

# Mennonite Observer

"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 Sunday school class at Sunnyside, B.C., a cannery village about five miles from Port Edward, the location of a Canada Inland Mission Station. The Jake Bergens work there, assisted by Jake Geddert, who teaches school. He may be seen at the rear of the group of children. (Photo by Jake Bergens.)

## Visited by Male Choir

By Jake Bergens

Port Edward, B.C. — After a long, cold winter we certainly appreciate the bright sunshine of spring. It is a reminder to us of the mercies of our God, which are new every morning, and gives us new courage for the work we seek to do for Him.

We praise the Lord for the joy of serving Him. Our Sunnyside Sunday School, seen above, has not shown spectacular results, but we have had much opportunity to sow the Word.

An important night here at the chapel was the visit of the Kankaka Male Choir from the Vocational and Bible School under the auspices of the Marine Medical Mission. This school, directed by Captain C. F. Stabbert, has been opened on Thetis Island near Victoria, B.C., for the training of native young men. Here the fellows learn carpentry, welding, boat building, sawmilling, etc., plus several hours of Bible study every morning. During the past year two of the 15 students were from Port Edwards.

What a thrill to hear the splen-

did singing of the young men and their testimonies of how Christ saved them. One young man said:

"I earned 900 dollars last year. You young fellows know where it went to—to the same place where your money went—into liquor. But that didn't get me anywhere. I'm glad Jesus saved me and changed my life."

You can imagine what an impression words like these make on their unsaved friends. We believe this school holds the most satisfactory answer to reaching the native people with the Gospel. Pray for the school and the young men especially, as they enter the summer's work on boats and in canneries. The testing will be severe but our God is able.

## Volunteers Attend Orientation Workshop

A total of 37 Summer Service volunteers attended the two workshops held by the MCC in Altona, Man., and Kitchener, Ont., on May 1 and April 21, respectively.

This annual meeting is to orientate the workers as to the work they will be doing and ways in being a successful testimony.

At Altona volunteers had come from as far away as Pennsylvania and Saskatchewan to hear talks by Harvey Toews, Voluntary Service director of MCC in Canada, Hedy Sawadsky of the MCC office in Waterloo, Ont., and Rev. Bill Dick, pastor of the United Mennonite Church in Toronto.

A similar workshop, with the same speakers, was held in the Emmanuel Bible College, Kitchener, Ont. In all, about 60 young people will go into Summer Service in Canada this year.

First giving a brief historical review of the growth of MCC since its inception in 1922, Mr. Toews then went on to list current specific needs in Canada which Summer Service is helping to meet. That same morning Miss Sawadsky, who has served in several units during the last few years, and who will serve as the co-ordinator of the work from the MCC office this year, led a discussion period dealing with the organization and activities of the individual units.

## Warm Reception for "Messiah"

Coaldale, Alta. — The singing of "The Messiah" by the more than 100-voice Oratorio Choir of the M. B. Church in Coaldale was warmly received by both the congregation which heard it Sunday night, April 29, in Coaldale and the more than 1,200 who packed Southminster Church in Lethbridge to hear it on Monday night, April 30.

This was the second time "The Messiah" had been sung in Coaldale, but it was the first time music-lovers in Lethbridge heard a public performance of it. Accompanied by the pipe-organ in Southminster church, the choir gave such an overpowering rendition that at times members in the audience were moved to tears. The *Lethbridge Herald* commented:

"The concert was of an excellent calibre throughout and the singers were applauded for their

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fine work with the difficult music.

"The choir, of which a much larger community could be justly proud, deserves sincere praise and brings honor again to Coaldale. . .

"Lethbridge music lovers are appreciative today of the fine treat given them Monday and wish for continued success of the choir, one of the best in Southern Alberta."

Directed by Mr. Peter J. Dick, the choir presented a major part of the long oratorio. Soloists were: Rudy Wiebe, tenor, who recently graduated with a BA from the University of Alberta and has toured with the University Choir; John Pauls, tenor, who is graduating in June from the Sacred Music Course at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg; Werner Schmidt, bass, a teacher at the Wilson Junior High School in Lethbridge; and Miss Rita Langemann, who sang both the soprano and alto solos and is presently studying at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

At the end of the Lethbridge performance Mr. Jake Dueck, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Dick with a leatherbound hymnal as a token of appreciation and love. Miss Anne Janzen, also on behalf of the choir, then presented Mrs. Kathleen Brown with a bouquet of roses and carnations as a symbol of the choir's appreciation for her playing of the organ.

# EDITORIAL

## A Mother in the Biblical Sense

Much indignation was aroused in this city during the last winter when a mother and father were taken to court after their child died of malnutrition. In the course of the trial it was revealed that the mother worked in a cafe and spent the rest of the time in debauchery and sin. This mother "enjoyed" life—while her baby starved.

However, many of those who self-righteously condemned this mother for her inhuman mistreatment of her child and indignantly declared her devoid of every motherly instinct are guilty of the same sin—only in the spiritual realm. They will point with pride to their well-dressed and well-fed children. They remark upon the excellent education being given them, possibly even in a private school. They extoll the well-mannered behaviour of their offspring—but they have left out the most important thing in life. Either through neglect or deliberate action they have stifled the innermost longing, the deepest desire of their children. For their children do not know God as their Father, nor do they know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The very thing that can give the child security and stability is left out. While mother is busily providing the essentials for this physical life, the prerequisites for an abundant spiritual life are not met. They need to hear the words of Jesus anew: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matth. 4:4).

When Edgar Hoover, FBI chief in the U.S., called for the training of children by parents in the fear of the Lord, he struck the right chord. When he said that juvenile delinquency would not be decreased by more clubs and more recreation, but by the instilling of the fear of God in the home, he revealed a real understanding for America's (and also Canada's) need. What we as a Canadian nation and also we as Mennonites need, is not primarily better-equipped schools and more qualified teachers, or more scholarships for university students, or a higher standard of living. We also do not primarily need more educated mothers, more socially adapted mothers, or more working mothers. We need more praying and teaching mothers.

The outstanding mothers in the Bible were known for their faithfulness in prayer and for the instruction of their children in the fear of the Lord. The mother of Samuel is known for her perseverance in prayer. The mother of Moses is known for her great faith and for her instruction of Moses in preparation for the time when he was to go to Pharaoh's court. The mother and grandmother of Timothy are known for their great faith and thorough instruction of Timothy in God's Word. What are today's mothers known for?

Mother, do you have time to withdraw into the prayer closet daily to bring your children before God in prayer? Do you have time to systematically instruct your children in the way of the Lord, telling them Bible stories and singing the songs of the faith with them? Do you have time to answer Johnny's and Susie's questions when they stumble across something they have never met before? Have you faced your children with the challenge of full commitment to Christ, to the Saviour who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me."? If so, though Susie may not have as many dresses as the neighbour's girl, and Johnny may not find as many cookies in the cookie jar as he would like, yet in the years to come your children will "arise and call you blessed".

Let us never cease to be thankful for our mothers who are true mothers in the Biblical sense of the term—mothers whose love for their children leads them to make tremendous sacrifices, mothers who see the value of a child's soul for this life and for eternity. God grant us more such mothers!

### O, WHAT A FRIEND!

One there is above all others,  
Well deserves the name of friend;  
His is love beyond a mother's—  
Costly, free, and knows no end!

Which of all our friends, to save  
us,  
Could or would have shed his  
blood?  
But our Saviour died to have us  
Reconciled in Him to God.  
This was boundless love indeed,  
Jesus is a Friend in need.

## Devotional

### Who Does the Work of God?

In a close and final sense no one can do God's work. Nor does He turn His work over to others to do. He works *in* His people and *through* them, but always it is *He* who works.

Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work"; and Paul said, "It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

This is not to teach that men should not work. One has but to run his eyes over the pages of the Bible casually to become convinced that God intends His people to work. He put the man in the Garden of Eden "to dress it and to keep it." Our Lord was a carpenter and He chose active men for His first disciples. The Book of Proverbs has some scathing things to say about the sluggard who loafs away his days in careless indolence only to have poverty come upon him at last like an armed man.

Certain passages of Scripture, if carelessly read, might give the impression that God delegates some of His work to Christian leaders to do for Him as a manufacturer might subcontract to others certain items in a contract; such, for instance, as First Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." In First Corinthians 16:10 Paul says plainly that Timotheus "worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do," but we must never understand from this that these men did a work of God apart. Rather they were the obedient instruments in whom and through whom God wrought His own work.

Any misunderstanding about this is cleared up by the explanation of Paul in Colossians 1:29, "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily"; and First Corinthians 15:10, "I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

If this working, yet not working, doing God's work, yet not doing it, should seem to be confusing, remember there is a parallel for it in the well-known testimony of Paul in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." From all this I think we may draw the following conclusion: *We can no more do the work of God than we can live the life of God.* In the believing and surrendered soul Christ lives His life again and continues to live it,

and in the obedient, believing man God will continue to work, reaching out and through the human instrument to accomplish His wonders among men.

It is critically important that we grasp this truth. Much religious work is being done these days that is not owned by our Lord and will not be accepted or rewarded in that great day. Superior human gifts are being mistaken for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and neither they who exercise these gifts nor the Christian public before whom they are exercised are aware of the deception. Never has there been more activity in religious circles and, I confidently believe, never has there been so little of God and so much of the flesh. Such work is a snare because it keeps us busy and at the same time prevents us from discovering that it is our work and not God's.

"Nothing is wrought by creatures," said Meister Eckhart; "the Father works alone. The soul shall never stop until she works as well as God. Then she and the Father shall do His work together: she shall work as one with Him, wisely and lovingly. That we may be in unity with Him. God help us. Amen."

By Editor A. W. Tozer in *Alliance Weekly* (March 28, 1956)

No time for God?

What fools we are, to clutter up  
Our lives with common things,  
And leave without heart's gate  
The Lord of Life and Life itself—  
Our God!

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## Dedication Scheduled at Blaine Lake

By P. J. Esau

*Blaine Lake, Sask.* — The Lord willing, we shall have the official dedication of the new church here on Sunday, June 3. We hope that the roads will be passable by that time and that it will be possible for many friends of the mission to join us that day, to share with us the blessings that the Lord has in store for us.

The dedication service will begin Sunday morning at 10 a.m., Mountain Standard Time. The afternoon and evening services will be devoted to missions. The brethren who will serve on that day will speak in Russian, Ukrainian and English.

We are grateful to the Lord for this gift, His house. We want to express our gratitude publicly and in fellowship with His people on that day.

The largest portion of the funds necessary to build this church came from the Canada Inland Mission, the national home missions organization of the M. B. Church in Canada. Some of our dear Russian friends have also given their share in financial aid. The work necessary to build this church was donated by local brethren and brethren of the North Saskatchewan M. B. churches. The Lord gave grace and we wish to give Him the glory.

Immediately following the dedication Sunday two weeks of evangelistic services will be held, one week in the English language and one week in the Russian language. May it please the Lord to give us a great harvest of souls. We would covet your prayers in behalf of these services.

## Large Attendance at Play Presentation

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — A crowd of about 2500 witnessed the presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by the 1955-56 graduating class of the Mennonite Educational Institute. On successive evenings, April 27 and 28, this dramatization of the original story by George L. Aiken vividly portrayed the "Life Among the Lowly", as the writer of the story, Mrs. H. B. Stowe, had subtitled the book, in the auditorium of the school at North Clearbrook, B.C.

The main plot depicts the experience and Christian witnessing of a negro slave, Uncle Tom (Henry S. Neufeld), in fortune and misfortune. His first master, Mr. Shelby (Neil Toews), trusted Tom with all he had and treated him very kindly. However, he was forced to sell Uncle Tom because of financial difficulties. His sec-



This picture shows Miss Margaret Suderman at the railway station in Morden, Man., as she was leaving for her fourth term in India. Miss Suderman, at left, is being wished the blessing of the Lord by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Friesen. To the right may be seen Miss Suderman's sister, Susie, and in the background her brother, Ernest. In other years her parents had seen her off. They are in glory now, and her last thought was, "I wonder if my parents are watching me go this time, too?"

ond master, Mr. St. Clare (Jake Penner), who had been deeply stirred at the death of his daughter, was finally won to Christ on his deathbed. After his death the slaves were sold at a public auction and Uncle Tom was bought by a cruel master named Legree (Art Wiebe). Uncle Tom maintained his testimony in spite of adversity until his death as the result of a whipping at the hands of Legree. George Shelby, his late master's son, arrived to buy his freedom just before his death.

One sub-plot dealt with the successful escape of George Harris (Sig. Polle) and his wife Eliza (Martha Spent) with their young son, Harry, after George's cruel master threatened to separate them. They were aided by the humorous but capable Phineas Fletcher (Harold Redekopp).

The second sub-plot shows how Ophelia (Eleanor Janzen), a cousin of St. Clare, expresses concern for the heathen abroad, but finds those at home repulsive and odious. She is finally reconciled to them and learns to love them through the negro slave Topsy (Claire Baerg), who was given to her by St. Clare.

The three characters who provided the humor were Topsy, Phineas and Gumption Cute. Claire Baerg, Harold Redekopp and Dave Friesen played the respective parts with good interpretation and their acting was much appreciated by the audience.

Henry S. Neufeld, Sig. Polle and Art Wiebe gave very creditable performances as Uncle Tom, George Harris and Legree, respectively. This is also true of Lily Toews as Marie, Abe Wiebe as Mark, Richard Ratzlaff as Deacon Perry, and Agnes Wiebe as Cassy.

## FACED WITH CHALLENGE OF MISSIONS

By Mrs. C. Buehler

*Vanderhoof, B.C.* — During the month of April we were challenged by the work of home missions as well as of foreign missions. On Sunday and Monday, April 15 and 16, the representatives of the Canadian Sunday School Mission visited us. They took the Sunday morning service and conducted a Ness Lake Bible Campers' Rally at Braeside in the afternoon. A number of former campers and friends attended. Monday evening pictures of the work were shown and the blessings of Summer Camp work were again brought before us.

On April 22 we were privileged to have Miss McKerihan of the Wycliffe Bible Translators with us. She demonstrated how a language is reduced to writing and also gave her testimony. The film, "O For a Thousand Tongues", was shown. On display at the front of the Chapel were a number of curios and samples of Gospels that had been translated into various languages. These further helped us to understand and appreciate the work of this particular mission.

## SERVES AT NIAGARA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHAPEL

*Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.* — Rev. J. F. Redekop, instructor at the M. B. Bible Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C., served at the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel from April 15-27.

During the first week he, in conjunction with other workers from the chapel, visited many of the homes of those attending the services. Special gospel meetings

were held at the chapel during the second week for the people of the community.

In the course of the services Rev. Redekop emphasized that Christians must be willing to deny themselves. He declared that, "We live in a day and age when men want to be Christians, but they are not willing to come all out for God." Speaking on the text, "Remember Lot's Wife", he stated that many are shown their ungodly walk, the Spirit works in their lives, they are warned, but still they turn away and are lost.

In his last message, "The Signs of the Times", Rev. Redekop showed the brevity of time before us, for when these signs can be seen we know that the end of this age is near.

## Begin Street Meetings again

*New Hazelton, B.C.* — A sure sign of warmer weather is the first street-meeting of the year. An early start was made this year when the first street-meeting in Hazelton was held on April 21. The predominantly native population of this town at the junction of the Bulkley and Skeena rivers again will be hearing the Gospel every Saturday evening until cold weather in fall makes the services impractical.

Mr. George Stobbe of South Hazelton again leads the meetings, while the John Kornelsons are responsible for the public address system. Christians of various denominations join the group for singing and the other parts of the varied program. The singing is accompanied by Albert Kornelson on his accordion.

Guest speaker on this, the first program was Rev. Aaron Schmidt, West Coast Children's Mission worker at Terrace, B.C. He had come for a weekend of services at the chapel erected at New Hazelton some years ago.

After the service tracts and Gospel literature were distributed by those participating in the program. The literature is almost always taken gladly.

The previous evening Rev. Schmidt had addressed the Young People's meeting in the chapel here. He spoke on "God's Keeping Power", basing his message on Jude 24 and 25. On Sunday morning he first visited the South Hazelton Sunday school and then traversed the four miles back to New Hazelton to speak on Philippians 2:12-16 at the morning worship service in the chapel. "Jesus Christ, the Object of the Christian's Life", was his theme at the afternoon service in the chapel.

A period of fellowship at the John Kornelson's home before he left on the evening train brought him into closer contact with the Christians in the area.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Visits Relatives in Winnipeg

*Winnipeg, Man.* — Rev. G. P. Regehr of Seattle, Washington, and formerly from Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently paid a brief visit to his children, their families and many other relatives and friends in North Kildonan.

Although already 89 years old, Rev. Regehr still has a clear testimony for His Lord and Master whom he has served for so many years. His two sons in North Kildonan are Jacob Regehr, owner of Regehr's Printing, and Henry Regehr, real estate salesman.

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### Musical Festival in Rosthern Superintendency

*Hepburn, Sask.* — The 16th Annual Musical Festival of the Rosthern Superintendency was held in Rosthern on Thursday, April 26, and in Hepburn on April 27. Schools from Rosthern, Waldheim, Dalmeny, Laird, Hepburn, and many country schools from the surrounding districts participated.

Contestants who received a mark of 82 or over performed again on the final concert on Friday evening, April 27. Entries from Hepburn receiving this honour were the Selected School Chorus under the direction of Mr. P. J. Harder and seven young pianists, namely: Margaret Siemens, grade II; Marina Penner, Waldheim, grade III; Glen Harder, grade I; Diana Wiens, class E (under 13); Carol Epp, grade VI; Geraldine Wiens, grade VII; and Caroline Wiebe, class D (under 15). The piano pupils are the students of Miss Marjorie Wiens.

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### Dies After Two Months Illness

*Elm Creek, Man.* — Miss Betty Funk, 29, passed away at 2:30 p.m., May 8, in the Winnipeg General Hospital after an illness of but two months. Death, which came on her twenty-ninth birthday, was due to cancer of the lungs. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Johann Funk of Elm Creek.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, May 12, at 2 p.m., in the M.B. church at Elm Creek.

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### Record Entries in Southern Manitoba Music Festival

A record number of entries, 830, indicated the interest and enthusiasm in the Southern Manitoba music and speech arts festival. Held in three centers, Altona, Winkler and Morden, the festival revealed a large concentration of talent in southern Manitoba.

Present president of the South

Manitoba Music and Speech Arts Competition Society is J. P. Redekopp, Winkler, Man. Dr. K. H. Neufeld is honorary president, while Rev. H. H. Redekopp of Winkler is past president.

In a competition that had professional adjudication, the vocal and instrumental talents of a large body of young people were recognized and encouraged. Twenty-six trophies were presented the final night in Winkler by Dr. Chas. Walkof, the vice-president of the society. The list of trophy winners reveals a heavy concentration of Mennonites.

Some of the winners were: the Altona collegiate choir, directed by A. C. Kroeker; Ernest Kroeger, Gretna (adult vocal class); the Misses Martha Konrad and Adelaide Redekopp, Winkler (German Lieder); Miss Wanda Konrad, Winkler (violin); Miss Sylvia Friesen, Winkler (spoken poetry); Cathleen Friesen, Altona (boys' and girls' vocal class); Sandra Kroeker, Winkler (violin); Carol Dyck, Winkler (spoken poetry); June Fehr, Winkler (pianoforte); Harold Kroeker, Winkler (brass and woodwind instruments); and Judith Friesen, Altona (junior vocal class).

### A NEW CHURCH TO REPLACE BUILDING ENLARGED 5 TIMES

*Winnipeg, Man.* — A church that has enlarged its building five times in 25 years has finally decided to make a fresh start. Property has been acquired and the plans made for a new \$150,000 structure to replace the present North Kildonan M. B. church on Edison Ave., North Kildonan.

Situated in a rapidly expanding suburban area of Winnipeg, the North Kildonan M. B. Church saw its sanctuary fill up and overflow with worshippers time and again. In 1932 they enlarged the original structure, built in 1929. Other extensions on the end or the side were made in 1934, 1937, 1942, and 1950. Today the house of worship is 40 feet by 96 feet—and again unable to accommodate the growing Sunday school and church membership.

The new project is an ambitious one for a church with a membership of 470. The main auditorium is to be 60 feet by 100 ft, while the Sunday school annex at one end is to be 31½ feet by 78 feet. The total length of the building is thus to be 132½ feet, with the Sunday school annex two-story in height. It is expected that the main auditorium will be able to accommodate 1000 people, while the Sunday school facilities

should be able to take care of 325 children.

Yes, a church that built its first structure for \$755 is now planning a \$150,000 church and Sunday school annex. That requires faith, hard work and a sacrificial spirit.

### Double Anniversary Celebration

By Frank F. Froese

Sunday evening, May 6, marked a special event in the history of the M. B. Mission Church in Lucky Lake. It was the day chosen by the church to celebrate the double silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pauls of Demaine, Sask. and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dueck, Lucky Lake, Sask.

On April 12, 1931, Elsie Dueck and Jake Pauls and Nettie Pauls and Fred Dueck exchanged marriage vows at a double wedding ceremony in Demaine, Sask. Due to weather and road conditions their 25th anniversary could not be celebrated on April 12, and it was decided to have it on May 6. All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dueck were able to be present and enjoy the great event with their parents. However, the two married daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Pauls, Verna and Laura, were unable to be present. The Lord graciously provided a wonderfully fine day for the occasion.

The one-hour service consisted of various musical items rendered by the choir, male quartet, girls' duet, and an instrumental trio. Two very fitting recitations were given, followed by a brief message by the local pastor, Rev. F. Froese, on the theme, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." In the varied experiences of life in general and especially also in married life God always proves Himself to be the ever faithful One. The service was concluded with the presentation of gifts. Mrs. Cornie Quiring spoke in behalf of the Ladies' Aid of the church and presented each one of the ladies concerned with a lovely silver-plate casserole. Next the pastor presented each couple with a lovely silver-plated cream and sugar on tray in behalf of the church.

Following the service the ladies of the church served all present with a delicious lap lunch consisting of sandwiches, cakes and coffee. While the honoured couples with their families were seated at a special table just below the pulpit of the church, the rest of the congregation took their seats in the pews for the repast.

The M.B. Mission Church and the many friends here wish Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dueck and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pauls God's richest blessing as they launch out upon their second 25 years of happy married life.

### EXCHANGE VISITS

On Wednesday, April 18, Miss Frieda Janzen, missionary from Nigeria, spoke in a joint girls' prayer-meeting at the Mennonite Educational Institute, North Clearbrook, B.C.

On Friday, April 20, the prayer-group from our school motored to Yarrow to present a program in the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate. A male quartet consisting of Art Wiebe, Jake Konrad, Richard Ratzlaff, and Neil Toews, and a ladies trio composed of Lily Toews, Martha Spent, and Hilda Reimer, sang several songs. Bert Nickel, leader of the boys' prayer-group, gave the message. God grant that visits like this will bring our Christian high schools closer together.

The week of April 23 to 28 was one of the busiest for the Grade 13 class. The finishing touches for the drama "Uncle Tom's Cabin" were made. When the doors opened on Friday and Saturday night, hundreds of people saw the longest drama ever presented in the M.E.I. On Saturday night many had to stand throughout the 3½-hour drama.

On Friday, May 4, two of last year's graduates visited our school. They were Henry Spent, who was studying at Briercrest Bible Institute during the past winter, and Herman Konrad, who is working in the local brick plant.

On Friday during the testimony meeting the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate from Yarrow visited us. Elmer Goertz was the leader of the group. A mixed octet and a ladies octet sang a number of songs. Jake Schmidt delivered the message. We had a blessed time of fellowship together, and our prayer is that we as Christian schools might be a blessing to our communities.

On Friday, May 11, the M.E.I. Inter House field and track meet will be held. Two weeks later the meet against Lynden Christian High will be held. Last year M.E.I. won and received a trophy, which will be offered to the winner this year again. Elmer Stobbe.

### IN LANGUAGE STUDY

Brother and Sister Hugo Jantz, Chilliwack, B.C., arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, April 26, where they will spend several months in Spanish language study before proceeding to their work in the HCJB German department, Quito, Ecuador.

### TO ARRIVE IN BRAZIL

At Curitiba, Brazil, the mission staff as well as the children of the orphanage are looking forward to the return of Linda Banman, Winkler, Man., who left New York on March 16.

## Experiences in Teaching in Africa

By Mary Toews \*

*Matende, Belgian Congo.* — "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together" (Ps. 34:3). "For the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10).

We surely have abundant reason to rejoice continuously regardless of where we are or what circumstances we are in. The mission field is also one of those places where there are stormy days as well as bright days. Sometimes the stormy ones threaten to swallow up the bright ones, but thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is of course never a dull moment on the mission field. One morning one of the teachers came to me and told me to come quickly into his room.

"The boys are just fighting," he said, "and I can't do anything with them."

Upon inquiry as to the cause of the disturbance, I discovered that the debatable question was: Whose prayer does the Lord answer? The boys had already started to bite each other's arms and to tear at the remains of each other's old shirt.

The one boy asserted very definitely that the Lord heard the "white" man's prayer, whereas the other thought that God sometimes heard the "black" man's, too. The first one insisted, however, that "If I pray in the evening, asking the Lord to give me something (a bicycle, for instance), do I have it in the morning? Whereas the 'white' man—who is half god anyway—can ask whatsoever he will and the Lord gives it to him!" I sat down, took my time and tried to explain to them at length what the verse meant that stated, "If we ask anything according to His will He heareth us", and that God wants us to work as well as to pray.

We have had the joy lately of seeing quite a few schoolboys taking a stand for Christ. It was a great joy to see real remorse for their sins and a longing to escape the judgment of God. When I asked them if they were willing to go and confess their committed sins in the village if need be, too, they said that they would ask the Lord for strength to do that as well. One boy, however, said, "I would be willing to confess and make right with the person I've sinned against, but you know how it is. The whole village is going to call me a thief then." I showed him what an impression it would make on the village people if they saw someone really confessing his own sin, for it is something unheard of among these people. They are experts in covering up sin. We prayed about it, and he



These are the graduates and the faculty of the Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask. Front row, left to right, Mr. Waldo Lepp, Rev. Walter Wiebe, Rev. J. H. Epp, principal, Rev. P. R. Toews, and Rev. Paul J. Wiebe. Second row, Susan Heinrichs, Eyebrow, Sask.; Alvina Jantzen, Waldheim, Sask.; Maria Willems, Hepburn, Sask.; Luella Wiebe, Strawberry Hill, B.C.; Helen Heinrichs, Eyebrow; and Ruth Nickel, Hepburn. Third row, Mr. J. K. Schroeder, music director, Walter Harder, Glenbush, Sask.; Delmar Doerksen, Hepburn; Ernest Krahn, Glenbush; Mervin Reimer, Saskatoon; and Mr. G. Geddert.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### AFRICA

Bro. and Sister John Esau, Kitchener, Ont., from the Panzi station in the Belgian Congo, found it necessary to return to Leopoldville on March 16 for medical treatment for daughter Mary Lois. In February they had been in Leopoldville for treatment for their daughter who had gotten a peanut into her lung. Returning to the field with the feeling the difficulty had been eliminated, they found it necessary to go back to the city when three-year-old Mary had recurrent fevers and a persistent cough. With

began to realize that to confess his sin would be the only way to obey God.

Please do uphold these little lambs in prayer and keep on praying that many more would pass from death unto life. We realize continually that what the Lord does out here, He does because of your prayers.

We are happy that the Harold Kruegers have arrived here in the Congo from Belgium, where Mr. Krueger passed the teacher's course and Mrs. Krueger the medical course. We are also thankful that the Henry Brucks have come back from their furlough, for the need is always great for more workers.

We do not have to report much change of weather. During these last few months it has so often been almost unbearably hot.

\* *M. B. missionary at Matende par Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa, from Abbotsford, B.C.*

the help of the Lord, they now feel she is recovering.

While in Leopoldville, the Esaus saw the A. A. Janzens depart for America via Palestine and Europe. They planned to leave April 4. During the Esaus' absence from Panzi and with the William G. Baergs' (Arnaud, Man.) transfer to Ecole / Belle Vue for three months, Elsie Guenther, Reedley, Calif., has been alone on the station.

### COLOMBIA

At a baptism at Noanama, Colombia, early in April five converts were baptized and added to the Church.

### EUROPE

A letter from Maria Foth, Linz, Austria, written April 8, tells how her work among the children has been publicly denounced by the leader of an opposing group. Sister Foth also expressed concern about possible efforts to cause her to move out of her apartment. In inviting our intercession she particularly requests prayer for the work among the children in her neighborhood and in refugee camp 50.

Miss Foth, who comes from Winnipeg, Man., also writes that a Protestant pastor in the city, until recently opposed to the work of the Mennonite Brethren Mission, has now changed his attitude and encourages the people to attend the meetings. "This encourages us to pray for even greater things," she writes. "Pray with us that al-

so in this country great revivals may take place. God is able."

### JAPAN

Mennonite Brethren missionaries in Japan are appealing to the churches in the homeland for earnest intercession in behalf of the six-month evangelistic campaign during the summer. Two teams will take the tent equipment and go from village to village in the Osaka area to conduct meetings several weeks at one place.

In the Lord's good providence it has been possible for the Japan Mennonite Brethren mission to acquire a building at Karuizawa, about 400 miles north of Osaka. This place shall serve especially as a spiritual center for the missionaries and an occasional relaxation from the heavy demands upon their strength during the busy working year.

### MEXICO

During evangelistic services held at Piedras Negras, Mexico, during Passion Week, 10 persons decided to accept Christ. I. M. Alaniz also reports good attendances. Scripture portions and Christian literature were distributed in connection with the services.

### OKLAHOMA

Lawton View Mennonite Brethren Church has concluded a series of evangelistic services which proved to be a great blessing. The services were well attended. C. N. Hiebert served with messages. Sister Hiebert spoke regularly to the children and together with the Lawton View missionaries the Hieberts made visitations in the homes.

## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Mother was very busy. She was making pancakes. Carefully she had stirred the batter. Now, with an experienced hand she turned the pancakes until they were a golden brown. Finally she lifted them out, sifted fine sugar over them and set them aside.

Mother was so busy that she did not seem to notice little Willie, who stood intently watching her. At last he said, "Mother, why don't you say anything?"

"Why child," said Mother, "I am too busy to talk."

"But you needn't say much, Mother," said Willie, "Just say: 'Willie, wouldn't you like a pancake?'"

Mother laughed, "I think I can say that: 'Willie, would you like a pancake?'" Willie nodded eagerly and happily sat down with his pancake.

Sunday will be Mother's Day, when we want to remember our Mothers in a very special way. I hope this little story shows how complete your faith in Mother can safely be and how perfectly she understands you.

Aunt Selma.

## Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(19th Installment)

### MENNO'S CONFLICTS

Menno was shocked when he heard about the terrible fate of his brother. He would have liked to bury Peter's body decently, but his church denied the executed man a Christian burial. Very sober thoughts entered Menno's mind when he now read his Bible.

In his own thinking Menno could not tell the true Christians and the heretics apart. To him they were all apostates who deserved their fate. But he could not help wondering from what source they received the power to suffer for their erroneous convictions, while he, the Catholic priest, loved his easy life far too much to exchange it for persecution and trials.

Before long a man by the name of Sikke Freerks was beheaded in Leeuwarden, the capital of the province of Friesland, because he had accepted adult baptism. No persuasion or torture could compel him to renounce his faith.

Menno had not seen him die, but eye-witnesses had told him everything in detail about Sikke, and he began to wonder whether that man had really been as bad as he had thought.

And what did the Bible say about baptism? Menno studied everything about baptism and found nothing in the New Testament that would justify infant baptism. The Bible ordained that *believers* be baptized. Since infants were unable to understand or to believe in Christ, the order to baptize could concern only people who could hear and understand the message of Christ,

and believe in him. Consequently adult baptism was no offense at all. Menno was sure of that now.

Menno still continued as a Catholic priest, although he had also learned from the Bible that the Catholic teaching of the transformation of the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper into the real blood and flesh of Christ when the priest blessed it was without foundation. But he had to teach this falsehood if he wanted to remain in the service of the church and to continue to draw his salary.

His conscience bothered him very much. Peter had been faithful to his convictions unto death, although his faith had been nothing but superstition, while he, Menno, would not even give up his sinful life for what he had accepted as the truth proclaimed by the Word of God. Those martyrs were not wicked people after all. They were, at any rate, better than the priest who did not believe what he had to teach, but remained in office in order to get his salary and continue in his sinful life. Not the martyrs, but he himself was wrong.

A profound need for repentance swept over him. In his anguish and fear he turned again to his Bible, searching it now for the way of salvation. He tried also to soothe his conscience in the many difficult ways prescribed by the Catholic church, but these did him no good.

Not in the teachings and the dogmas of his church, but in his Bible he found the way of life. For a long time, however, he could not make up his mind to walk in that way as a true follower of Christ. (To be continued)



### HELP WHEN NEEDED

To whom do you go when you cut yourself, bruise your knees while falling with the bicycle, burn yourself on the stove? And who patches your pants when you tear them at play, or sews your dresses? Or who makes such delightful cookies and cakes, such delicious chocolate candies? Why it's mother, isn't it?

Do you always say "Thank you" to mother when she does something for you? And do you do what she asks you to do? Truly, what would you do without mother? Therefore each one of us should be very thankful and very helpful—all the year round, not only on Mother's Day.

### SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

The woman was old, and feeble, and gray,  
And bent with the chill of the winter's day;  
The street was wet with the recent snow,  
And the woman's feet were weary and slow.  
She stood at the crossing, and waited long,  
Alone, uncared for, amid the throng  
Of human beings who passed her by,  
Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eye.  
Down the street with laughter and shout,  
Glad in the freedom of "school let out",  
Came the boys, like a flock of sheep,  
Hailing the snow, piled white and deep;  
Past the woman so old and gray  
Hastened the children on their way,  
Nor offered a helping hand to her,  
So meek, so timid, afraid to stir  
Lest the carriage wheels or the horse's feet  
Should knock her down in the slippery street.  
At last came one of the merry troop—  
The gayest laddie of all the group;  
He paused beside her and whispered low,  
"I'll help you across if you wish to go."  
Her aged hand on his strong young arm  
She placed; and so, without hurt or harm,  
He guided the trembling feet along,  
Proud that his own were firm and strong.  
Then back to his friends again he went,  
His young heart happy and well content.  
"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,  
For all she's aged, and poor, and slow;  
"And I hope some fellow will lend a hand  
To help my mother—you understand—  
If e'er she be poor, and old, and gray,  
When her own dear boy is far away."  
And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head  
In her home that night, and the prayer she said  
Was "God, be kind to the noble boy,  
Who is somebody's son, and pride, and joy."

### MOTHER

By Martha Janzen

The little girl, yellow pig-tails flying, hurried up the back kitchen steps, flung open the door and walked in. She set the dinner pail upon the table, calling out, "Hello, Mama." There was no answering sound.

The shelled peas in the blue bowl on the shelf caught her attention for a moment. She gazed at them and thought, "I wonder how many millions there are in

there, and Mother shelled them all."

Yes, Mother. She raised her voice and called again, louder this time, "Mummie." No answer; all was quiet, save the ticking of the kitchen clock up there on its place

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### Answers to: "BIBLE RHYME WORDS"

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| 1. sight   | 4. might | 7. height |
| 2. delight | 5. right | 8. flight |
| 3. night   | 6. light |           |

## THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(14th Installment)

"He'll try to talk to us now," said the hunter, calling Jacob's attention to the gestures of the Indian. "He doesn't want food, but money. The lazy wretch sees no use in hunting his own food, but prefers to buy it with the money given him by some poor soul who has to work for it. If he would take food, I'd gladly give him some. Let's try him once!"

The hunter shook his head negatively to inform the beggar that he had nothing for him, but the Indian was not to be gotten rid of so easily. He remained immovable, persisting in making known his wants by the language of signs. A vigorous command to move on from the hunter was ignored with a sneering grimace.

"Here, Jacob, bring him a piece of meat and see if that will satisfy him."

Jacob was taken by surprise. He felt a slight thrill of excitement at the thought of coming into such close contact with the repulsive redskin. But he hesitated only for a moment. Taking the slab of appetizing meat, he brought it to the beggar at the railing. To his great relief, the Indian took it with eagerness, muttering, in a jargon unknown to Jacob, a string of deep-voiced monosyllables, gesticulating profusely, and trying to impress upon Jacob that he would rather have money.

The "Man in Bearskin" watched the proceedings from his station in the shack. When he was certain that the Indian was still insisting upon money, he resolved to close the matter once for all. He reached for his gun and proceeded to make preparations to use it.

But the Indian was not as stupid as he looked. His alert, roving eye caught sight of the hunter's gun. Quickly, he turned and made for the forest, cursing and pulling ugly faces as he went. Jacob watched the ludicrous departure, and saw the Indian stuff the gift of flesh into the pocket of his filthy trousers. There seemed to be no room in the pocket, and as if to make room, the Indian withdrew something and hurled it from him. In a little while he was lost from sight among the trees.

The youth was curious to know what it might be that filled the pocket of the beggar, and he leaped the fence to find out. His astonishment was great when he found it to be only a crumpled piece of paper. He opened it to see if there was anything inside.

"What on earth would a beg-

gar like that do with a piece of dirty paper in his pocket? He surely can't read. This is English, too."

"What have you there, Jacob?" asked the hunter from the cabin.

"A piece of soiled paper," replied the youth. "He took it from his pocket and threw it away. It doesn't amount to anything."

"Let me see it!"

Jacob handed the curious paper to him. The effect which it produced upon the man was too marvellous to describe. His face paled like the grey of wood ash, his eyes rolled in horror, his breath came in short gasps.

"Did he have this in his pocket?" asked he in accents so forceful, yet so anxious that Jacob could not answer. "Did you see correctly?"

"Yes sir. I saw him do it." How could the man be so deeply moved by the sight of the paper? What did he see that Jacob had not seen?

"The scoundrel! Red knave!" cried the hunter in anger. "Where is my gun?" he asked, forgetting in his passion that he held it in his hand. "Oh! I have it! He can't be far. He's a dead Indian!" He rushed from the hut as rapidly as his convalescent leg would permit him.

Jacob was dumb with consternation. He had not the slightest inkling of what it was all about, yet he sensed that something awful had been revealed by the paper, that something worse would happen if the hapless Indian were overtaken by his pursuer. The poor lad could do nothing but obey the bidding of his host. Accordingly, he sat down with Wolf and tried, in his immature way, to connect the events that had recently come to pass.

"This is a strange ending to our feast," he thought, as he sat in pensiveness, staring at the dense forest into which the man had disappeared. For an hour he sat patiently awaiting the return of his host. He listened intently for the sound of a shot, and was glad that he heard none, for he felt a dread for murder and wished that the Indian might escape with his life. No amount of imagining could give the lad a hint as to the import of the affair, and he found himself more puzzled at the character of his friend than he had ever been before.

Wolf first announced the approach of the returning hunter. He went out to meet his master, but received an abrupt rebuff instead of the usual kindly greet-

ing. The face of the man was a picture of mingled rage and disappointment.

"Jacob, you had better go home," he said curtly.

"Did you find him?" asked the boy.

"No!" came the explosive answer. "The rogue had too great a start. But he has not gotten away from me yet. I'll go after him again. I'll follow him until I get him if I have to walk every square foot of wilderness in Michigan."

"Did he wrong you somehow?" asked the boy blandly.

"Do you think I would be so eager to catch him on account of his loving kindness? Boy, don't ask so many questions."

Jacob saw that it was best for him to depart. He quickly made his few preparations, and with a meek farewell left the cabin.

"Wait a moment, son," said the hunter, softening a bit. "Take this meat for your father. And perhaps you had better not come around again until I let you hear from me. Wolf will bring you a message."

Jacob trudged through the woods to the settlement in a state of wonder and uncertainty. He could not harmonize the actions of the man. He was sure that the hunter meant well in his conduct toward him, but he was equally sure that the threats toward the Indian bespoke a meaner, harder nature. Perhaps he judged too hastily, for he could not know the motives of the man.

### CHAPTER VI

The days of August passed quickly, and the bright skies of September filled the woodlands with their dancing light. It was tragic that there should be so great a contrast in the glorious weather and the gloomy state of affairs in the little settlement.

Jacob had been extremely impatient during the few days succeeding the episode of the beggar, and decided to venture a visit to the woodman's hut without an explicit invitation. When he arrived he found Wolf in sole possession of the premises, and though he waited until nearly dusk, no hunter returned to greet him.

During the following weeks Jacob made frequent calls at the little enclosure, but each time he was disappointed in not finding the owner at home. Finally he concluded that the hunter spent his days and possibly his nights in search of the elusive Indian and that it was useless for him to try to see the man without staying in the woods after dark. Jacob had not the temerity to do this and so abandoned his hope.

The colony had grown during the summer months until the number of its settlers exceeded a thousand, including those who lived in the surrounding country. Companies of immigrants had come

with regularity, bringing with them their "dominies", organizing themselves into congregations, and settling in or around the original colony at the head of Black Lake.

In June about fifty Friesians had come with Dominie Martin Ypma and settled upon a tract of clay soil twelve miles east of Holland, and had called their village Friesland. At various times, the Zealanders arrived, and under the leadership of Jannes Van der Luyster established themselves at Zealand, six miles east of Holland. Also a company led by Jan Rabbers came from Groningen and settled three miles to the east of Holland.

In the original colony, the inhabitants had cleared a few trails and roads, and had constructed one corduroy road over a cedar swamp through which it was necessary for them to pass on their way to the still incomplete log church.

To this place the settlers thronged every Sunday. Dominie Van Raalte, preaching fearlessly and forcefully, instilled new hope, new courage, new cheer in the failing hearts, and managed by the force of his own example to spur on the immigrants in the struggle which for a time seemed to have no outcome but defeat.

Gerrit Kolf had been among the most industrious. He had worked ceaselessly for himself and others, and had been able to provide fairly well for his family. Acting upon the advice of the "Man in Bearskin" he had made work of building a winter dwelling for his family and now was the proud occupant of a small, though cozy, one-roomed log cabin.

The work of building the new home had taken just a week. With the help of Jacob and a neighbor, Gerrit had felled and trimmed a sufficient number of logs, and dragged them to the site of the proposed dwelling. The four walls had been reared simply by piling the logs on top of one another, and they had been made tight by stuffing the cracks with a mixture of grass and mud. The builders had cut a door and two windows in the walls, but there was no glass to fill the holes. A square piece of cloth was fitted above to be rolled down during cold weather, and a rough door was hung on two leathern hinges. The roof presented a graver problem. Some of the settlers had used slabs of hemlock bark, but the sun had curled them so as to make the roof unfit to keep out the rain. Gerrit wished for a better material with which to cover his home. Fortunately, while the hut was yet building, a load of lumber arrived from Saugatuck, and he bought some thin planks. With the help of these and bark slabs, he succeeded in making a roof fairly capable of withstanding heavy rains.

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# Touring in Southern Brazil



The picture at the left was taken by Peter Sawatsky along the waterfront near the fish-market in Itajai, Brazil, while on his tour of southern Brazil. The picture at right shows a mule team on a bridge at Blumenau, where Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Seibel are active.

By Peter Sawatsky\*

One Saturday in January I waved good-bye to my wife and son and stepped into the bus to begin another long trip, this time to the southern states of Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul.

A highway and modern buses, as well as an electric railway, provide good transportation between Campinas and Sao Paulo. Unfortunately, this is found only between the few coastal industrial cities. In other places ancient, slow, wood-burning trains or irregular buses on winding dirt roads are the only means of travel. Air lines serve most of the important cities.

Leaving Sao Paulo by plane, we flew over a mountainous area covered with dense semi-tropical forest until we came to the Parana plateau and landed at Curitiba. The Mennonite Brethren orphanage, the *Lar das Criancas*, is located on the road from the airport to the city. Stopping there I enjoyed the hospitality and an evening of fellowship with the Erven Thiessens. Sunday morning I visited the Mennonite Church in Boquero and was invited to speak. In the evening the children at the orphanage presented a fine program in their small chapel.

On Monday noon I left Curitiba for Joinville. The bus traveled south and soon left the plateau and entered the mountains of eastern Santa Catarina. As the bus followed the narrow roads winding along the mountain sides, we passed many little shacks with the tall green banana plants clustered around them; but in the valleys we soon came upon the delightful view of neat little farms, where the light green pastures were in contrast to the dark forest surrounding them.

In the late afternoon we arrived in Joinville. It was a surprise to see the large houses built in European style. The people in this area are predominantly of German origin, and in one of these towns one could easily imagine himself to be in Germany. Another reminder of Europe are the numer-

ous bicycles and small cars on the streets. A Brazilian pastor gave me some information about the evangelical work in this area and also directed me to a German Baptist couple who are interested in having a German-speaking pastor begin a church there.

Early next morning I continued my journey south to Blumenau. Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Seibel are active in a small group here. Work among traditional Lutherans is hard. They are nominally church members through infant baptism and confirmation, but many have no living faith in Christ. Often there is a small group of believers within the church that meets for fellowship, and that evening we attended one of their Bible study and prayer meetings conducted in a private home.

From Blumenau the road follows the muddy river to the seaport of Itajai. Green banana plants and flowering trees brighten the prospect. As the bus approached a small town, the tall spires of a large church on a hill were seen from a distance and were a reminder that the Roman Church has dominated here for centuries and that we face a tremendous task to bring the true Gospel to the people.

In Itajai the Baptist pastor invited me to sit with him under an arbor behind an old building that serves as a church and parsonage. He finds the people there indifferent to the Gospel and has only five members in his congregation. This is unusual in Brazil, where many evangelical churches, especially of the Pentecostal type, are growing rapidly.

After a stop at Brusque, a small German town, to visit Mrs. von Buetner (a former Goshen resident) and family, I continued on to Florianopolis, the capital of Santa Catarina. This city is perched on a hilly island and is joined to the mainland by a suspension bridge. Along the seashore are the small huts of the simple fisherfolk, many of whom have come from Portugal. The Presbyterian pastor here was friendly and helpful and I en-

joyed the noon meal in his home. He thinks there is a need here for more evangelical work and welcomes more workers.

Along the coastline from Florianopolis (Santa Catarina), to Porto Alegre (Rio Grande do Sul), there are numerous small towns, many of which are tourist resorts and the evangelical work in them is very weak. The roads are very poor or non-existent here and bus travel is slow and rough. For a distance of over 100 miles the bus used the sandy beach as a road. This was indeed an unusual bus ride—speeding over the wet sand, dodging the tall waves breaking on the beach on our left and roaring past occasional fishermen and bathers. After a short stop for coffee and sandwiches about 7 p.m., we turned inland and continued on our way to Porto Alegre. We finally arrived completely exhausted about 10 o'clock that night.

Porto Alegre, the capital of Rio Grande do Sul, is a modern, growing city with a population of about one-half million. It has a number of large evangelical churches. The Methodists have both a boys' and a girls' school here. The large imposing stone buildings of these schools are situated on a hill near the center of the city.

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This is the bus that used the beach as a highway on the coast of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. See article above.

## MOTHER

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inside the kitchen cupboard. They had had to place it inside the glass door ever since baby had knocked it down while on his latest climbing spree.

The child looked at the clock, without understanding it, and felt that it was time that Mother should come. Perhaps she is in the bedroom, perhaps down-stairs in the basement. Hurried investigations proved futile. Where, oh, where can she be? Louder and more demanding, she called, "Mother."

Perhaps she has been called to a sick neighbor; perhaps father took her shopping and they had started out late; perhaps she is in the garden. No, she is not in the garden. Perhaps she was suddenly taken ill and had to be rushed to the hospital. Suppose she is very ill and they have to operate, and, and . . .

No, that cannot be! A sudden fear, the result of an active imagination, gripped the child. A sinking feeling around the region of the heart, a certain looseness about the knees causes her to call out as though her life depends on it, "Mother."

There is a movement upstairs, quick, light steps descend. Oh, the welcome sound! The child throws herself, sobbing and trembling, into her mother's arms and buries her face in her mother's bosom.

"Why, child, what is the matter? Why are you crying?"

"Mother, I didn't know where you were!"

## The Christian and His Bible

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## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Church Related Colleges Seen to be in Great NEED

The financial situation in the majority of the nation's 500 Protestant church-related educational institutions was described as "serious" and in some cases "critical", by Dr. Hubert C. Noble, New York, general director of the National Council of Churches Commission on Christian Higher Education. Most of the institutions have present capital needs of from five to 15 million dollars, according to Dr. Noble.

Funds of the majority of Protestant colleges and universities, he said, have fallen behind sharp increases in the costs of education, and most need to improve their present buildings and add new ones to provide for the growing number of students who wish to enroll each year. He cited estimates by educators that the present total U.S. college enrollment of two and one-half million will increase by 1970 to form five to seven million students.

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### Now It's Official

"We believe that planned parenthood, practiced in Christian conscience, may fulfill rather than violate the will of God," announced the Methodist Church law-making general conference, after it was urged to take this stand by Rev. H. Hughes Wagner of Springfield, Mass.

This means that the Methodist Church believes birth control is in keeping with the will of God. Mr. Wagner said that the church approval of the birth-control position would help counteract efforts to brand it anti-religious.

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### Evangelicals in China Still Being Persecuted Severely

Reliable reports from China indicate that Ni T'o Shen, leader of the Hsiao Ch'un (Little Flock) Church Group, has been imprisoned. This man is nationally known as a leader in the Chinese Church. Other reports have indicated that Mr. and Mrs. Wang Ming Tao of the Christian Church in Peking, arrested last August 8th, were sentenced to 15 years hard labor. The arrest was carried out with properly executed warrants. The accusers were leaders in the government-sponsored church, whose official publications had been filled with charges against the pastor.

For the past 30 years one of the outstanding preachers of China, Wang Ming Tao is considered by many as the spiritual leader of the Chinese Church which has remained true to the Gospel and refused to become a part of the Communist government-sponsored New Church. There are those

who doubt that the hard labor sentence will be carried out (although multitudes in China are serving sentences for "Reform Through Labor") but feel that Wang Ming Tao will instead be placed in solitary confinement. Otherwise there could be a repetition of the experiences of Peter, Paul and Silas of New Testament times, which the Communists cannot afford.

Wang Ming Tao's last publication, *We Because Of Our Faith Alone*, which was distributed at his last service before his arrest, has been translated and is now being published.

Pastor Wu, who attempted to continue services in the Peking Christian Church, was also arrested and for a while the church was sealed. Meanwhile, in Shanghai all Bible classes, prayer meetings and private groups are banned by the government.

At the same time, Christian college and university students on the China Mainland are facing increasing difficulties. When graduation time came last year, many of the Christian students were notified that they had failed in their courses. The reason given for the failure was that "their political training is inadequate".

(It is estimated that in 1948 there were over 4,200 Protestant missionaries in China. Of that number, it is reported, there are only four today—and one of them was in prison when last heard from. In 1950 there were approximately one million Protestants in China. A great percentage of them—probably close to 600,000—have refused to become a part of the "New Church" sponsored by the government.) (MNS)

## CANADASCOPE

### New Museum to Show Bell's Research

The fame of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell rings daily in countless homes and offices throughout the world, but the success of his most famous invention has obscured his advanced and far-reaching research in other fields.

To set Bell's scientific work in true perspective, the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources will open on August 18 a museum dedicated to his achievements in many fields, particularly aeronautics. The museum has been established at Baddeck, N.S., near the summer home where Bell lived for almost 30 years and near the simple graves where he and his wife are buried.

A humanitarian approach to science is evident in all Bell's varied research. He devoted his life to improve the lot of the deaf.

Eugenic experiments to breed a

strain of sheep that would bear several lambs instead of one, a surgical probe to locate bullets or shrapnel imbedded deeply in human bodies, the theory of radiation treatment for deep-seated cancers, the principles of the iron lung and sonar—all these sprang from a mind that worked imaginatively to benefit mankind.

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### Cost of Television

National television service to Canadians can be maintained at about its present level at a cost of approximately \$15 a year per television home, the CBC stated in its submission to the Royal Commission on Broadcasting on April 30.

In a 30,000-word memorandum to the Fowler Commission, the Board of Governors stressed that the CBC was not asking for any particular national policy or law in broadcasting, nor for any specific financial arrangement or amount. The \$15 per year per TV household was referred to only as the basis on which the system is currently being developed—"A base for calculation".

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### Ordeal Over for Boy

After wandering alone for 96 hours through flood-swollen swamps north of Alonsa, Man., 10-year-old Richard North was found alive and well Sunday afternoon, May 6. He had not eaten since he left school at 4 p.m. Wednesday, when he tried to beat his brothers home by taking a shortcut. He was found by members of the militia with his voice gone from calling out so often during the four days. He was only one and a half miles from his home.

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### Strike Vote May Stop Grain

Just at a time when wheat has begun moving faster to meet overseas orders a strike vote may bring the grain movement to a halt. The Seafarers' International Union was scheduled to meet in Montreal with seven shipping companies for post-conciliation talks, after it was reported that a strike vote had rejected the majority conciliation award.

## The World Today

### Cigarettes are Dangerous

In London, England, the government said this week that two known cancer-producing agents have been discovered in tobacco smoke. That they have a direct role in producing lung cancer "has not been proved", according to a statement by Health Minister Robert Turton.

He did, however, state that "the number of deaths from cancer of the lung has risen from 2,286 in 1931 to 17,271 last year". He added that "the chairman of a committee of the medical research

council which has been investigating the subject considers that . . . there is statistically an incontrovertible association between cigarette smoking and the incidence of lung cancer".

"The statistical evidence from this and other countries to which he refers tends to show that mortality from cancer of the lung is 20 times greater among heavy smokers than among non-smokers."

Answering questions, Mr. Turton said it would appear pipe smokers faced a heavier risk than non-smokers, but substantially less than heavy cigarette smokers.

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### Acid Victim Blind

Labor Columnist Victor Riesel is totally blind as the result of sulphuric acid thrown into his eyes on April 5, it was announced last week. He took the news stoically, announcing he would be back on the job in two weeks.

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### Get Out: British Told

Ceylon's new Socialist government has informed British authorities that British air and naval bases in Ceylon must be removed and "there is no question of reconsideration of that," Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike told the House of Representatives on May 4.

## For Your Personal Study

### Personality through Prayer

By Simon Blocker. 121 pp.

This book will open up for you wonderfully new vistas in your prayer life. In his introduction Dr. Blocker writes: ". . . In this day of calls to prayer and tragic needs to pray, you just cannot start to pray for all kinds of grand universal goals without giving thought first to whether or not your personal life is truly in Christ. What use to pray for the coming of the kingdom of God in the world when the sphere of the suppliant's inner life is a citadel of enthroned self-interest? . . . It is not selfish to major on one's own life and character first in the matter of praying." ..... \$2.00

### Ouch! My Conscience

By W. Maurice Hurley. 96 pp.

In this book the author explores the corrosive effects of fear and guilt on the human heart, and shows what a positive and salutary thing mankind has in the Christian faith. Men and women who suffer unrelieved from this kind of soul sickness, the author says, are doomed to immaturity, and religion for them becomes perverted, a piety based on fear. In eight helpful chapters he traces the inner workings of the guilt-fear complex, and describes how the Christian faith, intimately practical and cleansing in its relations with the heart, frees it of its constricting fears, and brings it relief in forgiveness, love, and a sense of unity with the divine principle of life ..... \$1.50

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**Weddings**

**WIEBE — SCHELLENBERG**

Marlene Schellenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schellenberg, Kelowna, B.C., and John Wiebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiebe, Kelowna, B.C., were married on Sunday, April 15, in the Kelowna M. B. church. Rev. Abe Wieler, principal of the M. B. Bible Institute, officiated.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in the



church basement. After this, a program led by Mr. Frank Janzen was presented in the main auditorium of the church.

Visitors who had come from the coast for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nickel, Abbotsford. Mr. Nickel is an uncle to the bride. Other visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Peter Enns and family from Oliver, in addition to two Dyck families from Oliver.

**Obituaries**

**REV. NIKOLAI REMPEL**

Rev. Nikolai Rempel of 25 Broadway St., Chilliwack, B.C., passed away on May 2, 1956, in his home after a lengthy illness. Death was caused by cancer. The funeral services were held on Sunday, May 6, in the Chilliwack M. B. church. Rev. J. Bergen officiated, assisted by Rev. John Harder, Yarrow, and Rev. Jakob Penner, East Chilliwack. Chilliwack Funeral Homes were in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Rempel was born in South Russia on July 21, 1888. Upon coming to Canada he settled in the Linden, Alta., district, where he was instrumental in founding an

M. B. Church. Twelve years ago he moved to British Columbia, settling in the East Chilliwack district. He was pastor of the East Chilliwack M. B. Church for several years. At the present time he was living in Chilliwack. His wife predeceased him late last year, also as the result of cancer.

He is survived by five sons, four daughters, 26 grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. John A. Harder, Yarrow, B.C.

**MR. PETER P. PENNER**

Mr. Peter P. Penner, 60, Beamsville, Ont., passed away on April 26 in the St. Catharines General Hospital. Death resulted from cancer. The funeral services were held in the Tallman's Funeral Home, Campden, Ont., and in the M. B. church, Vineland, Ont., on April 28.

Mr. Penner was born on July 21, 1895, in Samara, Russia, and came to Canada in the fall of 1926, settling near Rosenfeld, Manitoba. He moved to Vineland, Ont., in 1931, where he worked as a farm labourer until he was able to buy his own farm near Beamsville, Ont. He served the Vineland

M. B. Church for eight years as treasurer.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Rev. Peter Penner of Thornhill, Man., and Corney; four daughters, Mrs. Erna Friesen, Jordan, Ont., Marianne, Thelma, and Catharine (working at MCC headquarters, Akron, Pa.); and two grandchildren, Donna and Kenneth Friesen.

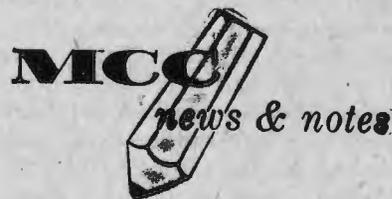
**REV. JOHN HEINRICKS**

Rev. John Heinrichs passed away in his home near Rosenfeld, Man., on April 27. He had been in failing health for several years and died after a few hours of illness. The funeral service was held in the Berghaler church at Altona, Man., on May 4.

Rev. Heinrichs has been a minister in the Berghaler Church for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, eight sons, four daughters, four brothers and five sisters.

**Future Subscribers**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peters of Winnipeg, Man., a son, Edward Allen, on April 10, 1956.



**FOOD AND CLOTHING GIVEN IN AUSTRIA**

Workers distributed clothing and 165 Easter parcels containing flour, cheese, butter, dried milk and beef at Vienna, Austria.

Relief worker Clarence Sakimura reports some interesting individual distributions: Clothing was given to a Galician Mennonite who plans to send it to close relatives still in Poland. A Czechoslovakian refugee, now a relief and immigration worker for refugees, was outfitted with suits for his work.

**AID GOES TO JORDAN FAMILIES**

Relief workers Robert and Virginia Lapham in Irbid, Jordan, have completed a general clothing distribution to 7,500 refugee families representing some 34,500 persons.

Clothing went to 3,300 families in and around Irbid and to 4,200 refugee families in outlying villages.

Some villagers live in tent-like shacks made mostly of grass. When rain comes their floor is a mat of mud and water, as the grass roof fails to keep out the down-pour. Many families prior to the distribution had no bedding, but they slept on small grass mats placed in the mud. Some fam-

ilies requested cardboard to make a floor.

The Laphams write, "Wherever we go the people are very poor and in need of better food, clothing, homes, medical care and employment (this most of all)."

**SPIRITUAL, MATERIAL HELP FOR INDIA**

Some Calcuttans have been helped to new faith and others have found employment as a result of work by MCC relief representatives in India. Edward Benedict of Calcutta reports medical aid has been going to tuberculosis patients and milk distributions to approximately 1200 persons. He also distributes cheese, butter oil, split beans and cotton seed oil.

The other India relief worker, Rudy Friesen, was to finish responsibilities in the Punjab in April before going to Calcutta to work.

**KOREAN WOMEN TRY THEIR SKILL**

A visit by Clara Eshleman to women who have been graduated from the Widows Project in Korea reveals many of them need more funds to purchase a supply of material to sew clothing. They were given a loan. However one woman Kwon Duk Ki Si, for instance, fixed a booth in front of her house where she sells the things she makes.

For a side-line, some of these ladies made 150 hankies for one of the men to give to children in an

orphanage. In each were wrapped an apple, cookies and candy.

**SURPLUS FOODS CONTINUE TO BE SENT**

Around 3,200,000 pounds of government surplus commodities will be sent to areas of relief by MCC during the next year. One dollar designated for this purpose sends approximately 20 to 25 dollars of surplus foods overseas. These commodities include dairy and grain products: dry milk, cheese, butter, butter oil, cottonseed oil, wheat, beans, rice and corn.

**CAMP LANDON TO CHANGE HANDS**

MCC operation of Camp Landon at Gulfport, Miss., will terminate at the end of the calendar year when transfer is expected to be made to the General Conference mission board.

Camp Landon, the oldest MCC Voluntary Service project, serves Negroes and poorer whites by programs of educational, recreational and spiritual welfare.

**Recruits Needed To Join Pax Units in Germany**

More Pax men are needed in Germany units to construct homes for refugee families.

The orientation school is slated for June 18-22 at Akron, Pa. Pax men are to sail June 25 by Holland-American Lines.

Members of Pax units in Germany are transferred to other European units as they are needed and qualified. Germany units annually participate in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Pax Services is the overseas program of Mennonite Central Committee for conscientious objectors in projects of rehabilitation and construction. It is a positive effort toward peace. More than 50 young men are presently serving in seven Pax units in Germany.

There are other Pax openings in Paraguay and Indonesia.

Interested young men are invited to write immediately to Personnel Office, MCC, Akron, Pa.

**Fifty Missionary Heroes**

By Julia Johnston. 221 pp.

This is a fascinating book which will not only deeply interest the boys and girls, but older folks as well. Children will thrill to the exciting adventures of these men of God, adventures that have more drama than many a "thriller". But aside from the rare interest of the book for boys and girls, its pages contain a rare list of glowing illustrations for the pulpit. All homes and Sunday school libraries should have it. \$2.00

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## COLLEGES

### MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

The testimony and prayer-meeting in chapel on Monday morning, April 30, was led by Rev. H. Regehr. In the afternoon we had the privilege of having another missionary in our midst. Rev. Vic McVety, brother to the pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Chapel in the city, gave an illustrated talk. He showed colored slides of beautiful Japan, where he has directed the publishing and distribution of Gospel literature in the Japanese language. He and his family are on furlough now, but expect to be returning to Japan this coming summer. Let us remember to pray for them.

On Tuesday morning Dean Toews reminded us of some "Causes of Unfaithfulness", using Matthew 25:14-30 as his text.

Brother Jerry Hildebrand on Wednesday morning urged us to return to the "first love". He reviewed some of the similarities between our present-day position and that of the Ephesian church (Rev. 2:1-7).

The graduate testimony on Thursday was given by Miss Daisy Martens from Swift Current, Sask.

Rev. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church and part-time teacher at the college, spoke to us on Friday morning about the loving relationship between Peter and Paul and its implications for us.

On Friday evening, May 4, the long-planned return visit to the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, our sister college, became a reality. The "invasion" began at 7 p.m., while the program centered about a presentation and discussion of the problem of "Discipleship and Culture". We found many friends there and enjoyed a pleasant evening of fellowship. We are grateful for their hospitable reception. Henry Warkentin.

### MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLICAL SEMINARY, FRESNO, CALIF.

#### A New Step Forward

In the educational history of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of North America, the year 1955 will be noteworthy for the establishment of a Theological Seminary in Fresno, California. A reorganized, unified educational program envisages Tabor College with a Liberal Arts program and the Seminary in Fresno offering Theological training. "The Seminary is the realization after many years of the dreams of many brethren. We believe such an institution to be essential if we wish to preserve the Mennonite distinctives in the training of workers both in the foreign



Above you see the second semester student body and faculty (back row) of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary assembled on the lawn of the recently purchased campus. Six Canadians are studying here.

and in the home field," Rev. B. J. Braun, President of the newly founded Mennonite Brethren Seminary, stated recently.

#### Enrolment Increases

Whereas the fall semester enrolment totalled eighteen, the spring semester opened with a student body of twenty. Eight of these have been graduated with an A.B. degree from Tabor College; six have degrees from Pacific Bible Institute and six have received the prerequisite training in State Colleges and Universities.

At least seven of the students have had previous pastoral experience, one is a missionary, another a nurse, and four have teaching credentials.

Generally speaking, half of the students have registered in the regular three year Bachelor of Divinity course, and half are enrolled in the two year Master of Arts in Missions course.

#### Six Canadians Studying Here

Eight students come from California: Arlo Heinrichs, Vernon Janzen, Bob Heinrichs, Paul Hiebert, Eugene Janzen, Rubena Gunther (missionary to Japan), Jacob J. Gerbrandt, and Phyllis Hiebert. Two students, Paul Kroeker and Peter C. Martens, come from Oklahoma. David Block is from Texas and Esther Wiens comes from Minnesota.

From Canada there are six students: Nick Rempel and Walter Friesen (B.C.); Alfred Schmidt and Elmer Martens (Sask.); Walter Heinrichs (Ontario); and David Plett (Alberta).

#### Prospects Are Encouraging

The present faculty, Rev. B. J. Braun, Dr. G. W. Peters, Dr. D. Edmond Hiebert, Dr. P. R. Lange, and Dr. A. G. Willems will serve in the Seminary in the coming year and there are prospects that other instructors may be added.

The Seminary, which is now meeting for classes in the Pacific Bible Institute building, will move to its new location, Chestnut and Butler in Fresno, this fall. The six-acre campus is well landscaped and the large building should be adequate to meet the present needs of what is likely to be a rapidly expanding Seminary.

Elmer Martens



This is the 23-room building purchased recently for the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno, California. It is located on a well-landscaped, six-acre campus and will be ready for occupancy in fall.

### TABOR COLLEGE

#### Church Colleges Must Continue Strong, Says Speaker

President Robert Mortvedt of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, told more than two hundred guests at the fourth annual Tabor College Booster Banquet Monday evening, April 30, that the worth and excellence of higher education in this country can be directly related to the strength of private church-related colleges.

"If the Christian college will cease to play an important role in education," he said, "our entire system of higher education will suffer loss. Church colleges do something which the state institutions neither attempt nor, indeed, are qualified to do," he continued, "even though I should be the first to say that our state institutions are tremendously vital and perform an invaluable task in their sphere."

Citing the fact that the proportionate numerical strength of the church college has been waning since the end of the war, Dr. Mortvedt listed some of the dangers in a continuation of this trend. He stated that weak private colleges are bad for state institutions, because some of the best scholarship in the areas of the arts, philosophy, and religion has always come from the private colleges. "A majority of the leadership in industry and in professional fields has come from the private

colleges," he pointed out, citing statistics and press surveys.

"But what is worse," he continued, "is that the church must inevitably suffer if the Christian college suffers, and that, in turn, is bad for the moral and spiritual life of the entire nation." He urged business and professional people who are sincerely interested in community welfare to continue their active support of the private church-related college.

### GOSHEN COLLEGE

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Guilding, missionaries to the Akamba tribe, Machakos, Kenya, spoke at a May 6 vesper service in Union Auditorium on the subject "On the Edge of Mau Mau Country". The Akamba tribe borders the Mau Mau country, scene of much uprising and terrorism during the last few years. The Guildings are well known to our Mennonite missionaries in East Africa and have frequently entertained them in their home.

The college Music Club presented Eugene Schlabach, Mennonite pianist from Metamora, Ill., in a concert May 4. A graduate student at Northwestern University, Mr. Schlabach is studying music education, with a major in piano.

#### Commencement Activities Scheduled

1956 Commencement activities begin with the Seminary Class (Continued on page 12-1)

**GOSHEN COLLEGE**

(Continued from page 11-4)

Program May 27 and continue through graduation on June 4. Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, Professor of Church History, at Union Theological Seminary, New York, will present the 58th annual commencement address.

Sunday, June 3 at 3 p.m. the combined college choruses will sing Brahms' "Requiem" under the direction of Dwight Weldy.

President Mininger will preach at the Sunday evening Baccalaureate Service. The senior class program is scheduled for June 4 at 2:30 p.m.

**On the Horizon**

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 26 and 27. — The graduation exercises of the Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba.

May 27. — Dedication services at the new North Star Mennonite

church at Drake, Sask. The church's 50th anniversary service begins at 2 p.m. MST.

May 27. — The annual South Saskatchewan M. B. Church Sunday School Convention will be held in the Herbert M. B. auditorium. The afternoon session begins at 2 p.m. and the evening session at 7 p.m. Banquet at 5 p.m.

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 1 to 3. — Mission conference jointly sponsored by the Saskatchewan Ministers' Conference and the Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Organization in the Exhibition Stadium, Saskatoon, Sask.

June 1 and 2 — The provincial M. B. Conference of Manitoba will meet for its annual sessions in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg. Rev. H. H. Janzen is the moderator.

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

June 3. — The official dedication of the new church building at Blaine Lake, Sask. First service at 10:00 a.m. MST, with services also in the afternoon and evening.

June 10. — The commencement exercises of the M. B. Bible College will be held in the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg. Graduation ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

June 13 to 14. — Church-wide annual meeting of the (Old) Mennonite Youth Fellowship at Elmira, Ontario.

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

June 16. — The Canadian Mennonite Bible College will present a song program in its chapel at Tuxedo, a suburb of Winnipeg.

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 17. — Baccalaureate address at 10:30 a.m. in the college chapel of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College. The graduation exercises will begin at 3:00 p.m.

June 24 — The new old folks' home at Winkler will be formally dedicated on Sunday, June 24, at 2:30 p.m.

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, Man.

**CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE**

After two postponements during the winter term, we were finally able to host the Mennonite Brethren Bible College students on Friday, May 4. The program was of a slightly different nature this year.

Soon after their arrival we assembled in the chapel. The program consisted of the reading of two papers on related subjects, "The Relationship between Christianity and Culture", read by John Neufeld, and "Christian Discipleship and Culture" by Cornelia Lehn. We were then divided into five groups and discussed some of the practical aspects to the problem. These discussion groups also proved to be a good means of learning to know one another better. Following a lunch the visitors were taken on a tour through

our new College building.

We also had two visiting ministers in Chapel during last week: Rev. Wm. Enns of Springstein, Manitoba, and Rev. David Fast of Steinbach, Manitoba.

The Octette once again went on tour last weekend, leaving Winnipeg at noon on Saturday, May 5. They brought a program at Whitewater, Manitoba, that evening, and the following day presented three programs: at Ninga, Lena and Crystal City. Rev. H. Poettcker accompanied the group, bringing a message at each place.

Margaret Voght

**An Invitation to Attend Commencement Exercises**

The commencement exercises of the College will all be held on the College campus, beginning with a song program on Saturday, June 16, at 8:00 p.m., and continuing on Sunday, June 17. Sunday morning at 10:30 the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered in the college chapel. That afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. graduation exercises for 11 students are scheduled.

Plan to make this a family outing. The environment here in Tuxedo is made to order for that, with a beautiful, spacious campus and shade trees. Assiniboine Park, with its lawns, flowers, its wild animals and its play-grounds for children is also only a short distance away.

Come and fellowship with us during the forenoon. Bring your lunch along and stay for the graduation exercises in the afternoon. Hot water will be available.

Eleven young people are graduating, ready to enter service for God. Come and show them that you are backing them up. Details concerning the program will be announced later.

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