

# Mennonite Observer

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

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Those doing most of the work at the Voluntary Service Shop Talk in Winnipeg on March 10 and 11 were: Henry Toews, secretary of Association of Mennonite University Students; Elmer Ediger, director of Board of Christian Service, Newton, Kans.; Harvey Toews, assistant director of MCC in Canada; and Reinhardt Vogt, president of AMUS. (Staff Photo)

## Voluntary Service Theme of Discussion

"Every disciple of Christ ought to give a year or two of his life in whatever field the church can use him," asserted Mr. Elmer Ediger, director of the Board of Christian Service of the General Conference Mennonite Church, at the Shop Talk arranged by the Association of Mennonite University Students. Held in United College, Winnipeg, on March 10 at 2:30 p.m., the first session heard Mr. Ediger also declare, "We are to be co-workers with God as Jesus was—working with the tangible things of the world with a spiritual purpose."

The discussions continued on Sunday afternoon, March 11, at the Bethel Mission church. At that time a panel discussion informally discussed the why, where, and how of Voluntary Service before a crowd of several hundred young people.

"We must try to help people in this ferment (nationalism stirring in Africa, India, etc.) not to make materialism their god," Mr. Ediger maintained at the Saturday session. "The MCC is a flexible vehicle helping people in this ferment in the context of the Church and in the context of salvation."

The Saturday meeting later divided into two groups where questions could be asked of either Mr. Ediger or Mr. Harvey Toews. Mr. Wilson Hunsberger, a former MCC worker in Europe and now a county social worker in Ontario, had accompanied Mr.

Toews and helped in answering questions.

"Our task is not to distribute food, clothing, etc., to bring in the kingdom, but we can witness to the kingdom by doing it," Mr. Ediger averred in his message. Of the five attitudes prevalent in Mennonite society, Mr. Ediger claimed the biblical one was to get out and serve Christ. Being born again is not enough; we must be disciples.

Mr. Toews outlined opportunities for Voluntary Service at both the Saturday and Sunday sessions, (Continued on page 9-3)

## Missionary Conference at St. Catharines

St. Catharines, Ont. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here sponsored a Missionary Conference on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4. It proved to be a period of real blessing.

Present for this two-day Missionary Conference were Rev. J. A. Harder, chairman of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, Hugo Jantz, who is going to Ecuador, Miss Anne Eckert, who is leaving for Paraguay, and Miss Anne Suderman, missionary on furlough from India.

On Saturday, Rev. A. H. Redekop gave a brief historical review of the M. B. missionary program,

after which Rev. Harder spoke of the needs on the mission field and the hardships attendant upon mission work.

Rev. Hugo Jantz spoke on "The Possibility of Receiving a Definite Call to Mission Work", and "Possibilities for Mission Work in the 20th Century", touching on the aid science has provided in mission work, the blessings given unto the Church, the ripened harvest field, where God is giving us an open door, and, finally, the open door for a personal witness at home.

## Old-Fashioned Revival Sweeps Campus

By Elmer Stobbe

North Clearbrook, B.C. — When Rev. Henry Unrau, B.C. superintendent of the Canadian Sunday School Mission, came to the Mennonite Educational Institute here on Monday, March 5, for the first service of the Bible Emphasis Week, we wondered if our friends and classmates would accept Christ as their Savior. We are not wondering any more. It happened.

The Lord has been good to us during the week just past. We who have been praying for the evangelistic services must confess that we did not have enough faith. God visited MEI and through His Holy Spirit wrought the new birth in unregenerate hearts and revived the Christians. Almost every one of the more than 400 students at MEI have now accepted Christ as Saviour. Some

Miss Anne Eckert, who is leaving shortly for Paraguay, gave us her personal testimony. Since she is a member of the St. Catharines M. B. Church, several of the brethren gave her words of farewell and encouragement. Special prayer was offered for the blessing of the Lord upon her and her future work.

Miss Anna Suderman also gave her testimony, showing pictures of the mission field. She gave a more detailed report on Monday evening, March 5.

## MCC APPOINTS DEPUTATION TO RUSSIA

Akron, Penn. — The Executive Committee of the Mennonite Central Committee met in Chicago on March 3. They have appointed William T. Snyder, Harold S. Bender and D. B. Wiens as members of the MCC deputation to Russia this summer. Rev. Wiens, the Canadian representative, is at present active in Germany under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. (The Canadian Board of Colonization has appointed Rev. H. M. Epp of Mt. Lehman, pastor of the West Abbotsford Mennonite Church, as their representative on the delegation.)

classes are 100 per cent on the Lord's side. Not only did the unsaved come to Christ, but many Christians confessed sins and re-dedicated their lives to Christ. The revival did not stay at school, however, but has spread to the surrounding community in a marvelous way.

Services were held every morning in the senior high school by Rev. Unrau. After the message those who wanted personal counselling with Rev. and Mrs. Unrau could see them privately. In the afternoon Rev. and Mrs. Unrau went to the junior high school and again gave a message and served as personal counsellors. Evening evangelistic meetings were held in the close to 1500-seat auditorium, which was completely full for the last two services.

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# EDITORIAL

## Devotional

### "She Hath Done What She Could"

By Frank F. Froese \*

## A Service Organization for Laymen

For many Mennonite church members today the Mennonite Central Committee is only an organization that administers relief to the needy "in the name of Christ". But those young people in Winnipeg who attended last week-end's "shop talk" went away convinced that, whether professionally trained or only "handymen", they could all give a positive witness for Christ through Voluntary Service in MCC. They had realized that MCC is a Christian service organization which specializes in serving the total man, both the physical and the spiritual. It is a service organization wherein everyone can find an opportunity for witnessing, be they a teacher, a doctor, a nurse, an agriculturist, farmer, construction worker, an engineer, a cook, a secretary, a psychiatric aide, a maintenance man—or simply a handy person to have around.

There are several significant aspects of this two-day "shop talk". One is that those training for professional service, through the Association of Mennonite University Students, organized and planned this series of talks and discussions on the why, where, and how of Voluntary Service. The spirit of searching inquiry manifested by these young people, representing all groups of Mennonites and most fields of work, revealed that they are not satisfied with only a "job" after they have been trained for professional service. They want their life to count for God and the Church.

It is significant that they do not want to serve independently of the Church. Rather, realizing the effectiveness of the collective witness, they want to serve in church-related organizations. And since the Church itself cannot provide service opportunities for all professionally trained people, Voluntary Service in MCC is the logical alternative.

Yet of greater significance was the effort to discover if Voluntary Service in MCC is related to the task of the Church—world evangelism. They do not want to serve only because there is a need; they are not satisfied with service for service's sake, or to escape the draft, or to make a good impression upon the government. They want to serve in such a way that it is clearly evident that this is a part of Christ's mission for the Church. The testimony of those who had already served in Voluntary Service helped to clarify this issue.

Finally, it is significant that an organization, the Mennonite Central Committee, stands ready to channel the energies of any service-minded person, be he trained or not, into service where they can witness to the salvation in Christ, both directly and indirectly. This can be done directly while active in their work and indirectly through Sunday schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, clubs, programs in churches and missions, and the ministry of the Word.

We feel that a series of informal talks and discussions of this nature, with competent MCC representatives present, could do much in other Mennonite communities to clarify the issue and to awaken a new sense of responsibility to serve Christ—through a life of discipleship.

## Through the Looking-Glass

### INTO THE BIG CITY...

In alarming proportions the sacred simple pattern of our Mennonite piety in home, church, and community is undergoing radical social change. Changes within and without uproot the traditional pattern of our rural living and, in the instability of the resulting transition, strike deeply into the heart of our cultural and religious sentiment. We have lost the sacred love for the soil and almost forgotten the hardships and joys of its labours except for their fading impression on our youthful past.

Circumstances are driving us,

and the future is luring us, into the big city. The machines of the great impersonal society are materializing our dreams of luxury and abundance. In some measure we too are becoming a part of that great impersonal machine, but we are keeping up with the times at any cost.

The times are essentially demanding. Already we have sacrificed the feeling of belonging in that cosy atmosphere of the rural community to become strangers and irresponsibly alone in the greater society. The Mennonite Church with its petty idiosyncrasies does not mean too much to us

The Lord Jesus was in Simon the healed leper's house, where a supper had been prepared for Him. Simon, the reclaimed leper, and Lazarus, the resurrected from the dead, shared the fellowship at the table with the Lord and His disciples, while Martha was in her customary role of serving. Upon this scene of peaceful, happy fellowship Mary entered with her box of costly ointment, broke the box, anointed the feet of Jesus with the ointment and poured the balance of it upon His sacred head. Her act of loving devotion was rudely criticized by the false pretenders of love for the poor, but then the Lord Jesus spoke the wonderful words of our text: "She hath done what she could."

No doubt there were many things that Mary could not do. She could not speak of the experience of having died and been brought back to life again. She probably could not serve as efficiently as Martha. She could not stem the rising tide of hatred of the Jews toward Christ. She could not prevent the horrible betrayal of her Lord by Judas; nor could she hinder Peter's shameful denial of his Master. She could not prevent her loving Master from going to the cross. But, thank God, there was something she could do.

Mary could take time to sit at Jesus feet and listen to His gracious word (Luke 10:39), as He explained the purpose of His coming to earth. I believe that in those quiet moments when Mary sat at her Master's feet listening to His words the Lord explained to her that He had come to be the Saviour of lost mankind; that He must go to the cross, die for the

any more. We feel a nostalgic kindness towards it as a part of our memorable past, but somehow we have outgrown its needs. Sometimes we experience an inner emptiness but... soon we will be moving into our new home. Ever since our marriage five years ago Mary and I have both been working to make this our dream home... Yes, that will give us a sense of accomplishment... But still, one cannot help wondering, what may be the actual value, purpose, and meaning of it all.

It seems as though we have been exhausting our efforts on material comforts. What is it that we are actually living and striving for? Are we not Christians? And yet, have we not sought to create our own ideal of values and happiness without reference to the claim of God upon our lives? What of our lost simplicity of faith and the

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sin of the world, be buried and rise again the third day. How often He had tried to explain these truths to His disciples but, "they understood none of these things" (Luk. 18:35). But of Mary the Lord could say, "she is come afore to anoint my body to the burial" (Mark 14:8). Mary evidently had grasped, at least in part, the truth that her blessed Lord would die and thus she came to anoint His body with the costly ointment.

In taking her box of ointment and breaking it over the body of the Lord, Mary took herself, her love, her devotion, her most precious possessions and laid them at the feet of her beloved Master as a sacrifice to Him. What more could she have done?

Dear Christian friend, as we look about us we see the ever-increasing wickedness, drunkenness and lawlessness of the world and the indifference and worldliness of the Christians. We realize our own inability to change these things, but the question I would like to leave with us is, are we doing what we can? We can give ourselves to the Lord as Mary did. We can pray; we can, by the grace of God, live a consistent, consecrated Christian life; we can be a living testimony for our Lord. Are we? Are we doing what we can to make Christ attractive to those we meet in daily life? Can the Lord say of us, "she (he) hath done what she (he) could?"

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## Sunday School Workers Hold Luncheon

*Winkler, Man.* — About sixty Sunday school workers and their wives sat down to the annual Luncheon Meeting in the basement of the M. B. church at Winkler at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, February 28. In his opening remarks, the superintendent of the Sunday school said that in order to work together as a unit, it was necessary for the teachers to know each other. This objective, he felt, could be reached by having this type of fellowship meeting.

Following the luncheon, Mr. Jake P. Wiebe, assistant superintendent, led the group in a Christian fellowship quiz consisting of twenty questions. Next, two workers, Miss Grace Friesen and Mr. John Enns, who have recently joined the staff of Sunday school teachers, spoke briefly on "What Other Sunday Schools Are Doing".

After a sing-song conducted by Mr. Wendolin Mann, the workers went up into the main auditorium of the church, where Rev. Jacob H. Quiring, the local pastor, gave the third of a series of illustrated lectures on Sunday school teaching. Previously, he had spoken on "The Christian Teacher" and "Selecting Aims". For the third lesson in the series, Rev. Quiring discussed "Choosing Methods". He declared that no method is an end in itself, but rather that every method should be a means of presenting the Gospel to the boys and girls so that they will be given an opportunity to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The meeting was concluded with the showing of a 30-minute feature film entitled, "The Bible on the Table", screened by Brother P. J. Kroeker.

## H. S. Rempel Speaks at Vauxhall

By John Esau

*Vauxhall, Alta.* — A series of devotional and evangelistic services were held in the M. B. church here from February 26 to March 2, with Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon, Sask., the guest speaker.

In the evening services Rev. Rempel vividly portrayed our Lord's suffering and death at Calvary, using Christ's seven utterances on the cross as a basis for the messages. Our hearts were stirred and have certainly been prepared in advance for Easter.

Rev. Rempel devoted a few of the morning services to a portrayal of the seven downward steps that led to Peter's denial of his Lord and the seven steps that led to his restoration.

On some of the other mornings Rev. Rempel discussed the gift and

work of the Holy Spirit. It was very enlightening and cleared up many questions in our minds concerning the gift, baptism, anointing and fulness of the Holy Spirit. Surely, we could not do without Him.

## Rev. Harder at Leamington

By John Bartel

*Leamington, Ont.* — At a week of services in the M. B. church here, Rev. J. A. Harder of Yarrow, B.C., the chairman of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, gave a report on mission work in South America, the welfare work being done there, and led in an exposition of John 17.

At the first service Rev. Harder gave a report on the mission work in South America—Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay. He also mentioned the work that the MCC is doing in those countries where Mennonites are living.

We must serve both financially and spiritually, Rev. Harder asserted the second evening, when he reported on General Welfare Board activities in South America.

The next four evenings Rev. Harder used to give an exposition of John 17, the Lord's high-priestly prayer. He underlined the humble attitude revealed by Christ in His prayer. Even so we should approach God with humility. We also find that Christ prayed with up-lifted eyes and a clear conscience. When we approach God through our high priest, the Lord Jesus, having cleared ourselves through confession of sin, we can ask whatsoever we will and Christ will intercede for us.

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child-like joy in the Lord of our salvation? How will God and the Bible ever become a part of the thought and life of those dear little ones playing there on Main Street?

Statistics reveal that we as Mennonite young couples have not been able to withstand the transition to the big city. The percentage of casualties presents an alarming catastrophe. There is something missing right at the core of our religiosity which prevents us from reasserting our balance and finding ourselves when transplanted into the accelerated culture patterns of an urban environment. Within the sheltered shadow of a paternal society we developed favourably in relation to both "die Bibel und der Pflug". It was the natural way of growing up, but now, everything has changed. The plow has become rusty and our Bible dusty. There is no one who really understands us. All our neighbors are strangers. It is late now, and we are wondering about tomorrow.

C.B.



Above you see Billy Graham and his Japanese translator at the open-air meeting in Osaka, Japan, on February 24. Below may be seen a few of the 5,000 people who attended the service.



## BILLY GRAHAM IN JAPAN

By Peter Derksen \*

For weeks and months we had been looking forward to this time. Japanese Christians and missionaries throughout Japan had been praying, had been looking to God, seeking His face, searching their own lives, hoping that God would be able to use Billy Graham's coming to Japan to bring Christ to this land in a greater way, that the Holy Spirit would set revival fires burning throughout the land, that all those who profess the name of Jesus Christ would truly receive Him and surrender their whole life to Him.

Billy Graham was coming to Japan for only 5 days of meetings (plus 2 days of services for the American armed forces). These meetings were to take place in Tokyo (Feb. 20-22), and in Osaka (Feb. 23-24), Japan's two largest cities, with a population of 8 and 4 million respectively. At both of these places committees were formed, consisting of Japanese pastors and evangelists and some missionaries, which took care of the necessary arrangements. Special prayer meetings were arranged. Let me tell you briefly of one held in one of the largest churches in Kobe. The church was packed. During the time allotted to prayer one after the other got up—no long pauses from beginning to end—and praised God, calling upon Him for showers of blessing. It

was a thrilling experience! Special meetings were arranged for missionaries, for Japanese pastors, evangelists and other Christian workers, and for the general public.

As I attended only the Osaka meetings, I will limit myself mostly to them. On the evening of Feb. 23 about 600 missionaries from three of Japan's four main islands gathered in Osaka. The next morning about 2,000 Japanese Christian workers met in the Osaka Municipal Hall, plus many Japanese Christians and some missionaries who were also listening in. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the twenty-fourth an open air meeting was held, attended by about 5000. Another inside evangelistic meeting was held in the evening at 7 o'clock, when about 4,000 packed the building and more than a thousand listened outside. (In Tokyo about 30,000 attended one meeting.)

In his message to the missionaries Billy Graham emphasized the absolute necessity of being filled with the Holy Spirit, if we want to have victory in our own lives and be fruitful in our service for Christ. He stressed the importance of keeping our daily appointments with God. To illustrate this he told us of how he and his

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## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Rev. Voth to Winnipeg for Board Session

*Aldergrove, B.C.* — Rev. Herman Voth, pastor of the East Aldergrove M. B. Church, traveled to Winnipeg to attend the last week of the annual Ministers' Course and the annual M. B. Bible College Board session. He is the B.C. representative on the Board.

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### Evangelistic Services at Niverville

*Niverville, Man.* — Rev. Abram G. Neufeld of Margaret, Man., conducted evangelistic services in the Chortitzer Mennonite church at Niverville. A series of four meetings were held on Thursday and Friday, March 8 and 9.

Rev. Neufeld expounded God's plan of salvation and we feel confident that God will not cause His Word to return void.

Jacob G. Stoesz, a resident of Niverville and member of the Chortitzer Mennonite Church, was chairman of the meetings. They were quite well attended in spite of poor road conditions, with all three Mennonite churches in Niverville participating.

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### Guest Speaker at Niverville

*Niverville, Man.* — Rev. Herman Lenzman, pastor of the M. B. Church at Yarrow, B.C., was guest speaker at the M. B. Church here on Saturday night, March 3, and Sunday morning, March 4. We are thankful to Rev. Lenzman, who spoke at the Bible and Missionary Conference in Winnipeg, that he took the opportunity of ministering to us. Although the roads were very heavy and almost impassable, many attended and were blessed.

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### Slowly Recovering After Illness

*Leamington, Ont.* — J. C. Heinrichs, the young father who was seriously ill some weeks ago, is recovering slowly. God is answering prayer. Continue to pray for him and the children, who were left motherless last summer.

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### Prince of Wales Choir Sings

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — To reach the English-speaking population in our neighbourhood and to keep a definite schedule, the St. Catharines M. B. Church has reserved Sunday evening for English services.

The special feature on Sunday evening, March 11, was the singing of the choir from the Prince of Wales elementary school. Mr. Arthur Duerksen, who is teacher and music director at the school, directed the choir.

Rev. Henry Penner spoke at the service, underlining the need for dedicated Christian teachers to train today's youth.

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### Capping Ceremony for Nurses

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — One Mennonite young man and two Mennonite girls were among the 35 who received their nurses' caps on Friday, March 10, at the capping exercises for the 81st class of the Mack Training School of the St. Catharines General Hospital.

William Toews of Leamington is the second male nurse in training at the St. Catharines hospital, with the other one in the class ahead of him. He enjoys the work and sees a definite need for male nurses.

Katharine Goertzen and Mary Boldt are the other two Mennonites in the class.

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### Visits Women's Groups in Manitoba

Miss Dorothy Swartzentruber, Waterloo, Ont., is touring Manitoba during the two-week period of March 12 to 25, speaking to women's groups at the invitation of the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee.

Miss Swartzentruber has had 10 years of experience in MCC work, five years at the Waterloo office and five years overseas. At present she still works part-time at the MCC office, while maintaining a secretarial office of her own. While in Europe she was Mr. C. F. Klassen's private secretary.

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### For Men Only

By Frank F. Froese

*Lucky Lake, Sask.* — The three Protestant churches at Lucky Lake: United Church, Anglican and Mennonite Brethren, have joined hands in a new venture for this town—special noon-day services for men only, during the weeks of Lent. These services rotate among the three participating churches, with the local pastor in charge of the services in his church.

Every Thursday between 12 and one o'clock noon the men and high school students gather in one of the three churches for a short service consisting of hymns, Scripture reading, prayer and a 10-minute message. After the service the ladies of the particular church serve the noon meal, for which the men pay.

Our first turn to be host to the men of the town was March 1. About 40 attended the service, many of whom rarely, if ever, at-

tend church services. John 12: 32,33 provided the spiritual food for our meditation and, judging by the attentive faces, the message was well received. Our prayer is that the Lord will use these brief messages to speak to souls about their need of a Saviour. It was this objective that led us to join in these services, even though blocked roads make it impossible for most of our men to attend.

This venture originated upon the suggestion from the local Anglican minister and is designed chiefly as an effort to create a greater interest for church attendance among men. Brevity of time on the one hand limits the service, but on the other hand may prove a drawing card for some.

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### M. B. Mission Notes

#### JAPAN

Brother and Sister Sam H. Krause of Dinuba, California, write from Osaka, Japan: "Many people are confused and do not know which 'religion' they shall join. One does not satisfy them so they try another and another, but they cannot find rest for their souls. Many hear about Christianity but the natural man does not like to be told he is a sinner. It is an American religion to them and they have enough of their own. However, it has amazed us how the Lord is drawing to Himself those whose hearts are really seeking for the truth."

### Coaldale Bible School Visits Vauxhall

*Vauxhall, Alta.* — The whole Coaldale Bible School, consisting of about 40 students and four teachers, paid a visit to the M. B. Church here on Sunday, March 4. They served both at the morning worship service and at a special service in the afternoon.

The prayer period in the morning was led by one of the graduating students. Then Rev. A. Konrad brought a very timely message on "Preparing for Easter", based on the anointing of Jesus at Bethany. This was followed by a very exciting story for the children by another teacher, Mr. V. Pankratz. To conclude the morning service Rev. A. Regier, principal, spoke on "A Three-fold Attitude Towards the Gospel".

The theme of the afternoon program was: The Life of the Patriarch Jacob. His varied experiences were vividly portrayed through numerous recitations. At each stage an application was made to the present. The students sang several songs during the course of the program.

Rev. B. W. Sawatzky, who has been teaching at Coaldale Bible School for many years, brought the message, based on "Jacob's Experiences at Pniel". He declared that at Pniel Jacob experienced spiritual rebirth. There he finally capitulated to God and his new life began.

## Active ISCF in Meadow Lake

By Dave Nickel

*Meadow Lake, Sask.* — The Inter-School Christian Fellowship has been of great significance in the lives of Christian young people in government high schools. These young people are called upon to stand against great odds and this organization has done much in organizing Christian young people into fellowship groups. Here they foster the spiritual life of the group and of individuals. Their mission is to win fellow-students to Christ.

Each group is organized and operates independently, with certain directives coming from the provincial director and the head office in Toronto. At the beginning of the school term the directors, who were elected shortly before the close of the previous year, meet to discuss the activities in the coming year. Billy Unger from the Beaverville School District is president and Clarence Sawatzky from the Bridge Creek School District is secretary of the group here, which numbers about 30.

The provincial director for Saskatchewan is Miss Marion Jackson, known to students as "Jackie". In her testimony she stated that

after several years of searching to satisfy the longing of her heart she found this joy expressed in the lives of students who attended IVCF meetings at the university. They belonged to Christ—so she also accepted him. She has given her life to guiding, organizing, and counselling high school students in the way of eternal life.

Regular weekly meetings consist of singing, Bible quizzes, recitation of memory verses, testimonies, reports on missionaries (once every two weeks), a Bible discussion, and prayer. Regular prayer meetings take place in the homes, where requests for prayer sent from the headquarters in Toronto are also taken into the prayer program. At the monthly social games are played, lunch is served and a special speaker gives a short message. When Miss Jackson visits the local group a "Fireside" is arranged.

May God bless this work in years to come. Let us as churches also share in the efforts to help our Christian young people to stand for the truth. They need our prayers especially.

## A Youth Retreat in Paraguay

By Willy Janz

(Willy Janz is youth worker and Bible school teacher in Friesland colony, Paraguay. A former student at Tabor College and Mennonite Brethren Bible College, he receives support in his work in Paraguay from the North American Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare.)

This retreat was for our young people from Volendam and Friesland. For several days 66 young people from these two colonies enjoyed refreshing experiences in fellowship, devotion and recreation. The Lord also blessed us in giving nice weather, holding the rain away and keeping the temperature at a bearable point.

About 3 o'clock in the morning on January 7, 10 horse-drawn wagons and buggies loaded with young people met in village No. 1 of Friesland colony to start the seven-hour trip to the place of our retreat. A Paraguayan cattle ranch was the chosen spot. The owner of the ranch, a Paraguayan who had also studied in the United States, was very friendly and hospitable, donating enough meat and milk for all of us. (And how we did eat!)

The location was quite suitable, we thought. Large playgrounds as well as big shade trees gave ample opportunity for recreation and daily gatherings. Viewing the surroundings from the ranch, situated on somewhat of a hill, was thrilling. Distant pasture fields with grazing cattle and the dark, tropical forest in the background, topped with beautiful clouds, was an impressive sight.

Our first gathering was in the evening of that same day. It was held after our friends, the young people from Volendam, with Henry C. Born as youth leader, had arrived. After a short devotional and introductory period, a get-acquainted program followed. Our hearts began to melt together, giving us the feeling of belonging to one group.

When our meeting came to a close, everyone was busy finding a resting place for the night. The girls found their nest under the roofs of two buildings on the station, whereas the boys did not mind looking at the starry sky before closing their eyes for a night's rest. The clear tune of "Morgen frueh, so Gott will, wirst du wieder geweckt" echoed in the night air and pierced into the hearts of happy young people. Then it became quiet.

After eating breakfast next morning, we dispersed into the fields and yards for a 15-minute period of private Bible reading and devotion. Then followed an hour



To the left you see Rev. I. H. Tiessen, speaker of the radio program "Heimatlicht". On the right is the radio choir that sings on the broadcast. On the extreme right stands Ben Neufeld, the director. See description below.



## Large Potential Audience for "Heimatlicht"

By I. H. Tiessen

Leamington, Ont. — When you look at a map of Ontario you will notice the southwestern tip of the province jutting out in the form of a peninsula between the lakes Saint Clair and Erie. Only 35 miles from metropolitan Detroit and Windsor you will find the city of Leamington on the shore of Lake Erie. This is called the "Garden of Canada" or, since it is the southernmost part of our coun-

try, it is sometimes called "The Sun Parlor of Canada". Following the shoreline of Lake Erie in the easterly direction about 150 miles, you come to Port Rowan, where our nearest sister church is located. One hundred and seventy-five miles east-north-east of Leamington you will find the twin cities of Kitchener and Waterloo, with our second-nearest M. B. church. The remaining three M. B. churches of Ontario are settled in the famous Niagara peninsula, 240 miles distant. You will readily see that, in spite of the conveniences of modern travel, our church has difficulty in taking part in the common work and fellowship of our provincial conference.

of outside play activity. Volleyball, softball and other games kept our joints flexible, our minds fresh and our faces smiling. Perhaps never before had that spot of God's beautiful earth witnessed such a group of young people employed in wholesome bodily and spiritual activity.

Theme of the retreat was "Fight the Good Fight of Faith," I Timothy 6:12. Three messages were given by Brother Born in which he emphasized faith, fight and victory according to the lives of Paul, Joseph and Abraham. Many important truths were spoken into our hearts. Brother Born also led the singing, which made the retreat so much more enjoyable. I led the Bible study, taken from the first two chapters of Hebrews.

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A special event to be long remembered was our last evening when we gathered around the campfire for a final meeting. As the light of the fire fell upon our faces, we joined in hearty singing of familiar songs. A few Spanish songs witnessed of the saving grace of our Lord to our Spanish visitors. With a testimony and prayer meeting our evening came to an end. After singing "Faith is the victory," we said good-by, hoping to meet again next year.

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Windsor district alone as 10,000. Of course there are many more in the city of Detroit. We consider this as a real missionary opportunity.

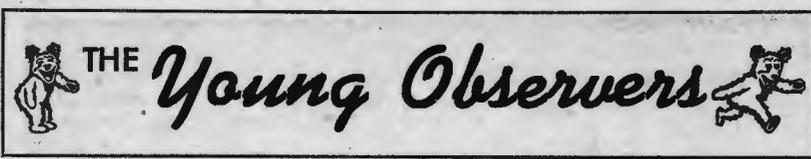
With a group of 16 singers, a director and a speaker we began the work. We were thrilled when our first broadcast went over the air February 20, 1955. It was the answer to years of prayer in this respect. The Lord has blessed our program; it was well received, as the response showed.

Though our radio station is not very powerful, 250 watts, it has a large listening audience in this thickly populated area. The Canadian population alone totals 519,000, with 141,000 radio homes. We do not have the exact U.S. population our station reaches, but the total must run into several million. In addition, we have information that the beams of this most modern and newest Canadian radio station reach far beyond its supposed coverage. The letters of our station are CJSP. The last two stand for Sun Parlor. It is found at 710 kilocycles on the dial. The time of our broadcast, "Heimatlicht", is 6:05 p.m. every Sunday.

As our station operates only from sunrise to sunset, the broadcasting time in the winter months is cut back. Therefore, in the months October to February inclusive, we have been going on the air with an English language broadcast at 4:45 p.m.

In general the results have been encouraging and although this type of service requires much time and hard work, we have been greatly blessed. It is our humble prayer that the Lord will continue to use this broadcast to the extension of His kingdom and to the glory of His name.

At Matende station, Belgian Congo, more than 2,200 patients were treated in 1955 at the dispensary in charge of Elsie Fischer, Dallas, Oregon. A significant aspect of the medical work are the evangelistic services held for the benefit of the patients.



**Let's Visit a Minute**

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you like to hear true stories about children in far-away places? The Rev. Hugh T. Kerr tells this story about a Christian kindergarten in Japan.

Well, in this kindergarten a little lunch was served every day at noon. When the children were seated comfortably on the floor, they would close their eyes and say a little prayer like this:

*Bless this food which now we take  
And make us good for Jesus' sake.*

And then they would open their eyes and talk and laugh and eat all at once, for they were just like other children.

One evening at her home one of the little kindergarten girls bowed her head over her bowl of rice and said her little prayer.

"What are you doing?" asked her surprised father.

"I'm thanking God for this rice," said his little daughter.

"But your mother cooked the rice and prepared it for you," stated her father.

"Yes, father," said the little girl, "I do thank mother for cooking it, but she did not make the rice. God made the rice and I am thanking Him."

Now that was right, but it sounded strange to the father, and after thinking it over for some days, he went to the kindergarten and asked the missionary lady there what it was all about. She told him about God's love and care and he, too, came to know Jesus. Now in his home when the rice is served, all the family bow their heads and everyone, father, mother and children, all together give thanks to God.

Did you know the prayer of thanks that the missionary lady taught the children in the kindergarten? Here are some others you might want to learn:

*God is great and God is good  
So we thank Him for our food.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus be our Holy guest,  
Our morning joy, our evening rest,  
And with our daily food impart  
Thy love and peace to every heart.*

Aunt Selma

**Children Write**

R.R. 2, Chilliwack, B.C.

Dear Aunt Selma,

I am seven years old and in grade two. I go to Cheam school. I like to go to school. My favorite subjects are reading and science.

This is my first letter to you. I like to read the letters from the boys and girls. I like to read your letters too.

When daddy reads the Bible I can follow in my own now. I try to be a good boy and do what Jesus wants me to do.

I have a brother Davie who is

going to be five in April. We have lots of fun together. I also have a little sister, Betty Ann, who is one and a half years old. We like to play with her too.

Love,  
Ronnie Ratzlaff

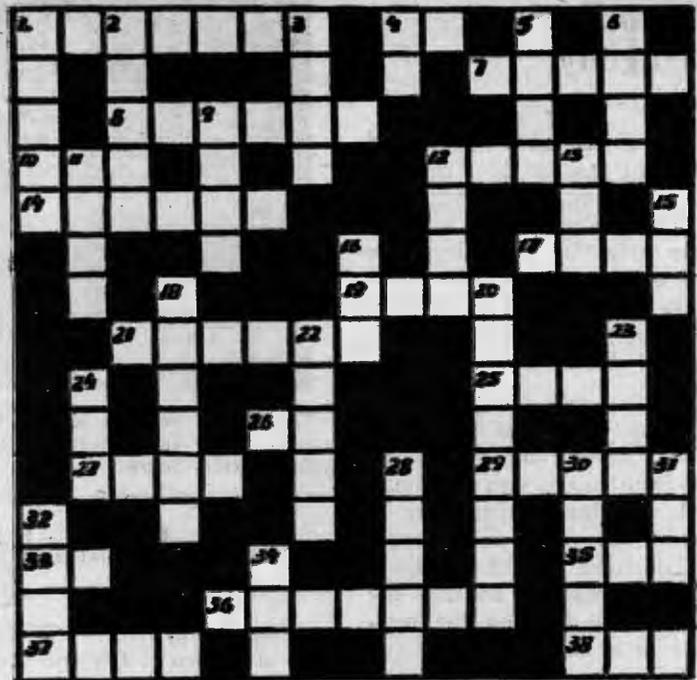
*We are glad that you like the letters from boys and girls. We hope more will write. Keep on reading the Bible; through it God speaks to us. We were thankful for your mother's letter, too.*

**School Days**

Menno's school days were very different from ours. He received his first instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic in the public school of his home village Witmarsum, and later at Pinjum, after his parents moved there.

The hickory stick and the strap were by no means missing in the schools of that time. In every classroom there also stood a wooden donkey with a rather hard, sharp-edged back on which the lazy or unruly student had to ride, wearing the proverbial dunce's cap on his head and a placard on his chest. This informed his classmates as to what had brought him to his seat of shame.

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**Crossword Puzzle**

**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

1. First son born to Abraham (Gen. 16:15-16).
4. Giant king who slept in an iron bed (Deut. 3:11).
7. Second son of Japheth (Gen. 10:2).
8. Place where Israel gathered to choose a leader (Judges 10: 17-18).
10. Third good king of Juda (2. Chron. 14:2).
12. One of two men who trusted the Lord to help Israel conquer the promised land (Numb. 13:30).
14. Land promised to Israel (Ex. 6:4).
17. King of Sodom (Gen. 14:2).
19. First man on earth (Gen. 5:2).
21. Mountain in Palestine (Ps. 60:7).
25. Town where Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead (Luk 7: 11-12).
26. Judah's oldest son, who was slain for his wickedness (Gen. 38:7).
27. Second husband of Ruth (Ruth 4:13).
29. Name God gave to Sara (Gen. 17:15).
33. Second city Israel conquered in the promised land (Josh. 7:2).
35. Midianite prince who fell in battle when Balaam was killed (Numb. 31:8).
36. Giant whom David killed (1. Sam. 17:4).
37. Third son of Adam (Gen. 5:3).
38. Father of Joshua (Ex. 33:11).

**DOWN**

1. Only son of Abraham and Sara (Gen. 21:3).
2. He was hung on gallows he made for another (Esther 7:10).
3. Father of Eliasaph (Numb. 3:24).
4. Leader who rebelled against Moses (Numb. 16:1).
5. His first name was Saul (Acts 13:9).
6. Father of the Moabites (Gen. 19:37).
9. City to which Lot fled (Gen. 19:22).
11. First king of Israel (2. Sam. 1:23).
12. Place where Jesus turned water into wine (John 2:1).
13. First woman on earth.
15. Son of Noah (Gen. 7:13).
16. Prophet that came to David when he had counted his people (2. Sam. 24:11).
18. Sister of Moses (Ex. 15:20).
20. Joseph's oldest son (Gen. 41:51).
22. Brother of Moses (Ex. 7:1).
23. Widow who was happy at the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:36).
24. He worshipped the Lord when all he had was destroyed (Job 1: 19-20).
28. He spent three days inside a fish (Jonah 1:17).
30. Solomon's enemy, who set up a kingdom at Damascus (1. Kings 11: 23).
31. He helped to support Moses' hands as he prayed for the army at war (Ex. 17:12).
32. Hill from which Paul preached to people of Athens (Acts 17:22).
34. He lived at Sodom (Gen. 19:1).

**CONTEST WINNER**

At last we can announce the winner of the "Name the Page Contest". It is Edwin Kroeker, who is seven years old and lives at Elm Creek, Man. He sent us two good letters, each with a good name. We chose "The Young Observer Page" and changed it a little. Edwin will receive the book "Henry's Red Sea", a story about a Mennonite boy in Germany.

We thank all of you who wrote. There were some very interesting letters and it was hard to choose the best name and letter.

## THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(6th Installment)

The pain in his foot was excruciating. He knew now that the treacherous limb had so twisted his foot in seizing it, that the ankle had been severely wrenched and possibly broken. The intensity of his agony brought a wince to his lips. The slightest movement in his struggle to free himself gave rise to insuppressible groans.

The hunter was too well acquainted with the wilderness not to realize the precariousness of his position. He was a prisoner in the unbreakable grip of the two trees. His earliest efforts had been the strongest of which he was capable, but they had failed. He shuddered to think that he was destined to remain in the loneliness of the night woods, helpless, unarmed, immovable, to be chilled by the night winds, to be teased by the pangs of hunger, and worst of all, to be tormented by the insatiable thirst for water. Besides, it was not at all unlikely that a prowling bear or a hungry panther should come upon him in his predicament and devour him at leisure.

In his imagination he already felt the gnawing hunger, the burning thirst. He saw his wasted form reduced to a mere frame of bones still held in the relentless grip of the great trap. He felt the hot breath of the snuffling bear, the tearing claws of the striking wildcat. His heart misgave him. The cold, clammy sweat of horror stood out upon his face, his breath came in whistles, and in the agony of his terror he could scarce suppress a scream.

The appalling fear which filled him moved him to a second effort at freeing himself. The hopelessness of his situation lent strength to his arms and power to his legs. So intense were his efforts that he barely felt the pain in his injured ankle. But his Herculean efforts served only to exhaust him. The fallen trunks relinquished their hold not an inch. The very frenzy of his efforts served but to impress upon him the tenacity of the grip which held him.

The thought of death filled him with an unspeakable dread. The obscurity of what comes after, the fear of the unknown, the possibility of a wrathful God filled his soul with apprehension which he could not quiet. Yet he neither prayed nor considered.

"No! No! I will not die!" he shrieked in a raging voice. "I cannot die here, alone, in this

mocking forest. What will become of my plans? How shall I repay? The debt will go unrequited. Justice will be cheated of its due. I must be freed. I—I—I," and he ended in an unintelligible muttering of monosyllables.

His furtive eye scanned the surrounding forest as if to command the grim trunks to bring forth a deliverer. But no sign of life was to be seen. There was no deliverer forthcoming. Once more he resorted to his own strength. Frantically he writhed and twisted. He pulled at the bark, squirmed about in his narrow prison, pulled, and wrenched, and struggled, but it was all to no avail. His spirit sank within him, he relaxed his whole body, his head dropped upon his chest. He was hopelessly doomed to die.

An hour passed, and another. Already it was long past noon, and the gloom of night was not far distant. In a little while the solace of the bright sunlight would give place to the dismal depression of the dark. The wolf would leave his den to prowl the woodland. The inquisitive bear would rise from his warm, sunny bed to set out in search of his berries. The tawny cat would slip through the forest on pads of velvet, hungry, merciless, unconquerable. The owl perched in the security of the tree top, dumb, stupid bird, would hoot its weird call through the leafy air to add to the terror of the victim.

Height of mockery! There but a few paces from him stood a timid buck, gazing in bewilderment at the imprisoned hunter. The graceful animal sniffed the air with his dainty nostrils, tossed his wild head toward the soft breeze, grew alarmed at the motions of the hunter, snorted, and turned to the cover of the forest. A little wren chirped with gusto on a limb ten feet above him as if to make him jealous of its freedom. A chattering squirrel leaped upon the trunk before him, squatted on its branches, and scolded him for his foolhardiness. The hunter was embittered by these railleries. He hated the little beast for its banter, and felt his hands clench in anger at the thought of its impunity.

What was that? New hope leaped within his breast! A human voice? He had not thought of human aid. The scene of his misfortune was far from the village, out of the lane of travel. The Hollanders hunted near home, and were amply repaid for their efforts without roaming far into the wilderness. The Indians had moved

their village northward for a season, and there seemed little likelihood of any person ever coming to this particular spot where the imperiled hunter stood in such great need.

But was that a human voice? The "Man in Bearskin" strained his ears to listen. Far off he heard a cry, a cry as of one in need of help. A great joy welled up within him. He could not repress a shout of hope.

"Thank God! I'm saved!" he breathed in the overflow of his delight. But the exclamation was merely a measure to give relief to his pent up feelings. There was no tone of gratitude in it.

Again the cry came across the spaces—a long, wailing call of distress.

"Hallooo-ooo-ooo! Hallooo-ooo-ooo!" The hunter raised his voice in response. To augment the sound of his voice, he megaphoned his hands and turned his head in the direction whence he heard the welcome shout.

"Come here! Come here!" he called in English. No answer. "Come here!" he repeated in Dutch. But the only reply was the hollow echo of his own voice. All else was still. Had he been too hasty in his rapture of joy? Was he deceived in the hope of salvation? For a moment the terrible import of this thought thrilled him, and the prospects darkened to a black deeper than ever. But he was certain that he had heard someone. Then it occurred to him that the call had been of one in distress—a call for help like his own. Was it possible that some unfortunate was in an equally perilous position, and that the two were unable to help each other? What a thought! Two helpless wretches destined to die in the brooding forest within calling distance of each other, yet so distant as to be unable to render assistance or consolation. Was the silence of the other person the silence of death? Had he been dealt with more mercifully? Had he been released from his danger by a more instantaneous death?

But the "Man in Bearskin" would not give up hope. With all the might of his powerful lungs he yelled loud and long, "Hallooo-oo! Come here! I can't come to you!" Again and again he repeated the call, first in Dutch, then in English, then in Dutch again. Anxiously he waited for a reply. The tenseness of his feeling, his hope against hope, galled him.

Ah! An answer! Not a complaint this time, but a firm, clear call of assurance. It was nearer than before. "I'm coming," it said, "I'm coming."

Never had there been a sweeter sound to the ears of the hunter than these three short syllables. They were surety of hope, the

guarantee of life. "I'm coming." So came the call again.

"Here! Here I am," returned the "Man in Bearskin". He was exceedingly eager to guide the rescuer with the sound of his voice.

The noise of someone approaching reached the imprisoned man. And now that rescue was certain, a heavy misgiving disquieted him. Would the needed friend recognize him? The language of the caller had been Dutch. Would the identity of the "Man in Bearskin" be disclosed? Would the secret of his personage become common knowledge? These thoughts induced him to draw the great hood and cape about him as completely as possible, until only his beard, nose, and a set of brown eyes were visible.

"Where are you?" came the voice from the forest.

"Here! Here I am! I'm caught between two windfalls, and can't get out without help."

The tread of feet was now plainly audible, the crackling of twigs, the brushing aside of branches. In an instant the rescuer would stand before him. Who would it be?

Down the stately aisle of the woodland cathedral walked a slender boy. He was dressed in the quaint garb of a Holland immigrant. He wore wooden shoes, thick, knitted stockings, baggy woolen trousers, a small, tight-fitting jacket, and a black cap with a large visor.

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### SCHOOL DAYS

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Menno received his first instruction in the Biblical languages from the village priest. For his high school training he went to the monastic school at Bolswar, about five miles south-east of Witmarsum, ten miles from Pinjum.

High schools and colleges were scarce at that time and students often had to go far away from home to gain an education. Therefore dormitories were built at every school to house those living far from home. But these students living here had to look after themselves. If their parents were poor people and if provisions were hard to get from home, they had to shift for themselves, earning whatever they could and carefully spending this money. They often were short of food for a long time and did not suffer from over-stuffed stomachs.

Menno's parents did not live far from where he was attending school, but they believed it would be better for their son to become acquainted with the hardships of life early, so they let him shift for himself as best he could. Father Simons was not one to pamper and spoil his boys; he had no use for weaklings.

(To be continued)



Frank H. Klassen with the wild boar and guinea hens he shot in Ethiopia. Read about the exciting chase in the article.

## He Tried to Chase Me

Jimma, Ethiopia.

(Excerpts from letters to the family by Frank H. Klassen.)

We have been quite busy lately with exams and holidays, etc. On the Ethiopian Christmas day we went out with the mission folk for a picnic. We also wanted to try and find our way to a huge waterfall I had seen last fall. Well, we drove all over the countryside, but no waterfall. In fact, we didn't know where we were. Since there seemed to be plenty of game we decided to forget about the falls and concentrate on the birds and animals.

The biggest surprise of the day was our meeting with a wild boar, who appeared suddenly at the foot of a hill. Of course I didn't have the right kind of shot in my gun (as usual) and when I returned from the car he was gone.

We had actually given up hope of seeing him again, but all of a sudden we came on a sight which I will not forget for a long time. As we were walking along, the tall elephant grass suddenly gave way to a large grassy clearing alive with birds of a multitude of shapes, hues and cries. Large herons with brilliant beaks towered above smaller pelican-like birds, birds with fans on their heads and rainbows of color in their feathers. And just as unconcerned as an Ethiopian walking in the middle of a busy motor-road, stood the pig we had just seen, eating seeds. I do imagine he was a little surprised when something hit him in the leg, for he lit out for the tall grass, and I after him, as fast as he could go. It's a little risky chasing a wounded wild boar, especially when you cannot see him, because he can give you no end of trouble with those sharp tusks. Well, I guess I was run-

ning too fast for him, and at him, so he thought he would turn the tables on me and run after me for a while. I discouraged him by shooting him between the eyes. He made a nice pork roast. For a balanced diet I also shot five guinea fowl.

We have had company for the last week, three ladies from the Baptist Mission—full of life and fun, so this meat has been very handy.

We took them out to see hippos yesterday—saw about four. It's only an hour's drive and seeing these large herbivores for the first time always gives people a thrill, especially if seen in their wild state (the hippos, that is).

## OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL SWEEPS CAMPUS

(Continued from page 1-4)

At the evening services local ministers made the opening in German. Then Rev. Unrau gave the message from God's Word. Local ministers and Bible school students helped with the counseling of those who expressed a desire either to accept Christ or to re-dedicate their lives to Christ. A choir of students from the MEI provided the music.

On Friday afternoon 45 minutes were reserved for testimonies during the weekly prayer and testimony meeting. Rev. Unrau first asked the teachers for testimonies. Then all those who had never given a word of testimony before were given an opportunity. After that anyone could testify—and they did. Throughout the whole period there were no pauses, with two or three often standing at the same time, waiting for their turn. With time running out (school buses come at 3:45), Rev. Unrau

asked all those who would like to give a word of testimony to stand. He started at the front row and proceeded down the line. When the time was up there were still 50 to 60 students on their feet, waiting their turn. The meeting was closed by singing, "Thank You, Lord, for Saving My Soul".

On Friday evening all those who had accepted Christ or re-dedicated their lives to God from the student body or community were asked to assemble on the stage, which can seat about 250 students. There was not enough room. Rev. Unrau asked for testimonies—and from every corner of the stage they came. Because of lack of time he asked all those who wanted to give a testimony to stand. All those who had not as yet testified stood up. He asked for a few more testimonies and closed with a testimony in song, "Thank You, Lord, for Saving My Soul".

This revival has humbled us who had so little faith. A great task lies before us, however. All these young Christians need to grow in faith and in the knowledge of Christ. Will you continue in prayer with us that they may go ever forward in their Christian life?

Next week's issue will have several testimonies on "What has this Bible Emphasis Week meant to me?" The evangelist, a teacher, a Christian and several who came to Christ will testify.

## BILLY GRAHAM IN JAPAN

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wife had received an invitation to visit Queen Elizabeth II. They were so anxious to be on time that they arrived one hour ahead of the appointed time and had to drive around for one hour. We have daily appointments with the King of Kings—He is always on time, ready to meet with us—but we keep Him waiting and waiting because we are too busy. He shared with us some of the difficult moments and trials of his ministry, and also told us of the many wonderful things the Lord has done in various countries.

As he addressed the Japanese Christian workers he emphasized the tremendous importance of evangelism. The primary task of the Christian Church is evangelism. He told the Japanese Church that if it is not engaged in evangelism, it is out of step with the Church in most parts of the world, where there is a new emphasis on evangelism. Especially did he stress (and this was very fitting for the Japanese pastors as well as for all of us) the importance of preaching the Gospel in *simple terms* and with *authority*. Where do we get this authority? From the Bible, the inspired Word of God.

To the masses he preached the simple message of God's righteous-

ness and love, of man's sinfulness, of God's redemption in the crucified and risen Christ, and of man's opportunity to be reconciled to God through repentance and faith, followed by obedience. After the invitation, he told those who had accepted Christ to do 4 things: (1) Read the Bible daily; (2) Have a real prayer life; (3) Witness for Christ through walk and word; and (4) get into a church immediately and work for Christ.

Permit me to give a few impressions of Billy Graham as a servant of Christ. Probably thousands of people have asked: what is the secret of his success? He is a man who has a tremendous faith in the Bible as God's inspired Word, which results in a preaching that has full and divine authority. His message is the pure, unadulterated Gospel, with the Cross and the resurrection of Christ as its central theme and truth. He is a humble man, giving all the glory to God. Again and again he emphasizes that *God will not share His glory with another*. In fact, he mentioned that he often thought that his ministry would be a short one because his name had been written on signs too many times. He is a man who lives and walks with God. He said that an old man once told him this: find out which way God is moving and then get in step with God.

Now what has been accomplished through these meetings and Billy Graham's service here? It would be utterly presumptuous and irresponsible if I would try to answer this question fully. God alone knows what has and what will be wrought in the hearts and lives of men. Nevertheless, let me mention a few things. For me it was a time of heart-searching (the Lord pointed to some definite needs in my personal life) as well as a time of great refreshing and new encouragement and consecration. This has probably been true in the lives of many. Then, it brought together many Christians from different parts of this land and gave them an opportunity to fellowship together in the Lord. Hundreds, at least as far as man can see, were transplanted from the realm of darkness and death into the realm of His glorious light and life. Many thousands heard the message of the Gospel. In summary, we hope, pray and trust that with this as a beginning, the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts of millions across this great land, reviving and filling those who are His, and working regeneration in millions of others. And all this to the glory of God, who will not share His glory with another! Hallelujah! Praise His Name!

\* Missionary in Japan under the General Conference Mennonite Board of Missions.

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Another Friendly Contact Made With Auca Indians

Despite the Ecuadorian government's warning that they cannot control the savage Auca Indians in the "Green Hell" near Shell Mera—where five young missionaries laid down their lives last January in an attempt to tell them of God's love for them—another friendly contact has been made. Hope for further, protracted contacts have been revived.

The latest attempt was made last January 31 by two Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilots who could not rest till they had made "at least one more friendly flight to show our love and interest."

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### Replace Lost Plane

Cameron Townsend, general director of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, reports that a goodwill Helio Courier called the "City of Chicago" was recently presented to Ecuador's Ambassador to the U.S., the Hon. Jose R. Chiriboga, by the Hon. Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, for use in Wycliffe's work among the Indian tribes of the Ecuadorian jungles. This plane will help to replace the one destroyed by Auca savages last January 8. The Helio Courier was the gift of the Pan-American Council of Chicago. (ERA)

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### Report Theological Swing From Social Gospel

Harold B. Kuhn of Asbury Theological Seminary, president of the Evangelical Theological Society, told that body in its annual meeting that there is a "swing away from mysticism" in theological circles and a trend towards an "all-out acceptance of historic doctrine." He also reported a "stress upon the Evangelists rather than upon the social gospel".

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### Third World Evangelical Fellowship Conference in U.S.

The third conference of World Evangelical Fellowship, according to an announcement by secretary J. Elwin Wright, will be convened next August 27-31 at Providence Barrington Bible College, Providence, Rhode Island. Delegates are expected from many countries.

WEF is composed of a score of national fellowships, united for the purpose of more effective cooperation in areas where their ministries and interests coincide. Administrative offices for WEF are maintained in Boston and London.

The National Association of Evangelicals is the American associate. In Great Britain the Evangelical Alliance, which sponsored the Billy Graham campaigns, is the representative organization.

Lt. General Sir Arthur Smith of London is international president. Dr. Harold J. Ockenga is president of the American Committee. (ERA)

## CANADASCOPE

### Immigration Rule Invalid

The Supreme Court of Canada classed as invalid at least a part of a government order-in-council dealing with immigration regulations. The court ruled that the cabinet has no authority to delegate to immigration officials the authority to prohibit admission to Canada of any person who is classed as one who will probably be unable to be readily assimilated or to assume the duties and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship within a reasonable time after his admission.

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### Ontario Hit by Succession of Storms

During the week from March 5 to 11 Ontario was hit by a succession of three storms. The first one brought down over an inch of water in 24 hours and flooded large sections. Smaller rivers went on a rampage. Then about the middle of the week a blizzard grounded aircraft, threw train schedules off, and made travel by automobile virtually impossible. High winds over the week-end tore down communications, toppled a church steeple, and generally wreaked havoc.

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### Canada Not to Halt Plane Shipment

Prime Minister St. Laurent announced in the House of Commons at Ottawa on March 8 that Canada will not halt the shipment of 12 Harvard trainers that Egypt has ordered.

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### Claim Dikes Can Hold Predicted Level

Greater Winnipeg's dikes are at least two feet and in most cases four feet above the predicted flood crest level expected by Manitoba's flood forecasting committee. This means that only houses outside of the diking system will be flooded.

## The World Today

### Archbishop Makarios Deported: Violence

Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Union-with-Greece movement on Cyprus, was deported by air and ship to Seychelles, 600 miles north of Madagascar. Immediately upon his deportation a spontaneous general strike broke out

on Cyprus, while violence increased, both on Cyprus and in Greece. Political observers differ on whether this is a wise move or whether suppression of the nationalistic spirit will be accomplished by force.

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### Manifesto Signed by Southerners

Nineteen senators and 77 representatives from the 11 deep-south states have signed a proclamation denouncing the Supreme Court for its decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools and pledging an all-out legal fight against it.

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### Israel Accuses Egypt of Massing Troops

Israel has accused Egypt of massing troops along the Israeli-Egyptian border "far in excess of defensive requirements". They have asked the UN mixed armistice commission to investigate the troop concentrations.

## VOLUNTARY SERVICE THEME OF DISCUSSION

(Continued from page 1-2)

especially emphasizing that all can find a place for witnessing in the scope of MCC Voluntary Service and Summer Service.

"The MCC has found a way of multiplying our witness by doing it as a team. It is like a helicopter for the Church in that it is mobile, harnessing the skills of science 'in the name of Christ,'" Mr. Ediger announced. "Voluntary Service helps us to use people at whatever level they are. MCC builds the program around the people available."

The Sunday afternoon meeting also heard testimonies from Henry Warkentin, Ontario, who has spent two terms in Summer Service; Katie Janzen, who has worked in the migrant camps in California; and Jake Hildebrandt, who has spent a year in a boys' home in New York. Thereupon Mr. Harvey Toews delivered a message on "Discipleship", dealing with the many excuses we may have for not following Christ.

A lunch was served between the two afternoon sessions on Sunday at the Bethel Mission Church.

The Association of Mennonite University Students also announced that a permanent committee was formed on Saturday night to explore avenues and work towards concrete moves for a greater participation of young people, especially university students, and others training for professional service, in Voluntary Service and other similar programs.

Chairman at both the Saturday and Sunday sessions was Reinhardt Vogt, president of AMUS. Assisting him was Henry Toews, secretary of the association.

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The South Seas...New Guinea...inhabited by cannibals, was where he laboured.

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Young, well born, a girl who had been presented at Court; unusually gifted, not only scholastically, but in music and art, her one desire was to use every gift and every opportunity to the glory of God. This desire led her into the dreary Zenanas of Kashmir.

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## PAX MEN ON PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

By Susan Krahn

(Susan Krahn of Winnipeg, Man., who is now serving as Pax matron at Backnang, Germany, describes the Pax pilgrimage to Palestine. The Pax men themselves arrange and pay for this two-week vacation tour each winter. Visiting these lands made familiar in the Scriptures is usually a highlight of a European Pax man's service. Bro. J. P. Duerksen of Hesston, Kans., the Pax pastor, accompanied this year's tour and planned devotional studies to enrich each day's visits.)

I am sitting in the open doorway of my Damascus hotel room hearing the constant beeping, honking and clanking of the hectic traffic below. I'm trying to get some semblance of order into the chaos of impressions this exciting week has left upon me.

We are on a Pax pilgrimage tour to Palestine and 58 enthusiastic members are making the most of it.

The tour started Feb. 13 from Frankfurt, Germany, by train. The weather was bitterly cold. Many tour members were at a loss to know what to pack—woolens for Germany, cottons for Lebanon, bathing suits for Jordan—what a contrast!

Train windows were frosted completely, so sightseeing was at a minimum through Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia. We didn't see the sunny Adriatic, but the imposing mountain ranges in Aus-

tria and Yugoslavia were impressive. The few glimpses of Yugoslavian countryside suggested a relatively poor country where people have a hard time earning their daily living.

We got off the train at Saloniki, Greece, and spent a short night in a hotel. After breakfast (meals are always a novelty on such a tour) we hopped on sightseeing buses and headed for the villages of Panayitsa and Tsakones where Pax units are located. Most of us were familiar with the agricultural improvement program Paxers are doing, but it was entirely different to actually meet these Greek farmers and see the projects.

Our next stop was Athens, that ancient city of culture. Our guide, a humorous man with a caustic tongue, took pride in showing us around and describing the historical significance of this famous place.

The minutes ticked by relentlessly, so we had to hurry to the airport to board our plane to Beirut. This was the first plane flight for many of us. As an added interest, we were permitted to walk into the control room to see the plane crew in action. We touched down in Beirut, Lebanon, about 5 p.m.

What a city of contrasts! We stared in fascination and amaze-

ment at the seething, milling mass of people, donkeys and cars. Policemen vainly tried to direct the congested traffic as pedestrians darted in and out among the moving vehicles. It was most surprising that no one was injured in the process. We could have watched for hours but an interesting supper and welcome HOT water in washrooms lured us away.

Next morning's all-too-brief tour of Beirut once again sharpened the contrast between the modern and the ancient. Countless numbers of late model American cars swept through streets amid the crowd of Arabs in long robes and quaint headdresses, veiled women and heavily-laden donkeys and mules. An intriguing city.

Buses took us from Beirut to Baalbeck, city of the sun where we viewed the world famous ruins of some temples built in honor of the sun god. After lunch we went to Damascus, capital of Syria.

This is a city of numberless beautiful mosques. We saw the historic street called "Straight" and the house where Paul was supposedly lowered from a window in a basket. Still in a key position commercially, Damascus has a tremendous bazaar and its streets literally swarm with people.

(To be continued)

## SUMMER SERVICE PROGRAM

A broad variety of summer opportunities in Christian service is being offered to college students and high school graduates in the summer service program of Mennonite Central Committee.

Projects are open in child welfare, mental hospitals, tuberculosis sanatoria and community services. These openings extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard, from the sunny South to brisker regions of Canada. In addition, an educational work camp and tour is planned for Mexico.

Volunteers receive maintenance and \$15 a month. Persons who cannot afford to serve under this plan may arrange to receive the wage of the institution or organization for which they work with \$15 a month or 10 per cent of the cash income deducted for an MCC unit fee.

## CHILD WELFARE

*Camp Shalom*, Kearney, Ont. — One man and three women needed in this Christian holiday resort for Jewish people from large Ontario cities. The camp is operated by Ontario Hebrew Mission (affiliated with Kitchener Mennonite churches). June 1—Sept. 1. \$20 a month. Partial travel scholarship.

*Governor Bacon Health Center*, Delaware City, Del. — State institution for emotionally maladjusted children. Two men and

provincial hospital. May 1—Sept. 1. Men \$190 a month less \$25 room and board besides \$30 unit fee.

*Ontario Hospital*, London, Ont. — Ten men and 20 women needed in this 1500-patient provincial hospital 125 miles east of Detroit. June 15—Sept. 1. \$50 a month.

## TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA

*Clearwater Lake Sanatorium*, The Pas, Man. — Two men and five women (RNs and LPNs preferred) needed to help in caring for Indians and Eskimos from the hinterland of northern Manitoba. June 1—Sept. 1. \$200 a month for RNs; \$105 for nurses assistants; \$175 for men.

*Manitoba Sanatorium*, Ninette, Man. — Two women (RNs and LPNs preferred) needed. Located by Pelican Lake in southwestern Manitoba. July 1—Sept. 15. \$200 a month for RNs; \$105 for nurse assistants.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Camp Landon*, Gulfport, Miss. — Five men and two women needed in community center activity among Negroes and poorer white people. Activity includes teaching vacation Bible school, crafts and shop besides directing recreational activities. June 12—Aug. 12. \$15 a month.

*Migrant Labor Camps* at Waterville and Hamilton, N.Y. — Sixteen men and women who have two or more years of college are needed to visit migrant camps daily and live family style. Program includes vacation Bible school, worship services, crafts, recreation and adult education (such as sewing and shop). Group will be divided into units of six to ten persons each. June 18—Aug. 24. \$15 a month.

## ADAPTATION OF JORDAN PROGRAM

Since the MCC warehouse and center in Jericho were destroyed in the December riots, the Jordan headquarters will be moved to Jerusalem. The Ernest Lehmanns, director of MCC in Jordan, will reside in Jerusalem. Jericho will be reopened as a sub-unit.

The Hebron Orphan Boys' Project which was begun early in 1955, will be developed into an orphanage and vocational school. There are many unwanted children in Jordan, and the project was begun to care for some of the most needy cases. About 24 boys in the first and second grades are now staying at the orphanage. The present plan is to build a cottage village which will accommodate 50 (ultimately 100) boys. Above grade six the emphasis will be on vocational training. In this country where half the population are refugees, training in some vocation offers some hope for a meaningful future.

four women needed to serve as recreational assistants in music, dramatics, photography and playground activity. June 7—Sept. 2. \$75 a month.

*Institute of Logopedics*, Wichita, Kans. — Four men and women needed to assist in recreational activities for children with speech and hearing defects. June 18—Aug. 31. \$15 a month.

*Ailsa Craig Boys Farm*, Ailsa Craig, Ont. — Two men and one woman needed to help in this MCC-operated home and training school for boys. June 1—Sept. 1. \$15 a month.

## MENTAL HOSPITALS

*Bethesda Home*, Vineland, Ont. — Three women and two men needed in this 60-patient home operated by Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference. July 1—Sept. 1. \$50 a month.

*Homewood Sanatorium*, Guelph, Ontario. — Three men needed in this private mental hospital for patients of higher income brackets. June 1—Sept. 1. \$100 a month.

*Manitoba Hospital*, Brandon, Man. — Six men and 12 women needed in this 1600-patient provincial hospital 140 miles west of Winnipeg. May 1—Sept. 1. Men \$190 a month less \$25 room and board besides \$30 unit fee. Women \$100 a month.

*Manitoba School*, Portage la Prairie, Man. — Eight men and women needed in this 600-patient

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## COLLEGES

### TABOR COLLEGE

#### Miss Nickel Added to Faculty

A recently-announced addition to next year's teaching staff at Tabor College is Miss Susie Mae Nikkel of Hutchinson, Kansas. She will teach two courses in sewing and homemaking and assist in the area of girls' physical education and commerce.

#### Ben J. Wiens Appointed Registrar at Tabor

Ben J. Wiens of Kearney, Nebraska, has been appointed registrar and head of the department of education at Tabor College for the coming year, the president's office announced this week.

Mr. Wiens is not new to the Tabor campus, having taught here in the education department from 1949 until 1953, when he left to take up graduate study at Colorado State College of Education, Greeley. He has completed residence work for the Doctor of Education degree there, and is a candidate for that degree this summer.

Mankato State Teachers College, Mankato, Minnesota, awarded him a B.S. degree with honours in 1945. For the following three years he was supervisor of instruction and student teaching in the College Laboratory School at the Mankato school. He received his M.S. degree from Stout State College, Menomonie, Wisconsin, in 1949.

For the past two years, Mr. Wiens has been coordinator of curriculum in the Kearney, Nebraska, school system, and has taught at Kearney State Teachers College during summer sessions.

Originally from Mountain Lake, Minnesota, he is at present a member of the Hillsboro M.B. Church and is active in Sunday school work at the First Baptist Church of Kearney. He is married and the father of one daughter.

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

#### Can. Men. Bible College To Tour Ontario

We were privileged to have two CMBC graduates with us just recently. On Tuesday, February 28, Esther Paetkau, a graduate of 1950 and missionary to Japan, spoke in chapel, telling us of some of her experiences in Japan. In the evening, dressed in the oriental costume, she showed some slides of the work in the mission field there. Rev. Unrau of Newton, Kansas, who is travelling with Miss Paetkau in an effort to arouse a greater interest in evangelism in our churches, spoke to us on the subject of evangelism at noon of the same day.

Sarah Dyck, a graduate of 1954,

gave her personal testimony in chapel on Monday, March 5. She has just completed a course at Bethel College, and is planning to leave for Belgium in May, to study there for a year before going to the Congo.

Friday, March 2, was one of the high points of our college year. On that afternoon and evening we observed Prayer Day. The theme was James 5:16: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." During that day we sought to pray for the needs of our conference, including home and foreign missions, the needs of the world, our provinces and our college. Rich blessings were received and the day was ended with a deeper consciousness of God's power.

The College Choir sang the Oratorio, "St. Paul", by Mendelssohn, in the First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, on Sunday, March 11. Next Sunday the choir will be going to Altona and Winkler, where they will also be singing the Oratorio. It has been decided that a portion of the school choir will visit the Ontario churches immediately following the winter term. The "St. Paul" will be presented, with the male octet also singing.

### MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

The Ministers' Course came to a close on Friday, March 9. Now the normal size of the college family somehow seems abnormal. We enjoyed the fellowship with the brethren and were glad to see several graduates come "home" for the course.

On Monday, March 5, Brother Corny Penner of Virgil, Ont., spoke in chapel. His theme was taken from Eph. 6:10-17, "The Christian's Armour".

On Tuesday morning the A Cappella Choir presented a half hour musical period especially for the visitors. Rev. Henry Baerg of Henderson, Neb., spoke to us on "The Key to Knowledge".

The weekly graduate testimony was given on Thursday by Rudy Boshman of Yarrow, B.C. He used Psalm 37:3 as basis.

On Friday morning Rev. Eugene Martens of Leinan, Sask., spoke in chapel. In the afternoon the musicians and singers at college presented an hour's musical program. At the weekly Student Night two graduates of '55 expressed their views on "Culture" and Discipleship". This theme was to have been discussed at a visit to CMBC, but the return visit had to be postponed. Speaking on the theme were Peter Klassen, a faculty member, and Leslie Stobbe.

It is a joy to see that the work on the new building is progressing. We hope it will be ready on schedule. Henry Warkentin

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### EAST CHILLIWACK BIBLE SCHOOL

February 26 to March 4 was a week filled with activity. On Sunday, Monday and Wednesday a program was brought in East Chilliwack, Greendale and Chilliwack respectively. The program consisted primarily of two plays, "Das Leben in der Bibelschule", and "Is It Nothing to You". The former showed the effect of the study of God's Word in the life of a young high school graduate. Her changed attitude and behaviour led to the conversion of her unsaved brother. The other play depicted the whitened harvest field, the need, especially for men as missionaries, and the willingness of three people to dedicate their lives for missionary service.

Wednesday afternoon the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute at North Clearbrook was host to our school and the Bethel Bible School.

A testimony meeting preceded the short messages. Rev. G. Thielman based his message on Psalm 27:4, stressing the removal of those things in our lives which hinder a full blessing from our Lord. Mr. Enns spoke on "The More Abundant Life in Jesus Christ", according to John 10:10. Fellowship in prayer followed. Coffee and doughnuts were later served to all those who wished to stay.

Saturday morning, March 3, we left by chartered bus for Kelowna. We encountered a fair amount of snow along the Hope-Princeton highway, but arrived at our destination at 6:30 p.m. A warm welcome awaited us at the church, where supper was served. We again presented our program and the Lord answered our prayer in blessing it.

On Sunday morning we were responsible for the morning worship service. The choir sang, while both Mr. Jake Friesen and Rev. G. Thielman spoke. Using as his text Matthew 16:24,5, Mr. Friesen emphasized that we must lose our life for Christ, for in so doing we will regain it. Rev. Thielman delivered a heart-warming message based on John 19:13,17 and Mark 14:32. He revealed the significance of the three G's, Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgatha.

After dinner we left for home. One breakdown occurred just east of the Oliver-Vancouver junction and we were delayed approximately one and a half hours. Our spirits, however, were not dampened, for we enjoyed a vigorous snow-ball fight.

Temporary repairs were made and we proceeded to Keremeos, from where we travelled non-stop until we reached Pinewoods Lodge in Manning Park, where we had supper. We arrived home shortly after midnight.

Mary Janzen

## A Medium of Expression for Students

During the first week in October the initial meeting of the staff of the *Student's Call*, the school paper of the Mennonite Educational Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C., took place. The staff consisted of a German and an English representative from each classroom, three teachers as sponsors, and the editor—a total of 26. I Thessalonians 5:2: "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good", was chosen as motto.

After opening prayer and introduction we embarked on some long-range planning. New ideas arose. An MEI Journal was to be printed every issue, along with a prize-awarding "Raetzelecke", a roving reporter column, and a regular report from the MBBI next door. The latter column was discontinued after January. The column assigned to gather classroom humour was renamed "Off the Record". A set of regular columns to be set up was the second issue at stake. It was voted to continue the editorial, devotional, a testimony, and the sports report column as in the past.

Nominations for the various positions on the *Student's Call* staff were next on the agenda. Results were: Jake Penner XIII, assistant editor; Elsie Toews XII,

secretary; Karl Janzen XII, sports editor; Helmut Dyck XIII, advertising manager; Selma Kornelsen XII, "Off the Record" compiler.

The objective for 1955-56 was set at one publication each month. Financial difficulties, however, forced us to skip February.

Before the first meeting adjourned, the representatives were urged to realize that this year's *Student's Call* would be what they made it. Besides the regular columns, their articles and initiative would help achieve our aim, namely, to give readers wholesome enjoyment, a spiritual challenge, and a medium through which they could express themselves.

The paper is distributed free to all present MEI students, the staff of the MEI, and to the advertising customers. We also have a circulation of 72 among the graduates. They pay a fee of 50 cents per school year.

In closing, our gratitude goes out to Mr. Neufeld of Columbia Press, Yarrow, who has been the printer of our school paper this year, and also to all who have contributed to this year's "Students' Call".

Henry Wiebe,  
Editor

## Week's Series of Service

By P. J. Esau

*Blaine Lake, Sask.* — The church here completed a week of revival services last week, with Rev. Elmer Warkentin, missionary to Borneo now home on furlough, the speaker. Despite bad weather and blocked roads, the services were well attended.

These services were unique in a way. During the first part of every service Rev. Warkentin showed pictures of the work in Borneo. These slides and films gave us a good insight into the need on the field and demonstrated what God has been able to do during a short term of missionary work there. The Warkentins have seen over a thousand Dyacks come to Christ during their first four and a half years on this new field. They have baptized over 700 believers and built six churches.

Rev. Warkentin stated one evening that the head-hunters of Borneo differ much from Canadians. "They live in constant fear of evil spirits and still bring their sacrifices of pigs, chickens, or dogs," he said. "We have seen these benighted people give anything and everything for freedom from the curses which the witch-doctors hold over them."

There is one aspect, however, in which we do not differ from the Dyacks, he maintained. In God's sight we are all alike sinners. The

Canadian sinners are just as lost as the witch-doctor and head-hunter in Borneo. There is no difference, for we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We must all alike be born again.

### To Present Three-Act Drama

*North Clearbrook, B.C.* — One of the major projects of the MEI Alumni Association is the presentation of a drama each spring. This year the Drama Club is undertaking the largest ever attempted, the portrayal of "Brueder in Christo", a stirring three-act drama written by Huldreich von Aix. It will be presented on March 23 and 24.

The leading character in this drama is the famous Swiss reformer Zwingli, often called the "Martin Luther" of Switzerland. The persecution of the Anabaptists, who earlier were Zwingli's friends, is vividly portrayed. The Anabaptists had disrupted Zwingli's ambitions for a spiritually and politically unified Switzerland and thus brought down his wrath upon them. The drama contrasts the position of the State Church, and its willingness to go to war to realize its aims, with the position of the Anabaptists and their renunciation of force as a means of propagating the Gospel. It brings out the inner conflict that resulted from the intolerance of the reformers.

## On the Horizon

*March 18.* — The CMBC choir will sing the oratorio, "St. Paul", in the Bergthaler churches at Winkler, 2 p.m., and at Altona, 7:30 p.m.

*March 18 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 19 to 24.* — Evangelistic meetings at the Niagara Christian College, with Rev. Ginder speaking.

*March 22.* — Commencement exercises at the Ontario Mennonite Bible School and Institute in the First Mennonite church, Kitchener, Ont.

*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.* — Bible Conference at Niagara Christian College. Special speakers: Bishop Henry Ginder, Elder J. E. Hershey, and Harvey Stickley.

*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.

*March 30.* — Closing program of the Elim Bible School in Altona at the Bergthaler church.

*April 6 to 8.* — The annual closing Bible Conference of the Herbert Bible School will have Rev. Frank C. Peters, president of Tabor College, as guest speaker. Graduation exercises will be held Sunday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the M.B. Church auditorium. Guests will be accommodated by the school.

### Dedicate Recently Purchased Chapel

By J. E. Klassen

*Oliver, B.C.* — Sunday, March 4, was an important day for the group worshipping at the Gospel Chapel, Oliver, B.C. It marked the first Sunday services to be held in the chapel purchased recently by the West Coast Children's Mission. Formerly known as the Full Gospel Tabernacle, it was completely remodeled by voluntary labor during the last two months.

Four members of the West Coast Children's Mission board were present to share in the blessings and to serve with messages from God's Word. After the Sunday school Mr. P. F. Ewert, Abbotsford, B.C., led in the invocation. Rev. H. Warkentin, field director of the mission, delivered the morning's message, which was based on Ephesians 3:13-21.

With hearts filled with praise to God we assembled in the afternoon to dedicate the chapel to Him. About 150 people of various denominations came to share in the blessings of the dedication service. At 2 p.m. the 22-voice choir, under the direction of Mr. Ted Magnus, entered the chapel and sang their first song, "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty", thus striking the key-note for the entire service.

After Mr. J. E. Klassen had asked the congregation to rise and sing "Come Thou Almighty King", he welcomed all present and introduced Rev. P. P. Neufeldt, president of the West Coast Children's Mission, as the first speaker. Rev. Neufeldt challenged the congregation with the words of David as recorded in Psalm 34:8: "O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

A good offering for the building fund was received after this.

The second speaker, Rev. A. H. Wieler, principal of the M. B. Bible Institute at Abbotsford, based his message on Nehemiah 12: 27, 43. He underscored that God expects His children to show their gratitude to Him by their willingness to sacrifice for the cause of Christ. The male quartet sang "Praise, O Praise Jehovah". The dedicatory prayers were offered by Rev. Neufeldt, Rev. Wieler, and Mr. Klassen.

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