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

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This is the inter-church choir at Kelowna, B.C. Composed of singers from ten churches, it sang the cantata, "Everlasting Life", in several Okanagan Valley centers. The director, seen behind the pulpit, is Mr. Isaac Epp of the M. B. Church. (Photo sent in by George Fast.)

Kitchener M. B. Church Retires Debt

By C. J. Rempel

Kitchener, Ont. — An impressive thanksgiving service on Sunday morning, April 15, celebrated the retiring of the church debt by the Mennonite Brethren Church here. Hearts were filled with gratitude to God for making it possible to retire the debt in approximately four years.

About four years ago the 350-member congregation erected a church at a cost of approximately \$88,000. Two years later they purchased a home adjacent to the church and renovated it to make it suitable as a home for the pastor. The home also includes a church office. The total cost of the church and parsonage amounted to about \$100,000, to be paid by voluntary donations from the congregation. The congregation volunteered to contribute 5% of their income towards the debt retirement fund, making it possible to liquidate the debt in four years.

Guest speaker for this special thanksgiving service was Rev. Frank C. Peters, president of Tab-or College. He was pastor of the church when the building program began and was one of its most enthusiastic advocates. The church choir under the direction of N. J. Fehderau contributed messages in song, while the present pastor, Rev. Jacob J. Toews, called upon the members of the church to participate in a special period of thanksgiving in prayer.

With present debt completely retired, the church has voted to launch upon a new building project. This is to be a Sunday school building added to the rear of the church. The new structure will contain a small assembly room, a

kitchen, and eight additional classrooms and is to be completed in fall. It will then be possible for the Sunday school to expand from its present overcrowded condition.

Close Year with Missionary Conference

By Marjorie Wiens

Hepburn, Sask. — The annual closing Bible and Missionary Conference of the Bethany Bible Institute again was a success and blessing despite adverse road conditions. Three services a day were held from April 12 to 15, with the guest speakers including Rev. Cyril Hunt of the China Inland Mission, Miss Lula Morgan of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, Miss Mary Heppner of the West Indies Mission, and Rev. David Ewert, instructor at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

Rev. Hunt, who has laboured in China for 16 years, spoke on the necessity for a closer walk with Christ, so that we as Christians might hear the call of God in our lives and then respond with, "Here am I, send me." Besides relating many touching experiences from work on the mission field, Rev. Hunt spoke about Communism and the Christian Church in China, as he had witnessed it in his two years under Communist regime.

Miss Lula Morgan, who has spent a five-year term in South Africa among the Eurafrican people, pointed out the great need for young men on the field. She

INTER-CHURCH CHOIR SINGS CANTATA

Kelowna, B.C. — Members from ten church choirs in Kelowna joined to sing the Easter cantata, "Everlasting Life". The conductor was Mr. Isaac Epp, choir leader at the M. B. Church here.

The first rendition of this cantata was in the High School Auditorium at Summerland, B.C., on the evening of March 23. On Palm Sunday the choir sang in Kelowna at the Grace Baptist church. On Sunday, April 8, the choir answered an invitation to sing at Oliver, where they sang in the Mission Chapel. Three days later they traveled in the opposite direction to sing in Vernon at the Elim Tabernacle.

Soloists for the performances were Genny Schellenberg and Viola Neufeld, soprano; Walter Goerzen, tenor; and Barry Patterson, bass. Pianist was Mrs. Walter Goerzen, although Mrs. Gretsinger played the piano when Mrs. Goerzen was unable to be present.

stated that on some stations pioneer women were maintaining work that was definitely not for women. This was a tremendous challenge for more labourers on this truly dark continent.

Miss Mary Heppner, who was compelled to return home because of illness after serving 15 months in Trinidad, gave a talk on her call to the field and her work among the children.

Making many practical applications to our lives, Rev. David Ewert expounded the book of Philemon.

The Chorus Choir of the Institute, under the direction of Mr. J. K. Schroeder, provided music each evening.

The challenges presented during these days will ring in the ears of the many students who leave the school for the summer months and will, with God's help, make them "doers of the Word, not hearers only."

The conference was appropriately concluded with the rendition of the oratorio, "The Holy City", by the oratorio and community choir, under the direction of Mr. J. K. Schroeder. Rev. Cyril Hunt brought the message.

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Rev. Brunk Consults with Manitoba Ministers

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. George Brunk of Denbigh, Virginia, flew into Winnipeg on Saturday afternoon, April 21, in his private plane to consult with Mennonite ministers and deacons about the possibility of a united Mennonite evangelistic tent campaign.

The meeting on Sunday afternoon at the South End M. B. church brought together representatives of the Mennonite churches in Winnipeg, Steinbach, Morris, Altona and Winkler. Represented were the three M. B. churches in Winnipeg, the Bethel Mission Mennonite Church, Christian Fellowship Chapel (EMB), Gospel Light Mission, First Mennonite Church, Evangelical Mennonite churches in Steinbach, Lorette, and Morris, Rudnerweider churches in St. Vital and Altona, Bergthaler churches in Winkler and Altona, and the M. B. Church at Winkler.

The atmosphere at the session was very favorable and the enthusiasm manifested revealed a united concern for the unsaved. Rev. Brunk addressed the meeting, outlining the work. Further discussions are to be held, with Rev. J. P. Neufeld, chairman, and Rev. Henry Funk, secretary of a preliminary committee.

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EDITORIAL

Devotional

Compromise, or Love in Action?

Mennonite cultural isolation ceased in many instances when our fathers came to Canada. The cosmopolitan nature of this new country means that a wide variety of cultural influences surround us and beat in upon us. Working in offices, in stores, and in factories we daily come into contact with people who have a different cultural background. They have been brought up differently, and as a result their habits and customs are different. That does not mean to say they are sin—but they do not represent our way of life.

Young people today are also the products of our public and high schools. There the emphasis is on developing a distinctly Canadian cultural pattern in order to awaken patriotism and increase the strength of the nation. To facilitate this process, integration and unification of the many cultural backgrounds are emphasized.

The effect of these influences in school and at work are varied. Some are completely taken in by the seemingly laudable objective and become active proponents of conformity. In order to win the people we must become like them, they say. Again and again they may be heard arguing that it is the heart that counts, the inner relationship with the Lord. Others, however, see that when you drop your own customs, your own way of doing things only to conform, you often lose a part of yourself. They are not opposed to changing methods in a changing world, but they are opposed to dropping proven standards only to be less different. They insist that Christianity *does* express itself in a way of life, not only in an attitude of heart. This way of life may be European, African, or Oriental; but it is always radically different in its essential characteristics from the way of life of the non-Christian in that culture.

These two schools of thought usually clash on some matter such as the procedure at church services, weddings, attendance at places of amusement, and "makeup". The conformist, with a slight wave of the hand, calls these things "unimportant", but the non-conformist feels that these are but the thin edge of a wedge to rid church members of the stigma of being "different". When the matter is discussed, the conformist usually argues, "Well, I cannot see anything wrong in it, and I think I am walking as close to the Lord as you are. I read my Bible and try to win souls for Christ. Why pick on me? Look at so and so—why, there are just so many things about him that are not a testimony. And must I be different just to please the church? I'm not going to be a hypocrite!"

The observant Christian notices immediately the attempt to divert attention to someone else, which in itself is an act of lovelessness. It reveals an uneasy conscience. But he also notices the lack of a sense of responsibility to the church.

People with such an "independent" mind usually forget that the church is the body of Christ, and as such it represents Christ here on earth. If they really loved the Lord they would love the church, and if they loved the church it would be an easy matter to conform to the wishes of the church. The "independent" person is not only flaunting his personal opinion in the face of an objecting church, he is expressing open rebellion against Christ, the head of the church.

The Apostle Paul dealt effectively with this situation in I Corinthians chapters eight to ten. With a clear conscience he could say, "All things are lawful", but in the next breath he asserts, "but all things are not expedient." If his eating of meat would be a stumbling-block to others he would desist from that (and bad jokes about this in applying the principle today are akin to blasphemy!). Certainly, if the Apostle Paul was willing to forgo this pleasure for a single "weak" brother, we should be willing to leave alone some of the "wonderful" customs we have seen around us for the sake of maintaining a spirit of love and unity in the church, Christ's body. That is not compromise; it is love in action!

Gaining True Wisdom

By Rev. Corny Braun *

"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). As in the days of Moses, so also today one of the greatest needs of humanity is wisdom. In spite of a tremendous advance in educational and cultural achievements, we still note about us a sad lack of wisdom.

One reason for a lack of wisdom is the fact that few realize what wisdom really is. Wisdom is too often confused with knowledge. Surely knowledge is essential to wisdom, but we must recognize that a man who has learned to apply a few learned facts to his life is far wiser than the one who has acquired vast stores of knowledge, but has never used this knowledge in his life. Wisdom, in the natural sense, may be defined as "applied knowledge".

Applying this definition to our spiritual life, we must say that heavenly wisdom means the appropriation and application of the spiritual truths received through divine revelation.

When Moses reviewed the sad history of Israel in his day, he realized that Israel had not lacked spiritual knowledge, for God had revealed Himself to them as He had to no other people. Yet they could not be described as being wise, because they had not lived up to the great truths they had known. Therefore they perished in their sin.

As a people and as individuals who recognize God's dealing with us, we cannot help being impressed with the abundance of Divine light and revelation given us by God through our forefathers and His servants. Even today we enjoy a knowledge of God's Word and God's will that many do not have. It is time that we ask ourselves whether our way of life reveals a corresponding application of the truth we know. Could we be termed as being truly wise? Are not various substitutes for true wisdom being held enticingly before us by Satan and the world, and are we not guilty of having grasped after them?

An incentive to seek true wisdom is found in the statement, "So teach us to number our days." Moses was greatly impressed by the eternity and the immutability of God. In contrast he saw the brevity and instability of life of man. In view of the fact that

man during his brief span of life has the wonderful opportunity of finding God, believing His promises, and following Him, it is clear that man's wisest course is to utilize his life in seeking and serving God.

How quickly the span of life is ended! How soon entire nations and peoples pass out of existence. The passing opportunities to attain unto wisdom may be compared to the experience of the lady who fell asleep while drifting at sea on a boat. While she was asleep, her beautiful pearl necklace became undone, and one by one the precious pearls were slipping away into the immense depths of the ocean, never to be recovered again. Upon awaking, the last one slipped beyond her grasp to be lost forever. How foolish to let the moments slip by so carelessly, we say. Yet how many golden opportunities to apply our hearts unto wisdom have slipped by in similar fashion. How foolishly we spend our God-given time.

Yes, the time to seek God's wisdom is limited. Let us recognize it. Let us use every opportunity to be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves. Let us give heed to the words of our Lord, when He stated, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Let us pray with Moses, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

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Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

—Victor Hogo.

Choir Leader Honored on 25th Anniversary

By C. J. Rempel

Kitchener, Ont. — Twenty-five years of faithful service as conductor of the church choir received recognition when the M. B. Church here honored Mr. N. J. Fehderau, at a choir reunion and church service on April 14 and 15. Approximately 130 former and present members of the choir came from various parts of Ontario for this reunion, which included a fellowship supper on Saturday night and a program on Sunday evening.

The fellowship supper on Saturday included a short program of songs, skits and a message. Two short skits depicted the various attitudes of singers and the frustration of choir leaders at choir practices. Rev. Frank C. Peters, president of Tabor College, and pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church for five years before he went to Hillsboro, was the guest speaker.

The Sunday evening service was devoted to the choir and its leader. The members of the 1935 choir

and the members of the 1945 choir each sang two songs. The Menno Male Quartet, which was very active 20 years ago, also contributed one song. Miss Sara Isaac, who has often described the activity of the choir in cleverly-written poems, recited one she had written for this occasion.

Rev. Frank C. Peters delivered the message of the evening. Rev. Jacob J. Toews, pastor of the church, brought the program to a close after presenting Mr. Fehderau with a traveling bag and a billfold as a small token of appreciation from the church for his 25 years of faithful service.

To commemorate this occasion a special committee had prepared and published a forty-one page "Choir Album", containing many pictures of present and past choir members and activities, as well as statistics. This album should be of real interest to the 202 singers who, during the past 25 years, have been members of the church choir.

Accepts God's Salvation at 77

By Joe Wiebe

Ashern, Man. — For years Mr. Miller, a bachelor, had been listening to the street-meetings. Every Saturday night he opened his door to hear the singing of the Word of Life. But he never appropriated the salvation offered in Christ.

One day he became ill. Hearing of his illness I went to visit him. He told me that he had been a faithful listener to the street-meetings. He was interested in the things of God, but he was not willing to surrender to Christ.

After a number of months of regular visits, his stony heart began to soften. Sometimes I would just drop in to see how he was getting along, but then he would say, "You better read to me out of that little black Book, my lad, before you go."

One day when I saw him he seemed especially troubled. I asked him, "What shall I read today, Mr. Miller?"

"Well," he said, "Don't read anything bad."

"What would you call 'bad', Mr. Miller," I questioned.

"When someone is stuck in the mud," he replied.

My thoughts went to Psalm 40: 1-2, "He heard my cry, He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay." The Word seemed to hit home, but he said, "I cannot surrender now, I am too weak."

The next morning the Spirit told me to go and see Mr. Miller. I hesitated. The devil said, "You are going so often that he

will be angry." But at three o'clock I could not stay at home any longer. When I came to his house he told me that he had tried to phone me last night, but he had been too weak to get to the phone-box. He then asked if God would accept a sunken down sinner like him.

"I want to get out of the pit if it is possible. I have seen people die in their sins, and I do not want to die in my sins," he stated. The cry to God for mercy was answered. He then lay down to rest, asking, "Is the devil gone now?"

This last Christmas he said, "This is my first dry Christmas ever since I can remember."

Mr. Miller is a demonstration of God's marvelous grace at work in a man of 77. There are many old people like him enslaved by the old serpent, the devil. Will you help us pray for deliverance? God is able.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET OF CAMP SOCIETY

Winnipeg, Man. — The annual meeting of the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp Society was held on Saturday, April 14; in the M. B. Collegiate Institute here.

Reports were given by the president of the board and by various committees. Praise to God for His blessings upon the work was voiced. A record attendance at the camp and a large number of

decisions for Christ highlighted the reports.

Four new directors were voted in and the Society decided to expand the camp still more, which will mean a lot of work for all.

The same evening at 6 p.m. the annual banquet of the Society was held at the Curtis Hotel in East Kildonan. After the showing of "A Counsellor Goes to Camp", different camp directors told of the many blessings received during the last season at camp. The interest shown was overwhelming.

A call went forth for more workers. The Board of Directors are looking for young men and women who will offer a few weeks of their time in the summer to the Lord.

Retires After 17 Years on Faculty

Steinbach, Man. — Rev. Jacob N. Wittenberg resigned in February from the staff of the Steinbach Bible Institute after 17 years as instructor there. He and his wife are planning to move to Abbotsford, B.C., shortly, where they



Mr. J. N. Wittenberg
(Cut courtesy Carrillon News)

will spend their retirement with their only son, John, who has a teaching position there.

Now 77, Mr. Wittenberg had become a familiar sight on the campus during his 17 years as instructor at the Steinbach Bible Institute. He was held in affectionate esteem—a fact witnessed by the tributes paid him by both teacher and students alike at the recent Institute graduation banquet.

Mr. Wittenberg was born in Altenau, South Russia, in 1878, was married in 1922 and in 1926 came to Canada. He settled at Griswold, Man., where he operated an apiary. In 1938 he came to Steinbach as German teacher in the then newly established Bible Academy.

A self-appointed historian, he gathered an impressive amount of historical data on the Mennonite people. The study of the Mennonites has always fascinated him, and in recent years, when he became instructor of the subject, it has become a completely absorbing topic, he relates.

CHOIR SINGS "DAS LIED VON DER GLOCKE"

Abbotsford, B.C. — The Music Club of the Mennonite Educational Institute Alumni Association presented a program of music in the MEI auditorium, North Clearbrook, B.C., on Saturday, April 14. The main feature was "Das Lied von der Glocke", a poem written by Friedrich von Schiller, with musical arrangement by Romberg.

The 30-voice choir was very ably conducted by Miss Rita Mueller, a graduate of the Sacred Music Course at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg. Soloists were Miss Katy Mueller, soprano; Miss Betty Riesen, alto; John Ratzlaff, tenor; Pete Enns and Abe Olfert, bass. Pianist was Miss Helen Block.

Preceding "Das Lied von der Glocke", the choir sang "Im Frühling" and "Lerchengesang", two spring songs. These were followed by two selections from a mixed quartet. A poem was read, whereupon an introduction to the evening's musical feature followed.

During the performance, memories of the late Rev. F. C. Thiessen, who introduced this type of music into the community, crowded into the minds of those who had sung "Das Lied von der Glocke" with him at high school.

Bible Institute Sponsors Missionary Conference

Steinbach, Man. — Twelve speakers participated in the annual Missionary Conference of the Steinbach Bible Institute, which was held April 4 to 6 in the Institute auditorium and the Evangelical Mennonite church here.

The Mennonite Pioneer Mission was represented by Rev. H. J. Gerbrandt from Altona; the Canadian Sunday School Mission by Ed Janzen; the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission by Edwin Brandt and John L. Giesbrecht; the Shantyman Mission by Leonard Dueck and Armand Gaudreau; the Japan Evangelical Mission by Rev. Robert Spaulding; and the Western Gospel Mission by Miss Margaret Harms and Rev. B. D. Reimer, the president of the mission. Rev. J. M. Schmidt, M. B. city missionary in Winnipeg, A. F. Penner and Otto Reimer were other speakers.

Rev. Spaulding reported that Japan had one missionary to 60,000 people, but that 63,000,000 out of the total population of 89,000,000 listen to the radio. As a result, his mission emphasized radio work, with a 15-minute broadcast per week for 8,000,000 people.

Rev. B. D. Reimer stated that the Western Gospel Mission could send out ten couples if they had that many applicants.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Rev. Brucks at Waldheim

Waldheim, Sask. — Special services were held in the M.B. church here during the Easter weekend. Rev. and Mrs. George Brucks, missionaries to Europe under the European Evangelistic Crusade, were the guest speakers at the missionary emphasis services on Sunday and Monday, April 1 and 2. A highlight of the services was the showing of slides depicting the work in Europe.

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Travel to Funeral Service

Hague Ferry, Sask. — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harms and son, Kenneth, attended the funeral service of Mr. Kope at Waldheim on April 2. Mr. Kope is the father of Mrs. Harms. Mr. Harms is the local school teacher.

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Students Return Home

Hague Ferry, Sask. — Five young people who have been attending various Bible schools have been welcomed home. They are: Annie Dyck, who attended Swift Current Bible School; Jake Dyck, who studied at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alta.; and Tena Hamm, Nettie Penner and Bill Dyck, who attended Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask.

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Brandts Report on Work with Indians

Plum Coulee, Man. — On Sunday evening, April 15, in the Bergthaler church here, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Brandt of Grand Rapids, Manitoba, gave a report and showed slides of their work among the Indian people. They are serving under the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission, with headquarters at Meadow Lake, Sask.

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Visiting in Manitoba

Lindbrook, Alta. — Mr. and Mrs. Corney Warkentin and son left by truck for Winnipegosis, Manitoba, to visit Mrs. Warkentin's parents, the J. Buhlers, and other relatives.

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Coaldale Benefits from Cheese Factory

Coaldale, Alta. — At the recent annual meeting of the Coaldale Cheese Factory, a cooperative venture, it was revealed that \$84,684 had been paid out to farmers for milk delivered during 1955. Over 156,000 quarts of milk were sold by the factory in addition to the 257,912 pounds of Coaldale Cheese produced and sold. The Factory also candled 31,920 dozen eggs and sold \$6,000 worth of poultry and dairy feeds.

Members of the board of directors include Frank Dueck, chairman; Jake Huebert, vice-chairman; Herman Traber, Abe Hiebert, Peter Langemann, and Abe Nikkel, directors. J. J. Klassen was elected manager for the sixteenth consecutive term.

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Spring Mission Sale

Steinbach, Man. — The Junior Sewing Circle of the M. B. Church here held their spring mission sale on Wednesday, April 18. Following the opening remarks by Rev. H. H. Regehr, the group sang two songs and one member recited a poem. The results of the evening proved that the congregation was willing to give unto the Lord and His work.

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Evangelistic Campaign Coming

Steinbach, Man. Rev. George Brucks, noted evangelist and Bible teacher in Europe, will be the

featured speaker during the two-week evangelistic campaign to be held in the Emmanuel Mission church, Steinbach, from April 29 to May 13 inclusive.

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Supper and Program Raises Funds

The young people of the Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim, Sask., raised about \$100 by a combination supper and program on April 4.

Between five and seven in the early evening they served supper in the church basement. After that a 30-voice choir presented an interesting musical narration, giving the audience a vivid picture of the life-story of the missionaries, John and Betty Stam, who lost their life in China.

The proceeds went to the Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Organization.

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Sunbeam Club Mission Sale

Steinbach, Man. — The Sunbeam Club of the Steinbach Mennonite Church held their spring mission sale on Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. A lunch was served.

"I, Being in the Way, the Lord Led Me"

By Roland M. Wiens

On March 9, "in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ," I began going from house to house in the Amagasaki area, Osaka, Japan. Immediately at the station entrance a man who had listened to Billy Graham when he was in Japan, eagerly received my tract, a Gospel of John and my name card. I entered every shop that lined the street from the station to the shopping center.

Every little village has a market street lined on each side with stores having their wares on display for the passersby. The fruit shops have their display of tangerines, apples, grapefruit, bananas, etc. in their display cases, tempting one to stop and buy. Next is a hardware store with pots and pans, wire and chains, saws and other tools hanging in full view. Right in front are compartments with all the various sizes of nails, bolts and screws. The fish market is next. The whole display of fish is spread out in the open with chunks of ice here and there to keep the fish fresh. Every kind of sea life is seen: squid, oysters, clams, small octopus, eels, etc. Vegetable shops display carrots, spinach, cabbage, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, beans, peas, potatoes—very colorful indeed! Meat shops, tea shops, men's clothing, women's clothing, cloth shops, delicatessen, cookie shops, drug stores—on and on, a veritable riot of colors, sounds and smells.

With a bow and an appropriate greeting, a Gospel, a tract and a

name card was left at each place. On the back of my card is the announcement of our half hour radio program, "The Good News". At a small knickknack store, after I mentioned the radio program the young woman in charge of the store said she listened to the program and urged me to sit down. I spent about an hour explaining the way of salvation to her. I stressed Romans 10:9, the need of confessing Christ as Lord and Master, believing that He truly is a Risen Saviour and asking Him to come into her heart and life according to Rev. 3:20. The Lord had prepared her heart and she accepted Him as her Saviour. Praise His Name! Her name is Miss Masuyo Naka, and she is 24 years old. Please pray that she will grow into a strong Christian.

After eating a bowl of Japanese noodles I went into the residential area in which our church member, Brother Arita, lives. Here again I had the joy of spreading the "Good News" from door to door.

On the following day, the Lord opened up several opportunities to personally present Christ to several shop owners.

Saturday afternoon, March 11, I gave my greeting card and a tract in a store selling sewing machines. I spent most of the afternoon in this store speaking to the owner and his wife who are Koreans, and two Japanese men who were friends. This Korean couple is deeply interested, but very busy with their business and

home activities. Pray that Mr. and Mrs. Matsu Hira will let Jesus Christ come into their lives and be Master in their home as well as their business.

A few days later I continued on from the sewing machine shop to pass out Gospels to the next stores. Next was a vegetable stand, then a small shoe repair shop. After finishing my usual remarks, the owner, also a Korean, said that there was a Sunday school not very far away. His wife was kind enough to show me the way to the home. This home is a Christian home where they used to have Sunday school, but it was discontinued many years ago. The parents are old now; he is over 70 and has suffered a stroke which has impaired his speech. There is one daughter living at home, age 24, and they have several more daughters living in the Amagasaki area.

Yesterday I visited in the home of one of the married daughters who lives about two blocks from Brother Arita. This coming Saturday evening, the Lord willing, we are going to begin a Bible class in this home. Pray that Mr. and Mrs. Onodera will fully surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master and that He may become the Head of their home. Pray that this Bible class will be the beginning of the foundation for a church in Amagasaki. About half an hour's distance by bus and street car from this home live Mr. and Mrs. Inoue, whom I am instructing in the Word Saturday afternoons. This also, by the grace of God and your prayers, may develop into another church.

Truly the Lord is leading as I go from house to house. Your prayers are helping God to open hearts and homes where the Holy Spirit will work to bring conviction of sin and salvation through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Thank you for praying. May this report encourage you on to even more time spent in prayer.

REV. BRUNK CONSULTS WITH MANITOBA MINISTERS

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Other services in Winnipeg addressed by Rev. Brunk included one at the Elmwood M. B. church on Saturday night, the morning worship service at the Bethel Mission Mennonite Church on Sunday, and the evening service at the South End M. B. church.

Rev. Brunk is an (Old) Mennonite evangelist well-known in the U.S.A. and Canada for his effective ministry as a tent evangelist. He owns his own equipment and uses a small Cessna aircraft to speed up his travels. During the summer he is engaged in tent evangelism and in the winter he speaks in extended campaigns and week-end services.

Bible School Dedicated in Paraguay

By Willy Janz

February 26, 1956, was a special day for our Mennonite Brethren Church in Friesland colony, Paraguay. The new Bible School building was dedicated to the Lord. Begun more than a year ago, the building is now being used. We are grateful to the Lord, who gave us this building of four classrooms, a teachers' room and a hallway. May it be used for His honor and glory!

At eight o'clock in the morning the congregation gathered in the Mennonite Brethren church in Rueckenau. Because it was a hot day, it was deemed advisable to have as much of the service indoors as possible. Introductory remarks on this dedication morning were made by Willy Janz according to Psalm 118:24,25: "This is the day the Lord hath made . . .", after which a financial report was given by a member of the building committee. Nearly 90,000 Guaranes were needed to complete the building, not counting the tin roof.

Brother Kornelius Voth, church leader and Bible School teacher, gave a short report on the development of our Bible School in Friesland. Seven years ago Bible School work was begun. Because no building was available at that

time, the public school and church building, as well as private rooms were used for this purpose. Now the Lord has given us a very suitable building.

For the dedication sermon and prayer the congregation gathered in front of the Bible school building, seeking refuge from the hot rays of the sun under umbrellas and nearby trees. The dedication sermon by Brother Peter Klassen, also a Bible school teacher, was based on John 5:39: "Search the Scriptures . . ." He stressed the importance of Bible study.

Dedication prayers were then offered to God by the Brethren Voth and Klassen, after which the church choir sang a song. Thanks was also expressed to our friends and brethren up north who helped with their gifts (contributions through Board of General Welfare) and to those of the congregation who gave of their time and strength to see this building completed. The remainder of the morning was devoted to the opening exercises of the Bible school.

Bible school work began the next day. We now have 24 students in three classes. There are three instructors besides the music teacher.

choir directed by Miss Duerksen placed second in the folk song class with 87 marks.

For the fourth year in a row the Lord Wolseley school also won the Sir Hugh Robertson trophy for the best elementary school chorus in the Manitoba Musical Competition festival. In describing the choir directed by Miss Duerksen, the adjudicator, Dr. Havelock Nelson, said, "Here's the choir which really knows how to put a descriptive story across." The previous week he had commented that the choir sang "with splendid facial animation and great vitality. Everyone acted the story and the performance was most enjoyable."

INAUGURATE NEW THEOLOGY COURSE

The new theological department of the Fernheim Bible Institute in Paraguay was inaugurated in March. Eight students registered for this first-year course, according to G. H. Sukkau, principal of the school. Purpose of the new course is to provide advanced training for such church workers as ministers, missionaries, Bible teachers, youth leaders and Sunday school teachers. Instructors in the theological department of the Fernheim Bible Institute include, in addition to Brother Sukkau, Victor D. Toews, Hans Wiens and Jacob Duerksen. The first



Here is the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions printing shop in Kafumba, Belgian Congo. Missionary Kathryn Willems stands at the left.

Literature Production Increasing

By Irvin L. Friesen

(Section II of this article on the literature program of the M. B. Mission in the Belgian Congo is a survey of what has been accomplished in the field of literature.)

In the first article we noted that now is the time to expand the literacy program in Africa in view of three factors: 1. A steady rise in literacy in Africa; 2. More and more Africans are learning the lingua franca, thus simplifying the development of a good Christian literature; and 3. The Africans now are financially better able to buy reading material.

The A. A. Janzens Early Saw Literature Need

Early in the history of the mission started at Kafumba by the A. A. Janzens, a small printing shop was established. In 1946, at the first conference of missionaries after the independent work of the Janzens was taken over by the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions, each missionary was encouraged to write or translate suitable materials for publication. A decision was made to improve the printing facilities of the shop. Old equipment was repaired, and later new equipment has been added. During the 1952 field conference a special literature committee was organized to regulate the entire

semester runs from March through June and the second, from July through October.

The Fernheim Bible Institute also includes the short-term Bible course formerly known as the Fernheim Bible School. This course runs simultaneously with the theological department and offers instruction of a more elementary nature. The short-term Bible course in Fernheim is one of the five four-month Bible schools in South America operated with the assistance of the Board of General Welfare. Instructors in the Fernheim Bible Institute in addition to those brethren mentioned also include Peter Klassen Sr. and Gerhard Wall.

program. The literature program is developing.

Variety of Literature Needs on Field

Much has been done to meet these various needs. More than 105,000 copies of school books have been produced. A total of 25,000 copies of Bible stories and other Christian books have been printed. Most of these are also used in the schools as textbooks for the reading classes. More than 11,000 copies of songbooks have been placed into the hands of the Africans. Approximately 55,000 tracts have been printed. More than 10,000 copies of the New Testament or Scripture portions have been sold. Besides these productions there is a 12-page bi-monthly magazine with a subscription list of more than 400. In 1954, 1,095,700 book pages were printed in our mission print shop. Besides this, smaller jobs such as record cards and typed copies totaling 14,500 pages were printed. African M. B.'s now may read!

Translation an Important Aspect

Since 1950 more than 5,000 New Testaments have been sold by our mission and another 5,000 by other missions using the same language. Dr. Eugene Nida of the American Bible Society was greatly impressed with the development and extensive use of the lingua franca in which the New Testament is printed. He urged that revision begin immediately and that the Psalms be finished and translation of the Old Testament begun. Another edition of the present translation plus the Psalms will be printed before revision of the New Testament and completion of the entire Bible is possible.

We rejoice in what has been accomplished through the years of literature production, but when one sees what still should be done we realize we have barely begun.

Mennonites Win at Winnipeg Musical Festival

Winnipeg, Man. — Although there were not as many Mennonites as usual competing in the Musical Festival held here from April 9 to 21, there were several winners in their class.

The Winkler, Man., school orchestra, under the direction of J. P. Redekopp, was given the highest marks in the school orchestra (open) class by Dr. Havelock Nelson, adjudicator. He awarded them 85 points for the Nocturne from Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream and 86 for the first movement from Haydn's Military Symphony.

The adjudicator said it was "a great joy" to hear the Winkler orchestra and to find such good flute and oboe players in it. Intonation was remarkably good, he said, and there was only one bad spot in intonation.

A Winnipeg school choir directed by Miss Frieda Duerksen picked up from where it left off last year. The Lord Wolseley School choir, grades 1 to 6, has been led by Miss Duerksen for four years and captured the Winifred Tufts Memorial Trophy for the second consecutive year. They were awarded 87 marks for the test piece and 86 for their own choice. The other Lord Wolseley

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

We know that almost all people, old and young, love good music. As the springtime brings to us warmth and more sunshine, we seem to be especially full of joyful song. Many of you have the privilege of singing and playing at musical festivals and so give pleasure to those who listen to you. By sincere and praiseful use of music we also please our Heavenly Father.

But God listens for the melody of the heart. In olden times, so a legend tells us, there lived some monks in France who were beloved for their kind deeds, but not one of them could sing. Try as they would, the music in their services was a failure. It became a great grief to them that only in their hearts could they "make music to the Lord".

One day a travelling monk, a great singer, asked for a night's lodging. Great was their joy, for now they could have him sing for their services, and they planned to keep him with them always.

But that night an angel came to the abbot in a dream. "Why was there no music in your chapel tonight? We always listen for the beautiful music that rises in your services."

"You must be mistaken!" cried the abbot. "Tonight we had a trained singer with a wonderful voice, and he sang the services for us. For the first time in all these years our music was beautiful."

The angel smiled. "And yet up in heaven we heard nothing," he said softly.

God likes us to make correct and beautiful music, the best we can when we worship Him. But the Lord looks upon the heart and what he likes most of all is when we "make melody in our hearts unto the Lord".

Aunt Selma.

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(17th Installment)

PETER SIMONS IS "CONVERTED"

After the collapse of the peasants' cause in 1525, Peter grew more and more discontented. Pointing at his brother Menno he used to say, "Look how these Black Coats live! We farmers toil and work ourselves to death to pay them the money for their carousing and gluttony."

At that time many missionaries and agitators of all kinds roamed the country. They came also into the vicinity of Witmarsum, holding secret meetings and trying, as best they could, to line up a following. Among them were also the missionaries of the Fellowship of the Cross, who meant no harm, but traveled to preach the pure Gospel of Christ, that poor, destitute people might have forgiveness of sin and life eternal in Jesus Christ. Many were converted and born again through their efforts, but as true believers were persecuted, tortured, and killed, the Christian missionaries had no earthly goods to offer them as compensation for such trials. Because of this their following was not nearly as large as it should have been.

The common people of that day were more easily taken in by those

who promised riches in this world than by those who spoke of a "treasury in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal". Those who preached meekness, endurance, and love, had much less success, numerically, than did the agitators which taught the discontented to take up arms, to kill the rich, and to help themselves to their goods. These said that Christ's second coming was near and He would smite the rich before they could avenge themselves on the poor for their murder and looting. Some of these men who taught this thought that they were prophets sent by God to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ. Of course, none of the truly converted and reborn followed them.

Peter Simons was frequently missing from home. Nobody knew where he went, but everybody thought that he went to the secret meetings of the wild agitators. These were out to gather an army and make war once more against the mighty of the land.

Under the influence of one such agitator Peter was "converted" and baptized, hoping that this would give him a chance to carry out his long-cherished ambitions.

(To be continued)



SPRING HAS COME

Spring has come, this little boy says. It's time to oil the tricycle so that he can go riding on it again. The proper care of tricycles and bicycles is very important. If you learn how to do it now it will help you later when you start driving tractors and a car.

We cannot be careless in our spiritual life either. If you love the Lord Jesus you need to pray and read the Bible regularly or you will fall into sin very often.

"AND THAT'S THE WAY TO HEAVEN, SIR"

When we know the Lord has saved us, we want to bring others to Him. By and by, when we get home, the Lord will call to remembrance every thing that has been done for Him, and in His name, and He will reward every one according to his service. What a priceless pleasure there is in serving Him so that we do not work for reward, but for Him; but then, He is not forgetful of the work of faith and labor of love.

It is astonishing what we can do when we try.

"Can you tell me the way to Waterloo Station, my little man?" inquired a gentleman of a little boy that was walking along with a book under his arm.

"Yes, sir," was the ready answer; "and I can tell you the way to heaven, too sir."

"Can you, my little fellow?" said the gentleman with a look of pleasant surprise on his face; "I should like to know both ways, then."

"Well, sir, if you'll keep *straight on*—no turnings—that will bring you to Waterloo Station; and Jesus said" (and the boy looked up with a smile into the gentleman's face), "I am the way, and the truth, and the life,—and *that's the way to heaven, sir*."

"Is it indeed so simple as that? Where did you learn the way to heaven so clearly?"

"At the Sunday school, sir, out of this book" (pointing to the Bible under his arm).

As they were going the same way, they got into conversation; and the gentleman found the little fellow had got hold of the Gospel, or God's way of saving sinners, in such a nice manner, repeating several texts, that he was more than interested. After bidding his little guide to the station and to heaven good-bye, he told him he hoped he should see him again.

While on the train, the mind of the gentleman turned again to the answer of the little boy who immediately thought of heaven and was not ashamed to speak of it. God used the little boy's conversation as the means of the man's conversion. When he went to his Bible again, he found, as all must find who search it with a prayerful spirit, that God's way of salvation is a straight way, straight on through the door opened by Christ Himself. He found there was nothing to do, for Christ has done it all, and God's Word says,

"To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly." Rom. 4:5.

Was not that gracious of God, dear little readers, in using a little Sunday school boy to the conversion of a gentleman who thought he had something to do before he could be saved, and yet found that a child was in the secret, who could point the way to heaven in such a simple manner; and that way was through the open door, as Jesus says,

"I am the door; by Me if any man enter in, he *shall be saved*."

The little boy could speak on the authority of what Jesus says,— "I am the way, the truth, and the life,—and that's the way to heaven, sir."

It is so precious to have the mind and heart and memory stored with the Word of God for our peace and joy, and to be able to tell the unconverted what Jesus says.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

Answers to Last Week's "BIBLE ARITHMETICKLER"

1-100	5-3
2-3	6-3
3-7	7-7
4-50	8-10

100x3 is 300; 300-7 is 293; 293-50 is 243; 243 divided by 3 is 81; 81 plus 3, answer is 67.

THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(12th Instalment)

The hunter watched the proceedings with grim good humor. When the bear had fallen from his perch, he undid the rope, and, by shaking vigorously, so loosed the hitch that held it as to cause the carcass to descend very gradually to the ground. Wolf was especially active and noisy, exhibiting the most dauntless courage as he rushed to the carcass and snapped viciously at it.

The noose was taken from the bear's neck; the hunter began the work of skinning and dividing the body. Jacob was all eyes, for he had never seen this operation before. The deft skill of the hunter proved that he had done the work often, and in a short time the naked body of the bear lay before him. The choicest parts were cut out, wrapped in the freshly removed skin, and transported to the hunter's cabin.

It was a curious little group that filed its way through the forest on the homeward journey. Wolf led the way with the eagerness of a healthy animal, sniffing, smelling, running, and circling about, examining every root, barking at every squirrel. Jacob, bearing the rifle and the axe, walked proudly next, turning frequently to look at the bundle of bear meat upon the broad back of the man who brought up the rear.

"How did the bear get into such an awkward position?" asked the lad when the party arrived at the shack. And the man, as he prepared the meat for drying, and the skin for preservation, told the boy of his adventure, and of the strange method of escape which he had employed.

The youth listened with eager attention. When the story was told, he sat in awed silence for a moment, and then said very simply, "Wasn't that a narrow escape though? It was very good of God to save your life like that."

But the look on the face of the hunter indicated the presence of no similar thought in his mind. "God!" he muttered. "There it comes again! Always God! That's Gerrit all over."

"Well, son," he continued as if to dismiss an unpleasant thought, "it was fortunate that you appeared when you did. I am glad you haven't forgotten me as soon as I no longer needed you. But you surely must come here tomorrow, and we'll have a good feast on tender bear steaks. Will you come?"

The lad thought a moment, and then replied, "I'm afraid not—because, you know, tomorrow's Sunday."

"Certainly, son, that makes it just fine. You won't have to work, and you'll have plenty of time."

"But church!" exclaimed the boy in a hallowed voice. "We have to go to church."

It was evident that the lad was thoroughly imbued with the stern, Puritan love of the Sabbath, and with the respect for the religious observances of his parents that bespoke sound home training. His was a sentiment which completely filled the early settlers of the Holland colony.

"Where do you go to church?" suddenly asked the youth, realizing the isolated situation of his guest.

"Ha! Ha!" laughed the man in derision, "I never go to church." The fierce accent upon the "never" shocked the boy into an awed "Oh!"

"Have you a Bible?" asked the boy wonderingly.

The man kept his silence for a while, and then thoughtfully answered, "Jacob, perhaps it is best for the sake of the friendship which has sprung up between us that you do not ask questions pertaining to my religion," and after a pause, "Well, then, you had better come Monday, and we'll have our bear meat then. What do you say?"

"All right, I think my father will let me."

It was now time for the lad to return to the village. As he left the enclosure, he was greatly perplexed, marvelling at the man who mocked God, who never went to church, and who refused to answer questions on religion—religion, a topic which almost completely monopolized the thought and conversation of his parents and his fellow colonists in the little settlement.

The "Man in Bearskin" sat in his tent and watched the receding figure of his little friend. "Religion! Religion! His father was always harping on it, and the lad is going the same way. Religion! Bah!" But after a little while in which he sat perfectly still, he added softly, "I wonder if there is something in it." He sat for a long time thinking, and he said not a word.

CHAPTER V

It was evident from the care which the "Man in Bearskin" exercised as he prepared the meal on

the following Monday morning that he intended to favor his young guest with a repast that would excite his gastric juices to an unprecedented flow. The man had built a great wood fire, and had let it burn down to a thick bed of glowing coals; he had mixed a batch of dough, kneaded it, and baked it in one of his iron pots. The bear meat had been cut into steaks to be broiled when the lad arrived.

Wolf partook of some of his master's activity. He prowled about, nosed the kettle, eyed the juicy slabs of meat, and in every possible way showed his interest in the anticipated meal. The hunter laughed to himself at the antics of his canine servant, and addressed the faithful beast in confidential tones, speaking aloud as is the custom among those who live much in solitude.

"Ja, ja, Wolf! We're busy today, aren't we? It's a sort of feast day. Holidays are necessary once in a while. Usually we have a sombre time of it out here. I little thought we'd be here so long when we started out to search for my little sack." His voice became more wistful; he stopped in his work. "And I have not found it yet. I wonder—I wonder how long it will last. I can't understand how it is possible that it should escape me so. I was so certain of the tree! And to make sure I dug beneath all the other trees around it, but it wasn't there! It must be here! It must be!" He was talking desperately. "Where else could it be? I'll find it, I'll find it, if it takes all winter. I must get it, I must! But what if I don't?" His face became clouded as a stream of unpleasant thoughts passed through his mind. "I will! I will find it!"

The dog little understood the perturbed words of his master, but he seemed to know that his friend was troubled, for he crept over to a corner and crouched down in silence as if to be in harmony with the mood of his master. The man caught himself in his soliloquy and tore himself from it. The meal again occupied his attention, and he began to throw glances of impatience in the direction from which he expected his young friend to appear. The joyous bark of Wolf first announced the approach of—Jacob. In a little while the lad arrived at the clearing, and entered the primitive dwelling.

"Here comes the little fellow at last," exclaimed the hunter. "The feast is spread and waiting for the guest of honor." It was the work of but a few minutes for the lad to get settled and to enter upon his first meal of bear meat. The hungry lad ate with zest, smacking his lips in great satisfaction at the flavor of the well-broiled steaks. When he came to bite into a

chunk of the home-baked bread, he was greatly surprised to find it well soaked with delicious honey, and he gulped down the unusual delicacy with all the voracity of a healthy youth.

"Umm! Honey!" he exclaimed. "Where do you get this?"

The hunter told him of the swarms of wild bees that flew about the country and stored the treasure of their industry in the hollow trees of the forest.

"I must find a nest and get some honey for my father and mother," said the lad. "The folks are getting sick of the coarse bread we are eating, and a bit of honey will help a lot to make the meals more pleasant."

"I have quite a store of it, and will give you some," said the man, "and you must take some bear meat along too." The lad was visibly pleased at this offer.

"How are affairs in the colony?" asked the "Man in Bearskin" in a tone of interest.

"Favorable," said Jacob. "Our number is rapidly increasing. A large company of Friesians arrived lately, and they brought a preacher with them too. His name is Dominie Ypma. They are living in the new shelter we built, but the people from Zeeland are coming soon, and the Friesians will have to make room for them. I don't know where they will go. They say they don't want to stay in Holland because they want a clay soil. Just as soon as they find the kind of soil they want, they will move out, I suppose."

"Huh!" said the man, "there's plenty of clay ground to be found to the east. Let them look around a bit."

"Oh! I guess they'll get settled finally, but it's a hard life for us people to break into just the same," added the boy.

"How do you mean?"

"Well, sir, because things seem to point to a worse state of affairs before better times finally come. The supply of currency which the settlers brought with them is running low, and there is no chance of getting more. Then the food supply is always so uncertain, and we can't expect a crop for some time yet. The trees seem numberless, because the more we cut down, the more we find have to be cut down. Some people are beginning to talk of sending the young men and women out to Grand Rapids, and Allegan, and Kalamazoo to work as servants and hired men to help out their parents. Dominie Van Raalte said this would be a good thing, and my father talks of sending me to Kalamazoo. I suppose I must go if it is necessary, but I'd much rather stay in Holland, and chop trees, and eat coarse bread."

(To be continued)

Peace Witness of Pax Recognized in Europe

Today in Europe, MCC Pax men have special opportunities to promote the cause of peace. As American conscientious objectors working in foreign lands, they are continually challenged to uphold the purpose embodied in the name "Pax".

By its very nature the total I-W program is dedicated to working for peace through Christian love in action. Alternative service, whether it's in a Denver hospital or a Vienna Pax unit, is a peace witness because it means complete rejection of military service; replacing the armed fist with the helping hand of love. Pax, since it is an overseas program, has opportunity to give this demonstration of Christian love in the "utmost parts of the world".

Example of an Alternative

Nowhere perhaps could Pax play a more significant role as a peace witness than in Europe at the current time. Europeans have not forgotten the horrible reality of the war that ended only eleven years ago. Realizing that another such conflict would this time mean mass suicide for the densely populated continent, many are earnestly seeking a way to peace. By terrible experience they learned that military power does not bring national security. Conscientious objection to war is therefore a growing movement in Europe today. Consequently, the problem of recognizing COs confronts the now sovereign republics of West Germany and Austria, both presently writing military conscription laws.

Pax, with units in both these countries, is in an excellent position to give an example of a positive alternative to military service. As MCC representatives have the opportunity to explain the U.S. alternative service set-up to German senators at Bonn, they can point to the current, operative European Pax program as a prime example that conscientious objectors can make a valuable contribution in any nation.

Evidence of the impact of the Pax peace witness is shown by comments in the European press. One article, released by the German Protestant Press service and printed in the Bielefeld Daily "Freie Presse", cites Pax as an "example": "Concerning the current discussion on conscientious objection to military service and the question of how to set up civil alternative service, a practical example is being given by foreigners at Bechterdissen near Bielefeld." It then continued with an explanation of the Pax program in Germany.

In Austria, BSC and MCC I-Ws, rebuilding the Protestant school in Vienna, also have special opportunities to help establish

provision for COs in the draft laws of that country. Vienna unit members have represented themselves on a very active group backed by churches and interested organizations which want recognition for conscientious objectors. This movement has resulted in passage of a non-combatant provision, but the group is working for a law allowing civil alternative service.

"Testimony Through Deeds"

Tangible accomplishments — refugee houses and churches in Germany, a renovated school in Austria, improved living standards in several Greek villages—have resulted in newspaper stories about nearly every Pax unit in Europe.

For example, take the Vienna unit, located in the heart of the Austrian capital city. A small sign, placed at the door of the historic old school to inform passers-by that rebuilding is a voluntary service project of Brethren and Mennonite conscientious objectors, received considerable notice. In fact, reporters and photographers from four Vienna papers visited the unit. One of the resulting news stories was a United Press release printed in several U. S. newspapers and even in the American Forces European Daily, "Stars and Stripes".

Although not all these publicity items convey the full purpose of the work as they might, they do recognize the positive efforts toward peace. A recent story with photos in "Bild und Funk", an Austrian illustrated weekly, called the Vienna project an "achievement which serves the cause of peace" and said Pax work was a "testimony for peace through deeds".

Contrasting this "Vienna occupation of 1956" with the occupation troops which left the city last year, the article further stated: "While their fellow-Americans in uniform had to leave Austria 90 days after the State Treaty was signed, they—wearing work clothes—stayed in Vienna. The equipment of these young men does not consist of helmet, rifle or bayonet, but of trowel, shovel and gauge."

For most Europeans, who often know Americans only as soldiers, this is something unique indeed. It often amazes them that these "different" Americans come to their country not as conquerors, but rather as builders who work without pay in the spirit of humility and love. Pax men find that this gives them a valuable head start in building international goodwill. As these overseas I-Ws work with and for people of other nations, they definitely help to increase the potential for peace.

Besides doing their Christian

duty to alleviate human need, Pax men, by exemplifying America's interest in helping less fortunate nations, are actually serving the highest interests of their country. For example, American Pax units demonstrating modern agriculture and dairying in isolated northern Greek villages have received commendation from the Greek royalty and financial aid from the Ministry of Agriculture. After visiting these Pax projects last year, Queen Frederika personally expressed appreciation "for what the American boys are doing".

Outreach of the Church

It is encouraging to note that Pax is becoming more widely known. For this in itself is a peace witness. As people in many parts of the world see this "testimony through deeds", they want to know more about the motivation behind it. This gives each Pax man an opportunity to witness to Christ's Gospel of love as the answer for a world too much committed to force and war.

Obedience to Christ's Great Commission is a fundamental principle of the Pax program. In this sense, Pax service is a part of the church's outreach—a means of helping to build the Kingdom of God during a two-year term of government service.

To prepare themselves for a more effective witness, European Pax men met last year at Backnang, Germany, for a two-day peace conference. Messages by several visiting Mennonite scholars and a panel discussion on a "Positive Peace Position" helped to evaluate non-resistance as it is particularly related to the Pax outreach in Europe.

Keynoting the conference were addresses by Dr. Harold S. Bender on "An Historical Sketch of the Peace Witness" and "Analyzing Our Peace Position". Dr. Bender concluded: "The peace testimony belongs out in the world."

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SPEAKS AT LINDBROOK

Lindbrook, Alta. — J. A. Harder, chairman of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, visited the M. B. Church here from April 11 to 13.

At the first two evening services he reported on his trip to South America. He showed us the great spiritual need of this continent, but also the material conditions existing among the Mennonites there. On Thursday and Friday morning, and on Friday evening, he delivered messages based on the first three chapters of the First Epistle to John. He outlined the characteristics of a Christian and emphasized the need that the Lord's love be in us.

In spite of the muddy roads the attendance was very good.

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Visual Aid Library Provided for Congo Missionaries

A large library of visual aid materials has been assembled during the past year by two missionaries on furlough for use in the Belgian Congo. The collection was assembled by Lehman and Luella Keener who are affiliated with the Unevangelized Fields Mission. The Keeners spent more than 10,000 man hours assembling 400 sets of figures illustrating Bible stories.

The material, according to Keener, will become the property of the UFM Bible Institute in the Congo at Banjwadi, which has included in its curriculum a basic child evangelism training course. Native converts are first taught the lessons in their classrooms and then, when sufficiently prepared, use the same materials in surrounding communities. In this way converts are able to reach both children and adults, multiplying the efforts of missionaries. This method was devised by the Keeners in 1947 while serving as UFM missionaries in Haiti and proved to be most effective.

The new library consists of 400 complete sets of flannelgraph Bible lessons, 125 display boards equipped with easels and some 430 pieces of background scenery. One side of each display board is a blackboard, permitting native teachers to give simple chalk talks.

Most of the materials in the new library were supplied by members of the Mt. Calvary church, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, but other churches and groups also contributed to the project which is estimated to have cost \$1,100, exclusive of the Keener's time to assemble and prepare. (ERA)

Mission School Praised by Secular Officials

Evangelicals have long known how amazing it is that missionary schools on every foreign field accomplish such wonderful results among illiterate, untutored natives, with pitifully inadequate facilities. Seldom, however, do secular authorities admit this publicly. Two observations from this source have been in the news recently.

A secular historian, C. E. Carrington, in a volume on *The British Overseas*, says:

"Whatever else they achieved, one thing is certain: the Protestant missionaries everywhere founded schools at which some instruction was given in the English Bible." He goes on to say that for "many millions of the most intelligent boys and girls of half the world the mission school was and is the first means of approach to Western civilization."

A Belgian Government publica-

tion, *La reforme de l'Enseignement au Congo Belge*, tells of a report on the educational work of Protestant missionaries presented to the Colonial Minister thusly:

"... as far as we are concerned, the comparative success of these undertakings remain an enigma. On the one hand there is a distressing paucity of outward and material advantages, poor buildings, ignorance of French, seemingly rudimentary teaching methods, etc. On the other hand completely unbiased observers like the Army and the Union Miniere (an association of miners), as well as commercial settlers and intellectuals, are unanimous in lauding the results of their formative work, especially in the moral realm. It is probable that the reason for this lies in the educational atmosphere produced by uncomplicated and regular personal contacts, with the teachers' family life carried on in unhampered proximity to the scholars, 'The voice of the heart which alone reaches the heart'."

Commenting on these reports, Edwin J. Pudney, director of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, says: "While we would oppose the statement that our teaching methods are rudimentary, we note with pleasure that those outside are unanimous in lauding the results of our schools in building Christian character. The 'enigma' is, obviously, the power of the Gospel in the human heart." (ERA)

CANADASCOPE

Lose Appeal

Three Quebec youths sentenced to die lost their appeal before the Manitoba court of appeal by a unanimous vote. Guy Ferragne, Gerard de Tonnancourt and Claude Paquin were convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of Father Alfred Quirion in January, 1955. They are scheduled to be hanged on May 29. Their last resort is an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Too Much Water in Manitoba

Many farmers in the Portage la Prairie area were forced to evacuate last week as run-off waters swirled over their farms. Others had to contend with water that broke through a dike after an ice-jam formed in a bend of the Assiniboine river east of Portage. At one time this water threatened the highway bridge near Poplar Point. From many towns throughout the southern section of the province came reports of evacuation, flooded highways, cut railway lines, ice jams and flash floods.

Cooler weather over the weekend helped to alleviate the crit-

ical situation somewhat.

Meanwhile, the Red River is still rising. It is expected to spill over its banks in some areas between Emerson and Morris. It will be one week, however, before the river is expected to reach its high point.

In Winnipeg itself the danger is more from the tributaries of the Red River. Already since Sunday the major dikes in the Greater Winnipeg area have been the scene of activity, as equipment began to raise the level of the dikes. Officials are confident that the major dikes will hold the Red River in.

No Date Set Yet for Pipeline Start

Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, met with representatives of the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Co. Ltd., on Wednesday, April 18, and was told they could give no firm assurances that a start on the Alberta to Winnipeg section of the all-Canadian line would be made this year.

Trans-Canada Highway Aid Bill Approved

Legislation embodying a new federal formula aimed at closing gaps in the Trans-Canada Highway and completing it by the end of 1960 was passed in the House of Commons in Ottawa in principle last week.

The legislation will permit a federal contribution of 90% of the cost of 10% of the road's 4,580 mileage in the nine provinces building it, all except Quebec. The 50-50 cost sharing which has been the rule since the highway was begun in 1950 will prevail on the remaining mileage.

The World Today

Mid-East Nations Join Forces

A new military pact was signed on April 21 by Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen. It links their armies under a unified command for five years and provides that armed attack on any of the countries during that period will be considered an attack on the other two.

Khrushchev and Bulganin in Britain

The two Soviet leaders touring Britain at this time are being treated right royally by the government, but some Britains persist in demonstrating against them. Bulganin and Khrushchev are also using this opportunity to make pronouncements on important issues.

On Monday, April 23, the Communist party leader Nikita Khrushchev announced that Russia has exploded a hydrogen bomb from

an airplane, the only world power so far to do so. He also asserted that it was foolish to keep up a trade embargo on strategic goods, for their armament industry was being built up just the same. In a previous speech to Britain's Admirals, Generals and Air Marshals he said that there is "only one way" out of the present world situation—to give up war "altogether" and ultimately to "abolish armed forces".

Cease-Fire Effected in Mid-East

The ten-day mission of United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold bore success when Israel and Egypt agreed to an unconditional cease fire on their borders effective Wednesday, April 18, at 6 p.m.

TRENDS IN POULTRY PRODUCTION

A great change has taken place in the poultry industry. With the coming of the commercial hatchery, poultrymen began buying their chicks according to personal preference for a certain breed for the production of eggs. With the purchase of these unsexed chicks for laying flock replacement came the problem of meat production which at that time was simply a by-product of egg production. Cockerels from the unsexed chicks were disposed of as fryers or roasters. Attempts were made to get the fryer on the market at three months of age, at a weight of approximately 3 lbs. The roasters went to market at from five to nine months of age, depending on the feed and care they received.

Poultrymen today buy a strain, a strain cross, or a crossbred chick which has been developed to produce eggs or meat but not both. They are buying by trade or breeder's name very much the same as buying articles carrying the manufacturer's name or trademark. Today, through the combined efforts of breeders and our greater knowledge of nutrition, it is possible to produce a three pound broiler (the term fryer is no longer used), in from eight to ten weeks. These fast developing broilers also have a high feed efficiency, being able to produce one pound of meat from less than three pounds of feed. Experiments have shown that it is possible to produce one pound of meat with less than two pounds of feed.

New knowledge on poultry breeding, feeding, housing, and management, has resulted in amazing progress in the past decade. Canadians are now consuming over 26 pounds of poultry meat and 260 eggs per capita annually. On the basis of performance to date, the future of the poultry industry is bright.

Obituaries

HENRY E. KOOP

Mr. Henry E. Koop of Waldheim, Sask., passed away in Saskatoon on March 30, 1956. The funeral services were held in the Zoar Church, Waldheim.

Mr. Koop farmed in the Carson district west of Waldheim for many years, but retired to Waldheim in 1943. For 30 years he served on the Carson School Board and as director and president of the Waldheim Telephone Company. Later on he was a director in the Mennonite Mutual Hail Insurance Company. Yet he cherished his intimate connection with the Zoar Church most of all, a connection he maintained since its founding 45 years ago.

Weddings

VOTH — WIEBE

Helen Wiebe, daughter of Mrs. Tina Wiebe and the late Mr. Wiebe of Sardis, B.C., and Ernest Voth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Voth, Sardis, B.C., were married on April 15, 1956, in the Greendale Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. J. B. Harder officiated.

An English message was given by Mr. Henry Voth, an uncle to the groom, and a girls' choir sang three songs, including "The Lord's My Shepherd".

Special visitors from Ontario were Mrs. Sara Klassen, grandmother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Wiens and Irvin, the bride's uncle, aunt and cousin.

GOERTZEN — FRIESEN

The M. B. church at Coaldale, Alta., was the scene of the marriage of Miss Annie Friesen and Mr. Abram Goertzen on Saturday, April 14, at 3 p.m. Rev. J. J. Siemens officiated, assisted by Rev. H. H. Kornelsen.

Rev. Kornelsen based his mes-

sage on the words, "Mit dem Herrn fang alles an." He lauded the unselfishness of the bride in always being willing to lend a helping hand when called upon to do so in hospital or missionary work.

The choir, directed by Mr. Peter Dick, sang several hymns. About 150 people attended the reception in the church's lower auditorium.

The couple will make their home in Vancouver.

GOERTZEN — BERGMAN

Elizabeth Bergman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bergman of Steinbach, Man., and John Goertzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goertzen of Steinbach, were married on April 22 in the M. B. church at Steinbach, Man. Rev. H. H. Regehr officiated. The young couple will reside in Steinbach.

NEUFELD — DYCK

Martha Dyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dyck of Winnipeg, and Ernest Neufeld, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Neufeld of

Winnipeg, were married on April 21 in the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg. Rev. J. Neufeld, pastor of the church, officiated.

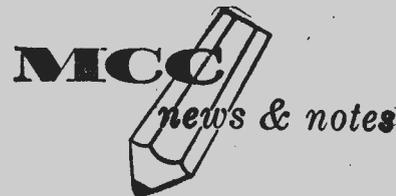
At the wedding the choir sang the songs, "Wo die Liebe weilet" and "So nimm denn meine Hände". The soloist was Don Krause, a cousin of the groom living in B.C.

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Corney Froese celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary together with relatives and friends in the East Chilliwick M. B. church on April 15, at 2 p.m. Rev. G. H. Thielman and Mr. Jacob Penner were the two speakers.

Mr. Peter Reimer, a nephew of Mr. Froese, sang a solo, "Die Uhr", while Irene, Betty and Jenny Froese sang as a trio. Recitations written by Mr. Cornelius Reimer, Mrs. Froese's uncle, were given by immediate members of the family.

Many friends and relatives took part in the reception, held in the church basement.



SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN "LAND OF 10,000 LAKES"

There are openings for 76 Summer Service volunteers in Minnesota.

The Voluntary Service section of Mennonite Central Committee is receiving applications from young men and women who may wish to spend this summer in service as well as earn money in the "land of 10,000 lakes".

The openings were announced by the personal director of Minnesota mental institutions. Volunteers will serve as psychiatric aides in units of six to 30 persons. Units will be set up among the 11 Minnesota institutions.

Volunteers may indicate whether they would be available to serve on the \$15 a month plus maintenance basis or whether they would need the also available \$100 a month plus maintenance less 10 per cent deducted from the cash income for a unit fee. This gives students an opportunity to earn and at the same time serve.

The National Association for Mental Health says more than ten million Americans—one in every 166—now suffer from some form of mental disorder. Work as psychiatric aides in Minnesota mental hospitals thus becomes a challenging form of Christian service.

Other MCC Summer Service

opportunities still are open at National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.; Mexico work camp and tour; Camp Landon, Gulfport, Miss.; migrant camps in New York State and California; Boys Village, Smithville, Ohio. Canada openings for Canadians still are available.

Applications should be made promptly.

VIETNAM MEDICAL WORK PROGRESSES

Slow but steady progress is reported in Vietnam by Willard and Grace Krabill in the MCC medical relief program.

Willard has become medical director of the leprosarium at Banmethuot. Barracks given the medical team by the French army are being renovated for clinical and storage uses. One of their major needs is an X-ray machine.

SURPLUS FOODS TO FRANCE

MCC and six other relief agencies made two shipments of surplus commodities to France. The shipments included 265,104 net pounds of butter valued at \$117,971 and 267,780 net pounds of cheese valued at \$74,308. The commodities will be used by these agencies and the French Red Cross for distribution to cold wave victims.

SHIPMENTS TO FRANCE, PARAGUAY

A shipment of canned beef has gone to children's homes at Valdoie and Weiler, France. A ship-

ment of clothing has been sent to Austria to aid victims of the cold wave. Christmas bundles are being sent to Paraguay following the arrival of a long-awaited import permit.

NEW MCC CENTER IN GERMANY DEDICATED

Dedication services have been held for the new MCC headquarters at Eysseneckstrasse 54, Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

This house was purchased by the 120-member Frankfurt Mennonite congregation and will be the center for church activity as well as European headquarters for MCC under director D. C. Kauffman. Richard Wagner is pastor of the congregation.

The move was made the last of March from Vogtstrasse 44 in Frankfurt, a house rented by MCC and used by the church. European Pax headquarters now are at Bruchstrasse 13, Kaiserslautern/Pfalz, Germany.

V.S. ASSIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED

Ten persons completed Voluntary Service orientation at Akron. With their assignments they are:

Daniel Horst of Clear Springs, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stone-seifer of Elizabethtown, Pa., all to Maine General Hospital at Portland, Me.

Dorothy Steinly of Blooming Glen, Pa., Angelin Peters of Dinuba, Calif., and Gordon Nussbaum of Dalton, Ohio,—all Akron headquarters.

Wilbur Schmidt of Canton, Okla., Denver Community Center; Russell Hochstetler of Goshen, Ind., Boys' Village at Smithville, Ohio; Jerrold Duerksen of Mountain Lake, Minn., National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md.; and Margaret Wilms of Kelowna, British Columbia, Kings View Homes at Reedley, Calif.

CHILDREN LIKE TO EAT—IF THEY HAVE IT

Can 42 children eat! Margaret I. Martin of Bad Duerkheim Children's Home in Germany writes that two Pax men helping at the home were amazed at how much food these children could get around.

"But undernourishment is one of the main reasons for their being here," says Margaret, "and we are happy to see them enjoy food." The Home has four main sources of food: garden, nearby farms, MCC and surplus commodities.

"MCC and surplus foods play a very vital part in cutting down expenses and providing good, wholesome, nutritious meals," she declared. "We certainly are grateful for these and we can scarcely wait for the forthcoming shipment as we are in desperate need of milk and flour."

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COLLEGES

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Student Work Days

Tabor College students and faculty members staged their fifth annual Work Days on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21. Proceeds from the two-day event will go toward the building of the proposed Student Center on the campus.

Students have already collected \$4,540 for the Student Center Project during the past twelve-month period. The proposed center will include rooms for a student lounge, snack shop, bookstore, post office, prayer rooms, student council room, and other activity rooms.

Judge at High School Science Exhibit

Professor S. L. Loewen, chairman of the biology department at Tabor, was one of the judges at the Topeka Science Fair on April 12. Several hundred Kansas high school students entered the competition with individual exhibits in a variety of scientific fields.

This fair attempts on a state-wide basis to interest high school students in scientific careers, and is part of the larger movement throughout this country to stimulate scientific study and research to counter the growing technological threat of the Soviet Union.

Many of the exhibits were built by students as projects for their local high school science clubs.

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

On Monday, April 16, Mr. Peter Klassen reminded us that with God nothing is impossible. He asked those who had experienced occasions where God had done the impossible to testify, with particular reference to the choir tour.

Mr. Randolph Klassen of Winnipeg, who has been studying at the Fuller Theological Seminary at Pasadena, California, was our guest on Tuesday, April 17. He dwelt on four names in Scripture which reveal the character of God. These were Elohim, El Shaddai, Jehovah, and Abba (Father). The last of these is the greatest and most mysterious. How grateful we ought to be that we can be His children (John 1: 12).

Rev. Janzen indicated on Wednesday morning that our mission still is to witness and win souls for Christ. In fact, our devotion to Him is gauged rather effectively by our desire to win others for Christ. He used Matthew 10: 1, 5, 32, as text.

The graduate testimony on Thursday was given by Helmut Klassen, an Ontario product hailing from Virgil.

Thursday afternoon was a land-

mark for the German literature class taught by Rev. H. Regehr. During the regular "current events" hour they presented a program of music, poetry, and even some humour. Miss Rita Lange-mann sang Goethe's dramatic poem, "Der Erlkönig".

On Student Night, Friday, April 20, the African Prayer Band spotlighted Africa with a program that contained a panel discussion and the showing of slides from the field. The over-all theme of the panel discussion was "The Preparation of a 20th Century Missionary". Those taking part were: Miss Elsie Kroeker, who discussed the history and geography of Africa; George Penner, who elaborated on the call of a missionary; Bernie Peters, who presented the language problems confronting the missionary; Miss Agnes Allert and Miss Mary Suderman, who outlined the missionary's task; and Peter Hamm, who discussed the challenge of missions today, especially in view of the changing political and national scene. The moderator of the panel was John Krahn.

The slides shown were taken by Rev. Ernest Dyck on the M. B. mission field in the Belgian Congo.

Henry Warkentin

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Student elections, which are held at the beginning of each spring term, took place on Monday evening, April 16. At that time the student body elected the executive of the student council and the chairmen of three committees, as well as several other officers. The student council chosen for the coming three terms is as follows: Peter Klassen, president; Henry Isaac, vice-president; Tena Friesen, secretary; Anne Neufeld, chairman of the Faith and Life Committee; Menno Epp, chairman of the Fellowship Committee; and John R. Friesen, chairman of the Service Committee. Anne Epp was re-elected into her former office of editor of the Scroo; and Bob Baergen was elected as editor of the Yearbook, with Henry Rempel as business manager. The remaining members to all the committees were appointed by the new Student Council. Following the elections on Monday evening, the former council entertained the students with a resume of the past year, followed by a lunch.

Mr. Abe Wiebe, manager of the Christian Book Store in Newton, Kansas, gave us a very inspiring talk on April 18 based on the Old Testament story of the hanging of the sons of Saul and applied it to the redemptive work of Christ on the cross. Rev. David Abrahams from Pigeon Lake, Manitoba, spoke in chapel on April 20 on the life of Moses.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

BETHANY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Graduation Banquet

Soft organ music provided the right atmosphere when guests, teachers and students gathered in the dining hall of the Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask., for the banquet tendered in honor of the graduates. The junior class, which prepared the banquet, had selected "Go Ye also into the Vineyard" as the motto. Decorations, place-cards and center-pieces corresponded with this motto.

After the junior class served the lunch they presented a short program. Isaac Block directed the challenge to the graduates, while Mervin Reimer replied on behalf of the graduates.

After the banquet the graduating class presented the Bible school with a new electric washing machine as a farewell gift.

Commencement Exercises

The 23rd Commencement Exercises of the Bethany Bible Institute were held in the M. B. auditorium in Hepburn on Sunday afternoon, April 15.

The graduates in their black gowns solemnly made their way up the aisle onto the platform to the accompaniment of soft strains of organ music. Their theme was, "The God-Appointed Race". Luella Wiebe and Delmar Doerksen spoke in behalf of the graduating class. The commencement address was given by Rev. D. Ewert, instructor at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

The graduates are: Delmar Doerksen, Hepburn; Walter Harder and Ernest Krahn, Glenbush; Mervin Reimer, Saskatoon; Maria Willems and Ruth Nickel, Hepburn; Alvin Jantzen, Waldheim; Luella Wiebe, New Westminster, B.C.; and Susan and Helen Heinrichs, Eyebrow, Sask.

Marjorie Wiens

Aims of AMUS Placement Service Outlined

In a letter sent to Rev. P. J. Toews, chairman of the M. B. Conference of Canada Youth Committee, and to Rev. A. J. Froese, chairman of the M. B. Conference of Manitoba Youth Committee, the executive committee of the Association of Mennonite University Students Placement Service in Winnipeg outlines its objectives.

The Placement Service of the Association was organized in March during the course of the Voluntary Service workshop in Winnipeg. The Association itself has as its aim the developing of the Christian personality of the Mennonite university student through fellowship, public speak-

ing and the discussion of pertinent problems. The extension of this objective beyond the immediate needs into a long-range goal resulted in the formation of the Placement Service.

The six aims of the AMUS Placement Service have been outlined as follows:

1. To obtain and list all information possible about Voluntary Service.

2. To inform Mennonite university students in Manitoba of positions available with MCC, especially in summer volunteer work of all types, and to encourage these students to work in Voluntary Service units during the summer months.

3. To inquire about permanent MCC vocational openings for graduate university students and to familiarize students with the "vocational team placement" plan.

4. To find out exactly how many students have or are participating in summer MCC service, as well as the potential number of voluntary workers.

5. To list Christian Mennonite graduates who can be contacted by various church organizations for professional work in a specified area.

6. To encourage the AMUS committee to contact other universities about the possibilities of starting similar associations of Mennonite students.

The AMUS Placement Service is seeking permission to present briefs on its aims at the various Mennonite conferences in order to facilitate the attainment of its objectives.

ALUMNI SPONSORS GET-ACQUAINTED PROGRAM

Winnipeg, Man. — The Manitoba branch of the M. B. Bible College Alumni Association sponsored a get-acquainted program and lunch for the graduating class of the college on Sunday afternoon, April 22, at the college.

Over 70 attended this get-together, the first of its kind. It was instituted to help the senior students and the ex-graduates to become better acquainted with one another. The induction into the alumni follows later.

At the program the seniors were introduced by Mr. Henry Voth, the chairman of the national Alumni Association and instructor at M.B.B.C. They responded with a brief testimony. Other items included a song by a trio composed of ex-graduates, a solo by John Pauls, a senior student, and a message by Rev. D. Ewert, faculty member at the M. B. Bible College. Rev. Ewert spoke on "I Give Thee a Charge to Keep".

After the program the group dispersed to partake of a light lunch, served buffet style.

Leaves for Asuncion

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dueck and son Marvin of Aldergrove, B.C., left Detroit, Michigan, by plane on April 16 enroute to Asuncion, Paraguay, where they will serve under the General Conference Mennonite Mission Board for a period of two or three years.

The Duecks stopped off in Leamington, Ont., before leaving, to visit Mrs. Dueck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Driedger, and other relatives. Rev. Dueck is the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Dueck of County Line, B.C.

Mr. Dueck is a graduate of the Mennonite Educational Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C.; the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg; and Bethel College, North Newton, Kans. He has been a Bible school teacher at St. Catharines, Ont., and Abbotsford, B.C. During his studies at Bethel College he was pastoral assistant at the First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kans.

In Paraguay he will serve as city missionary and pastor of the Mennonite Fellowship in the Paraguayan capital, Asuncion. He succeeds Rev. Henry H. Epp, who has been transferred to the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Montevideo, Uruguay.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE IN WINKLER

Winkler, Man. — As a result of bad roads many people from towns surrounding Winkler could not attend the Easter performance

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of the "Messiah" in Winkler. By special request the Winkler Philharmonic Choir will again sing Handel's "Messiah" on May 10, at 8 p.m., in the Collegiate Auditorium, Winkler.

A string orchestra will again accompany the choir and the same soloists will sing. They are: Peggy Anne Truscott, contralto; Bert Whiteman, bass; Peter Koslowsky, tenor; Justina Wiebe and Elizabeth Labun, soprano. Dr. K. H. Neufeld will direct the choir and orchestra.

FAREWELL FOR MISS MARGARET IMRIE

Herbert, Sask. — The Ladies' Aid of the Herbert M. B. Church sponsored a farewell program and shower for Miss Margaret Imrie, Africa missionary, on Sunday night, April 22. Miss Imrie is a member of the M. B. Church here and will be returning to Africa for her third term shortly.

During the course of the evening items of clothing required for her outfit were presented to her, as well as the offering. The program also included several songs, and Scripture reading by the members of the ladies' Aid and Rev. Rudy Janzen, the pastor. After a word of testimony from Miss Imrie, lunch was served in the church basement.

FLOOD WATERS INUNDATE FARMS

By A. Dyck, Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — Flood waters from the rampaging Assiniboine River spilled over the dikes and inundated thousands of acres of farm land between Portage La Prairie and Fortier over the April 22 weekend. Ice jammed up for miles along the winding river, holding up the spring run-off of water, with the low-lying areas suffering most.

A little over a year ago the situation was the same, except that this year the water rose to an all-time high for the area. Flooding occurred here in the years 1937, 1955 and 1956.

Many farmers have had to evacuate their homes, move cattle to higher ground and move their household belongings to a safer altitude.

As this report is being written, April 23, the waters are receding in the Newton area, but they are spilling over the dikes in other places farther down the swollen river.

Missionary Conference Hears Three Missionaries

The United Mennonite churches in the Niagara district held a joint missionary conference at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., from April 13 to 15. Speaking were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Duerksen from India and Miss Esther Paetkau from Japan.

The religious customs and local conditions of India and Japan came under consideration on Friday night.

Saturday afternoon was devoted especially to the children, with the Sunday school classes of the three churches singing several songs. Miss Paetkau and Mrs. Duerksen were dressed in native costumes and each had an interesting story for the children.

A visual trip on the field by way of coloured slides on Saturday evening showed the life and work on the mission fields, also portraying the people and the scenery.

Sunday morning Mrs. Duerksen visited the Vineland church, Miss Paetkau the St. Catharines church, and Mr. Duerksen went to the Niagara church.

Both Sunday afternoon and evening services were held in the auditorium of the Eden Christian College. Here the mass choir of the three churches sang, while the missionaries described their work on the field.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OCCUPIES HOME AND SCHOOL MEET

Herbert, Sask. — "Religious Education in School" was the topic of discussion at the Herbert Home and School meeting in the school auditorium on April 18. Rev. Carston from Swift Current led the discussion and answered questions.

Mr. Shaw, the school principal, pointed out that the school board had granted the Herbert Ministerial Association permission to give religious instruction in the school for half an hour each week.

Religious education in the Swift Current public schools under the Swift Current Ministerial Association was working very satisfactorily, Rev. Carston reported.

Members of the Herbert Ministerial Association were present and are planning to start a similar program in Herbert.

On the Horizon

April 29 — There will be a Sunday School Conference in the Vancouver Mission church.

April 29 and 30 — On Sunday, the Oratorio Choir of Coaldale will sing the "Messiah" in the M.B. church. On Monday they will give a repeat performance in the Southminster Hall, Lethbridge.

April 29 to May 13. — Evangelistic services in the Emmanuel Mission church, Steinbach, Man. Rev. George Brucks will speak.

May 5 to 7. — Rev. J. F. Redekop of North Clearbrook, B.C., will hold special services in the Leamington M. B. church on Saturday and Monday. He will deal with Sunday school matters on Saturday and with young people on Monday. He will also speak Sunday morning at the morning worship service.

May 10. — The Winkler Philharmonic Choir will give a repeat performance of "The Messiah" in the auditorium of the Winkler Collegiate. Dr. K. H. Neufeld will conduct. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the performance.

May 20. — The M. B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg will have its closing program on Sunday afternoon, May 20, at 3 p.m. The graduation will be held that evening at 7 p.m. Both services will be in the Elmwood M. B. church.

May 27. — A song festival sponsored by the B.C. Mennonite Youth Organization will be held in the First United Mennonite church, Vancouver, B.C.

May 27. — The Alberta Mennonite Youth Organization is sponsoring a song festival in Calgary.

June 5 to 7. — The Ontario (Old) Mennonite Conference will meet at Elmira, Ont., for its annual meeting.

June 14 to 17. — The (Old) Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities will have its annual meeting at Elmira, Ont.

June 16 to 17. — Annual Young People's Retreat sponsored by Ontario Youth Organization of the United Mennonite churches, to be held at Chesley Lake. Guest speaker will be Rev. C. Dyck of the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chicago.

June 30 to July 4. — Annual meeting of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

June 30 to July 5. — Annual conference of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Church, to be held at North Clearbrook, B.C.

August 15 to 22 — Triennial meetings of the General Conference of Mennonites in North America in Winnipeg.