Virgil, Ont., at work with his mortizing machine. Below he is shown at work with his Delta radial saw, a precision instrument. (Photo and article by Walter Penner.)



## Still Active in Mission Work

*Virgil, Ont.* — A missionary to the Jewish people in Toronto for about four years and in Winnipeg for another five years, Rev. Jacob Pankratz is now active in the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel and in the local young people's work at Virgil, Ont.

Rev. Pankratz moved to Virgil in 1953 after a physical disability forced him to give up his work among the Jewish people in Winnipeg. In Virgil he is operating a woodworking shop in the spacious

basement of his home, specializing in sash and door work, but also doing custom work for the many homes now being built in the Niagara district. Even his spacious basement at times becomes full of articles he has made.

Never one to be idle, Rev. Pankratz is active in the local young people's group as well as one of the speakers at the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel. This is an extension work of the M.B. Church at Virgil designed to reach those without Christ in that area.

### CONVALESCING

J. W. Vogt, missionary in Europe, is convalescing in Hillsboro following his recent surgery in New Orleans.

Freshman Women's Speech Contest held Jan. 5. Second and third places went to Fancheon J. Emmert, Rome City, Ind., and Sarah Diener, Nappanee, Ind., respectively.

#### Ministers' School Begins

The Biblical Seminary will offer its fourth annual three weeks School for Ministers, Jan. 31 to Feb. 17. Milton G. Brackbill, Paoli, Pa., will serve as guest instructor with other staff members chosen from the Biblical Seminary faculty. J. C. Wenger is Acting Director of the school.

The annual Christian Life Conference will be held Feb. 10-12

First semester closed with examinations the week of Jan. 21-27; the second semester will begin Monday, Jan. 30.

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Rev. and Mrs. Brucks, together with their children, Paul, Florence and Naomi, are at the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions headquarters at Hillsboro, making final preparations before they return to the Belgian Congo for a second term of service.

**SWIFT CURRENT BIBLE INSTITUTE**

Another term in the New Year has just begun. The students returned happily from their Christmas vacation to continue their studies. We were very glad to welcome not only all the old students, but also one new one. Betty Schellenberg came to us from Mayfeld, Man., and is a bright addition to our senior class.

We wish to also tell you about a few of the speakers who have visited our school lately.

On November 30, Mr. Thompson from the Latin American Mission came to challenge our hearts with the need of the gospel as the true light in these Latin American countries.

The next day, on Dec. 1, Mr. J. W. Rice from the Western Tract

Mission drew our attention to the great work of the printed page. He also showed us a film called, "Danger Trail".

Then on Dec. 6, Mr. A. Toews from French Equatorial Africa came to us and showed us a film concerning his work. Here we saw the heathenism of that country and its dire need of the light of the gospel. Frieda Sawatzky

**Ordination at Chilliwack**

Herbert Hamm

Chilliwack, B.C. — The Mennonite Brethren church here was filled to capacity on Sunday afternoon, January 22, for the ordination of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Jantz to the Gospel ministry. Rev. G. H. Thielman and Dr. A. H. Unruh were the guest speakers. They also officiated in the laying on of hands, wherein they were assisted by Rev. J. Bergen.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle surprised Mrs. Jantz with a shower last week, while the church plans to hold a farewell service for the Jantzes on Sunday evening, Jan. 29.

The Jantzes plan to leave for Ontario on Feb. 4, from where, after a brief visit with their parents, they will travel to Hillsboro,

Kans., the headquarters of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. Thereupon they will go to Costa Rica to study Spanish, which is the official language of Ecuador. When they get to Quito, Ecuador, they will assist the Nightingales in the German radio broadcasts over HCJB. Mrs. Jantz, who is a registered nurse, will also serve at the Rimmer Memorial Hospital at Quito.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Jantz will be greatly missed, but we wish them God's blessing in the work to which God has called them.

**Week of Special Meetings Scheduled**

Regina, Sask. — A week of meetings featuring Bible study and evangelistic services will be held at the Regina Mennonite Brethren Church beginning on January 29 and extending to February 3.

Speakers will be Rev. J. J. Thiessen of Herbert, Sask., who will conduct the Bible study sessions in German on the evenings of January 29, 30 and 31, and Rev. Lawrence Redeköpp of Swift Current, Sask., who will serve at the evangelistic services from February 1 to 3. The evangelistic services will be held in the English language. All services begin at 8 p.m., and everyone is heartily invited to attend.

**To Visit Missions Around the World**

Rev. John Thiessen, executive secretary of the General Conference Foreign Mission Board, enplaned in Wichita, Kansas, on January 14 on the first leg of a trip that will take him around the world as he visits the various mission fields in which his conference is active.

A group of friends had gathered at the airport to see him off, conducting a short service before he boarded the plane. In Chicago Rev. Thiessen was to be joined by Harvey Driver, secretary of the Congo Inland Mission, and George Loewen of Steinbach, Man. Together they will visit the eight mission fields of the CIM in the Belgian Congo. From there Rev. Thiessen will travel to Kenya to study the unevangelized Indian population there.

On March 3 Kenya will be left behind for a visit to Rev. Thiessen's field of activity for 30 years, India. About 34 missionaries are labouring on the mission field at present, trying to meet the spiritual needs of 1,000,000 people and 4,000 Christians.

Other stop-overs will include a ten-day visit to Formosa and a two-week visit to Japan. Rev. Thiessen expects to arrive back in Los Angeles about May 11.

**On the Horizon**

January 28. — The annual reunion of the Mennonite Collegiate Institute Graduate Society will be held at the First Mennonite church in Winnipeg at 7:30 p.m.

January 29. — A reunion will be held of all the girls who have at one time or another lived at the Girls' Home in Saskatoon. The service begins at 2 p.m. in the First Mennonite church.

January 29-February 3 — The first three days of evening services at the M.B. Church in Regina will be devoted to Bible study, with Rev. J. J. Thiessen of Herbert, Sask., the speaker. The last three evenings are reserved for evangelistic meetings, with Rev. L. Redeköpp speaking. Services begin at 8 p.m.

January 29 to February 3 — A week of evangelistic meetings will be held in the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg. Rev. J. A. Toews, dean at the M.B. Bible College, will speak. Services begin at 8 p.m. on weekdays.

January 29 to February 3. — Rev. John A. Harder of Yarrow, B.C., will be serving at a series of meetings in the M.B. church at Virgil, Ont., emphasizing the deeper spiritual life. At these meetings Rev. Harder will also report on his visit to South America, the relief work being done there, and the mission work the M.B. Church is carrying on there.

January 30 — February 3. — A choir school will be held in the Canadian Mennonite Bible College. It will be directed by Dr. Hohmann of Newton, Kansas.

February 5 — The new addition to the Bethesda Home at Vineland, Ontario, will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5.

February 5. — The young people of the Vancouver M.B. Church will present the play "Pilgrim's Progress" on Sunday evening, Feb. 5.

February 9, 10, and 11. — The M.B. Collegiate Institute will present the drama "Die Königin Esther" in the auditorium of the school on Talbot Ave., Winnipeg.

February 24 to 26 — The annual Missionary Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College will be held in the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg.

February 27 to March 9 — A two-week Ministers' Course will be given at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg. Dr. A. H. Unruh will assist the faculty in its presentation of a thorough course of Bible study, practical theology and church history. Ministers and laymen of all denominations are invited to attend the course.

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