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

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Here are some of those attending the Ministers' Course at the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg. Front row, l. to r.: H. P. Penner, Justice, Man.; P. Schulz, Holmfield, Man.; J. P. Epp, Steinbach, Man.; A. A. Loewen, Winnipeg, Man.; H. P. Toews, Winnipeg, Man.; A. A. Regehr, Steinbach, Man.; W. W. Schroeder, Steinbach, Man. — Second row, l. to r.: J. J. Thiessen, Herbert, Sask.; P. P. Doerksen, Gem, Alta.; Joe Wiebe, Ashern, Man.; John Unger, Hamilton, Ont.; C. M. Penner, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; Alvin Philippsen, Black Creek, B.C.; Abe Sawatzky, Saskatoon, Sask. — Third row, l. to r.: John Reimer, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.; George Penner, Herbert, Sask.; John Wiebe, Manitou, Man.; Eugene Martens, Leinan, Sask.; Herman Lenzman, Yarrow, B.C.; J. J. Nickel, Elm Creek, Man.; P. W. Martens, Steinbach, Man.; F. D. Reimer, Lorette, Man.; C. H. Friesen, Grunthal, Man.; H. P. Nikkel, Coaldale, Alta. — Others who registered but are not on the picture are: J. J. Toews, Winnipeg, Man.; J. A. Froese, Calgary, Alta.; D. Dick, Niverville, Man.; P. P. Dueck, Oak Bluff, Man.; H. A. Regehr, Steinbach, Man.; J. P. Neufeld, Winnipeg, Man.; F. H. Friesen, Morden, Man.; Jacob Enns, Steinbach, Man.; and Herman Voth, Aldergrove, B.C.

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FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

This spring the first class which enrolled in the summer of 1953 in the Theological School in Hughestown, India, will be graduated. This school is a night-school for advanced students, high school graduates and college men who are in regular employment for their living during the day. The graduating class is the first one to complete the three-year course from the Hughestown Theological School. Instruction has been given to them free by Brother and Sister J. H. Lohrenz of Hillsboro, Kansas, and D. J. Franz.

ABLE TO MEET MOST SERIOUS NEED

(In order to give you a more comprehensive picture of the need in the Kajiji area, Belgian Congo, and what is being done about it, we are supplementing last week's brief news item with a fuller report. —Ed.)

A total of \$2,000 has been dispatched by the Board of General Welfare to Kajiji, starvation area on the Belgian Congo mission field.

"This help, which came so promptly, has brought great relief," Rev. J. B. Toews writes. "Dr. E. W. Schmidt and his staff have been able to arrange a feeding program whereby the school children and the patients at the medical center receive some rations. Continued on page 3-2)

Course Attracts Men from Five Provinces

By Alvin Philippsen

An average of 30 ministers took the annual Ministers' Course offered by the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg. Held during the two-week period of Feb. 27 to March 9, the course attracted ministers and laymen from five provinces in Canada. Those attending represented the Mennonite Brethren Church, the Mennonite Church, and the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church.

This two-week course of lectures by the teachers at the college was a season of blessing and spiritual refreshing for everyone. More than that, it was a time of self-examination. We could not help but say with the Psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139: 23-24). The challenge to consecrated service was also put before us in a manner that demanded acceptance. Certainly no one will have regretted coming here for these two weeks.

A wide variety of subjects were

offered. In our study of the prophet Zecharia, Rev. H. H. Janzen pointed out the miraculous ways that God leads His people, Israel, and what the future has in store for them. Old Testament Introduction proved especially intriguing, with Rev. Ewert's systematic explanation of Hebrew and Greek terminology very enlightening. Sometimes, however, I'm afraid it was more or less "Greek" to me.

We were privileged in having Dr. A. H. Unruh to explain the Messianic prophecies to us. Rev. I. W. Redekopp taught us his conception of Church Administration. He showed us the many advantages of having an organized church, especially with regard to "teaching in the home church". He pointed out, however, that an organized church can not take the place of a personal life of sanctification on the part of the individual church member. The subject of Homiletics was followed

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First Evangelistic Campaign for Mission

A full church, a spirit of prayer, conviction wrought by the Holy Spirit, and persistent personal workers characterized the evangelistic meetings held at the Gospel Light Mission from February 26 to March 4. The powerful preaching of Rev. J. A. Froese, city missionary at Calgary, Alta., was backed up by a praying membership and by the testimonies in song of various groups from the Winnipeg M.B. churches and the M. B. Bible College.

Nightly the Gospel Light Mission Church, with a capacity of about 160, filled up with children, teen-agers and adults—many of them still without a personal knowledge of Christ and some in church for the first time in years. Some came of their own accord, others had transportation provided by members of the the church and zealous co-workers, while still others were invited in as they walked past the mission church.

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EDITORIAL

Devotional

All Things Work Together for Good

By Aaron Schmidt *

The Temple of the Holy Spirit

The heart attack of President Eisenhower focused the attention of people all over the world on the greatest "killer" today, heart disease. Not only have we become more aware of the contributory causes to heart disease, but we have realized anew the interdependence of soul and body. What affects one inevitably affects the other, though sometimes only temporarily. It has been said that Satan chooses our weakest moments physically to tempt us spiritually. Could it be that often we fall into sin because our body is weak as the result of abuse or neglect?

The Apostle Paul writes: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?" (I Cor. 6:19). If the context for this verse is read we notice that this rhetorical question follows Paul's assertion that immorality is a sin against the body. The implication is that anything that harms the body is sin. Have we fully realized this?

We are quite willing to apply this conclusion to smoking ("A filthy habit anyway"). We heartily endorse medical science when it announces that smoking cigarettes may contribute to lung cancer. Obviously, this makes smoking a sin! The same holds true for drinking alcoholic beverages. A trip to skid-row will convince even the skeptic that "Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging."

But we are not so quick to apply this rule to other areas of our everyday life. For instance, Dr. W. E. Beamish asserted at a dinner meeting of the Manitoba Dietetic Association in Winnipeg that restriction of animal fats in the diet is now believed to be one of the greatest preventative factors for hardening of the arteries, a condition that can lead to coronary atherosclerosis (heart attack). Surveys in Japan and Africa, in England and in Scandinavia during the time when fats were rationed, prove this to be true. He called for a greatly reduced intake of animal fats, such as butter, lard, and pork products. If this doctor's assertions are true, are we willing to act in accordance with his advice in order to help preserve our body—the temple of the Holy Spirit—even if it hits hard at our traditional Mennonite way of cooking?

Something else that strongly affects us is the amount of rest and sleep we have. We all know what insufficient rest does to us—dulling our mind and our heart to the moving of the Holy Spirit. The Christian worker who gets up to speak cannot be at his best when weary. The personal worker's recalling of Scripture is sluggish when tired. Is it then important that our body—the temple of the Holy Spirit—be given adequate rest? If we normally receive enough rest the occasional late night spent in prayer or in dealing with a seeking soul will not seriously affect us.

Other things could be mentioned, such as the addiction to very strong coffee or tea—one of the first things a doctor will eliminate from the diet of a nervous person, for instance—and the disregard of elementary health rules and precautions, or the neglect of preventative facilities for disease—inoculation, x-rays, etc.

If we as Christians look upon our body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and as an instrument that He wants to use, we will take care to keep it in the best condition possible. We do that with our machinery—but what about our body?

Are We Truly Thankful?

Dear Friends:

I would like to tell you a story which has spoken to my heart. You know how prone we are to grumble and be dissatisfied with our lot. Well, this experience made me feel rather ashamed of myself.

The story goes like this. About eight or nine years ago a mother with three children left Europe and an unbearable existence behind to start a new life in Canada. Three children were with

her, but the other three—where were they? They were lost somewhere in Europe. In the many sleepless nights, did she call her children's names? Did she place them into God's loving hands? Did she ever expect to hear from them again? I do not know. Who knows the depth of heartache, sorrow and longing experienced by the many victims of cruel circumstances brought about by war? Who sees their tears, who comforts them?

Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

It is a tremendous challenge for us as Christians to seek out God's purposes. So many things come our way which we cannot understand. Often we are at odds with ourselves because of the circumstances into which we have been placed. Blinded by them, we just cannot see our way. We usually wrangle with them until we are exhausted. Then God is able to use them to train us to depend on Him. Finally we realize that in His presence all things work together for good in our lives.

This fact is not something before which we must stand and doubt or wonder, but rather praise God. The apostle Paul speaks with great confidence when he says, "And we KNOW". The blessed knowledge that God is present in every situation of our lives helps us to place our trust fully in His guidance and direction.

This does *not* only pertain to an occasional but to all circumstances of our lives. Many Christians trust God for guidance in certain aspects only. They feel that they can live the rest of their lives according to their own desires. God often has to lead them into dire straits because of this, so that they will finally be willing to entrust everything unto Him. If in these dire straits they can realize the truth of the apostle's words in Romans 8:28, then praise the Name of the Lord. However, many Christians have fallen right here where God wanted to train them and thus have missed that blessedness of a life fully yielded

The family could very well remember the day they lost their seventeen-year-old sister. They lost her during that horrible nightmare called "Flight"; that nightmare which defies description. It was just a matter of accepting a ride on another wagon, since there was not enough room on their own. Suddenly their ways parted and the young girl was gone! They asked here and there about their sister; especially when they met with acquaintances did they seek to find some information. All was futile, all hopeless. Did they give her up as dead?

The mother and her family did very well in their new home. The children married, established their own homes, raised families. Then one memorable day someone received a letter from behind the Iron Curtain. It was written in

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to the Lord's supervision.

There are two forces constantly battling in the life of the Christian. God is the author of all that is good. Satan and his allies on the other hand strive for the cause of evil. How important to realize that if we give God His way things will work out for good. If, however, we take our own way, as we are often prompted to do by the forces of evil, we are working for evil. What a tragedy in the life of a Christian to be found promoting the cause of our very adversary.

This points to the fact that activity alone is not enough. Our life on earth is not always fulfilling its purpose when we are busy every moment of our time. In Rev. 2:1-7 we have a vivid portrayal of the Ephesian church; a beautiful picture of a working, yes, laboring assembly (v. 2). However, when we contrast this with the work of FAITH and labour of LOVE of the church of Thessalonica (1 Thess. 1:3) we see what was wrong with all their enthusiasm. Unless we as Christians really love God and do all our service in love for Him we are accomplishing nothing. May God help us to return from whence we have fallen (Rev. 2:5) and labour with the warmth of the *first love* in our hearts. Then truly we shall realize that "ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD!"

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Three Days of Bible Study at Warman

Warman, Sask. — A three-day Bible study was arranged in the Warman M. B. Church for February 22 to 24, but a severe blizzard forced a postponement. The brethren Rev. I. Block and Mr. Abe Dueck served with great blessings Feb. 29 to Mar. 2 under favourable weather conditions.

Mr. Dueck, pastor of the Lashburn M. B. Church, placed the "Church of Christ" before the afternoon congregation. "Who belongs to the Church of Christ?" Not the members of one denomination but all the blood-bought believers. "What are some pictures typifying the Church, and what are its duties?" Then, "What is its Destiny?" With the Bible in his hand he drew out precious truths.

Rev. Block, pastor of the Borden M. B. Church, ably discussed topics concerning the woman's place or duty in the home, community, and in the church. "Her influence will be greatest in being silent and through her prayers," he pointed out. "The mother's first duty is to bring the child that she holds on her knee to the Lord." What a great field of ministry for the women.

During the evenings, evangelistic services were conducted. After a brief opening by the home pastor, Rev. N. Fehr, Mr. Dueck held the children (and naturally the adults) spellbound as he told a Gospel story. Rev. Block then spoke in the German, often Low German, on the Three Great Judgments. "How terrible will it be when at the Great White Throne the Christians will have to judge their own friends, re-

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the style which has become familiar to us by now, "Peter, John and Henry are dead. Tina and Sarah are married, husbands dead. They are left with small children." Their sister's name was among the list of the living. A short while after that the mother herself received a letter from her daughter. She had married, her husband was dead, three small children remained.

It was then that I began to make a comparison between the lot of the unfortunate one in Russia and the fortunate one in Canada. I am not her sister, but I am fortunate. Should I make a list of the benefits bestowed upon us? It is not necessary; they are all apparent. Our hearts are humbled as we pray to God to forgive us our indifference, our murmurings, our selfishness. We would reach out to the unfortunates of the world.

Martha Janzen,
Grimsby, Ont.

latives, even children or parents, who have refused to accept salvation," he stated.

The Gospel message and invitation was given by Mr. Dueck, beseeching sinners to repent. Though no public response was seen, the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts.

BRUCKS LEAVE FOR AFRICA

Hillsboro, Kans. — Rev. and Mrs. Henry Brucks and family are enroute to the Belgian Congo for their second term of service under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions.

After several weeks of preparation and orientation here at Board headquarters, they left Hillsboro on February 28 for New York. There they were scheduled to board the SS Vinkt March 7.

The Brucks have three children — Florence, 7; Naomi, 4, and Paul, 1. Brother Brucks is the son of Mrs. Henry Brucks, Sr., of Sardis, B.C. Sister Brucks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiebert of Arnaud, Man. The Brucks are members of the Yarrow Mennonite Brethren Church.

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In the Kajiji area, the present emergency will continue until the newly-planted fields of manioc begin to produce, according to a communication from the Brethren E. W. Schmidt, Clyde A. Shannon, J. B. Tews, and H. K. Warkentin. About two years are required for the production of a crop.

The money gifts from our churches go a long way in buying local foods in the Belgian Congo to feed the hungry at Kajiji. Manioc can be purchased and transported from Panzi, 100 miles away, for about half a cent a pound. In addition, the Kajiji mission staff has purchased dried milk and dried fish to distribute to the more needy children and women. Those individuals not suffering as severely are given a ration of manioc.

Another group of people receiving food from these funds are the 300 children on the Kajiji station. Those who can get food from their villages have been sent home, which has reduced the number from the fall enrollment of 500.

Others receiving help at the Kajiji station are natives from surrounding villages. These are people whom the government is unable to reach in its definite efforts to ship food into the starvation area. Many natives live in isolated villages away from any road accessible by vehicles. The colonial government, however, expects the missions to share in the



Mr. and Mrs. John Unger and son Danny. The Ungers are M.B. home missionaries at Stoney Creek, lately included in the city of Hamilton, Ont.

Teachers Gather for Fellowship

Vineland, Ont. — Recently the Sunday school workers of the Lake Ave. School near Stoney Creek, Ont., enjoyed a very pleasant Sunday afternoon in the home of John Unger, our missionary for the area. The reason for this gathering, as Brother Unger stated, was to discuss new projects, plan various activities, and in general have a time of fellowship, which is usually denied us in the hustle and bustle of an ordinary Sunday afternoon.

Some of the questions under discussion were: How can we make a hobby club possible for teen-age boys? How can we improve attendance? Should we remember our pupils with birthday cards?

After a delicious lunch we had time for more pleasant visiting and games.

The Lake Ave. Sunday School is a matter of great concern to us. We desire to see souls won for Christ and solicit your prayers.

Farewell Program for Hugo Jantzes

Virgil, Ont. — The Virgil M. B. Church presented a farewell program for Rev. and Mrs. Hugo Jantz on Sunday, Feb. 26. Rev. and Mrs. Jantz were scheduled to leave for Hillsboro, Kans., during the following week on the first part of a trip that will take them

emergency and up to this point has declined to give them food.

Relief work in the Kajiji area is under the direction of the missionary doctor, E. W. Schmidt. He is assisted in this work by the missionary staff, Arlene Gerdes, Katie Penner and Brother and Sister Clyde A. Shannon. The missionary field council is seeking to make another couple available as soon as possible to assist in the work at Kajiji.

With the continued monthly relief offerings from our congregations and some individual contributions, the Board of General Welfare under the Lord's blessing will be able to feed many thousands in Africa and other needy people throughout the world. The words of Christ: "The poor you have always with you", are just as applicable today as when first spoken. To "remember the poor" (Gal. 2:10) continues to be one of the ways in which the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations serves our brotherhood in its Christian witness and service.

to Quito, Ecuador, where they will serve on the missionary radio station HCJB and in the Rimmer Memorial Hospital.

A missionary representative of HCJB, Rev. J. D. Clark, was present to give an interesting and informative description of the origin and progress of the work being done in the South American country of Ecuador.

Brother and Sister Jantz each gave their testimony, showing how God prepared them, often unknown to them, for the work which they now will be doing. One example of this is the practice gained in the use of the German language, with which Brother Jantz became very familiar as he taught in it at the East Chilliwack Bible School and as he served as interim pastor of a German Baptist Church there.

During the entire farewell service the presence of the Spirit of God was felt and the work of missions assumed greater proportions in everyone's heart.

"Every moment trembles with possibilities; every hour is big with destiny." —Hellis.

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To become like Christ is the only thing worth caring for, before which every ambition is folly. — Drummond.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Evangelistic Services at North Clearbrook

North Clearbrook, B. C. — Evangelistic services were held in the Clearbrook M. B. church from February 19 to 24. Rev. Henry Klassen, city missionary in Vancouver, and Rev. Jacob Thiessen, also of Vancouver, spoke at the services.

This week was a time of real spiritual blessing. Sinners were brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and Christians dedicated their life anew to Jesus Christ.

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Bible Conference at Elm Creek

Elm Creek, Man. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here held a Bible Conference from February 21 to 23, with Rev. D. D. Derksen of Boissevain and Rev. A. J. Froese, at present engaged in city mission work in Brandon, as guest speakers.

The services began on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 21, and carried on until Thursday evening. The epistle of Paul to the Colossians served as the basis for the Bible discussions.

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Ben Horch in Radio Work

Shafter, Calif. — Mr. Ben Horch, who left Winnipeg in September, 1955, to become music director at the Immanuel Academy at Reedley, Calif., has taken over the classical music programming on Mr. E. J. Peter's radio station here. He will continue his instrumental work at the Immanuel Academy, but has given up the choir. Mr. J. Hamm from Kitchener, Ont., has become director of the choir at Immanuel Academy.

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Herbert Bible School Visits Regina

Regina, Sask. — The teachers and the 22 pupils of the Herbert Bible School visited the Regina Mennonite Brethren Church on Sunday, February 26. Teachers accompanying the students were Rev. C. Braun, Rev. Ed. Lautermilch, Rev. R. Janzen and Mr. H. Braun, the school's choir director.

Rev. Lautermilch arrived in Regina with one car for the morning service. He conducted the morning worship service, assisted by a ladies' trio from the school.

The whole school took part in the program presented in the evening. Included in the program were several songs by the school instrumental group, a solo by Hulda Guenther, and a song by the ladies' trio. Three of the stud-

ents gave personal testimonies. Rev. Rudy Janzen delivered the evening's message, giving a very practical and enlightening address.

This was the first visit to the Regina M. B. Church by the whole student body and all the teachers of the Herbert Bible School. The blessings of the day far exceeded the discomforts of the 120-mile drive in very cold weather by the group from Herbert.

More Canadians to S. America

Henry Dueck, instructor at the Bethel Bible School at Abbotsford, B.C., will be going to Asuncion, Paraguay, with his family within the next two months. He has been appointed to succeed Rev. H. H. Epp, pastor of the Mennonite Fellowship in Asuncion.

Another recent appointment is that of Rev. Henry P. Epp as the over-all representative to South America for the Board of Missions and the Board of Christian Service of the General Conference

of Mennonites. At the present time pastor of the United Mennonite Church in Waterloo, Ont., he and his family will leave for South America in early spring.

Dr. Rose speaks at M.E.I.

Abbotsford, B.C. — Following the invitation of the Mennonite Educational Institute Alumni Association, Dr. William J. Rose spoke in the M.E.I. auditorium on Saturday night, Feb. 25.

Dr. Rose, special lecturer in the department of Slavonic studies at the University of British Columbia, gave a brief and simplified historical analysis of events in Central and Eastern Europe that have formed a background to a good deal of the "Mennonite story".

An intense interest in the institutions established by the Mennonites in the new world, especially their private school system, has been shown by Dr. Rose.

The Concert Choir of the M.E.I., under the direction of Rev. C. D. Toews, provided special music during the evening.

George Brucks at Steinbach Bible Institute

By Ben Hoepfner

Steinbach, Man. — Rev. George Brucks, who has been engaged in mission work in Europe during the last few years, challenged the students and faculty at the Steinbach Bible Institute on February 20 and 21 with a survey of conditions in western Europe.

Belgium has only about 250 Christian workers for its 8,000,000 people, Mr. Brucks announced. This number of workers included modernists, foreign missionaries, nationals, colporteurs and evangelists. Flanders, he reported, had between 60 and 70 cities, each with a population of 10,000 or more, without a single church. If such a state of affairs existed in Saskatchewan, for example, there would be only three churches in that province. The need in Belgium is greater than in its colony, the Belgian Congo. The Congo has between 1600 and 1700 missionaries, plus 22,000 national workers, for its 12,000,000 people.

Mr. Brucks stated that the financial conditions in Germany were improving, but the spiritual needs continued to be great. In some places the people continued to respond favourably to the Gospel, whereas in other places they did not. Someone had told Mr. Brucks: "The youth of West Germany live in a vacuum. This is dangerous." Since it is not filled by the Church of Christ, people are left in despair. Tracts are rarely rejected, he asserted.

Open gospel work in Spain is definitely forbidden, Mr. Brucks reported. Some gospel work is being carried on, although secretly. This has proven fruitful and

people are being won for Christ, although in many cases these converts have to suffer. Mr. Brucks revealed that some of the Chris-

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COURSE ATTRACTS MEN FROM FIVE PROVINCES

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with intense interest, naturally. Here we must give credit to Rev. J. A. Toews, who tactfully practised constructive criticism. I believe this study will help us to preach the Word more effectively.

The study of Ecclesiastes, led by Rev. H. Regehr, and the lectures on church discipline, given by Rev. J. H. Quiring, gave us the answers to many problems faced by the church today.

In conclusion, I might say that, if first impressions are lasting ones, the college has found a warm place in our hearts. We have gained an insight into the life at college that will not readily be forgotten.

We are very thankful for the opportunity extended to us of enjoying the blessings which a study of God's Word brings. We have also appreciated the fellowship with the students in the dining-room. All in all, these two weeks have proved to be richly rewarding.

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They came because someone cared enough to invite them and bring them in. Some stayed—~~to~~ get right with God.

Meanwhile, the action behind the scenes was not as great in physical terms, but great in spiritual results. In a room in the basement, children of God agonized in prayer. A blackboard told the story of men and women in need of Christ, of backsliders and of new converts that needed to be established in the faith. On Friday night the room was so full several had to stand in the doorway. And God answered prayer.

From the moment the first chords were played on the little pipe organ a solemn hush filled the church. More people came. There was inspiring congregational singing, wonderful special singing by trios (one composed of three sisters won for Christ only last October), quartets, the Gospel Light Hour choir, soloists. On the last evening the newly organized church's own choir made its debut, with George Schroeder conducting, his wife playing the piano, and members of the little church and its Sunday school teachers singing. For the many who had worked so hard to build up the mission, including Rev. John Schmidt, its director, this was another milestone.

Before the message Rev. Froese had a story for the children, told in vivid English and portrayed with convincing gestures. Spellbound, the children listened—and came again the next night for another story.

The preaching of God's Word by His servant laid bare the sin of every member of the human race. In simple and straightforward English, Rev. Froese portrayed the natural condition of man and his destination. Then in loving tones he proclaimed the glad news of salvation, of forgiveness in Christ. Then the call to a decision—a hand here, and a hand there. But they were few. More remained after the service to get right with God than ever put up their hands at the service—but God met them also.

Results? More know about the mission than ever before. The young Christians in the church have experienced the thrill of seeing God at work—they have been challenged to live all-out for God. Christians who wondered if God still could convict men of sin and give them new life have repented because of their lack of faith. But above all, boys and girls, teen-agers, and adults have entered into a new life with Christ.

Did it pay? Was it worth the effort, the tears and the self-effacing service? Ask one of the less than 30 church members.

Twenty-One Years of Witnessing at Lindal

By Peter Penner

Lindal, Man. — "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation . . . for therein the righteousness of God is revealed." Four years ago Brother Abe Goerz, then stationed here in the Lindal School District, wrote that this area, once reputed to be tough and wicked, was now changed because of the effective operation of the Gospel in the hearts of those that had believed. Surely, the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation!

Mission work in Lindal is now in its 21st year. In 1935 Rev. Forsyth of the Canadian Sunday School Mission, along with Brother Peter Esau, now of Blaine Lake, were used of God to bring a revival to this area. This brought not peace but a sword, as Jesus promised it would whenever the Gospel is believed by some and rejected by others. Christians stepped out—a division resulted.

A little chapel was built here in 1939. Until 1943 the group of believers was served by various ministers without anyone taking up residence here. It was the Jake Kehler family, now in Saskatchewan, which moved here then and stayed five years. In 1949 the Abe Goerzes began their ministry here, who were replaced by the Wilmer Kornsens in 1952. We answered the call of the Home Mission Board of the M. B. Church of Manitoba to come to this field, 15 miles south-west of Morden, and took up residence here in August, 1955.

Those before us have ministered with zeal and dedication, bringing before Christians the challenge of discipleship and personal witnessing, while inviting the unsaved to find in Christ justification before God.

After this brief historical review we must remark on the changes that a small farming community such as this can undergo in a few years. Whereas there used to be a high average attendance here, with many young people, everyone, voting on business matters, the attendance has narrowed down a little to those who distinguish themselves as members of this Church. This narrowing down occurred almost two years ago when Bro. Kornelson presented a local constitution to the group, to which all might subscribe who had been baptized upon their faith. Of such we have 18 members. This constitution set forth our doctrinal position, and allows for organization and disciplinary action.

But other forces have also been at work. Many of the girls have either married and moved elsewhere, or trained for various professions that take them away from the district. A number of families who found the Lord here in the 1930's have moved elsewhere to

farm, mostly near Morden, leaving our numbers smaller.

Another reason for the static enrollment at present is the awe in which the Church seems to be held. In Acts 5:13 we read: "Of the rest durst no man join himself unto them." But it also states in the next verse that "believers were the more added to the Lord". The addition and multiplication of members is of course our aim and ideal, but it is nevertheless true that many people here have joined other churches in the locality in order to be able to put us off with their church allegiance when our members invite them to our services. Then too, Lindal has had its problem believers. From within, out of the heart of men, issue the little foxes that spoil the branches of the true vine, making them fruitless and souring the best wine that flows wherever the Saviour performs His miracles of saving grace.

Is there any hope for the growth of this Church to a place where it becomes indigenous? Yes, there is. Besides the 18 dedicated members, we have adherents who need to be challenged with the issue of baptism. We also have a large group of children of public school age in our Sunday school who will remain with us at least until they have completed Grade 11. Many of these already know Christ as their personal Saviour. Then we need to look about us and claim as prospects for our Church all those who are not tied tenaciously to other denominations. Prevailing prayer and visitation is the only answer. The Holy Spirit works in answer to the travail of hearts over souls. Rachel, who was barren for a long time, cried: "Give me children, or I die!"

Last November, immediately after our evangelistic services, the snow came. This is an old story now, but to us it is an ever-present reality and the biggest obstacle to our activities here. Our speeds since November have been slow, dead slow and stop. During the time that the Abe Goerzes were here, our people owned more horses and sleighs, and, inured to cold, snow and drifting conditions, the services went on unabated and well attended. But now each farmer is highly mechanized and independent of horse-drawn vehicles. The roads have been built up for all-weather driving. Our area is geographically more inaccessible than others in such abnormal conditions and always subject to high winds that sweep down the Pembina Valley.

Lastly, I want to place a burden on each one reading these lines. During the month of January, when we were able to get out, I first met and had the privilege of helping to serve a group of young



John Heidebrecht of St. Catharines, Ont., with his recording equipment.

He Specializes in Sound

By Walter Penner

St. Catharines, Ont. — A new Mennonite business in this city specializes in reproduction of sound. Through the medium of high fidelity radio and phonograph installations and tape or disc recordings John Heidebrecht is out to bring the best in sound reproduction into our homes.

A former resident of Winnipeg, Man., Mr. Heidebrecht has been interested in radio and electronics for many years. Many amateur radio operators throughout the world know him by the call letters of the ham radio station VE3AAQ through which he has been sending out messages for a number of years.

Active in Christian work, Mr. Heidebrecht is at the controls when the St. Catharines M. B. Church's "Glorious Gospel" radio program is broadcast on Sunday at 12:45 p.m. "Messengers for Christ" is a Mennonite General Conference German radio program recorded during the week by Mr. Heidebrecht and broadcast at 8:30 a.m., Sunday.

Examples of Mr. Heidebrecht's installations are to be found in the M. B. church at St. Catharines and in the auditorium of the Eden Christian College. He has

people in Carman whom Bro. Henry Klassen of Morden had been gathering for weekly Bible discussions since last September. These more than twenty high school and college age young people have stepped out of their local church and want to begin a more evangelical testimony in that town, preferably under the auspices of the M. B. Conference. I have been richly blessed in studying the Book of Acts with them and deeply moved at their genuine concern for the spiritual needs of Carman. Let us pray that their needs for a building and a worker may be supplied this year.

also done custom installations in private homes for those who want the best in sound reproduction.

At the present time plans are underway to record the whole Lincoln County Music Festival. This will be a gigantic task, but it will give the competitors an opportunity to acquire a recording of their rendition.

Recently the opening exercises of the Sir Winston Churchill School were recorded by Mr. Heidebrecht. This program of singing and choral speaking reviewed the history of this great English statesman. A record of it has been sent to Sir Winston Churchill.

It is with real interest that we watch the young people branch out into the different types of work and make their contribution to the community and our people.

WINKLER BIBLE SCHOOL VISITS ELM CREEK

Elm Creek, Man. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here was host to a group of 35 Winkler Bible School students on February 12. They were accompanied by Rev. H. H. Redekop, the principal, Rev. B. B. Boldt, and Brother J. B. Boldt.

The group arrived at the village of Elm Creek at 10 a.m. in a large modern Thiessen Transportation bus. From there they were taken in cars to the church, located about five miles from the town.

The program, which began at 10:30 a.m., consisted of songs by the choir, several trios and quartets, and testimonies by several students. The children were not forgotten, for one of the students told them a story. Rev. B. B. Boldt delivered a message entitled, "God Helps in Overcoming Obstacles", basing it on Joshua 3, which is the story of Israel crossing the river Jordan.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

The other day when I was going by the park-I noticed the trees silhouetted against the snowy white background. Without leaves their forms were so clearly outlined—the graceful elm with its drooping branches, the many-branched maple and the sturdy oak. Against the deep-green of the spruces, this year so heavily laden with snow, it was a pretty picture.

Surely it was such a scene that made Joyce Kilmer feel the greatness of God, the Creator, when she wrote:

"I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree. . . .
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray."

God has made a beautiful world for His children. The Bible tells us: "And the Lord God planted a garden. . . . And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight" (Genesis 2:8-9). The beautiful parks and many other trees today are planted by man, but God Himself taught the first man how to look after his garden.

From Bible times until today many poets have praised Him for His beautiful creation. Have you ever tried? Perhaps you would like to write your own verse of praise to your Creator also?

Aunt Selma

Children Write

Elm Creek, Man.,
February 18, 1956.

Dear Aunt Selma,

I would like to write you another letter.

I go to Elm Creek School in a van with horses. My van driver is Mr. Halliday. I could not go to school last Monday because it was storming.

We have a new baby brother. His name is Verner.

I like to read your letters and stories on your page.

I would like to name this page "The Friendly Helpers' Page".

Yours truly,
Edwin Kroeker

(We are always glad when someone does not stop writing us after one letter. We like to know what you are doing. I am sure that you are really proud at having another brother.)

Boissevain, Manitoba.

Dear Aunt Selma,

My mummy and daddy get the *Mennonite Observer*. I read the Children's Page. I like it and I always like the things you say.

I have one sister and two brothers. One is a baby. His name is Harold.

I am in grade two and I do grade three Arithmetic every day. I am seven years old.

My name for the Children's Page is "God's Children".

The solution to your diagram is **LOVE**.

Your friend,
Arthur Peters.

(We are glad that you like the Children's Page. You seem to be very interested in Arithmetic. Keep it up. Now, I am sure that you are all waiting to know who won the Name in the Page Contest. We will announce the winner next week, so be sure you read this page next week.)

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(10th Installment)

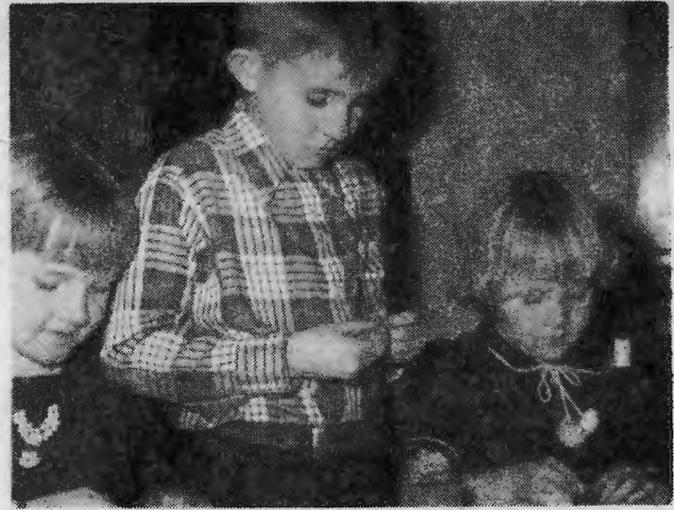
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The two boys grew up to be clever, industrious young fellows, but they were often at odds with one another. Peter thought it was Menno's haughtiness that made him wish to be a priest and he wanted to drive that pride out of his younger brother. In their frequent quarrels he usually came out second best, however, for Peter was quick-tempered and Menno remained well-composed in their disputes. This gave Menno a distinct advantage over his older

brother.

"Black Coat!" hissed Peter, unshakably determined to play Menno a dirty trick as soon as he could. But it seemed as though Menno always anticipated what Peter had in mind and was able to frustrate his pranks. Menno liked to outdo Peter on every hand and to let him know his inferiority whenever possible.

In their father's stable stood two well-fed colts, three-year-olds, which had to be broken in. One was a bay and one a black one. The bay colt was easy to manage, but the black one threw Peter off



Amusing themselves with plasticene on a Sunday afternoon are Ruth, Wilfred and Elfreda Janzen. Five years ago their father died suddenly after suffering a heart attack. Elfreda cannot remember her father at all, since she was only a few months old then. They have no father to love them now, but their mother loves them very much and they love her too. How thankful all children who have a father should be.

as soon as he managed to swing himself onto his back. Peter became angry and whipped the animal. Menno advised him to be patient, but that infuriated Peter all the more.

"What does a Black Coat know about horse-back riding?" he sneered.

Menno held his peace, but one evening as Peter returned from his work in the fields his younger brother came riding through the gate on the young black stallion. The horse seemed to be broken in completely and strode under Menno quietly and obediently.

"Even Latin students can do a little horse-back riding sometimes," Menno said sarcastically as he led the horse into his stall.

Peter muttered something into the fuzz that was to be his beard before long, but Menno could not understand what he said. Peter

had muttered, "Just wait! If you meddle with my horses I shall get at your books sometime and then we'll see what you say."

But peculiarly enough, Menno's books and writing materials from now on were always under lock and key when Menno himself had to be away from them, and Peter found it impossible to carry out his mischievous intentions.

Menno kept on studying his Latin as well as a little Greek, but his teacher would not allow him to read the Bible.

"Young people are liable to burn up their brains by reading the Bible too early in life," said the priest. The other teachers thought the same way and directed Menno accordingly. Thus it happened that Menno learned a whole lot but remained ignorant concerning the Bible.

(To be continued)

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Kroeker of Elm Creek, Man., on Feb. 5, a son, Verner Henry. (Officially sent in as a future reporter since he is the son of one of our reporters.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Isaac of Elm Creek, Man., on February 14, a son, Ronald Wesley.

Answers to last week's

OLD TESTAMENT QUIZZ

1. Aaron (Num. 16:46-50); 2. Gibeonites (Josh. 9:3-27); 3. Ararat (Gen. 8:4); 4. On a staff (Num. 13:23); 5. Ephraimites (Judg. 12:5,6); 6. Elijah (II Kings 2:11, 16-18); 7. Methuselah (Gen. 5:27); 8. Naaman (II Kings 5:1-4); 9. Saul (I Sam. 28:7,8); 10. Uzza, he was slain (I Chron. 13:9-10); 11. Moses (Deut. 34:5,6); 12. Jacob (Gen. 32:24-29); 13. David (I Sam. 21:12-15); 14. Job (Job 38:1).

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THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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Then the dog did a most unexpected thing. He circled rapidly for several times, then quickly dashed in. Before the man was aware of it, the dog seized the cudgel firmly in his teeth. So sudden was this change of tactics that Gerrit failed to grasp the weapon firmly, and with a twist of the neck, the intelligent animal disarmed his assailant.

Until this time the spectators had more or less enjoyed the struggle between the two. A joking word of encouragement now and then had shown that none of the party took the combat very seriously. But the loss of Gerrit's weapon changed the aspect of the whole matter. An unarmed man in the presence of an infuriated wolf-hound! And his friends could do little to help him before the beast had dropped the club, and once more resumed the ferocious attack. The force of the impact threw Kolf from his balance and he fell in a huddled lump to the ground. Instinctively he hunched himself to protect his throat from the fangs of the dog.

At this critical juncture, four men of the party leaped the fence and with hastily gathered sticks, belabored the wolf-hound. It was only after a merciless punishment of blows and kicks had been administered that the dog withdrew at a distance of a few yards, growling and whining in pain.

Crack! Pssing-ng-ng! The crack of a rifle and the whine of flying lead! The "Man in Bearskin" sat in his tree fondling a smoking gun.

The intruders looked aghast at each other. Gerrit sprang to his feet. The Dominie gasped in breathless excitement.

Crack! Crack! Two shots in rapid succession!

The beast was not idle in this moment of astonishment. He seemed to notice the indecision of the men and their now drooping cudgels. He rushed into the group, growling, barking, snapping.

There was not time for valor. Flight was imperative and none of the men needed to be told. Dropping their clubs, they turned with one accord and leaped the fence with an alacrity quite unprecedented among so phlegmatic a band of Hollanders. Once on the other side, they stopped a rod or two within the woods for further consultation. The dog seemed pleased at his victory, and paced back and forth just within the enclos-

ure, warning them to be more cautious in trespassing upon strange property.

Chagrined at the ignominy of their precipitous retreat, the party of land seekers endeavored to restore their good humor by sympathizing with each other. They reviewed the insuperable odds against which they had been unexpectedly matched. One of them, nursing a bitten leg and modestly holding together his torn trousers, grumbled in open ill-humor, "That miserable brute! I wish I had gotten a sound whack at his skull with my club."

"And that confounded fellow with the gun! What was his idea in shooting at us when we tried to pay him a friendly visit?" asked another, nursing a bruised arm which he had received by a misdirected blow from one of his fellow-combatants.

"I don't like this at all," said Dominie Van Raalte. "That fellow seems to have a young arsenal in that hollow tree, and between him and his dog he can hold out against no small party of men, if ever it shall become necessary to effect his capture. He's safe to go about doing mischief with very little chance of being apprehended."

The show of hostility on the part of the "Man in Bearskin" detracted Kolf's good opinion of him, for although he had made timely gifts, this action of violence strengthened the belief that underneath this kindness lay a hidden, a deeper, more malicious motive. He was greatly disappointed at having to forego a chance to meet the strange personage face to face. But, on the other hand, he found some justification for the conduct of the man. In the first place, he lived alone in an out-of-the-way place, and may have been somewhat alarmed at the appearance of a large party of strangers. This alarm would have been intensified by the determined attempt to invade his holdings in spite of the attacks of the dog. Perhaps he was a squatter without legal right to the land, and he may have thought the party a group of settlers come to dispossess him.

Moreover, the shots which he had fired were merely warnings. An average marksman, at so short a range, could easily have hit any member of the party he might please. Yet three shots had been fired without effect. Evidently, he cared not so much to injure the intruders as to preserve the

privacy of his holdings and the secrecy of his person.

These thoughts expressed to the company somewhat encouraged them. They realized that they had attempted to trespass, and perhaps in the etiquette of the frontier this was a grave breach of conduct. At least, so they consoled themselves as they left the field in full possession of the "Man in Bearskin" and his faithful hound.

Thus had the abode of the mysterious personage been uncovered, and the man himself seen in full daylight. Yet to Kolf and the party of friends, he was enveloped in still greater mystery, and his actual character was a still greater puzzle. To Kolf, the whole question had taken on a more serious aspect, for underneath it all he feared the persecution of himself and his family. It was a more thoughtful, concerned Kolf who returned to the village at evening.

CHAPTER III

It was the morning of the fourth day after the preceding episode, when the "Man in Bearskin" set out from his hut on the hill to bag a deer for the larder. He was dressed as usual in the great hairy cloak with the hood-like cap. He left his faithful companion at the rail fence.

"Stay here, Wolf," he enjoined. "You'll have to watch the place while I'm gone. I'm going out to get a buck, and there'll be a juicy bone for you, if you tend strictly to business. Now get back to the hill, old boy, and I'll be back pretty soon."

The intelligent hound obeyed as commanded of his master. In another moment the man was lost in the solitude of the forest.

As he strode through the giant columns of hemlock and oak, clad as he was in the primitive garb of bearskin, he seemed the picture of great strength, of immense endurance, and of vigorous health. His frame was large and rugged. His gait was springy as if he possessed superfluous energy. Yet a close examination of his face revealed the fact that he was no young man, but rather of middle age. Although the features of his countenance were almost completely hidden in a great bushy beard, the fineness of his nose, the height of his forehead, the cast of his face were still plainly discernible, and betokened a mental development above the average runner of the forest.

It was his eyes that attracted most attention. They were of a brownish black, deeply set, and in them was the reflection of an ineffable sorrow. He moved them about with a slow, saddened deliberateness. Most of the time he fixed them upon the ground be-

fore his feet as if he cared little for what was about him. There was something in the whole atmosphere of the man that bespoke resignation and sorrow. Yet through the humility and dejection of his demeanor shone forth a glow of determination born of a purpose.

He had gone for some distance into the dense woods and now he began to look for signs of game. He seemed to be somewhat absorbed in other things rather than in the woods immediately around him. At least, he failed to come upon any signs of game. His step slowed down to a mere stroll, he handled his gun with aimless unconcern.

In this manner he proceeded until he arrived at a small elevation in the heart of the forest. A little stream wound around its base. Lured by the comforts of a fallen log, the hunter sat down to rest. The beauty of the surroundings struck a soft spot in his soul. He was enamored with the tinkling brook, the still air, the woody freshness of the forest. His rifle lay unnoticed at his side, his head dropped to rest upon his hands, his whole posture was one of silent, bitter meditation. Something was troubling "the Man in Bearskin".

He had sat thus for a full half hour when he was roused by the drumming of a flock of grouse. He started as if he had been suddenly brought back with violence from a series of associations foreign to his surroundings. He sighed audibly, picked up his neglected gun, and strode off into the woods.

An obstacle lay across his path. Two windfalls, gnarled and twisted, entangled through each other, formed an impassable barrier to his advance. There seemed no suitable way around, for the underbrush was abundant and closely grown together. The hunter resolved to climb over.

The bark of the trees was overgrown with a slimy, mossy saprophyte. As the man stretched to his full height to step from one trunk to the other, he slipped and both feet shot through the narrow slit between the two trees. A sharp, twitching pain ran through his left leg; he struggled to release himself, but it was of no use. He was firmly imprisoned between the two great trees. He was alarmed to discover that his left leg was caught by the foot in a vise-like angle formed by a hidden branch on the under side of the tree.

The first impulse was to free himself by lifting his body from the aperture with the aid of his arms. But the weight of his body and the momentum of his hard fall had wedged him securely between the trees, and he found it a hopeless task to free himself.

(To be continued)

Teaching in Order to Witness

By Arno Fast

Lucy Lake, Sask. — After graduating from the M. B. Bible College my wife and I decided that I should teach for a while since I had two years of teaching experience previously. The Lord directed us to Lucky Lake, where there is an M. B. mission church. We are enjoying the fellowship with Rev. and Mrs. Frank Froese, who are stationed here, and the small group of believers. The average attendance at morning worship is between 20 and 40, while the Sunday school enrollment is about 50.

In our larger churches at home the pastor can depend upon the assistance of many trained workers. On a mission station most of the burden of preaching, choir work, Sunday school, prayer meetings, and young people's work falls on the pastor. I believe our home mission workers are often overlooked by our home churches. However, the teaching profession offers a splendid opportunity to Christian couples to serve the Lord in this respect.

The village of Lucky Lake has a population of about 450, but serves a large community. There are four churches: Anglican,

United Church, Roman Catholic, and Mennonite Brethren. In spite of this number of churches over half of the people do not attend church regularly. Material prosperity has also brought with it certain evils. The Gospel, however, is the answer to man's spiritual needs.

I teach grades seven and eight in an eight-room consolidated school. Two buses bring the children in from the surrounding districts. It is our hope that the pupils may not only progress in the academic subjects, but also in their appreciation of moral and spiritual values as well. At church we are assisting in Sunday school teaching, singing in the choir, helping in young people's work, and preaching. We also help along in services at Loreburn and Beechy when the roads are passable.

Surely the Lord has need of Christian teachers in our home schools and communities—but can we withhold the light from others and not be held responsible? Christian teachers, as you face the question, "Where shall I teach?", do not forget the "other sheep" which are still outside the fold.

MENNONITES AND PROSPERITY

(This speech won first prize for Ferdinand Pauls in the Public Speaking Contest sponsored by the Association of Mennonite University Students in Winnipeg.)

What do you think is our greatest problem as Mennonites today? If I were to ask each one of you in turn, I am sure that I would receive a variety of answers. Some of you might say that it is the German language, others that it is our lack of unity, while some would maintain that it is the practical expression of non-resistance during peacetime. Even though these may be problems, I think the greatest problem facing us is *prosperity*.

The dictionary defines prosperity as "a state of getting on" or "progressing favourably onwards". We can speak of an individual prospering as well as of a group of people becoming prosperous. In the latter case some of the people in the group may be in a poor state economically, but the majority of the people have prospered well enough for the general condition of the group to have improved. This is the sense in which we want to think about ourselves as Mennonites and prosperity.

Let's look first at our homes. Why are some of you here studying to be a lawyer, a doctor or a chemist? Is it possible that not

one of you was "called" to be a minister? What I'm driving at is that in our homes secular professions are idealized and portrayed as something which should be our goals. Of course, if we cannot attain them we choose "second best" things, such as farming, or the ministry, or maybe even mission work. The result of this emphasis has been that, with rare exceptions, the "cream" of our youth are disregarding theology and fields related to it and are concentrating on preparing themselves for secular professions.

I believe the conversations in our homes are a good index of how we really think. In our homes the conversation is continually in the realm of the material. The father, if he is a city man, talks about the payments to be made on the house or whether he should trade in his car now or wait until spring. He might get a better deal in spring! The housewife talks about those new rugs she wants or the mixmaster she must have to bake a good cake. The child begins to think that these things are the only important ones in life. To make his sense of values still more materialistically inclined he sees his parents willing to spend large sums of money for a house, a car, furnishings, but very little for the church. The result of all this is that the child

grows up putting all the emphasis on material possessions and considers contributing to the church only if any money remains after having paid all the installments on his possessions. A noted Mennonite scholar, J. C. Wenger, very aptly writes in his book, "Separated Unto God", that "Today Christians are living in a world of materialism. . . To be a success means to have accumulated much wealth in life. A good job is one which pays a high wage. . . Men are not seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, but are living for money and for the luxury and power which money brings with it." (p. 279)

Next we will consider our churches. Is it not marvelous how much progress we have made in our church program? Today we can afford to build churches that cost 50 times as much as the buildings we could erect 20 years ago. Surely we need bigger and better churches because of increasing attendance and membership. But what has happened to the architecture? One visitor from the U.S.A. at one of our local churches said that before he entered the church he was not sure whether it was a new Safeway store or not. We must look twice at other churches to make sure we are not entering a Catholic church. Still others appear modest from the outside with square corners, a sloping roof and white stucco walls, but once you walk inside you wouldn't have known that it was a Mennonite church—except that the minister was speaking in German (and even this is disappearing rapidly).

Our church organization has changed also. Today more and more churches hire full-time ministers with substantial salaries. Such a thing was financially impossible when our fathers came to Canada. There are advantages and disadvantages which we need not go into now, but it certainly has resulted in putting a different kind of emphasis on the position of pastor. Previously, a minister preached the Word of God and wasn't too much concerned with the details of church organization. Today much more is expected of him because he is being paid not only to preach, but also to do the one hundred and one things connected with church affairs. We have our ministers in a position now where our all-mighty dollar can play a part in making spiritual decisions for a church.

Another organizational sign of prosperity in the church is the music department. As Mennonites we have long been known for having good music at our services, but today we apparently are not satisfied with our standard. We hire choir conductors with no less than music degrees and install organs which cost as much as it would take to support 50 national

African evangelists for a whole year. In fact, we are so prosperous that one part of us prints a song book at a cost of thousands of dollars and another part prints the same type of song book also—when together we could have saved much money. Dr. T. B. Maston summarizes very well what I have been trying to say when he observes in his book, "A World in Travail", that "The secularized church may, and usually does have beautiful and sometimes elaborate church buildings. It may have a properly arranged order of service, with every conceivable aid to worship. It may have, and frequently does have, a highly educated and cultured minister. It even may be reaching great numbers of people in its organizations and services and still be a church orientated to this world and not to the Eternal" (p. 97).

Then we turn to our schools, long a symbol of our cultural status as a group. We have one or more high schools in every province from Ontario to the West Coast. Not only that, we have two Bible colleges right here in our city, the only two in Canada. We have built these institutions of learning to preserve our Mennonite culture and educate our youth in spiritual matters. We are actually trying to mold their sense of values along Biblical lines. If this were not so there would have been no point in establishing our schools; our youth could, in many cases, have received a better education in our city high schools. Most of our schools have been established in a period of prosperity and within so recent a time that we cannot really discuss the effects of prosperity upon the aims and standards of our schools. Yet most of our schools are seeking to make youth into young men and women who, when they take their place in the world, will first ask: "What does God want me to do?"

We have talked about the emphasis upon secular professions in the home; about the effect of prosperity in our churches; and about how our schools are seeking to counteract materialism. What can we conclude from all this? Are we as a people losing our identity as a group and becoming one with the people around us? I do not think so, but one thing is certain: we are on a road that is leading us to spiritual superficiality, disunity and modernism. Unless we as future leaders of our people realize these dangers and put our emphasis upon spiritual revival in our homes and churches, we are doomed as a spiritual force in this world. *You see, spiritual revival deepens the superficial, unites the disunited, and makes those problems which seemed insurmountable to us quite insignificant.*

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Mortal Sin

In Ireland, the Roman Catholic Church has inserted itself on a political matter that is the current talk of the Emerald Isle. All the Roman churches have informed their parishioners that they would be committing a mortal sin if they cooperated with any military group that plans to bear arms against its own or any other country. Although the Church stand did not mention any names, most folks knew what it meant. The "mortal sin" warning came in reference to the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The Army, which seeks to unify Ireland by violence, has become active in recent weeks. The Roman Church issued its statement from all the pulpits recently and included an appeal that all Irishmen "give an example to the world of order, forbearance, concord and good will".

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Missionary Center Opened

In Southern Rhodesia, a center has been opened for the benefit of missionaries, Christian workers and others in Central Africa. Known as the Africa Missionary Fellowship, the center has two main objects. 1) To provide a permanent Christian home for children whose parents are stationed beyond the reach of good educational facilities. From this home the children will attend the excellent day schools available there, taking them right through to university entrance. 2) To provide a convalescent home for Christian workers requiring rest and rehabilitation after illness, this home to be in charge of a resident doctor and trained nurse. The managing directors of the African Missionary Fellowship are Mr. D. Lindsay Glegg and his wife, Dr. Mabel L. Glegg. Address: Africa Missionary Fellowship, Makabusi Estate, P.O. Park Meadow Lands, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.)

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Pastors Hear Leader Score 'Lack of Challenge' in Church Service

A call for a return to "brave preaching" and the rediscovery and revival of the old ways of the early church and the apostles, has been sounded by Dr. Paul Calvin Payne of Philadelphia.

The Presbyterian educator, a vice-president of the National Council of Churches, addressed an audience of 600 ministers attending the eighth annual Ministers' Convocation sponsored by the University of Southern California's School of Religion and the South California Council of Protestant churches.

"Those brave souls who would

take the church seriously find themselves baffled and distressed by the lack of challenge or by the little church chores that are assigned to them when they volunteer for service," Dr. Payne said.

"The church today is paralyzed at the moment of its supreme opportunity because we have committed the blasphemy of insisting that what is so costly for God shall come easy to us.

"We haven't dared face our congregations with a hard gospel. Consequently we have attracted to our churches the timid, the soft, the unadventurous. What we forget is that the kind of people who change the world are attracted, not repelled, by the call to hardship and courage," he said.

(RNW)

CANADASCOPE

Doukhobors Cost Canada Plenty

Canadian taxpayers have paid about \$14,000,000 since 1923 for sabotage by Doukhobor groups, investigations, police protection and penal measures, the Winnipeg Lions Club was told last week by James Johnston, assistant chief of the Canadian Pacific railway investigation branch.

The best solution to the Doukhobor problem is underway now, he said. The children are being forcibly educated.

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Surplus Indicated for Federal Budget

In spite of increases in estimated government expenditures in the fiscal year 1956-57, estimated revenues indicate that there could be a surplus of around \$200,000,000 in the next federal budget. This could mean an immediate tax cut, but that will not be known until March 20, when the budget will be brought down in the House of Commons.

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Less Accidents But More Deaths

Canada had fewer accidents during the first nine months of 1955 than in the corresponding period in 1954, but they resulted in more deaths. Accidents decreased from 100,563 to 99,507, while deaths increased from 1,288 to 1,475, with the biggest increase in deaths resulting from accidents in Saskatchewan, where the death toll more than doubled.

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Trade Pact with Russia

Canada and Russia have signed a three-year trade agreement under which the Soviet Union will

take a maximum of 50,000,000 bushels and a minimum of 40,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat. In return Canada has agreed to grant Most Favored Nation treatment in its tariff schedules to Russia. This means that Russian goods coming into Canada will be admitted at lower tariff rates than have prevailed against them.

At present negotiations are proceeding for the sale of over 14,000,000 bushels of wheat. Russia will likely take the grain immediately from West Coast ports.

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The World Today

Arabs Fire Glubb Pasha

The man who made the Arab Legion the fighting force that it is today was fired by the king of Jordan last week. The king also fired two other high-ranking British officers in the Legion. This action was regarded as a blow to British prestige and the entire Western position in the Middle East. Crowds cheered the move and shouted anti-British slogans on Saturday as the Jordan parliament met. This move is another indication of the growing nationalistic sentiment in the Middle East.

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Iran Arrests Soviet Attache

Iranian special agents arrested the Soviet Union's assistant military attache last week and this week asked Russia to recall him. Iranian officials claim he has been engaged in "spying for a long time".

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President Eisenhower Will Run For Second Term

President Eisenhower last week announced that he will be available for a second term as president. After much deliberation and consultation with his doctors he decided to seek the presidency even though he suffered a heart attack last year.

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Some Agreement Reached on Saar

"A substantial measure of agreement" has been reached on the future of the rich Saar industrial pocket state lying between Germany and France at a conference of the two nations. Experts have been directed to work out a more concrete agreement.

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M. B. Mission Notes

AFRICA

— Brother and Sister A. J. Esau of Yarrow, British Columbia, have been transferred to the Matende station in the Belgian Congo from Kajiji. This re-assignment will make it possible to devote

more time and effort to village evangelism. Pray for Brother Esau as he spends a good share of his time preaching and teaching the Word in the villages.

— The Brethren J. B. Toews and H. K. Warkentin of the Board of Foreign Missions continue a strenuous schedule visiting the Belgian Congo Mennonite Brethren field stations. Following the missionary conference at Kajiji, they planned to depart on February 24 for Kibo in eastern Congo for the annual meeting of the Congo Protestant Council February 26 to March 6.

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EUROPE

Maria Foth of Winnipeg, Manitoba, writes from Linz, Austria, that the Lord has enlarged her work with a children's and a young people's meeting in addition to the four children's and two women's meetings reported previously. She says that several young people and adults accepted Christ early in the New Year. She also invites our prayers for newly-converted children who are prevented from coming to the meetings and classes after giving themselves to Christ.

GEORGE BRUCKS AT STEINBACH BIBLE INSTITUTE

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tians in Holland have sent about four missionaries to Spain.

Mr. Brucks called Portugal the whitened harvest field. Here, as in Spain, little groups of Christians exist. They however lack a vision. Open air preaching of the Gospel is prohibited, but it may be preached from indoors to the open air. At one time Mr. Brucks and other workers, with backs to the audience, shouted the Gospel through an open window to the people gathered outside. According to reports it was easy to get a large gathering, with encouraging results. In addition to the Gospel preaching, literature can be distributed with great success. One great obstacle is gaining a residence visa.

Church doctrine has been over-emphasized in Holland, Mr. Brucks asserted. Hyper-Calvinism—the doctrine that some are elected to be saved and others destined for hell, and that one should be willing to glorify God by being willing to go to hell—held sway. What is needed is a practical presentation of the Gospel with a definite appeal to the individual.

Europe is a mission field. Let us not forget to pray and to do the will of our Saviour. The Saviour's command to the Church is, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . ."



TOURING NEWFOUNDLAND

By Harvey Toews

Gander, Newfoundland. (MCC News Release) — I have just returned from Twillingate, Newfoundland, where the MCC has a young couple stationed: William and Maurine Regehr from Inman, Kansas.

Twillingate consists of two islands lying off the north-east coast of Newfoundland. The islands have a combined population* of 3,500, with about 25 classrooms in about 15 schools. The islands are approximately 15 miles long and between 2 and 3 miles wide. There is a total of 25 miles of road on the islands. Twillingate looks like a postcard, with good harbours, fishing schooners lying at anchor, and the homes of the fishermen clustered around the shore.

There is also a hospital here that ministers to the medical needs of a large area on Notre Dame Bay. The hospital has a capacity of 100 patients with 80 or so patients there regularly.

What is MCC doing at Twillingate? MCC is making young people available to help meet the great needs for personnel here. They are usually short about 10 to 15 teachers here each year. The hospital had only one registered nurse before Maurine Regehr arrived last fall. Right now, on the north island there is one school where they are unable to even get a permit teacher and these children just are not going to school at all.

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board and the chairman of the school board asked me if it might not be possible to get more young people of the sort that are helping them now.

Twillingate is only one of hundreds of places along the Newfoundland shore where these problems exist. MCC is trying to help meet some of these urgent needs and this year has a unit of 9 persons serving in Newfoundland. Of these, five are teachers, two are nurses, and two are in full-time Christian work. The opportunity is there to greatly expand this programme. If this is to become possible, we must have applications from young people who are willing to help meet these needs in Newfoundland. For information as to these and other Canadian service opportunities, contact Harvey Toews, Mennonite Central Committee, 10 Union St. East, Waterloo, Ontario.

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TEN GRADUATED FROM WIDOW'S PROJECT

Ten seamstresses have now been graduated from the MCC Widow's Sewing Project at Taegu, Korea, since last June. While at the project each of the widows learned to sew—both Korean and western-style garments. Upon graduation she received a sewing machine which she will pay for as she follows her trade.

The Widows' Project not only teaches these women how to sew for future earning, but brings them a meager salary from the garments they make while learning.

Clara Eshleman, Harrisonburg, Va., reports: "We try to determine the most needy . . . husband dead . . . and children to support. A number of the ladies are from the refugee camps and have been finding it quite difficult to make a living. So often their children have had to quit school because they weren't able to pay the tuition. . . Their average wage while in the Project is about \$4 per week. This often supports from five to six people."

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

That the Lord blessed the South American Mennonite Brethren Church at its conference at Bage, Brazil, January 29 to February 5 is a common expression of the first reports. "Die Konferenz war zum Segen", is the way C. C. Peters puts it. Delegates expressed an increased interest in the mission program and school work of the South American Conference. In the evangelistic meetings 15 persons found forgiveness of sins through faith in the atonement of Christ. These meetings would have continued had rainy weather not made it difficult to drive. Wonderful weather, how-

ever, prevailed during the conference days.

The Conference had the largest number of delegates to attend such a meeting of the South American Mennonite Brethren Churches. An estimated 50 persons from Curitiba, Brazil, attended.

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APPOINTED BY WELFARE BOARD

Hans Kasdorf, currently a student at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been appointed as a Welfare Board worker in South America and is scheduled to depart after the present school term. At home in Bage, Brazil, Brother Kasdorf is now in his seventh year as a student in Canada. His general



assignment will be youth work, Bible school teaching and preaching at Bage and Montevideo. Married, Brother Kasdorf has one child a year of age.

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— A church building for the Mennonite Brethren group at Clevelandia, Brazil, was to be dedicated February 12, if plans carried. G. H. Sukkau, Welfare Board worker, intended to participate in this service if the weather permitted a group to drive from Curitiba, where he ministered following the South American district conference.

— Bage Bible School, directed by C. C. Peters, was scheduled to begin February 14. Students were expected from Bage, Curitiba, Sao Paulo and Uruguay. On March 1 Brother Peters expected to begin the Missionsklasse (evening classes for church workers) at Bage to run during the same period when the Bible school is in session. Brother Peters is assisted in this work by local brethren.

— In spite of Sister C. C. Peters' continued illness, the Peters have volunteered to continue their term of service in South America beyond their original commitment to July 1. Out of love and concern for the work of the Mennonite Brethren Church in South America, the Peters are willing to continue until November 1 or until successors arrive. They were planning to go to Vera Cruz to consult a specialist to treat Sister Peters' ailment.

Obituaries

H. H. SAWATZKY

Herman H. Sawatzky, a retired farmer, passed away in the MSA Hospital at Abbotsford, B.C., on Feb. 24, at the age of 70. Late of North Clearbrook, he has been a resident of the Abbotsford area for six years. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 29, in the Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren church, with Rev. A. Konrad and Rev. C. D. Toews officiating.

Mr. Sawatzky was born on March 4, 1885, in South Russia. Resident in North Clearbrook, B.C., at the time of his death, he has lived in the Abbotsford area for the last six years.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Herman and Abe of Manitoba; three daughters, Mrs. Jake Wiebe of Abbotsford, Mrs. C. Isaac of Aldergrove, and Mrs. T. H. Born of Manitoba; 24 grandchildren, two great grandchildren; one brother, George Sawatzky of Alberta, and one sister, Mrs. A. Born of Manitoba.

PETER BRAUN

Peter Braun, a teacher and a minister of the Mennonite Brethren Church for 32 years, passed away on Friday, Feb. 24, in the MSA General Hospital at Abbotsford, B.C. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, from the Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren church, with Rev. A. Konrad, assisted by Rev. H. Klassen, officiating.

Mr. Braun was born on October 18, 1868, in South Russia. At the time of his death he was residing in North Clearbrook. He has lived in the Abbotsford area during the last four years and previously resided at Yarrow.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. W. Teichroeb, Vancouver, and Mrs. P. Giesbrecht, North Clearbrook; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. M. Klassen of Vancouver and Mrs. L. Janzen of Alberta.

Weddings

WIENS — ENNS

Hilda Enns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Enns of Niverville, Man., and Ted Wiens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Wiens, Winnipeg, were married on February 25 in the South End M. B. church in Winnipeg. Rev. J. P. Neufeld officiated.

Soloist at the wedding was Peter Koslowsky of Niverville. The young couple went to Florida for their honeymoon.

COLLEGES

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, Rev. Jacob Neufeld, leader of the South End Mennonite Brethren Church, spoke in Chapel on II Tim. 2:1: "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

The Literary Society of our college presented us with the film, "David Copperfield" by Charles Dickens, on Friday evening. Some students from the Normal School also attended.

We again had a visiting missionary at our Saturday evening prayer meeting. He was Elmer Warkentin, on furlough from Borneo. As well as giving a challenging message, he showed some slides and a film on the work they are carrying on in Borneo.

Jacob Pauls, a student, went with a mixed quartet to Glenlea, Manitoba, Sunday, February 26, and brought a message there in the morning service. Singing were Waldemar Regier and Waldo Harder. On Sunday evening the male octette brought a program at the Bethel Mission Church, Winnipeg. Rev. I. I. Friesen, our college president, brought the message.

Under the direction of the Mission Band a tape recording of a program was made on Monday, February 27, a copy of which will be sent to each of our mission fields. The half hour program consisted of two numbers by a section of our Oratorio Choir, three songs by the male octette and one by the Ladies' Choir. The message was brought by Rev. Henry Poettcker, a faculty member.

MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

On Monday morning, February 27, the president of the college, Rev. H. H. Janzen, pointed out the necessity of digesting what we had heard during the Bible and Missionary Conference. He read Revelation 10:1-11 and applied it to our experience.

Monday also marked the beginning of the two-week Ministers' Course, given annually at the college. During the week several of the brethren served during our chapel service. On Tuesday morning it was Rev. A. J. Sawatzky, city missionary in Saskatoon; on Wednesday morning it was Brother F. Reimer, Lorette, Man.; and on Friday morning Rev. John Reimer, home missionary at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., spoke.

On Thursday, the graduate testimony was given by Miss Margaret Enns from Coaldale, Alta. In the Current Events hour in the afternoon, the past, present, and future of the church were discussed by Rev. J. H. Epp, Steinbach, Man., by Rev. A. J. Sawatzky, Saskatoon, and by Rev. H. Lenzmann of Yarrow.

The Friday Student Night was devoted to a report on "what God hath wrought" for the Niagara Fellowship Chapel, by Corny Penner, Virgil, Ont.; for the Saskatoon city mission, by Rev. A. J. Sawatzky; and for the West Coast Children's Mission at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., by Rev. John Reimer.

Another report (illustrated) was given by Rev. Leslie Buhler on Saturday evening. The Buhlers are on their way home after one term in India, stopping off in Winnipeg only long enough to visit the Lawrence Warkentins at M.B.B.C.

Henry Warkentin

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The annual Christmas banquet proved to be the most difficult undertaking of the year. However, the good co-operation of hard-working students and council members made the occasion a successful one. An added burden during the Christmas season was the annual "Grad Homecoming", which, as in former years, was controlled by the graduates themselves. Other odds and ends, such as getting school rings, arranging a school skating party, etc., have been the duties of the Students' Council.

We hope that the planned installation of a show-case for displaying the now numerous trophies of our school will soon be realized. It will be the main project of the Students' Council for this year.

Karl Janzen,
Student Council President.

HIGH SCHOOLS

On Monday, February 29, Rev. Peter Harms, Whitewater, Man., spoke in the senior high morning devotion period. He was conducting evangelistic meetings at the West Abbotsford Mennonite church at the time. Basing his message on Ecclesiastes 12:1, he stressed the necessity of youthful piety. On the following morning he spoke at the junior high morning devotions.

On Wednesday night the M.E.I. concert choir motored to Lynden to present a musical program in the Linden Third Reformed church. The choir had been invited by the Young People's Society of that church. A string quartet accompanied the choir, playing several songs. Of great interest to the visitors was the large pipe organ in the church. Its vibrating bass notes seemed to shake the whole building, while its mellow tones stirred the hearts of all present. After the program the Young People's Society served lunch to the visitors.

On Monday, February 27, the MEI senior basketball team played host to a team from North Surrey. They lost the game, bringing their record to eight wins, one tie, and four losses.

Elmer Stobbe

Student Council Integral Part of School Life

The Students' Council of the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C., is elected at the commencement of each school year. The president and secretary are voted into office by the entire senior high student body,

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M.B.B.I. North Clearbrook, B.C.

Here are a few things you would find if you were to drop in at the M.B.B.I. The fourth class is very busy with its practical homiletics. All graduating students are required to deliver two sermons — the lady students in the classroom, and the men every alternate morning in the student chapel service. Not only is it interesting to see young ministers in the making, but the Lord is able to speak through His Word as it is presented sincerely.

Another practical assignment is the teaching of a new song to one of the school choirs by each member of the fourth class. Because three members are already choir leaders in their local churches this training is particularly valuable.

Not only is there activity within the four walls of the school, but it extends to various other centers in the Fraser Valley. During the course of this year 10 churches and chapels are being visited. In the majority of these excursions the entire student body is able to take part.

On February 28 the third class presented the annual missions program to the general public. This year home missions within the local churches were stressed. The letters to the 7 churches, as found

in Revelation 2 and 3, were acted in dialogue form. The Lord succeeded in making our churches aware of the many failures, but also of the grace of God to correct and overcome them.

On February 29 the M.B.B.I. was host to the entire student body and the teachers from two Bible Schools—the East Chilliwack and the West Abbotsford Bethel Bible Institute. The entire afternoon was given over to a most blessed time of fellowship consisting of singing, testimonies, messages from God's Word, prayer meetings and a lunch. Truly, that extra day of the year will not readily be forgotten.

Already the student body is looking forward to the Spring Conference. After 6 months of hard work, and especially after a stiff week of exams, the Conference always is a fitting climax to a very blessed school year. The speaker this year is Rev. Jacob J. Toews, Kitchener, Ontario. The program will be as follows:

March 25 — Allerlei geistliche Segnungen. The Sanctification of Jesus Christ.

March 26 — Die biblische Selbstabschätzung eines Dieners Jesu. Sanctification by the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood.

March 27 — Christi Abschätzung seines Dieners. Sei getreu.

The last evening of the Conference is at the same time the graduation exercise of 16 fourth year students.

In those last 3 days we are prayerfully expecting the blessings of the Holy Spirit. May we be conscious of His nearness, and may we not only hear, but do the Word of the Lord.

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New Tabor President Appointed

Hillsboro, Kans. — The appointment of Dr. Leonard J. Franz to the presidency of Tabor College was announced Monday, Feb. 27, by Mr. E. J. Peters, Wasco, Calif., chairman of the Mennonite Brethren Conference Board of Education. The appointment fills the vacancy created by the resignation of President Frank C. Peters, whose resignation was accepted by the Board at its February meeting.

Dr. Franz has been Dean of the College and head of the department of history and government since 1947. The vacancy in the deanship which his appointment creates will be filled by S. L. Loewen, registrar and professor of biology. Both of these appointments become effective as of August 1, the end of the current academic year.

Dr. Franz has wide experience in the field of educational administration. Before coming to the College, he was superintendent of the Hillsboro public schools.



Dr. Leonard J. Franz

In selecting Professor S. L. Loewen to assume the position as Dean, the Board has chosen a man who has been at Tabor in the capacity of registrar since 1942; he is well acquainted with academic matters and an active church worker.

Professor Loewen began his teaching career at Tabor in 1923-'27. He was an instructor at Minnesota University the following two years, returning to Tabor in 1929-'31. Prior to coming to Tabor in 1942, he was for ten years professor of biology at Sterling College.

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On the Horizon

March 10 to 11. — Annual Bible Conference at the Leamington, Ont., M. B. church. The first service is at 3 p.m. on Saturday. The theme is Colossians 2:1-23.

March 10 to 11. — "MCC Shop Talk" and workshop, sponsored by AMUS. Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in Convocation Hall, United College, Winnipeg, especially for professional workers, nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, etc. Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Bethel Mission church, Carter and Stafford, Winnipeg. General information, testimonies, interviews.

March 11. — The choir of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College will present the oratorio "St. Paul" in the First Mennonite church in Winnipeg.

March 15 to 18. — Sunday School Conference at Steinbach, Man. Rev. Clate Risley and others will speak. Twenty-four workshops will be held.

YOUTH RALLY AT ALTONA

Altona, Man. — A four-day youth rally will be held at the Bergthaler church here, with Rev. J. J. Esau, blind evangelist from Omaha, Neb., the speaker. Beginning on Friday evening, March 9, the services will continue Saturday evening, Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, and Monday evening, March 12.

These services are sponsored by the Altona Youth Fellowship and have as the over-all theme, "Youth Accepts the Challenge of the Gospel". At the services Rev. Esau will deal with the following topics: Youth and What They Want; Youth and What They Have; Youth and What They Need; Youth and What They Do; Youth and What They May Contribute; Youth and Their Big Challenge.

ORDINATION AT GREENFARM

Greenfarm, Sask. — The Greenfarm M. B. Church has announced that Miss Marie Schulz, R.N., is to be ordained for foreign mission service on Sunday, March 18, in the M. B. church at Greenfarm, Sask.

Miss Schulz is a graduate of the Herbert Bible School and the Moose Jaw Providence Hospital. She entered Tabor College last fall, but was sent to Mexico as missionary nurse about the middle of November to replace Miss Edna Thiesen, R.N., who entered a short-term training course in a Chihuahua hospital at that time. However, the illness of Miss Schultz's father prompted her return to Saskatchewan in January. She is expected to return to Mexico either at the end of March or the beginning of April.

March 10 and 25 — On Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 p.m., the choir of the Elmwood M. B. Church will sing "The Seven Last Words of Christ", an Easter cantata, and the first part of Stainer's "Crucifixion" in the Emmanuel Baptist church, Morris, Man. The same evening, at 7:30, the choir will repeat the program in the Winkler M. B. church. On March 25, at 7:00 p.m., the choir will present this cantata in the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg.

March 23, 24. — The Alumni Association of the Mennonite Educational Institute will present a three-act drama, "Brueder in Christo" in the auditorium of the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C.

March 24. — The Mennonite students at the Manitoba Normal School will present the German play "Der Segen des Wohltuns", which depicts the life of Christian Gellert, in the Tech. Voc. auditorium, Winnipeg.

March 25 to 27. — Closing conference of the Coaldale Bible School at Coaldale, Alta. Rev. J. A. Harder of Yarrow, B.C., and Dr. G. W. Peters of Fresno, Calif., will be speaking. Accommodation for guests will be provided.

March 25, 26 and 27 — The M. B. Bible Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C., will have its annual closing Bible Conference, with Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener, Ontario, the guest speaker.

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