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

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GRADUATES AND TEACHERS AT THE M. B. COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, WINNIPEG. — Front row, left to right, Anne Wall, Katherine Derksen, Hildegard Neufeld, Irene Klassen, the teachers, Rev. D. K. Duerksen, Victor Adrian, principal, and G. H. Peters, Anita Warkentin, Eleonore Isaac, Agnes Huebert. Second row, Hartmut Schroeder, Vernon Voth, Waldemar Redekopp, Corny Klassen, Elfrieda Toews, Mera Klassen, the teachers, Rudy Boschman, H. J. Dyck and W. Bock, Ruth Neufeld, Katie Wiens, Leonard Peters, Harry Martens. — Third row, Edward Penner, Bill DeFehr, John Thiessen, Victor Horch, Herman Voth, Ray Penner, Dietmar Goerz, Corny Isaak, John Lohrenz, Walter Kehler, Walter Foth, and Edgar Pauls.

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## Ontario Sunday School Teachers Meet

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — The Mennonite Brethren Church here had the privilege of being hosts to the Ontario M.B. Sunday School Teachers' Convention.

Speaker for the occasion was Rev. J. F. Redekop from North Clearbrook, B.C., who remained in Ontario after the Canadian M.B. Sunday School Workers' Conference in Kitchener. He has been holding special services in the churches of our province.

The three topics dealt with by Rev. Redekop were: The Practical Teaching in Our Sunday Schools; and Blessings That Come Through Sunday School Work.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, Rev. Redekop used Stephen as a practical example of a Spirit-filled believer.

It was a pleasure to hear from the various reports that the Sunday schools are expanding and that work is also being done in various mission Sunday schools. We are especially thankful for the consecrated young people who are willing to serve God in this manner. A large program is being planned for daily vacation Bible

school this year and it is hoped that many will take part in this project.

## Arnes Site for Workers' Retreats

*Chicago, Ill.* — Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, 70 miles north of Winnipeg, Man., is to be the site of the seventh Ministers and Church Workers Retreat for the General Conference Mennonite Church. The retreat is to be held from August 8 to 15, a week prior to the convening of the triennial session of the General Conference Mennonite Church at Winnipeg.

The Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp is owned and operated by a society composed of Mennonite Brethren members. Situated along Lake Winnipeg, the camp site has been built up constantly during the last years. Today it has an active program for children, young people, Christian businessmen, and future leaders. Facilities include cabins, a chapel, a kitchen and dining-room, a long pier, two floating docks, and a playground site.

For the second time, the Young People's Union will hold a special session at the same time and place.

This year in addition to the two features, the Missionary Orientation school for missionary candidates and furloughed missionaries will be held at the same time. It is expected that about forty will attend.

The main speaker for this year's retreat will be Milo Kaufman of Hesston, Kans.

## South Saskatchewan Youth Rally

*Herbert, Sask.* — The South Saskatchewan M.B. Youth Rally was held in the Herbert M. B. auditorium on May 20.

Rev. C. Braun led the afternoon meeting, while Rev. George Dyck, pastor of the Dalmeny M. B. Church, delivered a message on "A Challenge to Service". Special features included songs from the Main Centre, Herbert and Beechy choirs. A duet from Reinfeld sang, while a member of the Turnhill group gave a reading. Rev. J. J. Thiessen, South Saskatchewan director of the M.B. Mission of

Saskatchewan, announced that the children's camp would start on July 2.

Mr. Ed. Buller was chairman for the evening meeting. There was good participation in the testimony period led by Rev. Braun. Other items included songs by the radio quartet and choir, and a reading by Margaret Heinrichs. Rev. George Dyck spoke on consecration.

## MISSIONARY SPEAKS AT HORNDEAN

*Horndean, Man.* — Instead of the regular Bible study hour on Tuesday, May 22, Rev. Carl Schumacher told about missionary work in the Sudan, French West Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Schumacher and their sons, Donald and Dennis, recently returned after a term of service on the African mission field. At the service Rev. Schumacher showed slides of France, where they spent one year studying the French language. The rest of the slides depicted life in Africa, the field of their labours.

The Schumachers were the only missionaries for a very large area, and expressed the need for more missionaries. After the slides, they opened the meeting to questions from the congregation on the work.

# EDITORIAL

## Devotional

### Divine Motivation

By P. C. Tilitzky, Yarrow, B.C.

### Is Our Service Truly "Samaritan"?

In an article in the Jordan Relief Notes, prepared by MCC personnel serving in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ernest Lehman, who is MCC director in Jordan, has some rather pertinent comments about our relief work. After giving details about the burning and looting of the MCC warehouse in Jericho in December, he analyzes the motivation that would lead the Arabs to "bite the hand that feeds them". He writes:

"One's first inclination is to ask why refugees could act thus after we and others have been kind to them in giving them relief help for the past few years. We are in the habit of considering ourselves as the modern-day Good Samaritan. Actually the Arab refugees point out that we do not give ministry commensurate with their deepest need. They think that we are a sort of false Samaritan coming to them saying, 'You poor, injured victim, how cold and lonely you must be lying there along the roadside! We will bring you a blanket, to cover you so that you need not feel so cold lying there on the ground; and we will give you some bread so you do not feel hungry while you lie there; and we hope that as you lie there you will not mind your pain too much; and as you continue to lie there day after day we hope your condition will not be worse, but gradually better; and in fact as you lie there, be assured that we are praying for you.' This is the kind of Samaritan they think we are. They cannot understand that we Americans are unable to influence the foreign policies of America.

"... Somehow we as a Christian Church have not found an effective way to disassociate ourselves from or be non-conformed to that trend or character in America which is materialistic and nationalistic, and which these people in the Arab countries have learned to suspect and hate. People here see us and our tourist friends, and consider us not as 'pilgrims and strangers' in the earth, but as well-established self-seeking citizens of modern Western life. They see what we seem to have in this world and want it too. When we give them emergency relief, many understand our motives, but many others are blinded and irritated by the fact that we give them less than the standard of living which they know we and our people at home keep. It is not what we give, but what we have kept that impresses them.

"Without doubt, we must search our own hearts to be sure that our motives are high and holy, our relief and its resources must not be the surplus of our luxury, but truly given with a spirit of sacrifice; and the temper of our total brotherhood must be first to minister to a needy, suffering, perplexed and lost world, not to "tear down and build greater" our modern established way of living. Only when we have thus assured our own innocence can we justly condemn those who with violence protest against the evil with which they feel we are associated."

Missionaries and foreign students tell us that this type of attitude often prevails on the foreign field also. The nationals suspect the motives of the missionary with his higher standard of living. This is especially true in India, where the tendency is to regard all Western endeavors in the East as a means of exploiting the native peoples. The long history of colonialism has prepared a soil that is indeed stony at times—but when the love of Christ indwells the missionary and the church, even these resentments can be overcome. But we must be conscious of them, and consciously try to overcome them.

It is easy to put the responsibility at the feet of those representing us in relief or missionary work. But as Brother Lehman has so aptly pointed out, not until our first desire is to help a needy and spiritually dying world, and this manifests itself in sacrifice and service at home, will our representatives be able to make the impression they desire. It remains true that these workers come out of our midst and will reveal our attitude as a church.

### ON GLORIFYING GOD

By E. Payson

Christ commands us, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, to do all to the glory of God.

Perhaps some will ask, How is

this possible? We cannot be always thinking of God; we must attend to our business, provide for our own wants and those of our families. True, but look at a man about to send a ship to a foreign port. As he purchases his cargo

"For the love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14).

These words were penned by a man who during his lifetime had served God more than anyone else. But first he had experienced a transformation in his life.

As the zealous Pharisee Saul had put forth great effort in supposedly serving God, persecuting Christ and His followers. The authority he had received from man, but the motivation come from a false education, a wrong conception of Christ, and perverted ideas about himself. He apparently was the man of the hour, imprisoning and killing men and women who believed on Christ. He succeeded in doing a great deal of work with the wrong motivation—hatred of Christ and everyone that confessed Him.

But thanks be to God; this Saul became Paul: Paul, the little man who could turn the world upside down (Acts 17:6); Paul who could do more than they all (II Cor. 11:23) for God—with the right kind of motivation.

The secret of Paul's endurance in labouring, suffering, praying, and winning souls for Christ is found in the verse quoted above: "For the love of Christ constrained (forces, coerces, compels,) us (me)." Yes, divine motivation was the secret. It was not his education, his birth, or even his religious position that made him successful and great in God's kingdom. It was the love of Christ taking hold of him and filling him to overflowing. That is the secret even today.

The love of God, or of Christ, is far superior to any force in heaven or in earth. No man can invent or display a greater power than the power of love. All heaven could not contain this love—for it was revealed in this loveless world to redeem sinners like Paul—like you and I. Ever since man fell into sin this love has been actively trying to win as many as possible back to God again. To do this God does not

and makes the requisite preparations, he considers what articles are most suitable for the market, what provisions most necessary for the voyage, how the ship is to be rigged and manned; in short, all his plans are laid with reference to the end of the voyage.

So the Christian, though not always thinking of heaven, should take care that all his business and all his pleasures may forward his journey thither and promote his great object of preparation for that abode of blessedness.

use angels, but men and women who permit themselves to be filled with the love of Christ—like Paul—so that they will be willing to do anything to win some. Such will be able to endure the utmost for God's highest. They will finally receive the crown that is laid up for every faithful servant of God.

When we look into our circles today and see the many and varied activities, we cannot help but ask: Is all the effort put forth by young and old really the result of a loving desire to do the Master's will? What would be the result if we applied the yardstick of I Corinthians 13:1-3 to our life of service. All the singing, preaching, testifying, teaching, and writing will not profit us nor help a poor, lost humanity if the love of Christ does not constrain us.

Let us search our hearts for a moment and see what our motives are in our work in God's kingdom. Or better still, let God search and try the thoughts and intents of our inmost being and let Him see to it that our motives for serving Him be nothing else but His constraining love. Then only will we work successfully, even though it cost us our position, our income, yea, even our life. That type of life may bring a lot of hardships, sufferings, and persecution from man and Satan. But then we will be able to say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith..."

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## Visit Arnaud M. B. Church

By Peter Brown

*Arnaud, Man.* — On Sunday morning, May 7, a group made up of graduates and students of the M. B. Bible College presented a program in the M. B. church here. The program was sponsored by the Manitoba branch of the Alumni Association and was the first of two programs given that day.

The group as a whole sang several songs, while Miss Rita Lange-mann served with a vocal solo. Miss Anne Voth told a story for the children. Testimonies by Mr. Gerh. Giesbrecht, son of a missionary in Paraguay; Miss Junko Matsuno, a Japanese student graduating this year and returning to Japan in July; Miss Mary Janzen of Winnipeg; and, by Mr. Leslie Stobbe revealed that the time they had spent at MBBC had been a time of great blessing and a time of real preparation for future service. They urged the young people to attend the college.

Mr. George Ewert, teacher at Steinbach, based his message on the story of Gideon as found in Judges 6.

An offering was received to help

pay for Miss Matsuno's fare when she returns to Japan in July.

After the morning service the congregation gathered in the church basement for a dinner.

### INVITE OTHER GROUPS FOR PROGRAM

*Arnaud, Man.* — The Arnaud M. B. Ladies' Sewing Circle invited the Arnaud W.I., the United Church Circle and the two Sewing Circles of the Arnaud Mennonite Church to a program at the M. B. church on Friday evening, May 18. It was marked by good attendance.

At the service Miss Katie Janzen, whose home is in Arnaud but who is teaching in Winnipeg, showed slides of her work among the migrants in California in MCC Voluntary Service. The migrants are poor people who move from place to place in search of employment. Miss Janzen worked among these people, teaching the ladies and teen-aged girls how to sew. Together with other MCC workers she conducted Sunday schools and organized Bible clubs with the children and teen-agers.

An offering was received for the MCC. Lunch was served to all the ladies by the Arnaud M. B. Sewing Circle.

### LADIES MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS

*Warman, Sask.* — The Warman Ladies' Aid sponsored a Mother's Day Tea on May 12 in the local community hall. Although the weather was cloudy and there was some rain, the turnout was good.

The lunch was served at little tables for four, each decorated with red and white carnations. A frequent remark was, "A very good lunch for 25 cents."

Besides the lunch there was home-cooking and some sewing on

sale. These articles sold fast since many needed a token of love for the next day, Mother's Day. A group of local girls also sold carnations at the door. Tickets were also offered to any who would donate money to the Ladies' Aid and take a chance on winning a friendship quilt.

The total amount realized was almost one hundred dollars, out of which some expenses had to be paid. The money is to be used as the Lord directs, with the hope that someone who is in spiritual or physical need can be helped.



At the top you see some of the 135 young people who had gathered for the Youth Rally at Gnadental, Neuland, Paraguay. Below is a scene from the fellowship at the dinner table.



## Inter-Church Youth Meet in Paraguay

By Wm. Schroeder

(Translated from the German. Mr. Schroeder is serving under the M. B. Board of General Welfare in Neuland, Paraguay. The Schroeders come from Steinbach, Man.)

Young people from all over the

colony and from both Mennonite churches met in Gnadental on March 18 for an inter-church youth rally. About 135 attended the rally, hosted by the M. B. Church. The over-all theme was "Complete Consecration to God".

The worship service that morning consisted of a prayer-meeting led by Brother P. Froese and a message by Brother G. Balzer of Fernheim. The rest of the forenoon service was in the nature of a song service, interspersed with recitations. Serving were the mixed choir of Gnadental, a men's group, and an orchestra consisting of violins, guitars and mouth organs. Several new songs out of the German M. B. hymnal were practised.

During the lunch-hour there was a sharing of the food each had brought.

At the afternoon service Rev. Jacob Franz, the missionary to the Chaco Indians, served with a message. A group from Waldrode presented the dialogue, "Wer siegt bei dir, Himmel oder Hoelle?" Wm. Schroeder, youth leader of the M. B. Church, led in a testimony and prayer-meeting. Brother Hans Kroeger, youth leader in the Mennonite Church, closed the service.

A very good atmosphere prevailed throughout the day. The active participation is an indication that those present received a blessing.

### RED RIVER VALLEY SEEDING LATE

*Altona, Man.* — The unseasonably cool weather and rains of the early part of May have retreated, giving way to drying winds and warm sunshine. The delayed seeding operations were well underway by May 23.

Though the predicted Red River flood did not materialize, some fairly heavy flooding took place along tributaries of the Red, as well as some overland flooding. As a result there has been an excess of surface moisture.

In the overall Manitoba crop picture, a recent department of agriculture news release indicates some increase in wheat and oats; a very marked increase in flax and some of the special crops—particularly rapeseed, sunflowers, corn and buckwheat—with a reduction in barley.

Some 24,500 acres of sugar beets are under contract for planting, an average of 28 acres per grower. Considerable sugar beet planting had already taken place by May 23.



Above you see the Warman Ladies' Aid. Back row, left to right, Mrs. E. Nasserden, Mrs. D. Dyck, Mrs. E. Rostek, Mrs. H. Siemens and Mrs. H. Heuchert. Front row, l. to r., Mrs. J. Friesen, Mrs. B. Ens, Mrs. P. Wahl, Mrs. J. Janzen, Mrs. J. Neufeld, Mrs. N. Fehr, and Mrs. I. Peters. Their aim is to do something for the Lord.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Travel to Kief

*Winnipeg, Man.* — Rev. J. A. Toews and a male quartet from the M. B. Bible College traveled to Kief, North Dakota, for the annual Bible Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church there. The first service was held Friday night, the second one on Saturday night, with three services on Sunday. Immediately after the final service the group returned to Winnipeg by car.

The pastor of the M. B. Church at Kief is Rev. John F. Froese, who accepted the pastorate after several years in home mission work in Saskatchewan. The quartet was composed of John Pauls, Roland Sawatzky, Rudy Baerg and Frank Sawatzky.

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### Reports on Work at Hague Ferry

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — Working among the Old Colony Mennonites at Hague Ferry, Saskatchewan, is hard work, but not without its blessings, Mr. Victor Nickel told the young people of the M. B. Church here at their weekly meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Nickel also had special music for the group, but the main part of the service consisted of a report on how the Lord had led them to this field and of their work on it.

Even though the work is hard, the Nickels have experienced the presence of the Lord and souls have been saved. In closing, Mr. Nickel challenged us to go out and reach our neighbours with the message of Christ. He emphasized the special opportunities presented by daily vacation Bible school.

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### Leaves Fine Testimony

*Newton Siding, Man.* — Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the M.B. church here for Mrs. Alvira Giesbrecht, 25, wife of Mr. John Giesbrecht of Fortier. Burial was in the Oakville cemetery.

Mrs. Giesbrecht had been very ill for several months due to cancer. One could not help but marvel at her fine Christian testimony in her quiet suffering, for she never complained.

Mourning her early death are her husband, two sons, aged three and four, her parents, relatives and many friends.

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### Six Received into Church

*Winnipeg, Man.* — At a baptismal service in the Elmwood M.B. church on Sunday, May 27, six people openly testified to their allegiance to Christ. After the baptismal service, at which Rev. I. W. Redekopp, the pastor, of-

ficiated, the church received the six into their fellowship. To conclude the service, the church partook of the Lord's Supper.

The candidates for baptism were: Mrs. Katharina Bergen, Miss Elly Braun, Fred Wall, Vernon Voth, Waldi Unger, and Miss Katie Unger.

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### Serve Dinner to W.I.

*Arnaud, Man.* — The Manitoba South-Eastern Division of the Women's Institutes held their annual convention at Arnaud on Wednesday, May 23. The ladies of the Arnaud M. B. church served dinner to the ladies. The proceeds from the dinner amounted to \$76. The money will be donated to missions.

### Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Friesen of Elie, Man., a daughter, Diane Joyce, on May 15, 1956. The Friesens have two sons, Ronnie and Kenny.

### No Hail Suppression for Farmers

By P. J. Doerksen

*Linden, Alta.* — On May 14, the farmers in the general areas of Linden, Acme, Swallow, Three Hills, Sunnyslope, Didsbury, etc., went to the polls to either support or to fight hail suppression. They failed to give the necessary two-thirds majority in favor of it.

For some time a certain weather-modification firm has been seeking an opportunity to prove their theory and boast, that hail can be controlled. It has been done in the United States, they maintained.

The principle upon which they work is in general terms as follows. Drops of rain are formed around tiny dust particles that are in the air. The less dust in the air, the longer it takes to form raindrops, even though the moisture is in the clouds. Those who have witnessed a hail storm approaching will have noticed how the clouds just seem to roll and boil in a vigorous motion. This is caused by a strong up-draught of air in the sky. Now when there is a lack of dust particles in the air, then the moisture is taken up to a much greater altitude by the up-draft. Lower temperatures cause it to condense and suddenly form into hail stones. Therefore, the idea is to get dust particles into the air, so that the moisture in the air will form into drops and fall down as rain before the afore-mentioned conditions can turn it into hail. To get these dust particles into the air the firm would set up generators placed at

carefully planned locations, possibly some 40 to 50 or even more miles ahead of the area to be protected. These generators burn silver iodide at a specific temperature, at which appropriate dust particles are given off into the air. These particles of silver iodide would then be carried by the wind into the clouds and dispersed so that by the time the pending hail storm reaches the area, they are in the clouds and the moisture forms into rain-drops and falls down as rain before they have a chance to turn into hail.

The annual cost at which this undertaking was to go into effect for a specified area was to be around \$90,000. It was to be paid in the form of taxes. It would have increased the mill rate to some extent, had it been given a trial. However, could the firm have proven its theory in actual practice, it would have been a very cheap hail insurance. Every year this area suffers extensive losses due to hail.

The firm is so sure of the possibility of suppressing hail that they would even guarantee their work. However it has been voted out. Why? It may have been because of so-called "religious beliefs," or because of the extra tax-expenditures. Maybe it was a lack of faith because it is hard to comprehend, or it might even have been because of carelessness on the part of those favoring it, in that they did not go to the polls in the rush of the spring work. At any rate, the two-thirds majority that was required to put it in effect was not given.

### Fraser Valley Farmers Need Rain

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — A combination of factors has made casual dairy farming unprofitable this year. An early freeze last fall, stricter barn inspection regulations and lack of rain this spring are forcing some smaller dairy farmers out of business.

The early freeze last fall caught the grasses and clovers in a lush growth stage. As a result pasture and hay lands are much thinner this year, necessitating more acreage for feed. In some areas clovers are especially hard-hit.

As a result of the B.C. government commission's study of the dairy industry in the Fraser Valley, much stricter barn regulations were drawn up. Smaller farmers that have been getting by with poor facilities have been forced to improve dairy barn and milk-house facilities or forfeit the right to ship milk for the fluid market.

A record-breaking spell of sunny weather and the lack of appreciable rainfall this spring have slowed down pasture and hay growth. Some farmers could only

begin pasturing their cows in early May. Others are hoping to pasture early oats. Coming after a winter in which there was a shortage of hay, this has resulted in many cattle being shipped to market.

Receipts at the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association plants have declined by 10 per cent over this period last year. At a season when milk production usually climbs steeply, a shortage of pasture has forced farmers to cut down on their herds. Dairy cattle have been moving to the butchers in volume.

The immediate need is for rain in quantity to help the growth of pastures and haylands along.

### Band Concert at Herbert

By D. Klippenstein

*Herbert, Sask.* — A large crowd filled the M.B. Auditorium here on Wednesday, May 23, to hear the band concert sponsored by the Herbert Bible School. The band is directed by Bandmaster Chas. W. Warren of Swift Current, Sask.

The band is composed of 41 members, representing groups from Swift Current, Flowing Well and Woodrow, and also a few members from Herbert and Main Centre. They played hymns and other selections.

Mr. Harold Treen of Swift Current played two instrumental solos and Albert Wiebe gave a violin solo.

A panel composed of Bandmaster Warren and bandleaders M. Barkman, Flowing Well; Jacob Epp, Swift Current; and Ed Bifart of Woodrow, discussed the different instruments and also how each of the bands originated in their district. Rev. R. Janzen was chairman of the program.

These men are to be congratulated on the fine job that they are doing. All of the above-mentioned have donated much of their time and effort to the organization of this band.

### TO DEDICATE GIFT

*Winnipeg, Man.* — The dedication of a Wuerlitzer organ, which was donated to the Canadian Mennonite Bible College by the Canadian Mennonite Youth Organization, will highlight a "Youth Evening" at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College on June 2. The CMYO has also furnished 100 chairs for the Chapel at the college.

Young people from various churches will be attending this special program. Groups from the four Mennonite churches in Winnipeg will serve with music and song. The service begins at 8 p.m., DCT.

## Tent Evangelism in Japan

Hillsboro, Kan. — Mennonite Brethren missionaries and Christians in Japan have planned six months of tent evangelism meetings in the Osaka area from May through October.

Six weeks of activities in each of six selected areas in Osaka is the program. An evangelism team consisting of Kitano-Sensei, Japanese Mennonite Brethren evangelist, and Roland M. Wiens, missionary from Jose, Calif., will conduct services for the first three weeks in each of the six areas.

A follow-up team consisting of Harry Friesen and Jonathan Bartel from Hillsboro will work in the area for three weeks following these meetings. Two tents, each seating more than 100 persons, have been secured for these purposes.

Five of the campaigns will be held in areas where the Mennonite Brethren have not worked extensively heretofore. The concluding campaign will be divided between the three established Mennonite Brethren Churches at Ishibashi, Tsurugaoka and Kasugade and a fourth station at Nagase.

## Medical Work in Java Meets Human Need

By Robert W. Miller  
MCC Relief Director in Java

Breakfast is at 6 a.m. on clinic days. About 6:20 a.m. some of the workers arrive, put gas in the car, load supplies and head for the clinic.

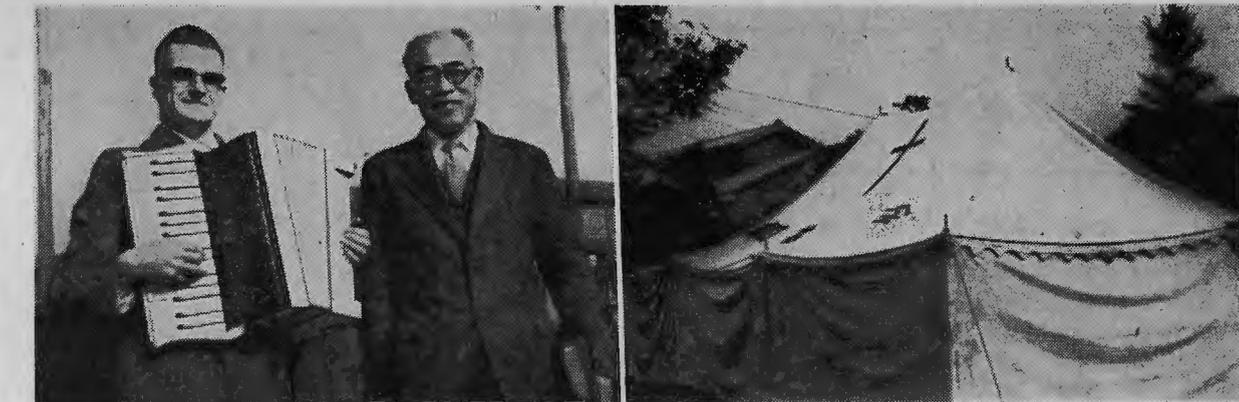
If they go to the MCC clinic near Kudus they arrive about ten minutes later, to be greeted by some 150 patients who are waiting to be examined.

First, the medical staff and workers gather for morning devotions. A worker asks patients to be quiet while a young graduate from theological school stands and presents a meditation from the Bible.

The doctor begins examination of patients and sends them to the treatment room. This procedure continues throughout the day, with a 20-minute break for lunch, until around 5 p.m.

MCC in Java has chiefly been medical work from the time we came. About five years ago Dr. Meryl Grasse came here from India to open a clinic in the former MCC house in Pati. At the suggestion of local health officials the clinic was moved out of town to a former missionary house in a Christian village about ten miles from Pati.

A few months later another clinic opened in a Christian community north of Pati near the sea. In



To the left are Missionary Roland M. Wiens and Kitano-Sensei, Japanese Mennonite Brethren evangelist. They serve as the evangelism team in tent meetings in the Osaka area. To the right is one of the tents used. Of the two tents, one is used for evangelism, the other for follow-up work.

1954 we opened a third clinic in a little village on the other side of the mountain. These three clinics offered an opportunity to work in the three main sections of this Muria Mountain area of Central Java.

During the busiest months we were treating some 6,000 patients each month.

Last August Dr. David L. Epp and family returned to their home in Canada. In September Dr. Glenn Hoffman of Maytown, Pa., arrived to direct the medical work. The present medical staff besides Dr. Hoffman consists of registered nurses Ruth Kennel of Atglen, Pa., and Lena Miller of Rittman, Ohio. Miss Miller came last November to replace Anne Warken-tin of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Although these are all very capable persons they could do little without the assistance of Indonesian workers. About eight young Indonesian men and women work for us in the clinics. Although they have no special training they have learned to do their various tasks faithfully and efficiently.

All kinds of people come to the clinics: mothers with babies, tottering old men, school children, Moslems and Christians, Javanese and Chinese. Some of them are "middle-class" which is much below "middle-class" in the U.S. But most patients are poor — and some are very poor.

Some come from as far as 25 miles, which means long hours on the train and horsecart. Some come all the way by foot, starting the long walk at 2 or 3 a.m. Others come from just behind the clinic or just across the road or from a nearby village. Some are not very sick, but most of them are quite sick (what would be a hospital case in the U.S.) and sometimes they are so sick there is little hope for cure.

One of the saddest clinic sights is babies who are very thin, undernourished and sick because their mothers cannot give them the proper nourishment or because the family is too poor to buy good food.

We are very happy that we now have a large supply of U.S. government surplus skim milk powder.

Milk is very scarce in this country and thus very expensive. The average family could not afford to buy milk even for the smallest children. But now we can give milk freely in the clinics to all who need it.

A mother brought an undernourished child to a clinic. Our workers gave the mother a week's supply of milk powder. The next week the mother brought the child back. It was obvious that she had given the milk to the child for he was already looking healthier and improved. Such a case can be repeated hundreds of times.

In September we transferred our Margoredjo clinic to the Medical Board of the Javenese Church to be operated by Dr. Marthe Ropp, a French Mennonite doctor who visited U. S. Mennonite churches in 1954. Dr. Ropp worked three years as MCC doctor in Java and has now returned from furlough to work for the Javenese Church.

This still leaves MCC two clinics which are open a total of four

days a week. We have begun a new type of work: a program of eye treatment for grade school children of this area. The medical staff goes from school to school examining and treating children for trachoma and other eye ailments and diseases. This section of Java is a heavy trachoma area.

This medical work is not easy. There is the language barrier. We learn to speak Indonesian but most older village people speak only their own Javanese.

There seems no way to limit the number of patients who come to the clinic. If 350 persons come in one day they must be treated. It is difficult to turn more than a few of them away. The medical staff sometimes works from early morning until dark.

What is the reason for working so hard in such a hot country? We want to help heal these sick people. We also want to give a witness to God's love? I believe there are those who understand and who will turn to the way of truth and life.



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## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

There was once a Sunday school superintendent who had everyone's immediate and perfect attention when he began to drop silver dollars onto a table. He asked the children to tell him if they were worth anything. The first and second were declared all right, but the third they said was "no good". It did not ring true. Then he drove home the lesson that while all the coins were alike in appearance, one was found to be bad when it was dropped.

"Can you stand such a drop?" he asked. "Sooner or later everyone gets such a test. With Christ you will ring true in any test. Without Him you will fall with the thump of a counterfeit."

There is a name we use to describe solid silver. It is "sterling silver". That comes from an old German family who were silversmiths. Their name was Esterling, and they put their name on the silver articles which they made. Later on the name was shortened to Sterling. It is used on all solid silver articles today.

Let us be "sterling" boys and girls—true, fine, genuine, solid through and through, in character the very best. Remember that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor than silver and gold" (Proverbs 22:1). Be worthy of such a name by being of sterling Christian character, ringing true, being genuinely good, through and through.

Aunt Selma.

## Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

### VISITORS AT NIGHT

(22nd Installment)

One evening somebody knocked gently at Menno's front door, and when he opened it he saw two men dimly outlined in the dark.

"Is it safe to enter?" one of them asked.

"Peace be unto you! Come in. The coast is clear," replied Menno.

When the two had entered the house, Menno recognized the big, broad-shouldered fellow as Dirk Philipps, and his companion, a small, quick fellow, as Lemke, the minister of the group in Juelich, Germany.

Menno served them a frugal meal. After they had eaten, the three sat together around the candle on the table, bent over Menno's big Bible, discussing the question of who was eligible for membership in the true church of Christ, and who could not be accepted into, or tolerated in the same.

Before lighting the candle, Menno had closed the shutters of his west window tightly.

"We must be cautious," he said. "Not the slightest glimmer of light must betray to any spies the fact that I am still up. They know that I am up late only if there is a good reason for it. Otherwise I go to bed and fall asleep as soon as I return from my hard day's work, to which I am not accustomed."

Lemke, too, felt uneasy.

"Yes," he said, "we must be on guard, for the armed men of the governor are on our heels, and if they find us here, we are done for. Neither will they spare you, Menno."

"Do not worry," replied Menno. "The shutters close tightly and let no light seep out. I have a quick ear and I shall warn you if danger threatens."

"I know, Menno," said the always wary Dirk, "you have six senses where we common mortals have but five. But still, I think it is time for us to put the light out and go to bed. God alone knows how long our sleep will be this night. We are tired and need a good rest to be able to keep well ahead of our pursuers."

"We are all in the hands of God, and His ways with us are the best," said Menno.

"But, dear Menno," exclaimed Lemke passionately, "do you really think it is God who leads the papists (followers of the pope) to torture and kill our fellow believers, as they are doing now in Upper Germany?"

Menno turned the leaves of his Bible and read, "Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake... Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him who is able to destroy both, soul and body, in hell."



Then they prayed and Philipps and Lemke went behind the partition, while Menno put out the light, went outside, and opened the shutters. Then he, too, lay down on his bed and fell asleep at once."

(To be continued)

### God Answered Johnny's Prayer

Johnny was stuck. He couldn't think of anything to do. Suddenly his friend Bill came dashing around the corner.

"Johnny! Hey, Johnny! Come quickly! The street-meeting has started. I am sure that there will be a story for us," he shouted.

They both rushed around the corner. Johnny was going so fast that he couldn't stop in time when a huge man loomed in front of him. He ran smack into a very fat man. Umph! Johnny rebounded as though he had run into a rubber ball. He scrambled to his feet and dashed off, leaving the fat man to get up slowly, shouting curses and insults at the boys as they scampered on.

As the two boys approached the crowd a lady was just starting with her story. Using their elbows Bill and Johnny soon came to the front of the crowd, for they wanted to hear every word of the story.

When the lady had finished with the story, she said, "I have told you only one story from the Bible. There are many more. You can hear them if you will come to the Sunday school that we have every Sunday in the schoolhouse just around the corner. We would like to see you there, for we are sure that you will enjoy it. We start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon."

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"Have you ever been there?" Johnny asked Bill when the meeting was over.

"No, I haven't, but I sure would like to go some time. That lady sure can tell interesting stories," Bill replied.

Just then Bill tagged Johnny, shouting, "You're it!" Off he ran, with Johnny in hot pursuit.

The next day was Sunday. Bill and Johnny did not go to church like many boys and girls do, but slept late in the morning. Their mother finally rose at 10 o'clock

and made them some breakfast.

Since there were a few hours left until Sunday school started, Bill and Johnny played around the yard and on the road. They were completely engrossed in their play, when suddenly Johnny asked Bill, "Do you think it is time to go to Sunday school?"

Bill ran inside to look at the clock. It was ten minutes to two, so they started off to Sunday school. They didn't bother changing, for they had no better clothes. They were a little shy when they arrived at the school, but there at the door was the lady who had told the story at the street-meeting. She was laughing and talking to the children as they came. Bill and Johnny smoothed their hair with their hands, even though they didn't do as good a job as a comb does, and shyly walked up to the door.

"Are you boys coming to Sunday school?" the lady asked them.

"Yes," Johnny answered. "We want to hear another story."

"That's just fine," the teacher said. "If you will walk in and sit with the other children I am sure that you will hear a fascinating story."

The boys walked in, feeling rather strange. It was almost like walking into the dark, for they didn't know what to expect.

Soon one of the teachers started singing choruses with the children. Bill and Johnny didn't know any of them. They knew "Row, row, row your boats, gently down the stream" and "Jingle Bells," but these songs were different. Johnny liked them very much and he was soon singing too.

Both of the boys really liked the Bible stories. They couldn't understand, though, what the teacher was doing when she took a black cloth and put it over a board she had on a stand. Then she started putting little cut-out men on the cloth.

"I wonder how they stick?" Johnny whispered to Bill.

"I'll bet she has glue on them," Bill replied in a hoarse whisper. But just then the teacher was taking the pictures off again. It couldn't be glue, and the boys were really puzzled.

When the lesson was over the teacher taught them a verse. It was a verse from Psalm 91, the teacher said.

"What does she mean by Psalm?" Johnny asked Bill.

"I don't know," Bill replied in a whisper.

The teacher had not noticed them and went on.

"This verse we are going to learn tells us that if we pray to God he will help us. And the next verse, verse 16, tells us that God will show us his salvation if we pray to Him."

(To be continued)

## THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(17th Installment)

When he turned to the baby of the family, little Gerrit, he found the child open-eyed and lying very still. From its lips came a weak cry for mother. Jacob felt glad that there should be such indisputable evidence of life, and hastened to give the child a drink. He bathed its forehead with cooling water.

But when he lifted the tiny head and tried to pour the cool liquid into the small mouth, he was alarmed to note that the child's breath came in short gasps and that its body felt very limp and lifeless in his arms. He tried to restore the failing child, he cooled its face, he shook it gently, he called to it most fondly. But there was no use.

There had been no realization of death on the part of the child, simply a crying gasp, a little shudder, a closing of the eyes, and a falling asleep. A moment or two and little Gerrit was a child corpse beside his dead brother.

It was then that Jacob first saw death, stark, undisguised, naked. He had felt something of it before in the dying of others in the colony, but that had been different. It had seemed to be less fearful, more endurable in the corpse of an acquaintance, but now it appeared in his own family. His own brothers lay dead before him—Hendrik and little Gerrit—brothers whom he had loved and cared for, who now were gone away.

What made it worse was that he alone knew it, and there was no one else to support him in his grief, or to share it with him. His father and mother lay helpless, incapable of knowing. If he could tell them and share his grief with them, he would feel better. If he could but lay the burden of his care upon his father's shoulders, he would have felt less desolate.

It was now early morning, and there would be other settlers about. Jacob was so stricken with grief that he never thought to call in any of his neighbors. He wanted only to tell his father and to be comforted by him. He wanted only to sit there by his dear family and weep until his eyes were dry and could weep no more.

But the weakness of youth could not withstand the crushing weight of solitude and despair. He must do something. He must ask some one to help him. These were his thoughts as he sat in dejection, hoping for the return of his parents to consciousness.

He could endure it no longer.

Flinging his hands into the air, screaming like a beast, choking in the outburst of his emotion, he ran from the room. The nearest neighbor was some hundred yards away, separated by a good stand of timber. Jacob did not go directly, as a sane person would, but he circled about, crying aloud and caring little whether he accomplished his purpose or not. It seemed as if his shouts and strange demonstrations gave him relief, for he found himself more composed in a few moments.

He looked toward the hut. He started and sickened with fear. There through the door, upon the floor, he saw a leaping tongue of flame. The cabin was afire. The little light which he had lighted in the darkness of the dawn had fallen from the stand upon the floor, and had ignited the dry material in the bed of his father.

Jacob was taken with a paralyzing dismay. The great blow of the night had not been enough. Another peril must be added to it. Perhaps he must lose his father, or his mother, or little Grietje. The boy felt crushed, yet he knew the situation was desperate.

Emitting a heart-rending screech, he rushed to the door of the cabin. On the floor, crawling about on his hands and knees, was Gerrit Kolf, dimly aware of the danger, yet too weak and too sick to do anything. Jacob was surprised at the rapidity with which the greedy flames consumed the tinder-like bedding and reached with scorching tongues for the walls of the cabin.

His first thought was the safety of his mother. All thought of extinguishing the fire left him. He must bring his mother to safety. He hurried across the smoky cabin to the place where the sick woman lay. Struggling desperately, straining heavily with all his puny strength, Jacob half dragged, half lifted his mother from her burning bed and bore her to the door.

The strange figure that slipped by him in the murky dimness of the room made hardly any impression upon his consciousness. Yet when the form of it passed him again, bearing the body of his father, his heart leaped for joy at the thought of a rescuer. And a rescuer it proved to be, for no sooner was Gerrit safely borne into safety, when the timely helper returned and gave a needed hand to Jacob in his urgent task. Again the rescuer returned to carry out little Grietje, and finally the two tiny corpses.

When Jacob saw his relatives lying securely upon the ground without the burning cabin, he could do nothing but fall down beside them and give vent to his feelings in uncontrolled, unheeded tears. The home and its peril concerned him not. But the unknown benefactor was more able to cope with the situation. He lost no time in re-entering the hut. His efforts were valiant and courageous. Swinging a great cloak of bearskin, he beat out the licking flames until the last glowing spark was extinguished. He looked about him with evident satisfaction and saw that, except for the loss of bedding and a slight charring of the wall, no serious damage had been done.

His duty accomplished, the "Man in Bearskin" approached the huddled group of prone figures upon the ground. A look of poignant sorrow covered his countenance, and a hard swallow caught in his throat. What a spectacle!

He bent over the sobbing boy and touched him gently. "Jacob", he said, "Jacob, be brave."

The lad heard him not, until he had repeated his kindly words. Then Jacob turned and looked up. A surprised expression, mingled with fear and delight, spread over his face as he saw his man friend. "Sir!" exclaimed he, "Sir! Is it you?" And he clutched eagerly at his cloak. "I thought — I didn't know — but I thought you were — well, I almost thought it was an angel."

The man could not find his voice to answer. "It was I, lad," he said, "and I came just in time." His words were thick with suppressed feeling. "Come, boy, we must get a new bed for the sick, and they must be put back into a sheltered place. It seems that you are sorely afflicted here."

Jacob remembered that his father had some material for bedding in the vicinity, and he helped the man carry it into the cabin. The building was still habitable. The smoke was cleared out as thoroughly as possible, and the patients brought back into the room from which they had been taken with such imperative haste.

"Surely the heavy hand of affliction is resting upon this home," said the "Man in Bearskin." "Tell me, lad, what has transpired."

Jacob was loath to discuss the train of misfortunes that had befallen his family, but the kindly friend insisted that he relieve himself of them. In a voice unsteady with grief the boy recounted what had happened since last he had been at the enclosure in the forest.

The man listened with deep concern, watching with pity the signs of deep feeling as they played over the features of the boy. When the tale had been told, the visitor arose from the place where he had been sitting, and neared

the prostrate form of Gerrit Kolf. He stooped upon one knee, and looked with intense sadness into the pale face and gaunt cheeks of the sick man. He lifted Gerrit's emaciated hand and stroked the back of it, he raised it touchingly to his lips, he pressed upon it a kiss. The act of sentiment unmanned him. His frame began to shake as of the palsy, his head fell upon his chest, and a great tear—a man's tear of strong emotion—overran the bounds of his great brown eyes and coursed its way, unheeded, down his cheek.

"It's bad, very bad," he said in a solemn voice, "and something must be done. Gerrit," he added, addressing the unconscious man, "Gerrit, you must not—no, you shall not die!" He took the great cloak of bearskin and laid it over the form of Gerrit.

"Jacob," he said, "why did you think that I was an angel?"

"Oh," answered Jacob, abashed at the strangeness of the inquiry. "I thought you were an answer to my prayer. I prayed that some helping angel might appear, and just then you rushed into the cabin, and bore away my father."

"Poor boy! I—an angel!" He lifted his voice to express his utter incredulity. "No! No! Far from it! It was a happy coincidence that I happened along at just the right time."

"I do not think so. You did not just happen to come. God brought you here because I needed you. It was an act of God. And I am glad, for it shows me that He is still thinking of us and will bring us out of our trouble."

"Come, come, lad. You look too far away for causes. I hadn't seen or heard of you for a long time, and thought I would come to find out about you. I've been looking for that Indian rascal all this while."

"Did you find him?"

"No, I didn't. When I heard of the epidemic in Holland, I was anxious about you and your relatives, and came out early in the morning to see you. I was startled at your weird yelling and by your unaccountable actions. When I saw the fire, I knew what was the matter, and lost no time in getting to your side. That's all there is to it, boy—just a fortunate coincidence."

"I don't believe it," said Jacob.

"Well, never mind. We must get help for you, and medicine. I'll get some from Allegan and Wolf will bring it here."

"I am afraid there is little help to be gotten in the village. Everyone is sick or has some relative to care for," suggested Jacob.

"I know it, lad, but I'll find someone." Without waiting to say more, the "Man in Bearskin" left Jacob and strode off in the direction of the settlement.

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## Mennonites: Whither Bound?

(This is a condensation of the speech which won Miss Elfrieda Toews, Grade XII, of Winnipeg the trophy in the public speaking contest held at the M. B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg.)

One of our prominent Mennonite historians has entitled his books, "Woher, Wohin, Mennoniten?" It is not so difficult to trace the history of our people in the past, but to outline the future progress and development is a more difficult task. Prophecy is not the same as history, but the good historian is in the best position to make predictions concerning the future on the basis of past and present trends.

Mennonites have always been known as an agricultural people, first in Prussia and Russia, and now in Canada. Yet today the picture is changing. The M. B. Church alone has 11 organized churches in nine Canadian cities. In 1950, 20% of the Mennonite population lived in cities, with Manitoba's percentage much higher at 35%. Statistics also show that less than 1% of the graduates of our Mennonite high schools go back to farming.

### Urbanization Brings Dangers

This trend towards urbanization brings certain dangers. There is the loss of community spirit. This community spirit has in the past been a factor aiding the preservation of our Mennonite way of life. With the increase in urbanization came a decrease in independence and sound individualism. The city encourages imitation.

City life also tends to weaken family life. There are so many activities which must be participated in, that family ties are loosened and the family does not remain a closely-knit unit. Training, the important function of the home, is often neglected.

Will we as Mennonites, who have been rather isolationist in the past, be able to cope with this new trend? Will we lose our peculiar Mennonite characteristics and our idea of church organization? Will the modern ideas and culture affect the spiritual life of our churches?

Although we cannot reverse the tendency, we can do much to regulate and control it!

### Trend from Biblical to Secular Education

An increasing emphasis is being laid upon education. We have Sunday schools, Bible schools, Christian high schools, and Bible colleges. Many young people are taking advantage of the opportunity to study. There are, however, several aspects of this trend that need mentioning.

First of all, not enough emphasis is being laid upon adult Bible education. Our Sunday schools do not contact all members and weekly Bible studies are often poorly attended. From this we conclude that many Mennonites are dependent upon the minister who delivers the Sunday sermon for a knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

There is also a noticeable trend toward a concentration on secular training. Twenty-five years ago the Bible schools were full. Today the high schools are filled. In British Columbia, for instance, 500 are studying in Christian high schools, while there were only 150 in Bible schools. Many also attend university, where the emphasis is on natural science and a man-centered philosophy of life.

Intellectualism seems to go hand in hand with materialism. Secular professions are idealized, while many young people disregard theology and fields related to it. They are concentrating on vocations where remuneration is the primary factor.

We must remember, however, that higher education with the right motivation can be a great asset in Christian service.

### Language Change Not First Time

Perhaps the most important trend in the cultural realm is in language. We are in a transitional period. Many Sunday schools are already taught in English and youth work is usually done in this language. Morning worship services are still usually in German, but a gradual change can be foreseen.

Historically speaking, this is not a new trend. In Prussia there was the transition from Dutch to German and in America from German to English. It is important in such a period that we know both languages well.

There is also a particular interest in music in our circles. We have many well-trained choirs and talented musicians. There is the temptation for some to go into advanced musical study as an end in itself, which brings many dangers with it. Music is to aid in worshipping, and its role, though very important, can be over-emphasized.

### De-Emphasizing Mennonite Biblical Principles?

In the religious realm it must be noted that the church has become more a teaching church. But in their teaching ministry, many churches have become lax in regards to Mennonite Biblical principles, presumably to retain the young people. It has been proved, however, that those which do this

are the first to lose their young people.

Until recently our churches had a system of many ordained ministers, with one the leader. Today there is a trend in the city churches to have one educated, salaried minister devoting his full time to the work. It is a question whether this one-minister system is coming into our churches because we feel it is a necessity, or because other denominations have it.

Church traditions are also changing. The Mennonite traditions of simplicity in dress and way of life seem "outdated" in many places. The Mennonites are often models of fashion and live in ease and luxury.

### Renewed Missionary Fervor

Until the end of the last century, Mennonites were generally passive in missions. With the founding of the M. B. Church a new fervor for missions began spreading. Today our Mennonite conferences have missionaries in nearly every "heathen" country. The budget of the M. B. Board of

Foreign Missions alone is nearly half a million dollars annually.

Much is also being done in the field of home mission work. New fields are continually being opened. The mission program is expanding as the funds are available.

From the foregoing analysis, we see that there are both positive and negative trends in our Mennonite brotherhood. The changes in vocational life, culture and language are fraught with great danger. On the other hand, the new opportunities in education and professional life provide possibilities for a Christian witness where it was not possible formerly.

The present-day situation calls for a rededication to the basic principles of the Anabaptists, for a clear and proper conception of our task in a suffering and dying world, and for firm and resolute action before the night cometh when no man can work.

God has set before us an open door—especially as young people. I challenge you to enter this door of opportunity to the glory of God and the salvation of humanity.

## Missionary Widow Honoured

An M. B. missionary widow with six children was honoured as Fresno's Mother of the Year on May 4 in Fresno, Calif. The choice of Mrs. Beatrice Warkentin was made by the women's section of the Fresno County and City Chamber of Commerce. It was based on a letter written by Mrs. Warkentin's 11-year-old son, Paul.

Mrs. Warkentin lost her husband, Herman Warkentin, on the mission field in India as the result of an accident in 1953. They were active in the mission field for one term in Hyderabad state under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions. At the present time she is enrolled as an education major in Fresno State College, with her eye on a teaching position when she completes her studies. She is also a departmental superintendent in the Sunday school of the Fresno M. B. Church.

Paul's letter, upon which the award was based, stated:

"She is kind and takes good care of us. She always helps us and does all she can when we are sick. Whenever we need clothes or other things she will give up something she wants and buy it.

"There are six in our family and she has to work hard. . . . Whenever I want a question answered she will answer it the best she can. She helps me understand things I don't know. . . . My mother helps me with my studies if I have any. She has given us a religious training."

Mrs. Warkentin was honored at several events during the following

week. She made a television appearance, was honored at a mayor's breakfast, and at meetings of the Fresno Rotary Club, North Fresno Kiwanis Club, and East Fresno Lions Club.

She was presented with additions to her wardrobe and other gifts, and Paul was given clothing.

## KITCHENER GIRL TO INDIA

Miss Jean Geiger of 101 North Drive, Kitchener, has sailed for India where she will be secretary and administrative assistant at Yeotmal Union Biblical Seminary in central India.



She is seconded by Mennonite Central Committee to Yeotmal, which is a cooperative evangelical seminary for 20 denominations. She will serve for three years.

Miss Geiger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Geiger of Kitchener, formerly was employed by the Waterloo Savings and Trust Co. and is a member of the Evangelical United Missionary Church in Kitchener.

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Pocket Testament League Sends Out Million Gospels

More than a million copies of the Gospel of John in seven tribal languages have been sent to Africa during the past six months by the Pocket Testament League, it has been announced.

Alfred A. Kunz, the league's international secretary, said the books were printed in Swahili, Kikuyu, Kingwana, Luo, Kisikuma, Bangala, and Kipsitis.

Three teams of evangelists—including representatives of the league, African interpreters, and missionary co-workers—traveling out of Nairobi, Kenya Colony, in sound trucks, have been averaging six meetings a day, he said. Scripture portions are distributed at the conclusion of each meeting.

Average daily attendance at these meetings is "in the thousands", Mr. Kunz said.

"Never before have there been so many people in Africa who could read," he said, "and never before has there been such a hunger for the Word of God in printed form. This is a tremendous new missionary challenge, and it is one which must be met now."

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### NBC Network to Air "The Hour of Decision"

"The Hour of Decision", radio program of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will be aired as a sponsored show by the National Broadcasting Company.

It will be the first sponsored religious broadcast on NBC, which in the past has broadcast all such programs on a sustaining basis.

Charles T. Ayres, vice-president of the network, said here the program will be handled by the Walter F. Bennett Co. advertising agency of Chicago, which services religious accounts.

The evangelistic group will be heard every Sunday evening from 10 to 10:30 Eastern Standard Time.

NBC's action came following the protest of the National Council of Churches against the sale of radio-TV time for religious broadcasts.

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### Founded Home for Homeless Boys

Harry Clinton Eva, a homeless orphan at the age of 14, spent a shivering week trying to sleep on benches of Boston Common. He decided then—it was the winter of 1882—he would do what he could to help boys in a similar predicament. And he did. Recently, at 82, the Rev. H. C. Eva died after having given shelter to more than 50,000 youths in his Home for Homeless Boys in the Bronx. Eleven years after his park bench experience, he came to New

York with \$400 earned on various jobs. He took a three-room apartment and installed six beds. Then he went out looking for needy youths. He found the first sleeping in backroom sawdust of a Bowery saloon. His work grew, with the aid of financial contributions. The home will be carried on by a board of 18 directors.

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### Report Spanish Authorities Seize Bibles

Some 30,000 Bibles and devotional books were seized by Spanish authorities at the Madrid offices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, British Embassy sources reported in Madrid. No reason was given for the seizure, the sources said. The books were removed to the headquarters of the Ministry of Information. Embassy officials reportedly have asked for an explanation.

## CANADASCOPE

### Drive Underway to Ban Fireworks

Pressure for a ban on the sale of fireworks in Manitoba was building up last week as reports began to roll in of Victoria Day injuries to children and property damage. Three boys were in Winnipeg Children's Hospital as a result of firecrackers exploding in their faces—and their sight may be endangered. The principal of one school reported that 51 of his 550 students reported being injured by firecrackers. Only two had really serious burns, but many of the remainder suffered painful, although minor, injuries.

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### Work on Dikes in Kootenays

Dikers worked through last weekend to keep the Kootenay from topping flood defences at Creston, in what appeared to be the most serious flood situation.

With the water at a dangerous level of 23.5 feet, trucks hauled dirt all day Sunday to build up the dikes. Patrols along the river were carried out on ground and by air.

Arrival time of the Kootenay crest still was not definite, but some dikers believed it would not hit until Wednesday or Thursday if warm weather continued. The weather was hot during the weekend and showed no sign of cooling off.

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### Sentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment

Three youths, Gerard de Tonancourt, Guy Ferragne and Claude Paquin, had their death sentences commuted to life imprisonment by the government last

week, five days before the trio was scheduled to be hanged in Winnipeg for the murder of a priest.

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### Pipeline Issue Creates Uproar in Ottawa

After more than a week of debating, the passing of the pipeline bill is not yet in sight. Procedural battles initiated by the CCF and Progressive Conservative parties have held up the passage of the bill in spite of the government's closure motion. Charges and counter-charges flew all week, with one member even being put out of the Commons for the afternoon when he refused to sit down upon order of the Speaker on Friday.

## The World Today

### Segregation in South Africa May Lead to War

War between whites and blacks may be the only prospect lying at the end of the road to total apartheid in South Africa. This startling admission was made by the South African government's minister of native affairs, Dr. Hendrik Verwoerd. He drew comfort, however, from the fact that under an apartheid regime, the whites would still control the army.

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### A Double Climbing Victory

A Swiss climbing team scored a double victory by successfully climbing Everest—the world's highest peak—and also neighboring Mountain Lhotse. The Swiss success, together with the Japanese expedition's double successful assault on Manaslu peak, makes the present summer season one of the most successful in modern history of Himalayan climbing.

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### New Condition for Release of Americans

Red China has gone back on last September's international agreement to release all detained Americans by putting forward a totally new condition—that all Chinese in American jails be let out. A State Department source said that the new Chinese demand was made after the Communists had already agreed to the unconditional release of the Americans. The Chinese have not even lived up to their agreement to permit the British consul in Peiping to have access to U.S. prisoners in Chinese jails.

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### Nasser to Visit China

Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser has accepted an invitation from Premier Chou En-lai to visit Communist China. This announcement came but a week after Egypt announced her recognition of Communist China.

Reaction in the U.S. was decidedly negative. U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles stated at his press conference that the U.S. does not look with favor on Egyptian actions which promote the interests of Russia and Communist China and it regrets Egypt's decision to recognize Red China. He also declared that the U.S. would not help finance the Aswan dam if Egypt used Soviet assistance in this project.

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### Britain Has Economic Crisis

Chancellor of the Exchequer Harold Macmillan last Friday warned Britons that another round of mass wage increases "could be disastrous". The disaster, he said, would stem from pricing British products out of world markets. It would bring a new threat of unemployment.

"We are facing in the coming months a crucial test," he told a Conservative party rally.

### FIELD BEAN PRODUCTION IN CANADA

The commercial production of field beans in Canada has varied from 1 to 1.3 million bushels in the past 5 years. The crop has been grown in southwestern Ontario particularly in the counties of Kent, Elgin, Middlesex and Huron. According to Dr. W. G. McGregor of the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, the area in which beans can be grown is very large and if the production from home gardens could be compiled it might double the figure quoted above. Recently there has been an increased interest in this crop in southern Alberta, southern Manitoba, eastern Ontario and New Brunswick. Freight rates make local production more competitive with the crop from Ontario.

The market requirements for field beans are of two classes—those required for canning and those used by the dry bean packaging trade. More than half of the beans consumed in Canada are processed into soups and 'pork and beans'.

The dry packaging trade requirements are not so critical as to size and are more varied as to local preferences. In addition to Michelite, white beans somewhat larger in size are acceptable such as Clipper, Burbank, Navy and Norwhite. In areas where early maturity is essential the variety Norwegian may be grown.

Since the bean crop is used mainly for human consumption high quality is of great importance. Disease and weather conditions influence quality, therefore the susceptibility of the variety to disease and climate must be considered.

**Weddings**

**KOPP—BARG**

Erna Barg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Barg of Coaldale, Alta., and Peter Kopp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kopp, North Clearbrook, B.C., were married on May 20 in the Mennonite Brethren church at Coaldale, Alta. Rev. D. Pankratz officiated, assisted by Mr. Henry Nikkel, who spoke in English. Mr. Jake Dueck's choir provided the music.

Guests for the wedding had come from North/Clearbrook, B.C., Taber and Vauxhall, Alta.

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**HIEBERT—HIEBERT**

Hertha Hiebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiebert of St. Catharines, Ont., and Jack Hiebert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiebert of Arnaud, Man., were married on Saturday, May 26, in the Mennonite Brethren church at St. Catharines, Ont. Rev. Henry Penner officiated.

What especially delighted the bridal couple was a short message sent from Africa by the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brucks.

**Obituaries**

**MRS ANNA HIEBERT**

Mrs. Anna Hiebert, 85, a resident of Coaldale, Alta., for the last 23 years, died Sunday, May 20, in Coaldale after a brief illness. Funeral services were held in the Mennonite Brethren church on May 24.

Mrs. Hiebert was born in Russia in 1870 and came to Kansas, U.S.A., with her parents at the age of 15. She was married to Abraham Hiebert. Upon coming to Canada, they first settled at Gladis, Alta, moving to Coaldale, Alta., in 1933. Mr. Hiebert died in June, 1955.

She is survived by four sons,

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Abraham of Coaldale; Rudolph of Chilliwack, B.C.; Jake of Fairview, Oklahoma; and Cornelius of Matsqui, B.C.; five daughters, Mrs. Mary Dell of Vauxhall, Alta.; Mrs. Jessie Cornelson of Eldorado, Kans.; and Mrs. Anna Nutz, Mrs. Lena Lohrenz, and Mrs. Sara Becker of Fairview, Oklahoma; 43 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

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**MRS. AGANETHA THIESSEN**

Mrs. Aganetha Thiessen of North Clearbrook, B.C., passed away on May 17 in the MSA General Hospital at Abbotsford, B.C. The funeral services were held at the Mennonite Brethren church at North Clearbrook on Monday, May 21. Rev. Abram Konrad and Rev. H. Klassen, city missionary in Vancouver, officiated.

Born in Russia in 1872, Mrs. Thiessen had resided in the Clearbrook district for the past eleven years.

She is survived by her husband, Johann Thiessen, three sons, George and John in Saskatchewan; Cornelius in Montreal; four daughters, Mrs. A. Cornelson and Mrs. A. Dyck in Saskatchewan; Mrs. J. Schellenberg in Ontario and Mrs. E. Barkman in California; 12 stepchildren; 14 grandchildren; and one brother, Rev. J. Dueck in Saskatchewan.



**SEEK TO RAISE NURSING STANDARDS IN PUSAN HOSPITAL**

Margaret Wiens and Bertha Kornelson from Vancouver and Abbotsford, B.C., are nursing in a children's hospital in Pusan, Korea. The Korean nurse in charge is a Christian and says that most of the other nurses are Christians, so it is an opportunity to exemplify the Christian's responsibility to God in his daily work. Eventually they hope that this will raise the nursing standards of the hospital.

Margaret and Bertha spent Easter with the MCC unit at Taegu and then took a bale of baby clothes back to Pusan for the hospital.

"There were 235 diapers plus many baby clothes and little dresses and bibs which we needed badly too. We can assure you we have unpacked many a package of clothes that our hospital has received, but none were as nice and as well packed as this bale. We are indeed grateful for the fine work done by all those that contribute clothing and those who sort and pack the donated articles."

**HOW TO SEND PACKAGES TO PARAGUAY**

Some revisions in Paraguay import permits and mailing policies have been made known by the Mennonite Central Committee office at Asuncion.

Gift packages of used articles up to a value of \$50 may be sent directly by air freight or parcel post from local post offices without a Paraguay bank permit. Air freight takes around five days for shipment from the U.S. while parcel post takes several weeks.

Paraguay people can purchase new goods and seeds there. It is best for friends or relatives to send funds for such items rather than purchase new things in North America as such articles require a bank permit which takes a long time to obtain.

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**ARAB CHILDREN LEARN SKILLS**

Arab refugee boys and girls are being taught some practical skills by MCC workers Robert and Virginia Lapham at Irbid, Jordan.

About 14 girls are working on a knitting project. Interested Arabs provide wool and machines, then purchase the socks and sweaters which the girls knit.

Most of these Arab boys had never held a saw or chisel before their new experience in woodcrafts now in progress. They are learning the rudiments of simple carpentry and hope to build their own small workshop.

Other workers are teaching trade skills to Arab youths in other parts of Jordan.

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**BLINDNESS CURBED IN JAVA**

Children in Java receiving anti-trachoma treatments have responded nicely to treatments begun in January and many probably have been spared future blindness from the disease, according to Dr. Glenn Hoffman in MCC medical work there.

Treatments have been completed in the first group of schools. The Indonesian government and school administrations have cooperated in this medical effort.

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**AUSTRIA UNIT SERVES**

A Czech refugee who spent eight years in jail before his escape seven months ago has been given MCC material aid from the Vienna unit in his work with fellow Czech refugees.

Other distributions from the Austrian relief unit have included government surplus supplies, flour, soap and ladies' coats to a Swiss missionary in the Tirol (western Austrian mountain range) and surplus supplies, beef, soup and covers to English missionary Brian Simpson working for the European Crusade in the Salzburg area.

Pastor Thomas of the Reformed Zwingli Church received a bale of new goods.

The Vienna unit served 40 meals the past month to refugees from Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia and to visitors from the U.S., England, Canada and Germany.

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**CONSTRUCTION IN TAIWAN**

Three buildings are under construction at Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) where MCC medical work is in progress.

Being built are a residence for the director, a duplex unit for staff housing and another building to be used as a combination warehouse, garage, laundry, drying room, morgue and custodial quarters.

Dr. Peter J. Pankratz is the new director of the Taipei hospital replacing Dr. Roland P. Brown whose term of service has ended.

**Know Your Religious Environment**

**The World's Religions**

By J. N. D. Anderson. 208 pp.

The aim of this book is to provide a short factual account of the history, philosophy, and practice of seven of the great religions of the world. The authors of the various sections are all men who have studied these religions in the countries where they are most widely practised.

A book of this kind inevitably faces the reader with the necessity of deciding what his attitude to these religions shall be. In a final chapter the editor discusses this problem in the light of the Christian faith. .... \$2.50

**Smith's Story of the Mennonites**

By C. Henry Smith. 855 pp.

This is the standard history book on the Mennonite Church, beginning with its Anabaptist roots in Switzerland and Holland, and tracing its development in Germany, Holland, Prussia, Russia, and finally North America and South America.

Written for the general reader and not the specialist, this book provides enjoyable and smooth reading in spite of its historical nature. It covers all branches of the Mennonites and is up-to-date until 1948. .... \$3.75

**Pilgrims in Paraguay**

By Joseph Winfield Fretz. 247 pp

Eleven thousand Mennonites have established homes on virgin soils in Paraguay. This book tells of their home and family life, the church, schools, hospitals, colony government, farms, banking system, and industry. While much of the world is fearful of war and devastation, these penniless refugees are transforming a wilderness into a community of composure and productivity. Through toil and faith, by blending religious and personal freedom with mutual aid, these immigrants are recreating the nucleus of a new civilization. .... \$2.75

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## COLLEGES

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Taking advantage of the long week-end from May 19-21, all of our Manitoba students went home. Teachers and students alike turned out for a ball game on Monday evening on the College campus, which was sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. Despite the fact that the ball game was cut short by a brief shower, all were able to return outside later to take part in the wiener roast.

As has always been the case, the end of the school year once again means much secrecy. The first mysterious item was on the part of the graduates. One Tuesday morning, May 22, the students suddenly realized that all the grads were missing. The "Grad Skip", an annual event, was once more successfully staged, as they managed to disappear without anyone finding out about it beforehand. Along with the wives and children of the married graduates and Rev. and Mrs. Janzen and family, they spent a blessed time of fellowship in the Whiteshell Forest Reserve.

The second year students have their share of secret proceedings. They are planning the Junior-Senior Banquet which is to take place on Friday, June 1.

On Friday, May 25, the literary society treated the students to two films on Mental Health entitled "What's on Your Mind" and "Feelings of Depression".

Chapel has come to mean even more to the students since they are able to sing to the playing of the new organ, which has been bought by the CMYO. The dedication of this organ is scheduled to take place on Saturday evening, June 2. Art Wiens is expected to be here for that event.

### MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

On Tuesday morning, May 22, Frank Peters, one of the students, spoke to us on the spiritual secret of David, basing his message on Acts 13:22b.

Dr. A. H. Unruh spoke to us in chapel on Wednesday concerning a "Lasting Witness", using the witness of Stephen as an example (Acts 7:54-57).

On Thursday morning Peter Hamm, student council president, gave the graduate testimony.

John Eckert warned us on Friday morning against the dangers of making an "Inconsiderate Decision", as Peter did in John 21:1-3.

The week began with a holiday and it seems that the holiday spirit prevailed throughout the week, although by Friday it had become quite practical. On Thursday

afternoon classes were shortened and at 2:30 p.m. the bus left for the Kildonan Park, where the annual picnic was held. It was a beautiful day and almost everyone took part in one way or another. On Friday afternoon everyone took part in the "college clean-up". All were assigned to a particular task, with the building as clean as new by 6 p.m. A snack of donuts and coffee was served at 3:30 p.m. to replenish depleted energies.

The college annual finally arrived on the twenty-fifth and has been distributed among the students. Most of the mailing to purchasers outside the college has been completed also.

Rev. J. A. Toews and a quartet from the college left for Kief, North Dakota, on Friday. A college graduate, Rev. John Froese, is pastor there. Rev. Toews and the quartet served at a series of services over the weekend.

Henry Warkentin.

### BETHEL COLLEGE

Pending the successful completion of their work, eighty-six seniors were presented for degrees at Bethel College's commencement Monday, May 28, at 10:00 a.m.

A total of forty-two Bachelor of Arts degrees, forty-three Bachelor of Science degrees and one Bachelor of Theology degree are to be granted.

Baccalaureate services were held in Memorial Hall, Sunday May 27, at 8 p.m. with President D. C. Wedel speaking on "Problems in Addition".

Dr. A. Leland Forrest, chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University, delivered the address at the commencement exercises Monday morning at 10 in the O. Jolliffe Auditorium of Memorial Hall, speaking on "If Tomorrow Comes".

Among those presented for degrees are:

William Block, Steinbach, Manitoba; Frank H. Epp, Altona, Manitoba; Arnold W. Funk, Winkler, Manitoba; George M. Janzen, Dominion City, Manitoba; Bachelor of Arts degrees; Mary Ann Hooge, Plum Coulee, Manitoba, Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

Edgar Epp, Rosthern, Sask.; Mary Epp, Hanley, Sask.; Bachelor of Arts; Lois Jahnke, Herbert, Sask.; B.S. in Home Economics.

Peter Kehler, North Clearbrook, B.C. and George E. Janzen, Mission City, B.C.; Bachelor of Arts.

Nickolas W. Dick, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Bachelor of Arts.

### TABOR COLLEGE

#### Quality Counts, say President

President Frank C. Peters, speaking at baccalaureate services of Tabor College Sunday evening,

May 20, told the graduates and guests that the day of the genius is fast fading. "Modern education," he said, "is geared to the needs of the individual of modest ability."

The title of his address was "The Perils and Privileges of Modest Abilities." The president said, "God does not require quantity of work, but rather quality. Every man must strive to make the most of the opportunities which he has. We are not called on to perform beyond our abilities, but we are expected to be faithful," he said.

#### Eight Canadians Receive Tabor Degrees

Eight Canadian students were among the thirty-two receiving degrees at commencement exercises at Tabor College Thursday, May 24. All were candidates for the degree Bachelor of Arts.

They are: Abram L. Klassen, Alexander, Manitoba; Wilmer K. Kornelson, Arbutnot, Saskatchewan; George D. Pries, Winkler, Manitoba; Elmer E. Schmidt, Waldheim, Saskatchewan; William J. Schmidt, Coaldale, Alberta; Sally Schroeder, Steinbach, Manitoba; Otto H. Tiessen, Leamington, Ontario; Aaron G. Warkentin, Yarrow, British Columbia.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Ernest L. Ackley, acting president and dean of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, of Kansas City, Kansas.

### MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY,

#### Esther Wiens Appointed to Colombia

Miss Esther Wiens, R.N., a second semester student at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, has been recently appointed by the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions to missionary service in Colombia. Miss Wiens, a graduate of Northwestern College, Minneapolis, will take up language studies, beginning June 25, in a school affiliated with the University of Mexico in Saltillo. There is a possibility that she will be on the field, likely La Cumbre, by early fall, where her work will be largely of a medical nature.

#### Three Degree Courses Announced by Dean

Dr. G. W. Peters, Dean of the Seminary, announces that, upon faculty recommendation, two types of Bachelor of Divinity courses will be offered in coming years. In addition to the standard, three-year B.D. course, which includes a study of Greek and Hebrew, a three-year non-linguistic course, also leading to a B.D. degree, will be offered. A recognized A.B. degree is prerequisite to either course. The two year M.A. in Mis-

sions Course will continue as heretofore; a one year diploma course for approved missionary candidates will also be offered.

#### Two Seminarians Will Teach Part Time

Arrangements have been made to have Floyd Born and Elmer Martens, both second year students at the Seminary, teach in the Collegiate Department of the Institute on a part-time basis next year. Mr. Born will instruct Biological Sciences—a class which he taught the second semester of the past year—and Mr. Martens will teach in the field of Social Science. During the past year Mr. Paul Hiebert assisted in the Bible Institute in the teaching of Physical Sciences.

Elmer Martens.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The true test of conviction and witness must culminate in a death to self as the only sure basis for eternal fruitfulness, asserted Dr. Joseph W. Schmidt at the Baccalaureate service on Sunday night, May 13, in the Institute auditorium.

On the evening of May 15, the senior class presented the traditional class night program to an appreciative audience. "Ambassadors for Christ", taken from II Corinthians 5:20, was the class motto. It thrilled those present to realize that one-fourth of the graduating class are contemplating missionary service.

The Alumni Banquet convened in the school dining hall on the evening of May 14, with representatives of all classes beginning with 1945 present. Speaking on "Walking in the Light", Rev. Ord Morrow, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Lincoln, Neb., declared that we do not need better preachers or better messages today, but we do need better Christians. It was an honour to have two missionary alumni couples present.

Many parents and friends attended the Commencement service at the First Presbyterian church on the evening of May 16. Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, delivered the Commencement address. Thirty-two graduates were presented with diplomas, 14 received the Bachelor of Arts degree, one the Bachelor of Religious Education degree, and one the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree.

Members of the Board of Directors and Advisory Council met on campus for the regular Spring Board Meeting on May 17 and 18.

## Sunday School Convention Hears Rev. Regier

By D. Klippenstein

*Herbert, Sask.* — Rev. Abe Regier, principal of the Coaldale Bible School, spoke at the Sunday School Convention held in Herbert on May 27. Some of the Sunday schools participating were: Swift Current, Main Centre, Woodrow, Kelstern, Greenfarm, Herbert and McMahan.

In the afternoon session Rev. Regier gave an address on the topic, "The Teacher, the Main-spring of the Sunday School". He elaborated on the qualifications, techniques and objectives of the teacher.

"Spiritual qualifications are of paramount importance," Rev. Regier asserted. "Lesson planning is also important." He suggested that the basic aim should be to lead the pupil to Christ, to build him up in Christ, and to send him to work for Christ.

In the workshops that followed Rev. J. J. Thiessen led the discussion on "Parent-Teacher Cooperation", Rev. L. Redekopp led the discussion on "Decisions for Christ", and Rev. Nick Willems led the group that discussed

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"Comics — What to Do with Them."

About 90 people attended the fellowship supper served in the dining hall by the Herbert Junior Ladies' Aid Society. A short program followed the supper.

The evening session was not so well attended as the afternoon session since it was preceded by a good rain-shower. Many people were unable to come as a result, while others left earlier than expected. A question-box panel formed part of the evening program.

The topic for Rev. Regier's last message was, "The Christian Home, the Backbone of the Sunday School".

## Hold Banquet for Graduating Class

By Eileen Hinz

*Waldheim, Sask.* — The lower auditorium of the Waldheim M. B. church was the scene of the annual high school banquet in honor of the grade twelve graduating class.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated with the motto outlined in silver lettering and the tables decorated with roses and fern. After a good meal served by the grade eleven class, the toasts were given. A last will and testament and class prophecy proved both entertaining and informative. Banquet guests were the honored grade twelve students, their parents, teaching staff of the local school, school board, and the last year's graduates.

At eight o'clock everyone moved upstairs into the main auditorium, where many friends had gathered for the graduation exercises. Mr. J. B. Neufeld, principal of the Waldheim High School, presented the graduates. Mr. Albert Lepp, Dalmeny, sang two songs.

The subject of the address given by Mr. C. G. Kruger, superintendent of schools, was "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield." Gerald Harder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harder, presented the

## On the Horizon

*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 3* — Graduation exercises of the Alberta Mennonite High school for 33 students will begin at 7 p.m. The alumni of the school will have its annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the same day. Everyone is welcome.

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

*June 9* — The graduating class of the M. B. Bible College will bring a program in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg.

*June 9 and 10* — A Sunday School Workers' Conference, sponsored by the General Conference in Alberta, will be held in Gem,

valedictory address. The service was closed after the grade twelve students sang the dedicatory song, "I Would Be True."

The graduating class consists of: John Bueckert, Elizabeth Dryhorub, Menno Friesen, Reginald Friesen, Arthur Harder, Gerald Harder, Henry Peters, Mary Ann Rempel, Nettie Toews and George Willems.

## ANNOUNCE DATES OF CAMPS

The Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp Society has announced the dates for this summer's camp at its site near Arnes, Manitoba. Located on the shore of Lake Winnipeg, the camp provides a wide variety of recreational and inspirational features.

The season will open with the annual Youth Retreat, June 29 to July 2. Mr. Peter Dyck will be director at this camp.

There will be three children's camps, with children 7 to 14 welcome. The first camp is slated for July 3 to 12, the second for July 13 to 22, and the third for July 24 to August 2. Rev. A. H. Kroeker is director of the children's camps.

The annual Christian Businessmen's Week-end camp will be held from August 4 to 6, while the Sunday School Convention will meet August 17 to 19. The Christian Leadership Camp, directed by John Regehr, will be held from August 20 to 26.

For particulars as to fees, etc., contact D. E. Redekop, 966 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Alta., starting at 3 p.m., Saturday June 9.

*June 10.* — The district Sunday School Conference of the Mennonite churches in Manitoba will be held in the First Mennonite church, Winnipeg, on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m., Daylight Saving Time.

*June 10.* — At 2:30 p.m. there will be a special thanksgiving service in the new auditorium of the Eden Christian College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., for the greatly improved and expanded facilities of the school. That evening at 7:30 p.m. the school will have its graduation in the auditorium of the school.

*June 10.* — The Baccalaureate address of the M. B. Bible College will be given in the Elmwood M. B. church at the morning service, with Rev. J. H. Quiring speaking. Commencement exercises are scheduled for the evening in the same church at 7 p.m.

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

*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 16 to 18.* — The annual provincial conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Alberta at Gem, Alta.

*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 29 to July 2* — The Youth Retreat at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba. Peter Dyck is the director.

*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.

*July 3 to August 2* — A series of three children's camps for boys and girls 7 to 14 at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man. Rev. A. H. Kroeker is director. For information write D. E. Redekop, 966 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

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