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

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krahn and daughter, Valerie.

## B.C. Couple Leave New York for India

Hillsboro, Kans. — Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Krahn of Abbotsford, B.C., are enroute to India for their first term of missionary service under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions.

The Krahns sailed for Bombay from New York Feb. 17. Teacher and nurse by training, they will be assigned after their arrival on the India field. Brother Krahn will teach in one of the Mennonite Brethren mission schools.

The Krahns and their daughter Valerie spent several days here at Board headquarters before departing for New York.

Brother Krahn is a son of Mr.

and Mrs. Henry K. Krahn, and Sister Krahn is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Banman, both of Abbotsford. They are members of the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church.

Preparatory to missionary service, they spent a year working in the Post Oak Mission School, Indianahoma, Oklahoma. A graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College and Tabor College, Brother Krahn continued graduate work in education at Emporia, Kansas State Teachers' College and the University of Washington. Sister Krahn is a graduate of the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing.

well done in the limited time available. Rev. Archie Penner thereupon led a discussion, with commendation for the work of the teacher and also criticism on several points.

Following the discussion the superintendents and teachers of the various departments gathered separately for departmental meetings. There they discussed problems and difficulties that might have arisen since the last monthly meeting.

The entire evening's program was under the able chairmanship of Mr. John Peters, the general S.S. superintendent.

It was an evening well-spent and should contribute much toward more effective teaching and to the salvation and spiritual growth of the pupils.

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## Tabor College President Resigns

Hillsboro, Kansas. — The resignation of Frank C. Peters from the presidency of Tabor College was announced by the Board of Education of the Mennonite Brethren Conference at its meeting in Hillsboro, February 7, 8 and 9. The resignation becomes effective at the end of the current school year.



In revealing the president's resignation, the Board indicated that a successor is presently under consideration and will be announced shortly, probably within the next few weeks.

In his letter of resignation to the Board, President Peters indic-

ated that he wishes to continue his work for his doctor's degree this coming year, and that he would like to teach in an area more closely related to the field of theology.

The years during which Rev. Peters was president saw some significant changes in the administration of Tabor College, the most important of which was the re-organization of the Mennonite Brethren Conference educational program to synchronize the efforts of Tabor and the Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno, California.

Rev. Peters came to the Tabor campus in January of 1954 from Kitchener, Ont., where he had held the pastorate of the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren Church and was on the faculty of Waterloo College. He assumed the presidency in August of that year.

## EVANGELISTIC SERVICES HELD AT ALDERGROVE

Aldergrove, B.C. — Evangelistic services were held in the East Aldergrove Mennonite Brethren church from February 12 to 19, with Rev. David Schultz of Dallas, Oregon, speaking.

During the course of the services several people accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour and God's children were strengthened and drawn closer to the Lord.

## Annual Supper for Steinbach Sunday School

By D. K. Schellenberg

Steinbach, Man. — "It is hard to believe that all those who are assembled here are the staff of one Sunday school," declared Rev. B. D. Reimer as he addressed the annual supper meeting of the Evangelical Mennonite Church Sunday school on February 14. About 120 were assembled in the church, with about 90 of them workers in the Sunday school.

This might appear to be a large number of Sunday school workers for one church, but when one remembers that there are 40 classes, with another started on February 19, it is more easily conceived. The Sunday school is arranged on the graded system, with classes for all ages from Cradle Roll to grandfather and grandmother. Total en-

rollment is between 425 and 450.

In his message Rev. Reimer stressed the points of successful teaching and soul-winning. He said a teacher must know that he is saved, he must lead a surrendered life, and he must have experienced deliverance from sin's power. He must also have a love for the lost and for God, he asserted. In addition the Sunday school teacher must have a working knowledge of the Word of God and lead a prayer life.

Rev. P. D. Friesen read Romans 12:3-9 as the workers assembled in the main auditorium to watch a demonstration class. A teacher from the Primary Department instructed an actual class that had come there for the occasion. This was very

# EDITORIAL

## Devotional

### An Informed Membership for Sacrificial Giving

The offering plate was being passed down a row of worshippers at the Sunday morning worship service. While the pianist was playing softly the quarters, dimes and nickels clanged noisily as they dropped into the plate. One man put in a dollar. Suddenly someone asked his neighbor, "What's this collection for?" His neighbor whispered, "The minister said it was for foreign missions." The questioner shrugged and put in a quarter as the offering plate passed him.

An uncommon occurrence? An exception? The incident possibly—but not the ignorance and indifference. All too often the congregation does not even receive that much information.

To announce that an offering is to be received for relief or mission work is not enough. The terms are too vague, too general and abstract, to move the heart as the hand reaches for the pocketbook. The average person will give but indifferently unless he is face to face with a specific need, such as a flood in India, a famine in Africa, a new church on the mission field in South America, an empty treasury at mission board headquarters with two couples waiting to go out. He must know that his money is needed at that time for the Lord's work.

There is an abundance of information available. Relief agencies and mission boards have become increasingly aware of the value of sound publicity. More and more news releases are reaching the public through the press, more pamphlets are appearing, and more letters are going out to pastors.

Some would maintain that the church members can read all they need to know in the newspapers. Yet the fact remains that the average church member in our Mennonite churches is only too often unaware of the situation on the mission fields and in the needy areas of the world. Either he is too busy or not interested enough to read what has been published.

The pastor has a wonderful opportunity to make the needs abroad and at home known. This is also true of the young peoples' leader and the Sunday school superintendent and teacher. In one week they speak to the whole church membership and their families. If they but take a few minutes before an offering is received, or at some other occasion, they can present a specific and immediate need. This will result not only in substantially increased offerings, but it will also increase the intercession for His work. Intelligent and specific prayer leads to sacrificial giving.

Let's all join hands to keep the Christians informed about God's work!

### OUR READERS SAY

To the Editor:

We wish to comment on the article "British Columbia: Here We Come", which appeared in the January 13, 1956, issue of the *Mennonite Observer*.

May we draw two things to your attention? First, the unjustifiable statements made by the author, Mr. John Krahn, regarding the people of Coaldale, and in particular the parents of M.B.B.C. students (Paragraph 5). Secondly, the construction of this article and the grammatical errors contained therein are unpardonable.

Because the *Mennonite Observer* is widely read and distributed throughout Mennonite groups everywhere, and because the people of Coaldale have been highly ridiculed in Mr. Krahn's article, we request that you publish this letter, to correct possible wrong impressions.

People who are acquainted with Coaldale's residents will undoubtedly agree that the terms "simple" and "solid" are not applicable, and that the strange statement, "Mostly parents and relatives, they stood there beaming and smiling, even more than speaking sometimes", is nothing less than an insult.

Perhaps Mr. Krahn has an explanation?

Yours very sincerely,  
Susie Enns  
Victoria Martens

(Editor's Note: We are indeed sorry that these expressions were allowed to slip into the paper, for we now realize that they could be variously interpreted. Mr. Krahn intended them as a compliment, not a slur, and used the term "simple" in the sense of "without ostentation or affectation, unpretending, natural" (Webster), and in the spirit of I Cor. 1:12: "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplic-

### Returning to the Lord

By Frank Peters\*

"Then Samuel said to all the house of Israel, 'If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your heart to the Lord, and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.'" (I Samuel 7:3).

Although true revival begins with a desire for deeper fellowship with the Lord, it should not stop there. We should never be satisfied with expressed emotion. Some proof of sincerity is demanded by God. If Israel was sincerely desirous of returning to God, the strange gods would have to be put away.

Israel typifies God's people in any age. For us, Israel's periods of degeneracy represent seasons of spiritual backsliding. The world, love of money, pleasure, prestige, self-indulgence and the like can replace God in our lives. Spiritual pride will keep us from confessing the so-called "little sins" of stubbornness, resentment, worry, depression, impatience, restlessness, strain or fear. "Put them away," God says to us. This is the first step in returning to God, in revival.

Heart preparation is also necessary when we return to God. There was perfect fellowship between God and man in the garden of Eden. But since that terrible day when sin entered into the heart of man this fellowship with God has been severed. As long as sin remains there is interrupted fellowship. It can only be renewed if sin is put away by the grace of God. Unbroken fellowship is maintained if we confess the sins that the Holy Spirit shows us, for then we receive immediate cleansing.

If we are really returning to God we must "serve Him only", a service that results from fellowship. The purpose of our lives is to carry on His work. Too many have no vision of the harvest field, no passion for souls. How long is it since you, dear reader, have gone out to call on someone who needs Christ? Service to God is a way of life and not an occasional religious act. Christians are single-

ity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world." By the term "solid" he meant morally and spiritually sound. We can assure you that Mr. Krahn has the highest respect for the citizens of Coaldale and the parents of M.B.B.C. students.)

minded people. "No man can serve two masters" (Matth. 6:24), for we have only one Master: Christ. Let us serve Him exclusively.

After repentance and prayer God will bless the needy and hungry heart again. John's first message was repentance, as was Peter's and also Christ's (Mark 1:14). God answers prayer on the basis of Christ's atoning blood, but prevailing power in prayer is linked to the character of the intercessor (Ps. 99:6-7; Jeremiah 15; James 5:16-18).

When God blesses He does so bountifully. The Israelites were delivered from their enemy (I Sam. 7:10-11). The enemy of our soul will redouble his efforts when we seek a closer walk with God, but the Lord will use that opportunity to prove His power.

Israel also had a strengthened testimony after they returned to God. On the very same battleground where they had been so thoroughly defeated twenty years ago, they now had a glorious victory. Is it not wonderfully encouraging to know that it is possible for us to conquer at the very same spot where we have been defeated previously? Let us therefore bear testimony to the fact that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us", for such testimony will glorify our Saviour and help us to trust God in the future.

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## Sunday School Convention for Steinbach

*Steinbach, Man.* — Rev. Clate A. Risley, Chicago, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association, will be the main speaker in a team of Sunday school experts who will conduct the third annual Joint Sunday School Convention at Steinbach from March 15 through to March 18.

Other members of the team will include Rev. Bill Greig, vice-president of Gospel Light Press, Miss Lillian Swanson, Calgary, of Child for Christ Crusade, and Rev. Sherman Williams, Chicago, head of the Convention Department of Scripture Press Publishers. The panel of speakers will present the importance and challenge of the Sunday school, its organization and

its ministry to all age groups in 24 workshops and four inspirational sessions.

The Sunday schools in Steinbach and surrounding communities and the Steinbach Bible Institute are co-sponsors of the convention. There seems to be a greater interest than ever before in this type of effort and the committee is looking forward to a time of real challenge and inspiration.

All Sunday school workers and friends of the Sunday school are urged to reserve these dates. Information and programs outlining the workshops and inspirational sessions are available upon request from the Joint Sunday School Convention Committee, Box 745, Steinbach, Man.



Here are Mennonite Brethren missionaries in Paraguay at the occasion of their annual council meeting in November. All missionaries except one were present for a week-end of fellowship at the Lengua Indian station, Yalve Sanga, south of Fernheim colony.

## Harrison Reports Blessings

By Elizabeth Jantzen

*Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.* — The Lord has been good to us, granting us spiritual blessings. During this new year we have already been blessed by having Rev. and Mrs. Hugo Jantz in our midst. They came to say farewell before they left for Quito, Ecuador, there to proclaim the good news of salvation by radio and in the ministry to the sick.

It was encouraging to note the inward joy and peace with which the Lord has filled the hearts of Rev. and Mrs. Jantz as they yielded to his will. We wish them a safe journey and are sure that the Lord can use them as a channel of blessing in Ecuador.

Another evening was spent in our chapel, with Rev. Wieler and a male quartet representing the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute at Abbotsford, B.C. We were reminded again of our Lord and Saviour as He pleads with us to come to Him with all of our needs.

The Lord has spoken to us not only through His Word, but also by other means. Over one week-end there were four dead in this community. Some of them died quite suddenly, while others had been ailing for some time. At the same time several people were seriously ill.

God spoke very definitely that same week-end when a car containing six young people crashed into a power-line pole and caught fire. We thank God that He spared the lives of these young people, giving them another chance to yield to Him. The Christians have been praying for a spiritual revival. God is answering.

As we think of those who passed away recently, one man is outstanding. He was a dear brother in

Christ who, despite his tremendous sufferings; was praising the Lord whenever someone came to see him. With a song of praise on his lips he was taken home. His testimony lingers on, speaking to everyone of us who have been left behind.

### Witnessing at Medical School

By Ferdinand Pauls

*Winnipeg, Man.* — "To know Christ and to make Him known" is the motto of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. This is what the Christian medical students have been trying to put into practice at school. The results have certainly been encouraging.

God has opened things up in this year as never before. Is it that we have believed or prayed more? At our weekly Bible studies we have discussed First Peter and Basic Christianity. This year two non-Christians attended for the first time and took an active part in the discussions. Another young man accepted Christ through the personal witnessing of a Christian. Such manifestations of the Holy Spirit working in school certainly challenge us to put an even greater effort into witnessing.

### MBBC Alumni Sponsors Services

Two cars full of graduates and ex-students braved the —20 degree temperatures on Sunday, February 19, to travel from Winnipeg to Morden and Manitou, Man., in order to present two programs under the sponsorship of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College alumni organization in Manitoba.

Frozen feet thawed out as the group sat on the platform of the Morden Mennonite Brethren church at the morning worship service, presenting a program of songs, testimonies, and a message from the Word of God. In spite of the cold and abundant snow a large congregation listened attentively as the quartet, composed of John Klassen, Corny Balzer, Dave Guenther and Peter Isaak, sang; as Peter Isaak, a '55 graduate, Miss Anne Voth, a '54 graduate now teaching, and Miss Marie Riediger, a '55 graduate now taking a post-graduate nurses' course in supervision and teaching, testified; and as Leslie Stobbe, a '55 graduate, gave a report on the college and its needs. The message, based on Ps. 119:71-73, was given by Alfred Kroeker, a '47 graduate now teaching at Glenlea, Man. George Enns, chairman of the Manitoba alumni group, led the meeting, giving enlightening statistical information as the program proceeded about what the M.B.B.C. graduates are now doing.

The members of the group were warmly received into the homes for the dinner hour. They then proceeded to Manitou, where a large group was waiting patiently for the service to start. Cutters on the church-yard testified to the difficulty encountered by some in coming to church.

The afternoon service began at 2:30 and was chiefly a repeat performance of the morning's program. The quartet sang one more song and a story was told to the children by Miss Frieda Warkentin. After the service the Manitou church served lunch to the group, who heartily enjoyed the hospitality, especially since they remembered the long trip back to Winnipeg that evening.

The warm reception received by the group in the churches was an incentive to make more such trips in order to increase the appreciation and the support for the college and to challenge young people to attend the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

### DR. ERLAND WALTNER SPEAKS TO AMUS

Dr. Erland Waltner, chairman of the Bible department at Bethel College, Newton, Kans., was the guest speaker at the February 9 session of the Association of Mennonite University Students.

In his talk Dr. Waltner dwelt upon the attitude Mennonite university students should take toward secular culture and scientific knowledge.

In the finals of the Public Speaking Contest Adolf Ens spoke on "The Second Mile", Ferdinand Pauls on "Mennonite Problems", and Jake Letkemann on "What is Man?" Ferdinand Pauls was given the trophy as the best speaker for this year.

It has also been announced that AMUS is planning two days of discussions about Voluntary Service in MCC. March 10 and 11 have been announced as the dates for the "shop-talk", with Saturday meetings in the United College, Winnipeg.

### Radio Group Visits Boys' Farm

*Ailsa Craig, Ont.* — The radio group from the Mennonite Brethren broadcast, "Moments of Blessing", recently gave an inspiring program at the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm here.

The group stopped at the Farm as part of a tour through this area, visiting the Nairn congregation on Sunday morning, the Boys' Farm and Craigholme in the afternoon, and the Egerton Hospital, the Rescue Mission and the King Street Mission in London, Ont., for the evening services.

A reverent worship experience was enjoyed by the staff and the boys at the Boys' Farm as they gathered in the living room for a period of fellowship through word and song. The radio quartet, Erwin Loewen, Menno Kroeker, Peter Block and John Block, sang several songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Peter Block. Herman Kroeker directed his appealing message to the boys.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Child Undergoes Operation On Heart

Abbotsford, B.C. — Lorraine Dyck, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dyck of Arnold, B.C., underwent a serious heart operation on February 15 in the Vancouver General Hospital. Progress is satisfactory, although she was still in the danger period when this report was written.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyck have been appointed full-time mission workers for the West Coast Children's Mission station at McConnell Creek, B.C., and will be going there as soon as a house can be found for them.

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### Wintry Blast Chills Fraser Valley

Abbotsford, B.C. — Wave after wave of cold weather has chilled the Fraser Valley during this winter, with periodic thaws making some of the roads well-nigh impassable at times. During the last week another such cold spell brought the official temperature here down to 5 degrees above zero for one night and 16 degrees above the next night. At the same time a snow-storm moved in, blanketing the Valley with up to 8 inches of snow in spots.

Reports of frost damage indicate that the strawberry plants, as well as certain types of clover, have been seriously damaged.

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### Speaks at Week's Meetings in Arnold M. B. Church

Abbotsford, B.C. — Dr. A. H. Unruh of Winnipeg, Man., spoke at a week-long series of meetings in the Arnold M. B. church at the end of last month. The morning Bible study sessions centered around the epistle to the Philippians. The evening services were of an evangelistic nature, yet concentrated on the New Testament mystery of the church.

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### Funeral Services for Accident Victims

Steinbach, Man. — The funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wiebe and their son, Delbert, victims in the car-truck accident that took five lives, were held in the North End church in Steinbach on February 16. The next day, February 17, funeral services for Mr. G. Wohlgenuth and his son, Leslie, also killed in the same accident, were held in the Greenland Church.

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### Radio Group Visits Steinbach

Steinbach, Man. — The Gospel Light Hour group, which is heard every Sunday night at 9:00 over CKY, Winnipeg, gave a program

in the local Mennonite Brethren church on Sunday evening, February 12.

In the absence of Rev. John M. Schmidt, the director and speaker, Mr. Corny Balzer was chairman for the evening. The evening's program consisted of songs by the choir, by the quartet and a duet, and several testimonies. Rev. H. H. Janzen of Winnipeg delivered the message.

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### Bible Institute at EMB Church

Steinbach, Man. — On February 12 over twenty members of the Winnipeg Bible Institute presented a program in the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church here.

Rev. Shunk, the dean of students, was chairman for the evening's program, while Rev. Affleck, principal, gave the message from God's Word. Rev. Dugard conducted the choir.

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### Speaks at MB Church

Steinbach, Man. — Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon, Sask., the brother to Rev. G. S. Rempel from here, was the guest speaker at the Mennonite Brethren church on Sunday, February 12.

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### Special Services at Warman

Warman, Sask. — The Warman M. B. Church was blessed during three days of Bible studies by Rev. Isaac Block of Borden, Sask., who spoke in German, and evening evangelistic services, held by Mr. and Mrs. Abe Dueck of Wasco in the English language. The services extended from February 22 to 24.

Rev. and Mrs. George Brucks are expected here on March 8 and 9. They are missionaries in Europe now on furlough, which will give a missionary character to the services.

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### Chosen Delegate to Mennonite World Conference

Kitchener, Ont. — The Historic Peace Churches of Ontario have chosen Mr. C. J. Rempel as their delegate to the sixth Mennonite World Conference in Germany in 1957. Mr. Rempel has served as secretary of the Historic Peace Churches of Ontario for 12 years.

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### FOUR INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Four people were injured and two sent to hospital when two cars collided 13 miles east of Winkler, Man. In hospital were Henry Giesbrecht, 53, of Winkler, Mrs. Peter J. Kroeker, and seven-year-old Lucille Kroeker, also of Winkler.

According to police, 53-year-old Jacob Siemens of Winkler turned into No. 14 from a side road when a second car, operated by Peter J. Kroeker, 32, of Winkler, crashed into Siemens's car. A high snow-bank is supposed to have blocked Mr. Siemens's vision.

Mr. Giesbrecht, who was a passenger in Mr. Siemens's car, is in fairly good condition in Winkler hospital with head injuries and possible rib fractures.

Lucille Kroeker suffered a severe cut to the forehead. Mrs. Kroeker suffered serious injuries to her nose and cuts and bruises to her face.

Treated and allowed to go home was Mr. Kroeker and the one-year-old son, Peter, who suffered bruises and shock. Two other children, Helen, 5, and James, 3, were not injured.

### Winkler Honors Local Doctor

Dr. C. W. Wiebe of Winkler, Man., was honored on his 63rd birthday, Feb. 12, in the Bergthaler church, Winkler, Man., for his 30 years of service to the community as doctor and 24 years as member of the local school board.

Presiding at the service was Rev. J. M. Pauls of the Winkler Bergthaler Church, who read Psalm 126:3 as introduction. He then asked everyone present who had received any medical service from Dr. Wiebe to stand—and as far as could be seen the whole audience stood. Rev. Pauls indicated that Dr. Wiebe had attended at 5,000 births during these 30 years. He then presented Dr. Wiebe with a brief case as a birthday gift from the church.

The guest speaker for the evening was Bishop David Schultz of Altona, Man. He read Matthew 16:25: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." On behalf of the Winkler Bergthaler Church he presented a plaque to Dr. Wiebe on which the church paid tribute to Dr. Wiebe's services to the community.

On behalf of the Bethel Sewing Circle Mrs. Eleanore Janzen presented Mrs. Wiebe with a corsage and Mrs. J. H. P. Reimer, secretary of the Bergthaler Ladies' sewing circle, gave Mrs. Wiebe a leather bound Bible.

Also paying tribute to Dr. Wiebe both as doctor and as school trustee were Rev. J. J. Siemens, Winkler; Rev. F. F. Sawatsky, Gnadenthal; and Johann Siemens, Horndean.

The chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bethel Hospital, Mr. Henry Kuhl, was confined to hospital but sent in a report that was read publicly. Miss Susie Derksen, matron at the hospital, extended the best wishes of the nursing staff to Dr. and Mrs. Wiebe.

H. F. Wiebe, present school board chairman, paid tribute to the

vision Dr. Wiebe had displayed during his 24 years as trustee, 18 years of which he was chairman of the school board. When he was elected first there were 250 pupils and seven teachers. Now there are 14 elementary and 7 high school teachers and 660 pupils.

In thanking the congregation Dr. Wiebe said that it is "sometimes necessary for a public servant to have faith in his people. As Christian faith is not always equally steadfast, so mine has sometimes wavered. To be successful there must be a mutuality of faith between servant and public."

### Inter-Mennonite Missionary Conference in Japan

The second Japan Inter-Mennonite Missionary Conference met in Miyazaki City, Kyushu, January 27 through 30. Participating were the General Conference Mennonite Mission, the hosts, the Brethren in Christ Mission, the Mennonite Brethren Mission, the (Old) Mennonite Mission and representatives of the Mennonite Central Committee.

The purpose of the conference was to provide fellowship for all Mennonite missionaries in Japan, to seek each other's help in the solution of common problems and to share experiences.

The program began on Thursday evening, January 26, with the singing of hymns and the sharing of testimonies. During the following forenoon a devotional and prayer-meeting was followed by the introduction of guests and a description of the work each one was doing.

After lunch papers were presented on kindergarten and winter Bible school work in Japan. In the discussion period experiences in these areas of witnessing were shared. This was followed by a description of the place of I-W service in Japan, given by Doyle Book. After the evening meal, slides from the Mennonite mission fields of Japan were shown. Following a devotional period, Melvin Gingerich of the Mennonite Central Committee gave an address on "Our Revolutionary Faith".

On Saturday morning the discussion centered on missionary witnessing through young people's camps and tent evangelistic campaigns. The afternoon program included a report on the activities of the Mennonite Central Committee in Japan. All of the guests were then taken to the homes of the General Conference missionaries, where they participated in the Sunday morning and evening services.

The group returned to Miyazaki City on Monday morning for a chartered bus tour of the Miyazaki Prefecture area of Kyushu, in which the General Conference missions are located.

## The Second Mile

(This speech won second place for Adolf Ens in the Public Speaking Contest sponsored by the Association of Mennonite University Students in Winnipeg. It was delivered at the February 9 session of the Association and serves as a good introduction to the Voluntary Service "Shop-Talk" to be sponsored by AMUS on March 10 and 11 in Winnipeg. —Ed.)

In this present day era of rapid development in technological and political spheres, the Mennonite church too is aware of changes within and about itself. Materially, there is a strong trend from the traditional agrarian to a much more highly industrialized way of life. The Mennonite "Bauer" is no longer the dominant figure in the social structure of our peculiar society. Urban churches are growing much more rapidly than their rural counterparts. Culturally the changes are almost as marked. Attendance by Mennonite students at secular institutions is very rapidly increasing. Participation in public life, for several generations virtually non-existent and strongly opposed, is gaining favour. The German language is no longer the undisputed language medium in our churches. And what has the effect been spiritually? Have our principles too undergone an evolution? This is an important question, and has received the attention of our churches. Last August, for example, a special conference met in Chicago to find an answer. "We seek . . . to discover how the New Testament believer's church can burst forth anew from a compromised, conventional church," was one of the stated aims.

An important difference, perhaps the important difference, between the Mennonite and most other churches, is the former's interpretation of and emphasis on discipleship. Menno Simons wrote: "All those who are born of God, . . . and who . . . are called into one body of love in Christ Jesus, are prepared by such love to serve their neighbors, not only with money and goods, but also after the example of their Lord and Head, Jesus Christ, in an evangelical manner, with life and blood." This has been a central part of Mennonite doctrine ever since. Spiritual rebirth is to be revealed by service to God and man. Christian discipleship is not merely a negation of certain worldly evils. It is action. Even our non-resistance is to be an active striving for peace. It does not merely involve refraining from participation in war. It is more, even, than turning the other cheek. It means giving to him who has no coat; it means praying for the enemy; yes, and it means going the second mile.

In order to put this doctrine in-

to practice more effectively, organization on a conference and on an interdenominational level was begun early. Already in 1775 the Pennsylvania Mennonites dedicated themselves "to serve all men in everything that can be helpful to the preservation of men's lives". On September 27, 1920, the Mennonite Central Committee was formed. In the words of the MCC Handbook it is "an organization which spontaneously grew out of the desire of the Mennonite brotherhood . . . to testify by loving service to the Gospel of love and peace". In 1947 this same MCC set up the Voluntary Service Program and early in 1951 inaugurated the Pax services.

It is this phase of discipleship which I would like to emphasize here. I would urge all our youth to spend a year or two in Voluntary Service. On the practical side, such a program would do much to improve public and official recognition of the non-resistant stand taken by our churches. It would demonstrate our genuine willingness, not merely to accept passively the privileges accorded those who are non-resistant, but to strive actively for peace and contribute our services, as patriotic citizens, to the welfare of the state. This would make life for future conscientious objectors much easier.

It would also do much to improve the status and type of alternative service program during a war. Instead of having to accept hastily invented projects in government-operated camps, the Church would be ready with concrete suggestions for projects and with sufficient experience and training to take over such work without undue procrastination. It would be organized to provide spiritual and cultural care for its personnel. And the conscientious objectors themselves would be prepared by previous experience to do the work more efficiently and, more important, to face the often arduous tasks with the proper mental attitude, thus avoiding much frustration.

But there are also many more personal values to be gained in Voluntary Service. It is an opportunity for an experience in full-time Christian service. Christ said to His disciples: ". . . freely have you received, freely give." The satisfaction of obedience to this command is something to be looked forward to. And in this service many young people have received an enlarged vision of the mission of the church in the world today. It can mean a complete change in the course of their life. It can give them the vocation they have been looking for.

Finally, a full scale voluntary



Here an official of the Brazilian state of Parana speaks on the significance of a Christian high school at the ground-breaking service. Seated second from left is Erven A. Thiesen, director of the Curitiba Mennonite Brethren mission.

## New Christian High School to Open in Brazil

By Olga Pries

Curitiba, Brazil. — "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever." These words of wisdom written by the Psalmist are indeed applicable to our needs today. Here in Brazil we must keep pace with scientific and technical progress, and this also includes the field of education. The desire for wisdom and knowledge is increasing steadily. The question is: "Where can they find the knowledge that will satisfy the intellect as well as the soul?" Other questions that come to us here are: "Where can I send my children that they will not only receive knowledge, but also gain the necessary spiritual food? What can we offer these children, for whom we at the Home are fully responsible?"

Our search to find a school that met our needs has been fruitless thus far. This year we hope to terminate these years of fruitless searching by building a school that will belong to our children and to you.

Many plans were made, but the matter dragged on and on. Days added up to months and months became years. Sometimes everything seemed dark and hopeless. Every so often a ray of light would penetrate the darkness, such as the

encouragement of the evangelical churches, which constantly spurred us on in our task. Much work was done in laying the groundwork for the new project.

When the plans were finally completed they were presented to the government, only to be turned down. Yet the Lord opened doors and we were able to go ahead steadily as the Lord led. When the news finally came that we had been given permission to build we were overjoyed.

Work was started immediately. Many friends gathered for the cornerstone-laying to praise the Lord for His marvelous leading and to rejoice with us. Doctors, teachers, ministers, lawyers, and the government official from Parana were present to lend their support to the founding of a Christian school, for there are too few of them in Brazil. Together we lifted our voices to God in prayer, thanking Him for His guidance and entreating Him to lead and guide us in the future.

The construction is proceeding rapidly. Many must already confess that what they considered impossible is now becoming a reality. In retrospect we say, "It is the Lord". We were able to get the building materials at especially low prices and just when we needed something most it was there on the yard. While the foundation was being poured we daily rejoiced over the beautiful weather, for it was normally the rainy season at that time. How past finding out are the ways of the Lord!

The Lord willing, Ginasio Erasmo Braga shall open its doors for the beginning of the new school year in March, offering its students an education that will not be on a lower standard than that offered by any of the other high schools. Teachers and students are already waiting for the first day when they can lay the foundation for future school life. With your prayer and the blessing of the Lord we trust that this school will take its place among the best of the land.

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Of course we all know that our year is divided into twelve months and that each month has a name. But did you ever wonder where these names came from and what they mean?

Long ago the Romans, who named this month February, believed that there was a divine being whose special work was to keep the prowling wolves from hurting their sheep. They called this protector "Lupercus". This name is made up of two words, one meaning "wolf" and the other "to draw off, or keep away". So Lupercus really meant wolf-chaser or keeper-away.

We know that some wolves are dangerous and cruel, and because of this the Roman people began to think of the Evil One as a wolf who came to destroy them as well as their flocks. So Lupercus became the guardian not only of their sheep, but of themselves also.

In this month of the "Wolf-Chaser" they held a great festival in his honor. This was called Lupercalia. At this time they purified themselves with outward washing. Now the word for purification in their language was Februarius, so they came to call this month by this name, and now we know the second month of the year as February.

But we as Christians have the Bible and we know that the Guardian and the Saviour from everything that is evil is not Lupercus, but the Lord Jesus. The Romans tried to please their god by outward cleansing, but we know that Jesus wants us to be inwardly clean as well. We cannot do that for ourselves, but He can and will do it for us if we ask Him. He is our Guardian and Protector. So whenever we see the name "February", let us remember that it has a special meaning for us—we must let Jesus cleanse us from our sin.

Aunt Selma

## Children Write

Holmfeld, Man.

Dear Aunt Selma,

I'm writing again to give a name for the page. It is "The Children's Guide".

We had a wonderful time on our trip to B.C. The grass was still green and it rained a lot. It snowed one day, but it was all gone the next day. We were at Vancouver and at Stanley Park. It was very nice.

There were lots of peacocks in Stanley Park. They looked very pretty with their tails spread out. We also saw an emu. It is a large bird that cannot fly. It is at least five feet tall, gray, with a lighter breast. The seals also interested us very much. One seal got up on a tall box and a man threw fish at him, which the seal caught. In Vancouver we also saw a man swimming in the ocean.

We also went to North Vancouver, going over the Lions Gate

Bridge to get there. Then we went up the chair-lift on Grouse Mountain. When we came back we went over with the ferry instead of over the bridge. It was very much fun.

We could see Mt. Baker on clear days from North Clearbrook.

In British Columbia my sister and brother and I went to German school.

Thank you for printing my last letter.

Judy Derksen

*(Thank you for writing about all of those interesting experiences and also for suggesting another name for the page. I am sure the boys and girls have read your letter with real interest. They will also want to go to B.C. now if they have never been there yet.)*

*Those of you who have not written yet, remember that the Name the Page Contest ends March 2, 1956. If you have a good name for the page, send it in right away with a letter.)*

## Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(9th Installment)  
WITMARSUM

Over 400 years ago two boys were playing in the shade of some big lime-trees in a farm-yard at the west end of the village of Witmarsum, Holland. To pass their time they were building in the sand.

However, they were old enough to lose interest in merely playing. They wanted to do something.

Peter, the older, rose from his play first and putting his arms on his hips, he turned around in his heavy wooden shoes saying, as he looked westward along the high-

way that ran via Pinjum to Harlingen, "All this is 'Our Land'. Too bad that it happens to be 'Holland'."

Menno, the younger, also rose to his feet and stretching out his right hand, described a wide circle around himself, saying, "Yes, this is Holland. It is 'Our Land' and I am proud of it."

Peter thought that since he was older and bigger than Menno he was also much wiser.

"You are a fool," he said. "You believe in that dike over there. But 'Sleek Jack' (Blanke Hans) is gnawing away at it on the other side and before you know it, it will break. Then these meadows will be covered with water and 'Sleek Jack' will triumph, saying, 'This is my land because it is 'Holland'. There you are!'"

Menno would not be frightened. He calmly looked over to the dike in the distance and replied, "We will watch that and put a stop to 'Sleek Jack's' gnawing. We shall even build a big strong dam right across the strait from Medemblik to Stavoren and pump the water of the Zuider Sea back into 'Sleek Jack's' gullet. He can have it. Our land will be so much larger and richer. 'Our Land' always will be our land, and it will grow and grow until it is the biggest and most honored land in the world. — There you are."

The Dutch seldom referred to their native land by its geographical name. To them it was just "Our Land" and nothing else. It was geographically called "Holland" because most of its land lay below sea level and was protected from flooding only by its high and strong dikes. Later their homeland was known as the "Low Land" or the "Netherlands", all of which means the same land, for it is as hollow as a trough, with its dikes forming the edges.

There was good reason for everything that Peter said. "Sleek Jack" (Blanke Hans), as the Hollanders often called the North Sea, frequently broke through the mighty dikes and rolled his muddy waters far and wide over the cultivated fields of the farmers, in many cases drowning them and their cattle.

But Menno was right too. The big dam, of which little Menno spoke so defiantly to his sceptical brother, has been built, and the waters of the Zuider Sea were pumped over the dike into the ocean. The bottom of the lake has been turned into rich pasture-land for the cows, the main source of income of the Dutch farmer.

(To be continued)

Answers to last week's Bible Quiz.

1. Light. 2. Mirror. 3. Water.
4. Milk. 5. Bread. 6. Honey.
7. Fire. 8. Seed. 9. Hammer.
10. Sword.

# BOOKS FOR BOYS

Age: 10-17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter headings include "An Unbelievers' Tea Party", "Solomon Under Fire", and "The Last Call"..... 50¢

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## THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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### CHAPTER II

It was not long before the breaking dawn colored the sky and spread its light over the forest. Gerrit could hardly wait for full sun-up, before he went out upon the beach to examine once more the deer that had been given him so mysteriously. There it lay, harmless, and still, a splendid buck, waiting only to be skinned, divided, and roasted, to delight the stomachs of the hungry immigrants.

The presence of the animal aroused a keen curiosity among the now-awakened travellers. The episode of the night had to be told, the strange message had to be passed from hand to hand, and all sorts of fantastic explanations were offered, but none satisfied Gerrit. There was one in the company who volunteered a little information which, in a measure, made the occurrence seem more real. The man sent from the village of Holland to direct immigrants to their destination said that he had heard of "The Man in Bearskin".

"I've heard of the man," he said. "Some of the people of the village have told me that there is a strange person who, clad in a bearskin cloak, roams about the forest, lives in the deepest part of it, but does harm to no one. We do not know his motives; we cannot get close enough to see who he is; but he lives his own secluded life, and we call him 'The Man in Bearskin'."

This meagre bit of certainty served rather to stimulate than to appease the anxiety and curiosity of Gerrit Kolf. He felt that some inimical power had singled him out of the company to make sport of him, and to wreak upon him some malicious evil, the accomplishment of which he was unable to prevent. His mind was sorely vexed and he felt the courage and resolution which had been so markedly restored, ebb into a lowering hopelessness.

None of the group of campers had occasion to be jealous of Kolf on account of the buck presented to him. The deer was skinned in a rude fashion by the unskilled Hollanders, and roasted as palatably as possible over an open fire. The whole company helped in the preparation. When the venison was thought to be ready for eating, a prayer was offered to God and a blessing sought upon the food. The band of hungry immigrants pitched into the meal with unconcealed zest, and enjoyed to the full the gracious gift of the mysterious marauder who styled himself "The Man in Bearskin".

Gerrit Kolf and his family did not remain long at the landing place on the shore of the lake. He was quick to observe that it would be some time before the entire company could be transported with their luggage to the little village six miles inland on Black Lake.

When a timber raft bearing beams and planks bound for Holland from the Kalamazoo River made its appearance at the inlet, Gerrit interviewed the man in charge, and made arrangements with him for the conveyance of his family and goods to the city. The captain of the raft agreed under condition that Kolf help in the work connected with the journey. The latter readily assented, for he was eager to see with his own eyes the site of his future home, even though he anticipated many grave disappointments.

Kolf loaded the chests of baggage upon the odd craft, and found upon it a place for his wife and four children. There were other families desirous of engaging passage, but the raft was too small to accommodate more than one family.

The journey was very slow. The rivermen kept the craft near the shore, and upon more than one occasion they were obliged to go over the side to free it from the snags and shoals upon which it was caught. So slow was the progress of the raft that dusk found them still some distance from their destination, and they were obliged to go ashore to spend the night. The season was warm and the inexperienced campers suffered no great discomfort.

It was the first night that Kolf had ever spent in such a wild and uncivilized place. He had travelled in company with a comparatively large number of companions, and, except for the night on the beach, had slept on ship-board, or in places from which he could see the habitations of other men. But now his companions had been reduced to his family and the two men composing the crew.

The forest about him was thick and dark. The heavy stands of virgin oak, maple, and hemlock shut out the light of the moon and stars, and filled the place with the whisperings of tossing branches. Tall and straight they stood, rank upon rank, stretching back to form a solid wall of stately trunks—a forest at once fearsome and seemingly impenetrable to the anxious Kolf. With the majestic forest at

his back, the rolling waters of Black Lake at his feet, the unequalled expanse of the starry heavens above him, Kolf knew the awful gnawing of solitude and homelessness. His spirit was grieved to recall the open meadows of his fatherland, the shores of which he had abandoned forever.

The crying voice of his youngest child stirred him from his reverie. He drank new courage from the sense of responsibility which rested upon him. He hastened to the side of his wife to aid her in comforting the child, and he felt new strength in the warmth of her sympathies, and in the tonic of her supporting faith as he kissed her in the stillness of the cool night.

He was the first to awake in the morning. To his unfeigned surprise he was greeted upon stepping from his sleeping place by a strange object placed upon the shore. It was a large sack of something, and it had not been there the night before. Filled with curiosity, he approached. To the mouth of the bag was tied a note. He read it at a glance.

*For Gerrit Kolf and his family,  
from The Man in Bearskin.*

It was written in the same language and by the same hand as the first mysterious message. The rivermen were especially astonished by the presence of the sack, but their perplexity doubled after Gerrit told them the story of the night before.

"The fellow seems to want to do good to you at least," remarked the skipper.

"So it seems," Kolf replied. "He isn't an enemy as I first thought him to be, for he had plenty of chance to do us harm last night if he pleased to do so. But why is he so considerate and so eager to help us? Is it a ruse to allay suspicion? Doesn't he contemplate some baneful deed after he has set our minds at ease with these almost miraculous offerings? Let's see what he brought this time?"

The sack was opened and found to contain cornmeal. "He seems to know that we are short of food," said Mrs. Kolf.

"He knows very well that there is little to be gotten in the colony," said the boatsman. "You ought to be thankful for this. It's a gift well worthwhile receiving. You'll find yourselves in need of it before long."

The necessity of an early start on their journey cut short any further discussion of the matter. A hurried breakfast was eaten, the family was bundled on the raft, and the crude lumber boat was once more got under way.

It was noon when the load of timber was beached at the little settlement at the head of the lake. The scene which presented itself

to the wide-eyed Kolf was by no means inviting. Trees, he saw, trees, trees, trees, everywhere trees. There were trees upright and fallen on all sides of him. Where there appeared a little clearing admitting the full light of the sun, a thick sprinkling of stumps bespoke the recent presence of huge giants, whose hard trunks had yielded reluctantly to the bite of the axe. Each one of them had fallen only after the fatiguing labor of many hours. Gerrit was apprehensive of the day when he would have to shoulder an axe, and clear an area for his first little farm. He knew nothing of woodcraft; he had not the slightest idea of how to go about felling a tree. In this respect he was on an equal footing with the first colonists whose awkward attempts at swinging an axe had been laughed at by the Indians of the neighborhood. The red men, however, were friendly and free to give advice. They pointed out the mistakes of the settlers, and showed them how to bring down the great trees with the least amount of labor. An abundance of opportunities to practice the newly-learned art made the Hollanders fairly proficient in it.

The denseness of the forest cast a half shadow over the land, causing it to appear as if it were nearly dusk. The heat of the summer sun was tempered by the fanning boughs of the cedars and hemlocks, while the verdant foliage of the rich maples and willows spread a freshness about the like of which surpassed all previous experiences of the reverent adventurer.

Here and there among the trees stood a humble hut, the home of a first settler. The urgent need of clearing sufficient ground to sow a crop for the feeding of the colony had necessitated the postponement of the erection of permanent homes. Some families had to be satisfied with a shelter of boughs with a canvas roof, others were fortunate enough to have a complete tent of canvas.

Even now the men of the village were earnestly engaged in clearing the land. Kolf drew near a father and son who were cutting down a tree near their cabin. Evidently, from their method of procedure, the two axemen had not learned thoroughly the lesson taught by the Indians. They had not yet acquired the full, free swing of the true lumberman, and hacked and chopped at the trunk with a great deal of sweating and grunting, but with very few substantial chips. The cutters had nearly finished chopping through the tree, but as they had cut entirely around instead of in two notches, one on each side, they were uncertain as to just where the great hemlock was going to fall.

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## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### AFRICA

— Arnold Prieb of Buhler, Kansas, missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, left February 11 for Belgium for six months of study. He will return to America after his study in Belgium to join his family for return to Africa for a second term of service.

— Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin of Fresno, California, arrived in Kikwit, Belgian Congo, on January 16, after visiting several mission fields in Nigeria. Following their arrival, the Brethren Warkentin and Toews began visiting the Mennonite Brethren Mission stations.

— Study of the continued operation of the Djongo Sanga field in the Belgian Congo has been a task to which J. B. Toews, together with Mennonite Brethren missionaries, has been giving himself in recent weeks.

— February 15 to 22 were the dates for the Belgian Congo field conference which met at Kajiji.

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### EUROPE

Attendance at the services in Linz, Austria, has been growing steadily, writes A. J. Neufeld of Niverville, Manitoba. On recent Sundays it has been between 60 and 80 persons. Donation of an organ for use in the services by a Baptist brother is an encouragement in the work. The Neufelds write that the Lord has wonderfully sustained their health. Sister Neufeld is feeling better and they continue to pray and trust that son Tommy will be completely restored.

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### JAPAN

— Eiwa Geppo is the name of the new publication of the Mennonite Brethren Churches in Japan. Its name means the monthly (Geppo) paper of Eiwa (Ei meaning glory and wa meaning peace, which is the name of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Japan.) The first issue is dated January 1. This monthly bulletin is prepared by the Mennonite Brethren evangelist, Brother Kitano, and Missionary Ruth Wiens of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, and printed by Kudo san who is secretary of the radio work. Included in Eiwa Geppo are a continued study of the history of the Mennonite Brethren Church, news items from the three churches, radio reports, announcements, testimonies and letters from believers.

— The radio program broadcast by the Japan Mennonite Brethren mission at 6:30 Sunday morning has been extended from 15 to 30 minutes. The first 15 minutes are underwritten by the Board of For-

eign Missions and the remaining 15 minutes by the tithes of the Japan missionaries. To be known as "Good News", the program comes just before the morning news. Harry Friesen requests prayer for Brother Hatori, the minister presenting the message over the broadcast. Brother Hatori has been ill with tuberculosis, but God has been restoring him. He has been able to speak on the program again. Also in need of our prayers are those who correspond with inquirers and who visit with those responding to the call of Christ through the broadcast.

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### BRAZIL

Linda Banman of Winkler, Manitoba, on furlough since April, 1955, is scheduled to return to Curitiba, Brazil, around March 1, the Lord willing.

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### COLOMBIA

In Colombia, construction of the Waunana Indian language has proceeded sufficiently to enable Mennonite Brethren missionaries to make up evangelistic services and record them on phonograph records. These records will also contain numerous Bible verses which teach the way of salvation. Properly provided with musical numbers and explanations regarding the Way of Life, these records together with a hand-winding phonograph are to be given to different Indians, who will take them to the numerous Indian camps along the headwaters of the rivers where they will be played with a view to giving them the Gospel story. Thus every phonograph is to be a carrier of the Gospel message. Anyone interested in providing one of these phonographs as a representative for him on the foreign field is invited to send the price of \$45 to the Hillsboro Office, for which one of these phonographs will then be purchased.

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### OKLAHOMA

Bena Bartel at Lawton View Mission, Oklahoma, is ill in the Lawton Memorial Hospital. Pray for her recovery.

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### PARAGUAY

Paraguay missionaries attempting to contact the Morro Indians report that tribe representatives have again been at the spot where Mennonite Brethren missionaries left presents for them. This time all the gifts were taken and a new supply left by the missionaries. Footprints at the spot are considered those of the Morros. Recently a Morro Indian was encountered along a path leading to a Fern-

heim colony cattle station. He was seen by several young men who were riding their horses to a cattle-watering spot. This Indian was very dark in color, had long hair and constantly kept his spear in readiness above his right shoulder. Being alone, he made no attack and finally disappeared into the bush.

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### MEXICO

— A new folder describing the ministry of the Board of Foreign Missions in Mexico is available upon request by writing to the Board office, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kansas.

— Several new students have enrolled for the second semester in the Bible classes offered by Mennonite Brethren workers at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico.

### THE SECOND MILE

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with the great social problems, which in their acutest form are found in the city. . . . This surely is the mission of the church, and yet the church itself is hardly awake to the situation, much less fitted to meet it. Will the church retain—perhaps we should rather say regain—her social leadership? We are facing the same issue today. What will we do about it?

A negro, who was member of a certain congregation, was asked why his church was not showing more spiritual life. "Well suh," he said, "it's like dis. De good ain't able, and de able ain't good." We, as Mennonite university students, are considered by virtue of our academic training, to be able. Shall the Mennonite church fail in its mission because we are not good?

## Prayer a Vital Force in School Life

### THE GIRLS' PRAYER MEETINGS AT THE M.E.I., NORTH CLEARBROOK, B.C.

"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). This verse has been our theme verse throughout the entire year. The purpose of our gathering in prayer has been to pray for others as well as to learn to live lives pleasing to God, for truly we are bought with a great price and must, therefore, glorify God in our body and in our spirit. Our perfect example, the Lord Jesus Christ, lived a life of prayer. He rose early to pray. He practised what he taught concerning prayer. For this reason we strive to lead a prayer life like our Master did.

Our girls prayer meetings, which are held every Wednesday noon hour, are divided into four groups according to the grades. Each group has two leaders who organize their prayer meeting.

God has proved to us that if we pray more earnestly and more diligently, He will hear and answer our prayers according to His perfect will. The prayer requests have included the missionaries who definitely need our prayers, the unsaved students of our school, the sick, the poor, and many others. We continually ask God to help us as Christians to be doers of His Word and not hearers only.

In addition to having studied various portions of the Bible, the groups have studied the life of Christ, of Simon Peter, and of Paul. We have been able to apply the experiences of these great men of God to our own personal lives, and have thereby gained many rich blessings.

Before Christmas, each group began a project to make clothes for poor families. Many hearts were warmed and blessed at Christmas time when these families were

surprised by a gift package of clothing.

We have the assurance that God will continue to abide with us at every prayer meeting and speak to us through the Holy Spirit. This is the prayer of every Christian girl:

"God, grant us light that we may know

The wisdom thou alone can'st give;  
That truth may guide where ever we go,  
And virtue bless where ever we live."

Girls' Prayer Group leader,  
Martha Spent, XIII

### THE BOYS' PRAYER GROUPS

The approximately 200 boys from the seven grades at the Mennonite Educational Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C., are divided into three classes for Bible study and prayer. The junior class consists of boys from grades 7, 8 and 9. The intermediate class comprises boys from grades 10 and 11, while the boys from grade 12 and 13 make up the senior class.

Each class has its own course of study which it follows. The juniors are studying the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the intermediates, the first epistle of Peter, and the seniors are delving into the truths of John's first epistle.

Each class has its own prayer calendar. Two to four boys in each group have been elected to write letters to missionaries for special prayer requests. The home mission work is also not to be forgotten.

The projects undertaken by the Boys' Prayer Group are: aid to two 1955 graduates of our school now active in MCC work; financial assistance to the Elmer Warkentins, missionaries to Borneo; financial

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# THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

## Missionary Broadcasters Secure Powerful Transmitters

World-wide gospel broadcasting is becoming more and more of a reality. Far East Broadcasting Co. has acquired two huge transmitters, the largest of which is twice as powerful as the most powerful broadcasting station on the air in the U.S. today. It is so large that it requires an antenna array which sprawls across a 12-acre area. When installed at Christian Radio City, Manila, FEBC will be able to increase its effective radiated power into the realm of millions of watts.

Bob Bowman, vice-president of FEBC, announcing the acquisition spoke of the generators as "two electronic giants". The broadcasting equipment, originally designed for the U.S. Information Agency at a reputed cost of three quarters of a million dollars, was secured by FEBC on sealed bid for only \$30,500. Another \$15,000 will be needed to dismantle and move the transmitters and 16 antenna towers involved within the 45-day deadline demanded by the U.S. government agency handling the sale.

FEBC has issued an urgent appeal for gifts from interested Christians to help get this equipment on the air with the gospel message. (ERA)

## India Official Urges Missionaries to 'Adjust Themselves'

Union Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, speaking at Madras last January 16, expressed the hope that foreign missionaries would be able to adjust themselves to the changed conditions in India. A Christian herself, the Health Minister spoke of the definite contributions made by foreign missionaries in the spheres of education, medical aid and relief and in building up the Indian Church.

"Missionary work," she said, "has had a profound influence in moulding opinion on such matters as social reforms; besides, the example of dedicated lives has left an impression on all who have come in contact with it." She felt that in modern India "there is ample room always for good men and women who will join hands with us in building the India of our dreams."

The Health Minister then referred to India's ancient civilization and religious philosophy of life "whose tenets have a great deal in common with the Christian faith. If, therefore, our people are told that Christianity alone can deliver men from sin or that Christians alone have the light, such assertions are rightly resented. Generally speaking, the Hindu religion

has been very tolerant." She wanted "foreign missionaries to come to India not so much to try to bring non-Christians into the fold of Christianity, as to preach the message of the Lord in their lives." (MNS)

## Scientist, Preachers Disagree on H-Bomb Threat

An atomic scientist has taken issue with the idea that "the H-bomb will get you if you don't quickly become a Christian". Dr. Ralph Overman, chairman of special training at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., Institute of Nuclear Studies, objects to the way some preachers have tried to frighten people into Christianity by implying that "we are on the verge of a global catastrophe that will completely wipe out our civilization". "I question this," he said, addressing the Layman's Leadership Institute at Louisville, Ky. He said there was a misunderstanding on the destructive power of nuclear weapons. "H-bombs could destroy cities, but destroying civilization is something else."

Dr. Overman's remarks were at odds with those of earlier speakers, among them Evangelist Billy Graham, who had told the laymen that man's sinfulness has taken on worldwide importance because "with thermonuclear weapons we can destroy our civilization". (ERA)

## The World Today

### Stalin Now Under Fire in Russia

Stalin died three years ago and now the Soviet Union's entire propaganda apparatus is already denouncing his political and economic work. The almost unbelievable barrage against the hitherto Soviet-worshipped Josef Stalin appeared first in the text of a speech made by the first deputy premier at the 20th congress of the Communist party last week. Mikoyan also attacked charges of "alleged treasonous activity" brought many years, after the event against the one-time leaders of the 1918 revolution. \* \* \*

### Middle East Still Tense

While Premier Gama Abdel Nasser at a fly-past of nine MIG jet planes, products of Egypt's arms deal last year with Czechoslovakia, asserted that Egypt is ready for war, Israel's ambassador in the U.S. was calling for quick approval of Israel's four-month old application for defensive arms.

The Egyptian Premier told his audience at a graduation of air cadets: "When we hear talk of

day of a spring Zionist offensive we are not panic-stricken. . . We have been expecting it for six months. . . We are waiting today as we were in the past."

## Karamanlis Wins in Greece

Supporters of the pro-Western Premier Constantine Karamanlis have won Greece's parliamentary election. But returns showed they had a margin of only eight seats and trailed their Red-tinged opposition in popular votes. \* \* \*

## Offers Surplus U. S. Commodities to Europe

President Eisenhower last week offered to send some of America's surplus agricultural commodities to Western Europe to relieve the "suffering and damage that has been caused by one of the worst winters in that area". \* \* \*

## Britain Votes to Stop Death Penalty

Last week the British House of Commons voted to abolish the death penalty in Britain, directing the government to introduce legislation for abolition of capital punishment or for its suspension for an experimental period.

## CANADASCOPE

### Fewest Immigrants in Five Years

Immigration to Canada during the year just ended dropped by more than 44,000 compared with the total for 1954, it was reported last week by the department of citizenship and immigration. It was the lowest yearly total in five years.

Total number of immigrants in the calendar year 1955 was 109,946 compared with a total of 154,227 in 1954. British immigrants totalled 30,150, Italians totalled 20,247, while 18,082 Germans came to Canada. Over 10,000 immigrants came from the United States. \* \* \*

### Mennonites Lauded in Senate

A spirited but short-lived debate developed in the Senate in Ottawa on February 16 over a bill to incorporate the Western Gospel Mission, which has its headquarters in Steinbach, Man. It soon blew over when it was explained the mission is being incorporated by followers of the Mennonite faith in Manitoba. A number of senators praised the Mennonites as citizens of which Canada can be proud.

Senator Arthur Beaubien (Liberal, Manitoba) sponsored the bill. Senators John T. Haig, Progressive Conservative leader, J. P. Howden (L—Manitoba), Stanley McKeen (L—British Columbia) and

William Euler (L—Ontario) promptly praised the Mennonites as among the best and most peace-loving citizens in Canada.

The bill was approved in principle and sent to a committee for further study. \* \* \*

## Mental Hospital Admissions Skyrocketing

Admissions to mental hospitals in Canada nearly doubled from 1950 to 1954. Admissions, including readmissions, totalled 29,351 in 1954 compared with 16,411 five years earlier. Operating costs climbed from \$43,064,000 in 1950 to \$64,087,000 in 1954. \* \* \*

## Atomic-Generated Electricity by 1965

Manitoba should have an atomic-powered electric generating plant by 1965, the chief of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board's electrical design branch predicted last week. A 20,000-kw prototype of such a plant currently is being constructed jointly by Atomic Energy of Canada, Ontario Hydro and Canadian General Electric at a site near Chalk River, Ont., the official said.

## For the Teacher

The Seven Laws of Teaching  
By John Milton Gregory. 122 pp.

This is a clear and simple statement of the important factors governing the art of teaching. It has been used with great success as a handbook for teachers in the Sunday school, and is being used for collateral reading or as a textbook in Bible schools, in S.S. teacher training courses, etc. An invaluable asset to any teacher, not only Sunday school teachers ..... \$1.75

Guiding Young People in Bible Study. By W. L. Howse. 144 pp.

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By W. Perry Crouch. 129 pp.

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## MRS. JACOB KLASSEN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Jacob J. Klassen, Sr., of Steinbach, Man., passed away at the Bethesda Hospital on Monday, February 6, after suffering a heart attack on January 29. She was seventy years old. The funeral services were held at the M. B. church in Steinbach, Man., on Feb. 10.

Surviving are three sons, Mr. Jacob J. Klassen and Mr. Peter J. Klassen of Steinbach, Man., and Mr. William Klassen of Chilliwack, B.C.; one daughter, Mrs. Henry Adrian of Steinbach, Man.; 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. G. KLASSEN

The funeral service for Mrs. G. J. Klassen of Winnipeg, Man., was held on Wednesday, February 1, 1956, in the South End Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg. Mrs. Klassen died on January 29, 1956, after suffering an apoplectic stroke.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld opened the service by reading Revelation 14:

13. Rev. H. H. Janzen spoke on "A crowned Life", according to Rev. 2:10b. Taking Rev. 14:13b as his text, Rev. G. D. Huebert spoke words of comfort.

Interment was at Riverside Cemetery, where Rev. J. P. Neufeld read I Corinthians 15:52.

Mrs. Klassen was born in Russia in 1888 in the village of Reinfeld, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiebe. She was baptized and received into the M. B. Church in 1904 and married Mr. G. G. Klassen on December 10, 1906.

Upon coming to Canada in 1924, the Klasses settled at Krons-gart. After three years they moved to Manitou, where they resided for 25 years. In 1952 Rev. and Mrs. Klassen moved to Winnipeg.

Surviving Mrs. Klassen are her husband, Rev. G. G. Klassen of Winnipeg, three brothers, one sister, eight married children and 27 grandchildren.

To those who have known Mrs. Klassen for many years the news of her passing came as a great shock. But as was pointed out so many times in the service, Mrs. Klassen went to receive her reward from her Master whom she served.

Timor Island is part of a group known as Lesser Sunda Island. Bro. Kingsley's work will center in livestock development. Raising livestock is the source of livelihood for Timor people, but the herds are inbred and produce far below their potential; they also are underfed.

In this project MCC is cooperating with the National Council of Churches in Indonesia to help the people develop their economic life. This ultimately will affect the Church of Timor, which suddenly became self-supporting at the time of Indonesia's independence.

MCC now is recruiting young men for a Pax unit to assist the Kingsleys.

Bro. Kingsley was instructor of vocational agriculture in three Indiana high schools for 14 years and also spent some time developing dairy techniques for Kraft Foods Co.

## MCC DOCTOR WORKS WITH VIETNAM REFUGEES

The Willard Krabills, MCC doctor in Vietnam, are now working with the "Operation Brotherhood" medical unit at Qui Nhon, an area close to the dividing line between Northern Communist Vietnam and South Vietnam.

This unit of Formosan and Filipino doctors and nurses gives medical aid to the Vietnamese refugees at one of the last places evacuated by the Viet Minh (the communist army in Vietnam).

Besides helping the refugees directly, working with "Operation Brotherhood" will allow the Kra-

bills to gain experience and to plan the medical program MCC hopes to begin among the Vietnamese.

Since the Krabills arrived in Vietnam last October, they have been exploring needs and openings for the MCC medical team. There is need, for the ratio of doctors here is about one to 35,000 people. Since these few doctors are concentrated in the cities, the tribes people in the mountain areas are almost without medical care.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS NEW DRAFT ORDER

Under an Executive Order signed by the President on February 16 the order of call for men who are subject to the draft in the United States has been altered so as to make single men and married men who do not have children and who are between the ages of 19 and 25, inclusive, subject to call before fathers and those who have passed their 26th birthday. In effect, this means that fathers and those over the age of 26 will not likely be called since the number of single men and married men who are not fathers between the ages of 19 and 26 is greater than the number required to keep up the strength of the armed forces at the present rate of call.

## VACACION' EN EL MEXICO

Mennonites this summer will again have an opportunity to visit enchanting, colorful Mexico—and at the same time offer service.

The Summer Service program of the Mennonite Central Committee is offering its second annual tour south of the border from August 6-25 and a work camp beginning July 5.

The bewitching panorama of life in Mexico will be seen firsthand under the direction of Dr. Willard Smith, professor of social science at Goshen College. Two hours of college credit in Latin American history will be offered to persons participating in both the tour and work camp.

Persons may participate in either or both the work camp and the tour.

The work camp group will assemble July 5 at Newton, Kans., and go by bus to Cuauhtemoc, Mexico. The camp will be connected with MCC community service there. Nurses, Vacation Bible School teachers and persons with recreational leadership and construction abilities can especially be used. Cost of the work camp is \$50.

The tour group will assemble August 6 at Newton, Kansas, and go by bus to Mexico. On August 8 they will join the work camp group to tour points of interest in Mexico, including the Mennonite community in the Cuauhtemoc area.

The tour is scheduled to terminate on August 25 at Laredo, Texas. Cost of the tour is \$200.

More information may be obtained by writing to Voluntary Service, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania.

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## UNIQUE I-W MISSION PRO- GRAM BEING LAUNCHED

Upon termination of I-W service, many young men say they feel they have made no real sacrifice in their service.

A new program labeled "I-W Mission" has emerged as a result of those expressions and is being launched by Mennonite Central Committee. The plan will generally make possible full-time support of a missionary couple by each I-W man.

The program is being introduced at Ypsilanti, Mich., State Hospital where some 1000 persons are employed to care for the hospital's 4,100 patients. I-W men will serve as attendants.

Young men choosing "I-W Mission" will receive board and room, transportation to and from place of employment and an allowance of \$25 a month. He will give the remainder of his wage to his church's mission board. (For example, an I-W man choosing the plan who is a member of the General Conference Mennonite Church will route his earnings to the General Conference Mennonite Board of Missions.)

For young men interested in missions, this plan offers a big opportunity. The program will make it possible for each I-W man while in service to provide full-time support for a missionary couple or make possible the spearheading of new mission projects.

"I-W Mission" is an opportunity to be of practical service both through work in the institution where I-W service is being performed as well as through the project of persons I-W men would support. This plan is an addition to current service programs in Pax, Voluntary Service, relief work and other types of church-related services.

I-W leaders point out that this mission plan can be carried out in other places of I-W employment as well. They also indicate the possibility that "I-W Mission" will become an increasingly popular plan as I-W men choose their program of service.

A number of prospective I-W men have expressed interest in this type of setup. The idea has enthusiastic endorsement by leaders of constituent Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches.

A two-weeks orientation period in Akron will count as part of the two years of service time. Application for service in "I-W Mission" may be made through the I-W office, MCC, Akron, Pa.



## MCC TO CONTINUE IN JORDAN

Bro. Orie Miller, executive secretary of MCC, returned Feb. 11 from his visit to units in the Middle East and Europe.

In the Middle East the work centers around the refugees who have been displaced for eight years. Although MCC, along with other American agencies, suffered in the December and early January riots, "We cannot leave these people now," Bro. Miller and the unit agree.

The present plan is to move the headquarters from Jericho to Jerusalem. From there the workers will continue the medical assistance in the Arab Christian Hospital at Nablus and the boys' orphanage at Hebron; one couple will work among the 34,000 refugees at Irbid; the material aid work at Jericho can be resumed as the tensions ease. \* \* \*

## KINGSLEYS SAIL TO INDONESIA

Relief worker Leonard D. Kingsley of Monroe, Ind., will sail Feb. 25 for Indonesia, where he will direct agricultural and community development on Timor Island.

He is a member of First Mennonite Church at Berne, Indiana. He will be accompanied by his wife, the former Velma Emmert, and family.

## COLLEGES

### TABOR COLLEGE

#### Ground-Breaking For New Library

Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new library building on the Tabor College campus in Hillsboro have been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 29. The date was set by the Board of Education of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of North America at its annual meeting in Hillsboro on February 7, 8 and 9.

Construction is expected to begin the following day, April 30, a date marking the 38th anniversary of the disastrous fire which destroyed the original administration building, a day traditionally celebrated as Tabor Day on the campus.

In addition to spacious reading and stack areas, the new library will contain conference, seminar, and staff rooms, cataloging and reference areas, and a church archives room.

The architectural firm of English, Miller, and Hockett of Hutchinson, Kans., has drawn up the preliminary plans and expects to have the building specifications ready within three weeks. Construction will be by Mr. Irvin L. Jost, Hillsboro contractor, with a considerable portion of the labor to be donated.

### MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

Brother Henry Voth (faculty member) led the testimony and prayer service on Monday morning. It was inspiring to hear the testimonies of both students and faculty, to hear of prayer answered and of experiences with God.

Rev. Abram Neufeld from Margaret, Manitoba, has been conducting evangelistic services in the South End M. B. Church during the past week. He visited us on Tuesday morning, Feb. 14, and solemnly warned us of the danger of losing our power as salt of the earth. We hear the Word every day, but if we do not apply it, its power is not manifest.

On Wednesday Rev. Unruh, field director of the Gospel Missionary Union, advanced the common excuses of the lethargic Christian. We often say with the sluggard that we fear "the lion in the street" (Prov. 26:13), when there is no lion at all—we are merely attempting to excuse our own laziness.

The weekly graduate testimony was given on Thursday, Feb. 16, by John B. Toews of Coaldale, Alta. How wonderfully God protects and leads His children.

In Friday morning's chapel service Brother Peter Klassen (faculty member) drew our attention to the magnitude of God, who manifests Himself in molecule and mass, in

the small and in the large. Truly, our God is magnificent and we ought to worship Him, not only on Sundays, but throughout the week, always.

Henry Warkentin

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

As we had anticipated, the second week in February was one of rich spiritual blessing for the students as well as many visiting ministers. We had Dr. Erland Waltner in our midst as guest speaker for Bible Week. The theme was: Evangelism.

During the eight sessions from Feb. 7—10, Dr. Waltner spoke on the Early Apostolic Church as portrayed in the first twelve chapters of the Book of Acts. He drew from it many lessons that can be applied to our church today. During the discussions which followed each lecture we sought to solve some of the problems that we are now facing in the light of the passages we had studied.

Besides this study of the early church, various other papers were presented on topics of evangelism. Rev. Poettcker spoke on "What is Evangelism?"; Rev. G. Lohrenz on "Our Evangelistic Endeavors in the Past"; Rev. J. Adrian on "The Personal Work of Jesus"; Rev. I. I. Friesen on "The Evangelistic Sermon"; Rev. D. Janzen on "The Relation of Christian Education to Evangelism"; Mr. George Wiebe on "Music and Evangelism"; and Rev. G. Groening on "Hindrances and Aids in Evangelism". Special music for these meetings was provided by various groups from the student body.

Evangelistic services were held each evening. On Tuesday evening, Dr. Waltner spoke at the Bethel Mission Church, while on Wednesday and Thursday evenings Rev. J. M. Pauls spoke in the Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church and the First Mennonite Church respectively.

Plans have been made that the choir will present Mendelssohn's Oratorio, "St. Paul", on March 11 in the First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, and on March 18 in Altona and Winkler.

### GOSHEN COLLEGE

#### Combined Choruses to Sing

Dwight Weldy will direct the combined choruses in singing Joseph Haydn's "The Seven Last Words", Sunday evening, Feb. 26. Written for use in the Good Friday services of the 18th century church, the "Seven Last Words" consists of a chanting of the seven last phrases of Christ on the cross. Each chanting is then followed by appropriate music, and the whole is climaxed by the story of the earthquake in musical form.

The part of the solo quartet which weaves in and out of the

chorus parts will be sung by an octet.

#### H. T. Kuist to Lecture

Professor Howard Tillman Kuist of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J., will deliver the annual Bible lectures March 1 through 4 on the theme, "God with Us". The lectures will be studies in Isaiah 7 to 12. Professor Kuist is well-known as the author of *These Words Upon Thy Heart*.

#### Second Semester Enrollment

According to Acting Registrar Ada Shaum, 33 new students are enrolled for the second semester.

"The Pastor's Wife" is the name of a second semester Monday evening class for the wives of seminary students. J. C. Wenger, teacher of this class, aims to present helpful discussions on the opportunities and responsibilities of a pastor's wife as she shares with her husband in his ministerial duties.

#### Minister's Week

Thirty-five ministers from Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, Ontario, Ohio and Pennsylvania attended the three-week school for ministers Jan. 31 to Feb. 17. Many other ministers visited the campus Feb. 13 to 14 for the annual Minister's Week. Guest speakers for this week were Gideon G. Yoder, Hesston, Kansas, who presented his Conrad Grebel lectures on "The Education and Evangelism of Children"; C. K. Lehman, Harrisonburg, Va.; Paul Erb, Scottsdale, Pa., and Milton Brackbill, Paoli, Pa.

The leader of the colony of Society of Brothers in Paraguay, Eberhard Arnold, and his wife visited the campus Jan. 29 to Feb. 1. The Arnolds are in the United States to build up the Society of Brothers colony at Rifton, N.Y.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### ONTARIO M. B. CONFERENCE BIBLE SCHOOL

Although our Bible school life here in Kitchener is a rather busy one, I am glad to report that the Lord has not overlooked us with His manifold blessings.

To illustrate this I would like to recall for you the visit that Dr. and Mrs. Risinger from the Evangelical Teachers Training Association paid us. The couple is touring a circuit of Bible Schools in Canada. We were fortunate enough to play host to them for one day. That day we most thoroughly enjoyed, for both Dr. and Mrs. Risinger talked to us. Dr. Risinger used Philippians 3: 10 as his text, while Mrs. Risinger told us her life story, a true testimony for Christ. We are thankful to the Lord that we as a school are

### BOYS' PRAYER GROUP

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aid to a student in South America; and the purchasing of 50 Inter-Varsity gospel song books.

Of major importance for our school are the evangelistic meetings, to be held from March 5 to 9. Rev. Henry Unrau will be the evangelist. We rejoice with the church of Christ over the reported fruit of the evangelistic meetings held in other Mennonite schools across Canada. Now we ask you to join hearts with us in asking our blessed Saviour for a bountiful harvest of souls in our school.

Jesus said, "Whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do." We need your prayers!

Albert Nickel XIII

Leader of Boys' Prayer Groups.

members in the ETTA. Our graduates are looking forward to receiving their diplomas from the association. We are praying for the director and his wife as they continue on their's and God's way.

As mentioned in a previous report, Rev. John G. Baerg from Mountain Lake, Minnesota, was with us a week, as was also Rev. H. Penner from St. Catharines. Now we are looking forward with anticipation to the arrival of Rev. John Harder, chairman of the M. B. Foreign Missions Board, who is currently touring the Ontario M. B. Churches.

We have also found that it is possible to receive a blessing by being a blessing. For example, we have the privilege of singing weekly at three different institutions in or near the city. Bi-monthly, a group journeys to the Freeport Sanitorium to serve the Lord in song. The results are inspiring. We have received verbal and written thanks. Every Wednesday the quartet and trio sing at the Lydia Nursing Home (for ladies), and the same day the whole school presents a programme at the Huronia Institute for the Blind. Our song leader there is the very capable Mr. J. Hamm and our speaker is Dal Warkentin, a student attending Waterloo College. The school enjoys its "missionary activities", and all we ask is that the Lord might give us grace to continue.

The last phase of school life that I would like to mention is our special weekly prayer-meeting. It is our custom to assemble in two separate groups (ladies and men) and to discuss under alternating leadership some mission field that we feel is especially in need of our prayers. In this way we feel that we are becoming more acquainted with our foreign missions and their workers, and in some small way doing a part in the harvest field of lost souls.

Edmund Janzen

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March 4 - Sunday — First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Rev. J. H. Enns.

March 5 - Monday — Carman Mennonite Church, Carman, Rev. D. D. Klassen, Homewood.

March 6-7 - Tuesday and Wednesday — Winkler Bergthaler Church, Rev. J. M. Pauls.

March 8 - free

March 9-12 - Friday through Monday — Youth Rally at Altona Bergthaler Church, L. Kehler.

March 13 - Tuesday — Elim Bible School, Altona, Rev. A. A. Teichroeb.

March 14 - Wednesday — Altona Bergthaler Church, Rev. D. Schulz.

March 15 - Thursday — Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church, Rev. P. P. Heinrichs.

March 16 - Friday — Bible College, Winnipeg, Rev. I. I. Friesen.

March 17 - Saturday — free.

March 18 - Sunday — North Kildonan Schoenwieser Church, Rev. J. H. Enns.

*The Altona Youth Fellowship.*

### DR. UNRUH AT GREEN-DALE M. B. CHURCH

*Sardis, B.C.* — During the week of February 5 to 11 Dr. A. H. Unruh conducted services in the Greendale Mennonite Brethren church. The presence of the Lord was felt as the prophecies given in the book of Revelation were clearly portrayed.

At the morning services Dr. Unruh discussed the first four chapters of Revelation. The other chapters were under consideration at the evening services, which were well attended.

Dr. Unruh has had to cancel all the rest of his services in the Fraser Valley due to an attack of the flu, forcing him to rest during the rest of his stay in British Columbia. The Unruhs are leaving for Manitoba on February 26.

## Fairview Mennonite Home Opened

By C. J. Rempel

*Kitchener, Ont.* — Fairview Mennonite Home, a new two-story brick structure with accommodation for 75 elderly folk, was officially opened in Preston, Ont., on Friday, February 10, 1956.

The principal speaker at the opening ceremonies was the Welfare Minister, the Honourable Louis Cecile, who represented the Government of Ontario. He also presented a cheque for \$92,000 to Bishop Curtis C. Cressman, this sum being the Government of Ontario's grant toward the Home.

Among other speakers at the opening ceremonies was Mr. L. E.

Ludlow, director of the Home for the Aged branch of the Ontario Department of Welfare. Bringing greetings were the Member of Parliament, the mayor, county officials and others.

Following the service at the Preston Mennonite church, which adjoins the new home for the aged, the contractor, Mr. Harold Ball, presented the scissors to Joseph Steckle, chairman of the Board, who then cut the ribbon to officially open the new home.

This new home replaces the old Braeside Home in Preston, which was owned and operated by the Mennonite Conference. It became too small and inadequate to care for the many who sought admission. The new structure was planned by architect W. H. E. Schmalz of Kitchener and has single as well as double rooms, plus a bed-patient wing for 20 convalescent or chronically ill persons. Assembly rooms, storage and dining rooms as well as other facilities make it a spacious new headquarters.

A staff of 17 will take care of the home and the patients, with John Cressman as superintendent.

Sufficient land is available at the site to enable the building of small cottages near the Home, which will then be available to aged couples.

## On the Horizon

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 25. — Eden Christian College, Ont., is planning a musical evening on which a wide variety of instrumental pieces and choir songs will be presented.

February 25 and 26. — The M. E. Churches in the northern district of Saskatchewan are sponsoring a two-day Sunday School Teachers' Conference in the Dalmeny M.B. church. In addition to the main messages there will be 16 workshop sessions.

February 26 to March 2. — Rev. A. Neufeld, Margaret, Man., will speak at evangelistic services in the North Kildonan M. B. 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.

March 5. — The M. B. Collegiate Institute parent-teachers' meeting will be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church in Winnipeg. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

March 5 to 9 — This is "Bible Emphasis Week" at the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C. Rev. Henry Unrau will be the guest speaker. Prayer is requested for the services.

March 9. — Counselling services will be available at 7:30 p.m. for New Canadians on employment, housing, education, health, business, citizenship, legal services, etc., in the YWCA, Dunsmuir and Burrard Streets, Vancouver, B.C.

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