

# Mennonite Observer

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

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The Honorable J. E. Adamson, chief justice of Manitoba, has just unveiled a plaque in memory of the late Hon. Valentine Winkler. The plaque is to be attached to the elevator in the Tabor Home for the Aged, which was installed in memory of his father by Mr. Howard Winkler. The ceremony was held in the Morden M.B. church on May 27.

## For Tabor Home for the Aged

### Dignitaries at Dedication of Elevator

By D. Reimer

Morden, Man. — A capacity crowd witnessed the dedication service for the recently-installed elevator in the Tabor Home for the Aged. Held in the M.B. church here on the afternoon of May 27, the service brought together local citizens and prominent government officials.

The specific occasion was the unveiling of a plaque for the elevator, which was installed in memory of the late Hon. Valentine Winkler, former Manitoba minister of agriculture and pioneer merchant, farmer and reeve of Stanley Municipality, by his son, Mr. Howard Winkler. Mr. D. J. Reimer, director of the Tabor Home for the Aged, was chairman for the afternoon.

After Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church, led in the invocation, Mr. Howard Winkler introduced the guest speakers. Mr. Winkler also briefly sketched the eventful life of his

father, mentioning several aspects of their family life. Mr. Winkler paid tribute to the Mennonites, stating that they were rugged workers and happy people.

Rev. D. Ewert of Winnipeg delivered a brief address on the

"Feast of Dedication" (John 10:22).

Mr. D. V. S. Winkler then related how the late Hon. Mr. Winkler had first come into contact with the Mennonites. The father to Mr. D. V. S. Winkler had guided the Mennonites from Toronto to the west because he could speak German. From Chicago the first group had come by rail to Moorehead, from where a boat had taken them to Fort Dufferin, about two and a half miles from Emerson. Because the Mennonites needed supplies, his father had acted as middle-man between them and Mr. J. H. Ashdown of Emerson.

In due course Mr. Winkler's lumber-yard, established to supply the Mennonites with lumber, became too large for one man. So he called for his younger brother, Mr. Valentine Winkler, who then was 14. When 20, the younger brother opened a branch store in Morden. In 1892 he was first elected to the legislative Assembly, in which he sat until 1920. He had been the first reeve of Stanley Municipality.

Rev. F. H. Friesen, chairman of the board of directors of Tabor Home for the Aged, spoke briefly on Psalm 33:14-15. He related that one evening Mr. Howard Winkler had offered to install an elevator in the Home for the Aged. On April 21, 1955, a resolution of the executive voiced its gratitude to Mr. Howard Winkler for this offer and also for the extra

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### Expanded Outreach for Manitoba M.B. Conference

Nearly 200 delegates, representing nearly 3,300 members of the M.B. Church in Manitoba, heard that their radio ministry had assumed world-wide proportions during the last year with the addition of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, to the stations broadcasting the "Gospel Light Hour" in English and German. Meeting in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg from June 1 to 2 for their annual conference, the delegates also approved a record budget for 1956-57.

The majority of the \$58,888

budget approved at the conference had been appropriated by the two mission committees. The city mission committee received a grant of \$14,800 to continue its work in Winnipeg and Brandon. A new era of expansion is envisaged in Winnipeg with the approval of a resolution to appoint another full-time mission worker to help Rev. John Schmidt. Mr. Lawrence Warkentin has been appointed city missionary in Brandon.

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## Russian Baptist Delegation Meets With Mennonite Group

Five Russian Baptists on a 30-day tour of the United States met with a representative group of Mennonites at Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago, May 28 and 29.

On May 28 they addressed about 225 persons from various Mennonite conferences and churches. In a query period they very graciously answered questions from the audience. The meeting had a genuine atmosphere of informal Christian fellowship.

A smaller group of 35 had a dinner with the Russian churchmen on May 28 and continued on May 29 in a most informing discussion of religious conditions in Russia and America.

The Russian delegation consists of four officers of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists and a young lady, the secretary of the Council President. They are the guests in the United States of the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., and the National Baptist Convention of America—which kindly arranged with the Mennonite Central Committee for this meeting in Chicago.

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## EDITORIAL

## Devotional

## "Here is a Lad"

By Rev. Norman Fehr \*

## Discrimination in Books

Many a child has had its ideals, its aims and its deeds moulded by what it read. Spurgeon, for instance, grew up on a heavy diet of theological writings from the great Puritan divines, and he became the "Prince of Preachers". On the other hand, present day court files reveal that many now behind bars are there partially as a result of reading "slicks", detective stories, dime-store novels.

In an age when many publishers unashamedly cater to the lust and sensuality of men, it demands the utmost vigilance to keep our homes free from the debasing influence of trashy literature. Today, more than ever we need to put a "watch" upon our eyes, so that we and our children will read only that which points us directly or indirectly to Christ. That does not exclude a certain amount of good secular books, but it does exclude secular and religious trash.

Much that goes under the guise of religious literature today is but the old romantic sentimentality gilded over with a religious theme. Dr. A. W. Tozer, editor of the *Alliance Weekly*, writes of this: "I mean cheap fiction (religious or secular), shallow religious chop suey such as is found in so many religious magazines, the world of religious trash designed to entertain the saints; I mean the self-glorifying religious adventure stories written by the brethren of the restless feet who refuse to take any responsibility or to stay in one place long enough to plant a single tree or lay a single foundation, but who always manage to spin an exciting yarn when they get back home. I mean the "Digest" type of religious literature, precooked and predigested, to be ingested with a minimum of effort and in the shortest possible time. Such matter not only affords no nourishment for the soul, but its continuous use creates a parasitic mind in the reader, gives him morbid appetite for wind and makes the reading of serious religious books not only distasteful but impossible."

It is important that parents and church librarians remember that not all religious literature is Christ-centered literature, and that not all literature that comes from religious publishing houses is high quality Christian literature. There are some publishing houses from whom you can buy with confidence, but some only have an occasional good book. Especially is this true in the field of fiction. There is much on the market today that is not the type of literature that a child's active imagination can receive without a great deal of harm. And there is much that purports to be historical biblical fiction that only distorts the lofty imagery and holy portrayal of the Bible. When children remember more about Moses from a book of fiction than they know about his story in the Bible, there is something wrong.

Many parents campaign (usually only verbally) against trash on the radio and on television, but they never bother to provide wholesome, Christ-centered substitutes. Yet today the Christian book market offers an almost unlimited variety of books and booklets for children and adults. They are usually colourfully illustrated and written for particular age groups. For the tiny tots there are Bible colouring books, with verses from Scripture, simple activity books, etc. For the child going to grade one, and up, there are books with type and material admirably suited to its age group. It is hardly conceivable that Christian parents will have money for about everything else—yet not have any money to get good books for their children. They need books that will draw them closer to God, that will face them with the great issues of life, and that will fill their imagination with wholesome images.

Experience shows that children will read. What are your children reading?

## OUR READERS SAY

## More on Being Consistent

Dear Editor:

I was glad to notice the article, "Are We Inconsistent?", in the issue of May 18. I believe that it is time that we as professing

Christians begin to practice living Christ-like lives in our daily life.

In the same issue, as I was reading of the work of mercy done by MCC, I was suddenly faced with a statement that to me at least spoke of grave inconsistencies. (It may be that I have misjudged)

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Boys are wanted the world over. Even in lands where the people do not know Christ they are very pleased when a boy comes into the family. The motives may be very selfish—or saintly—for wanting a boy, but the desire is there. Therefore we'll call this boy the "World-Wanted Boy and the God-Wanted Boy". The world, in the sense of I John 2:15-16, makes every effort to win the boy of our day. On the other hand, God is seeking to save and use that very boy. A conflict results—and every parent and every boy must make the choice.

In the verse quoted from John 6:9, Andrew says to Jesus: "Here is a lad", implying that this lad will be at His disposal with what he has. Boys like to get into everything, and will usually respond to anyone who beckons them. The world is beckoning our boys with movies, comics, TV, etc., filling their minds with trash—cheating, stealing, filthy love, broken homes and murder. The average boy in our villages, towns and cities has 3650 hours of spare time a year. How will he use this spare time? Someone has said, "This spare time the boy has to get into trouble, and into trouble he gets."

The boy that the world wants is the one that is dissatisfied at home. This we find illustrated in the story of the prodigal son, as recorded in Luke 15:11-32. I can hear the prodigal, using the language of today's youth, saying, "I'll show the 'old man' how to live. I am not going to stay at home much longer." Parents, we may be to blame for this attitude!

Does our boy spend his time foolishly, loafing around on the streets, while he should be home doing his school-work, or some other profitable work? Is he at liberty to spend his money on candies, drinks, and things he likes? If so, he will spend the best part, possibly his whole life, living in sin. According to an article in the *Star-Phoenix*, a Saskatoon daily, the major avenues of sin of our youth are crime and prostitution. The prodigal son, as the world-wanted boy, lived in sin until he had brought his reputation down to the level of the swine. Satan would like nothing better than to have every boy upon that level.

I am glad that not all boys respond to the world's beckoning. There are those who respond to Christ—and become a God-wanted boy. God is the same as ever, seeking to save and use every boy he possibly can. What a blessing to hear from the lips of a boy, "I

have taken Jesus as my Saviour, and I want to become a missionary."

The God-wanted boy is a called boy, as we find it in the life of Samuel. When but a boy he responded to God's call by saying, "Here am I". This boy will also answer the call of God for salvation with the words, "Here am I, a sinner, save me!" This God-wanted boy is ready, like the lad whom Andrew brought to Jesus, to let Jesus have all that he has. Have we brought the lad who is dear to our hearts to Jesus and told Him, "Here is a lad, Lord Jesus. Save him and use him"?

It is characteristic of the boy who has responded to the call for salvation that he wants the Lord to use him. In I Samuel 16:13 we read the account of Samuel anointing David when the latter was yet a boy. This anointing was for a great task in life. The boy of today will be the leader of tomorrow, and today he must get ready for it. It is we who come in contact with this boy that can shape his future—that can give him an aim in life. We can lead him into channels of usefulness.

Young boys, will you not respond to the call of God and be a God-wanted boy, if you have not already done so? Dear father and mother, either Satan or God will have your boy for this life and for all eternity. Who will get the boy?

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## CONDUCTS THREE-DAY EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Hepburn, Sask. — Rev. George Brucks conducted a three-day evangelistic campaign in the Hepburn M.B. church from May 28 to 30. He showed colored slides on his work in Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Spain and Portugal. He also showed some scenic pictures of Switzerland. Mrs. Brucks sang several solos during these evening services. The church was filled to capacity every night, and many of Rev. Bruck's friends and relatives from surrounding districts attended the services.

## Annual May Rally of Bethany Alumni

By Marjorie Wiens

Hepburn, Sask. — The annual May Rally of the Bethany Bible Institute Alumni was held on Sunday, May 27, in the Hepburn M.B. Church auditorium. Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of the school, was chairman at both the afternoon and the evening sessions, taking the place of Mr. Wes Willems, president of the Alumni, who was unable to attend.

Rev. George Brucks, formerly of the Carson school district near Hepburn, and now a missionary to Europe, was guest speaker. He discussed, "Europe, Once a Missionary Force, but Now a Missionary Field", at the afternoon session. Describing Europe as once the scene of Christian martyrdom and the Reformation, he stated that it now is one of the most needy mission fields in the world. He maintained that because of similarity of language the Mennonite young people were in the most favourable circumstances to do missionary work in Europe.

The choir of the Saskatoon M. B. Church, a quartet from Laird, and a male octet from Dalmeny sang at the Rally.

A special feature of the evening service was a testimony by Mrs. George Brucks, a native of Holland. She told the young people how fortunate they are to live in a land where they can go to Bible schools and study. Consequently their challenge was to go to Europe, especially Holland and Germany, where the young people live in confusion and long to hear about the Saviour.

Rev. G. Brucks challenged those present with the mission work of Europe, "Our Three-fold Responsibility—to Pray, Give and Go".

The Bible school chorus choir, a trio from Waldheim and a quartet from Brotherhood brought the musical items. Mr. Elmer Andres, secretary of the Alumni, gave a short report on their work throughout the year.

Favourable weather enabled

## The Terrace Gospel Chapel Choir



The choir on a recent trip to Port Edward.

Terrace, B.C. — The Terrace Gospel Chapel has been in existence for approximately five years. During this time various men have organized a choir while they stayed in Terrace.

When Rev. Schmidt arrived here last July he was asked to carry on with the work of the choir, which then consisted of approximately fourteen persons. During the winter the number decreased to ten. However, God has blessed their willingness to learn of Him and to serve Him to the best of their ability.

Even though few in number

many people from Hepburn and surrounding districts to attend. This day was really a great blessing and challenge to all.

## Winkler Hears Collegiate Orchestra

By Ron Suderman

Winkler, Man. — The Winkler Collegiate Orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. P. Redekopp presented a concert in the auditorium of the school on Friday, May 25. In spite of a fine performance, the attendance was poor.

As in most junior orchestras, the performance was characterized more by the healthy and somewhat contagious enthusiasm of the players than the perfection of execution. There was a certain lack of unity in the more difficult symphonies. However, this was offset by a good musical interpretation that kept the attention of the audience throughout. Their program included such numbers as "Militaire", by Haydn; Mozart's "Eine kleine Nachtmusik", and other famous pieces.

The piano solo by Harriet Brown was well done. She played Beethoven's sonata Op. 14, No. 1. The technique was very good, but the music suffered somewhat from occasional undue acceleration.

they have presented two cantatas in the past year. At Christmas-time they sang, "While Shepherds watched" to a crowded chapel. At Eastertime they sang "The Saviour Lives". The audience consisted of many who otherwise would not enter the door of an evangelical church. Music and singing is a great attraction in these Northern areas.

Faithfulness in attendance has been a marked characteristic of the choir as well as that of the able accompanist, Miss Eleanor Peters. May God continue to answer their prayer to "make them a blessing."

Bach's double concerto was ably performed by Martha and Wanda Konrad. The execution was very precise, a very important feature of Bach music. Ray Guenther demonstrated the virtues of the oboe in a short solo. The only vocal number on the program was "Hark, Hark the Lark", by Schubert, and sung by Lois Funk. Diane Bröwne played a violin solo which she dedicated to an unnamed friend. As an encore the orchestra played a Sousa march, which they obviously enjoyed as much as the audience.

## Receive Awards at Bethel College

North Newton, Kans. — Frank H. Epp, senior student from Altona, Man., was awarded first prize at Bethel College in the Stucky Mennonite Contributions Contest for a paper on "The Making and Unmaking of Inter-Mennonite Periodicals."

Frank has been editor of the *Canadian Mennonite* since its founding, and while a student at college also managed the information service of the headquarters office of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

In his study Frank examined the history and policies of periodicals serving several Mennonite groups. The award carries with it

a cash prize of \$25.00

Second place award went to Nicholas W. Dick for an essay on "The Development of Millennial Views Among the Russian Mennonites." Nick is a senior from Kitchener, Ontario.

This study of millennial views and their impact upon Mennonites of Russia traces the various influences that made themselves felt upon Russian Mennonites in the last century and the historical consequence of these influences.

Anni Dyck, Germany, received the third prize award for an illustrated booklet on the MCC Children's Home at Bad Duerkheim, Germany. Anni had taught at this Children's Home prior to coming to America.

Second place award carried a cash prize of \$15 and third place a \$10 award.

The prizes in this contest were made possible by a gift of Julius and Olga Stucky who wished to encourage original and creative contributions in the area of Mennonite history, life and principles.

Two other contest entries were cited for honorable mention, that of Luetta Harder, Mt. Lake, Minn., for a paper on "Glimpses into the life of Mrs. C. E. Krehbiel and Her family," and Homer Zerger, Moundridge, Kans., on "Rev. P. P. Wedel—A Short Biography."

## CHORALE PRESENTS SONG PROGRAM

Waldheim, Sask. — A captivated capacity crowd filled the Waldheim Town Hall when the Grace Bible Institute presented the Grace Chorale, a 36-voice choir under the direction of James P. Davis, on Sunday afternoon, May 27. Henry D. Wiebe was the baritone soloist, while Marilyn Enns was the accompanist.

Some of the songs in the repertoire were: "The Singer's Prayer", by James P. Davis; "Almighty and Everlasting God", by Orlando Gibbons; and "Grieve not the Holy Spirit", by Leland Tateren. A highlight of the afternoon was the excellent rendition of a short excerpt from "Elijah", by F. Mendelssohn. The excerpt gave a panoramic portrayal of the dramatic contest on Mt. Carmel between the prophets of Baal and Elijah, prophet of Israel.

The choir also ably sang a few selections of early American Negro spirituals. "The Creation" from "God's Trombones" was especially enjoyed.

Rev. Joseph Schmidt, president of the Grace Bible Institute, gave a short talk concerning the school.

The Waldheim community will long remember Grace Chorale—not only as a fine musical choir, but as a group of young people who were zealous for the Lord.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Visit Brother in Nova Scotia

*Port William, Nova Scotia.* — The Siegfried Janzens, who have served under the MCC in Europe, were delighted by the visit of his mother, his brother Walter and family, and his sister, Martha. They motored here by car from their home in Grimsby, Ontario, taking a little over a week for their round trip. \* \* \*

### Wins General Proficiency Award

*Coaldale, Alta.* — Miss Irene Koop received the General Proficiency award at the graduation ceremonies for nurses in the Galt School of Nursing at Lethbridge. Miss Heidi Schmidt and Miss Anne Giesbrecht also were graduated from the Galt School of Nursing. \* \* \*

### Canadians Receive Degrees At Seminary

Among the ten students graduating from Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago, Ill., on May 21 four were Canadians. Commencement exercises were held at the Bethany Biblical Seminary, from where the students received their degrees.

The Baccalaureate Service was held on Sunday evening, May 20, at the First Church of the Brethren, Chicago. Dr. Paul M. Robinson, President of Bethany Biblical Seminary gave the charge to the students, speaking on the topic, "Stars at Your Fingertips".

The Commencement address on the following day was given by Dr. Robert Worth Frank, president of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. He spoke on, "On Being Mature".

The four Canadians receiving their degrees were: Menno Bergen, Aberdeen, Sask.; Ramon Jantz, Drake, Sask.; Waldemar Janzen, Waterloo, Ont.; and David Schroeder, Altona, Man.

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### Newcastle Outbreak Hits Clearbrook Poultrymen

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — The worst outbreak of the Newcastle disease among poultry flocks in the MSA area since 1951 has hit Valley poultrymen hard in some instances, according to the ASM News. The newspaper estimates that the economic loss to date exceeds \$60,000.

Losses have been confined mostly to the concentrated poultry area around Clearbrook, where the kill among young birds ranges from 10 to 15 per cent. A total of 53 flocks have been hit, with some 15,000 young birds killed.

Individual losses vary sharply. In some flocks the loss is as low as two per cent, while in others it is as high as 80 per cent. Drop in

egg production accounts for the greatest economic loss to the industry, however. With few exceptions, laying hens will completely recover and return to full production.

Poultry loss in the MSA area has a far-reaching effect on the whole poultry industry in B.C. Within a ten-mile radius of Aldergrove 60 per cent of all poultry in the province is raised, with the heaviest concentration around Clearbrook. \* \* \*

### Reports Work Progressing

J. H. Franz of Coaldale, Alberta, reports the work in Asuncion among native Paraguayans is slowly progressing. One or two believers have requested baptism.

### Future Subscribers

A baby girl, Brenda Lou, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sukkau of Saskatoon, formerly of Hepburn, on May 9.

### EXPANDED OUTREACH FOR MANITOBA M. B. CONFERENCE

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and Morris as regular mission stations, the budget of the home missions committee increased to slightly over \$20,000. Of this amount, \$5,000 has been set aside for moving the Ashern mission station and the erection of a basement in Carman as the first step in erecting a church there. The Carman group will receive an outright gift of \$1,000, with \$1,500 to be lent to the group. It is expected that it will cost \$2,500 to move the chapel and mission home at Ashern into the town from its present location four miles from town.

Increased outreach was matched by increased donations in respect to the Gospel Light Hour radio broadcast. Whereas last year the program was only broadcast over CKY, Winnipeg, and CFCO, Chatham, Ont., the English broadcast is now also beamed round the world weekly over HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. The recent inauguration of a German program over KFNW, Fargo, and HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, marked the re-entry of the conference into this field. A total of \$5,400 was received during the last year for this ministry. Thus far the broadcasts are self-sustaining. An important step was the addition of the clause "This is a service of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of Manitoba", to the announcement beginning the program.

Missionary reports and testimonies occupied the conference

Friday night, June 1. Of the six mission stations supervised by the home missions committee, four have full-time workers, while the other two are served locally.

Rev. Peter Martens, the conference colporteur, reported on his visitation program and the evangelistic campaigns he has been holding. A baptismal service and nine conversions were reported



Rev. I. W. Redekopp, 1956-57 moderator of the M. B. Conference in Manitoba. He is pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church, Winnipeg.

from Winnipegosis, where the Harry Loewens are active. Peter Penner of Lindal reported that only two services could be held during the winter due to unusually heavy snows. Others reporting were Joe Wiebe, veteran missionary at Ashern, Man.; Abe Quiring of Horndean, who now will also serve at Morris; Rev. A. J. Froese, who has been active in Brandon during the winter;



Rev. D. K. Duerksen, 1956-57 secretary of the M. B. Conference of Manitoba.

John Froese, who served at Morris during the last year; and John Guenther, who has been active in the Altona area. Mr. John Boldt reported on the daily vacation Bible school program and challenged the young people to serve the Lord in that field this summer. Altogether 747 children were reached in DVBS last summer.

A testimony was given by Lawrence Warkentin, recently appointed city missionary to Brandon.

The city mission work in Winnipeg has had a particularly fruitful year. On December 4, 1955, the Gospel Light Mission Church was formed, receiving 10 newly baptized members into their fel-

lowship. There are now over 30 in the group, which has received over \$900 in offerings during these six months. Rev. John Schmidt, city missionary, announced another baptismal service for Sunday, June 3, with six candidates. Of particular interest was the report on the evangelistic campaign and the personal work. The latter is done in a special way every Wednesday night from 10 to 12 p.m. Twenty-five decisions have been reported in this work during the winter.

Other conference projects receiving consideration were the Winkler Bible School, the Sunday school work in the province, the minister and deacons' committee activities, and the youth work. A youth project of \$1,800 was announced by Rev. Froese, provincial youth leader. Two youth workers' conferences were announced by Rev. Froese and one provincial youth rally at Winkler, Man., in fall.

The conference executive during the last year consisted of Rev. H. H. Janzen, moderator; Rev. J. H. Quiring, assistant moderator; and C. C. Warkentin, secretary. The executive elected for next year is Rev. I. W. Redekopp, moderator; Rev. F. H. Friesen, assistant moderator; and Rev. D. K. Duerksen, secretary. The treasurer of the conference, J. J. Riediger, was re-elected by acclamation.

### DIGNITARIES AT DEDICATION OF ELEVATOR

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piece of land which was offered to them.

The Morden Male Choir, directed by I. H. Voth, sang two songs at the service, "On the King's Highway" and "There is a Balm in Gilead". Rev. D. Ewert closed with the benediction.

Former Mordenites present were: the Honorable J. E. Adamson, chief justice of Manitoba, who unveiled the plaque; Dr. D. V. S. Winkler, Dr. G. B. McTavish, Judge J. M. Watson, and the Hon. F. C. Bell, the Manitoba minister of public works. Absent due to illness were Dr. H. McGavin and Mr. Bernard Warkentin.

### ISABEL GINGERICH SAILS FOR EUROPE

Isabel Gingerich, for the past year a cook at Ailsa Craig (Ont.) Boys Farm, sailed June 2 from Montreal for Europe where she will take up a new position in Germany.

She will be a matron in a Pax Services unit, Mennonite Central Committee's overseas program for draft-age men who are constructing houses for German refugee families. She will serve two years.

Miss Gingerich is a member of Cressman Mennonite Church at Breslau.

## Now Active in Hospital in Japan

By Kikuko (Terry) Tsuda

*Kyoto, Japan.* — "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

I would like to greet you at this time with this wonderful verse. Dr. Ironside has written, "In this present dispensation of grace we are saved through faith alone, but are now called to walk as obedient children, glorifying God in our daily lives. If we fail in this we come under divine discipline (Heb. 12:6-12)."

How true it is that we as Christians know what God requires of us, yet we are not humble enough to be obedient! Let's stay away from the sentence, "Yes, Lord, but . . .", from now on.

As you know I graduated just two years ago from the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg and bade farewell to the dear, country of Canada. After I arrived back in Japan I worked with Miss Ruth Wiens at one of the M.B. mission stations. Since my health deteriorated to a dangerous point, I stopped working and stayed at home with my folks for a while to rest and regain my health. God has answered the prayer of His children. He has restored my health and during that time opened a door for service of which I never thought until then.

This service was in the Japan Baptist Hospital, sponsored and supported by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in the U.S.A. They built this hospital in 1955 and have as a basic principle that all employees must be truly born again Christians. Every American doctor is a missionary doctor, and the whole staff must be earnest, zealous and active Christian workers. Everyone must be willing to share in church work and should have a call to do his or her work.

A certain Mr. Fuller, a missionary, mentioned this hospital to me. I thought it over and prayed about it. I went to talk it over with Miss Ruth Wiens, and since it was also the time for the M.B. mission's summer camp, I went to camp. There I prayed more than ever that God would show me just the way that I ought to go. After the camp I went to the hospital to have an interview with Rev. C. D. Clark, a Southern Baptist missionary. We talked together for two afternoons and prayed together at those times. I knew God had led me there, so I gladly took the position. My work at the hospital is to sit in the outpatient department and meet all the patients coming into the hospital. I get things ready for the patients and the doctors, and while

they wait I can distribute tracts and talk with them. It is a wonderful place to be in, but it is also a hard place. So I would ask you to pray for me. I don't know how and where He will lead me in the future, but one step at a time is enough for me.

I teach Sunday school two Sundays a month in Kyoto and the other two Sundays at the M.B. mission in Osaka. I am also teaching Bible doctrine to a group of young people, using the Bible doctrine book I used at the M.B. Bible College. Most of them are university students or graduates of the university in Osaka. They are really in earnest and I certainly wish you could meet each one of them. Some new ones are still joining us. Among them we have unsaved ones, so please pray especially for them. They are seeking the light.

During the week I have some university students coming to see me. I dealt with one Catholic girl every evening for a good 10 days. She came through to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as Sav-

our. It was such a joy for me. Of course with her Catholic background she has had and still has many troubles with the Catholic priests and much turmoil in herself. But God wonderfully has taken care of all little and big things so far. She has also come with me to the M.B. mission station to talk to Mr. Friesen. They talked and prayed together. Right now she is well settled down, coming to our church and growing in His grace. Please remember Miss Nakajima in your prayer—put her on your prayer list. I would be so happy if you did this.

I have so many things I would like to tell you, but I have no space anymore. You'll be hearing more about Japan and the M.B. mission work here when Miss Ruth Wiens goes back home for her first furlough. I'm sure she will visit Canada as well. Then you can ask her whatever you want to know.

God bless you richly in your daily walk, and especially in your service for yours and my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### JAPAN

A new folder describing Mennonite Brethren mission work in Japan has been prepared by the Board of Foreign Missions office. This four-page, illustrated brochure is available to interested persons who write for copies to the Board office, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kansas.

### INDIA

The death of an able and faithful Christian worker in India is reported by J. J. Dick (Coaldale, Alberta) from Shamshabad. "Last week (written April 26) one of our strongest and oldest Indian co-workers — Brother Aron Kelly — died at Shamshabad at the age of 72. Brother Kelly labored about 45 years — mostly at Nagarkurnool and many years as Bible teacher in Bethany School. Mrs. Kelly, seven daughters and one son with their families feel the loss especially."

Wanaparthy mission compound school in India concluded a successful year on March 22, according to Edna Gerdes of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. A total of 120 pupils were enrolled in the school. Most of the pupils came from Christian homes from surrounding villages. Ten pupils from the high caste attended. "Three weeks before the close of the school we experienced the working of the Holy Spirit in a real way. Special children's meetings were arranged with Sister A. A. Unruh as speak-

er. By the end of the meetings, 35 children had accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior."

### AFRICA

Brother and Sister Ben H. Klasen of Morden, Manitoba, are working at Kipungu station in Belgian Congo, instructing in a preparatory school which serves all field stations. Purpose of this preparatory school is to enable students from the ordinary primary schools to enter secondary, teacher training or nurses schools. Primary schools do not sufficiently prepare pupils for these schools. Pray for the Klassens as they seek to train these young people for leadership in the African Church.

A request for the organization of the native Church at Kafumba on a self-governing and self-supporting basis comes from John B. Kliever (Bakersfield, California) in the Belgian Congo. The area surrounding Kafumba has been divided into 16 districts with a village in each district to serve as a center for the Church. Selected leaders at these centers form a council for the direction of the work and meet every two months. Through these men the village people who attended services may send their offerings and matters of discipline affected. "Will you pray that these brethren might stand true to Christ and to His Word and that they might grow in faith, grace and knowledge of the Lord?"

## HAZELTON AREA TEACHERS VISIT TERRACE

Mrs. A. E. Schmidt

*Terrace, B.C.* — The Terrace Gospel Chapel welcomed five young ladies on May 27, all teachers from the Hazelton area. They had motored to Terrace for a teacher's convention of the Skeena district and stayed to spend Sunday with the Terrace people.

These ladies are all teaching in remote schools in the northern part of B.C. Their joyous Christian testimony reveals that their being here is an "inner compulsion" to serve the Lord and that the "love of Christ constraineth them."



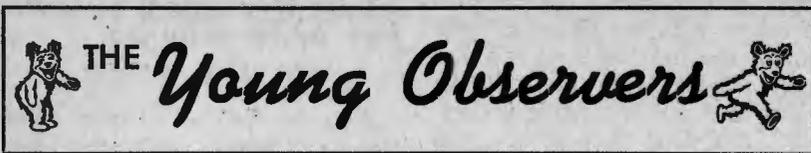
These five school teachers are serving the Lord in the Hazelton area. Left to right, Miss Betty Klassen, Upper Kispiox; Miss Katie Ewert, South Hazelton; Miss Thelma Reimer, Kitwanga Indian School; Miss Katie Esau, New Hazelton; and Miss Sally Letkeman, Four Mile. All five came in one Volkswagen.

The Terrace Chapel choir enjoyed their presence and help on Saturday night at choir practice. Also on Sunday morning when they again united their voices to praise the Lord, they were appreciated.

The ladies also rendered "The Lord is My Shepherd" for the morning worship service. One could feel the spirit in the song, for truly they had experienced that the "Lord never fails".

## RETURNS FROM MISSION FIELD

*Abbotsford, B.C.* — A most hearty welcome was given Miss Lillian Doerksen on her return from the mission field. She has been stationed at the Ramabai Mukti Mission in India. Her work there consisted chiefly of training little girls who were not wanted and to whom she was to be as a mother. We are looking forward to a blessed time of fellowship with her.



### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

While sitting at the water's edge one day, I watched the sea gulls flying low and then soaring high in their play above the sparkling lake's surface. God gives us these moments of peaceful meditation to lead us closer to Him.

This beautiful scene reminded me of the sea gulls that follow the ships far out to sea. Sailors say that a thousand miles from land the birds become thirsty, for they cannot drink the salty water below them. However, they have a very keen sense of smell, and know when a rain cloud is forming. Then, from miles around, they gather under it to satisfy their thirst from the falling rain.

That is a lovely picture for all young Christians. We must come under God's loving care to receive His "showers of blessings". As Jesus said to the Samaritan woman: "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." In the same way our daily work and play can only give us everlasting satisfaction if we let God be our guide.

Aunt Selma.

## Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(23rd Installment)

### THE POLICE COME

Stillness covered the streets of Witmarsum. The water of the canals which criss-crossed the village reflected the twinkling stars of the sky. All was quiet.

Menno's garden behind his cabin slanted down toward the waters of one of the canals, and tied to the primitive moorings lay his boat. The oars were always taken inside the cabin in order not to invite those who would like to borrow the boat for a ride to do so without the consent of the owner.

A little further downstream, hidden in the bullrushes, was another boat with oars in it. This was Menno's rescue boat. His guests knew its hiding place.

At about two o'clock in the morning two horsemen rode along the highway from Pinjum toward Witmarsum. They were the governor's guards sent to apprehend the wandering missionaries, Dirk Philipps and Lemke, and to bring them before the court of the governor. They had been advised by spies that the two would probably spend the night with the apostate priest Menno Simons.

"Klaas," said one of them, "Menno is a shrewd one. If the preachers have stopped with him it will be hard to get them. I am afraid he masters black magic and makes his guests disappear into the ground as soon as the police come to search for them."

"Right you are, Jan," answered the other. "We must go about this

business cautiously. I know a little about Menno and his 'black magic', and if the shutters of his window are closed, the Anabaptists are with him. Then we must surround the hut quietly before they notice us."

"What foolish talk," rejoined Jan. "How can two men surround a house?"

"The house has only two doors, which the two of us can cover easily. The windows are too small for a grown man to crawl through. The idea is not so foolish as you think it is."

"Fortunately those who gather around Menno do not kill like the Muensterites, or else we would be in for a bad night, two attackers against three defenders of no mean qualities."

"No worry about that," said Klaas. "Better light the candle in the bulls-eye (ancient flashlight) to be ready to look inside as soon as we get to the windows. Should we find the shutters closed, I shall take my position at the back door while you break in the front door and enter the house."

"Good!" said Jan. They dismounted, stretched their legs, and Jan struck fire with steel and flint, lit the candle and shut the lantern. "I would enjoy this more," he proceeded after a while, "if the Baptismal-Minded would defend themselves like the Muensterites do. It is rather mean to harm the defenceless."

"Since when has your conscience become so tender? Don't you worry about that at all. Let the Pope and the governors account for that

before God Almighty. We are here to execute orders and I much prefer to arrest defenceless people than to risk my life in combat."

"Even so, it is a devilish work that we are doing," Jan said.

They mounted their horses and rode on. In good time they arrived at a little orchard near Menno's cabin. They dismounted and tied their horses to the picket fence.

(To be continued)



### God Answered Johnny's Prayer

(2nd Installment)

Then the teacher repeated the verse: "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him and deliver him. Psalm 90 verse 15." The class repeated it with her. Johnny didn't find it hard to learn the verse, but it sure was hard to understand it. How could he call upon God when he couldn't see Him?

Johnny and Bill were asked by the teacher to come back next Sunday, and they promised they would. Soon they were playing outside and having a wonderful time.

The next morning Johnny rose very early. This was the day he had been waiting for. It was a holiday and he was going fishing. His mother packed a lunch for him just like she did for his father, only not quite as much. Then Johnny walked with his father to the place where they were going to board the truck that would take his father to work. Johnny felt really proud that he could go along with his father.

After the truck had stopped at the mine where his father worked, Johnny picked up his little box with hooks and the worms he had dug the day before and said good-bye to his father. While his father would work, Johnny was going to fish at a lake close by.

The sun was just coming up as Johnny started down the road to the lake. It left little patches of light on the road where it shone down through the trees. The squirrels were up too, running up and down the trees. A chipmunk chattered noisily. Johnny couldn't help but laugh at all the fuss the chipmunk made because of one visitor.

It felt good to be out here among the tall trees. Suddenly he started whistling. Before he knew it he was whistling one of the choruses he had learned in Sunday School the day before. All of a sudden he noticed it.

"I wonder if I still remember that verse we learned?" Johnny

thought. He tried to remember it, and, sure enough, he could still say it all.

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble."

Sure, he knew if he called his mother she would answer him, but God? He was supposed to be in heaven, wasn't he? How could he answer a little boy? Johnny was puzzled.

Just then he could see the lake shining through the trees. Suddenly the water splashed.

"That must have been a fish jumping," Johnny thought, "I better hurry. Maybe I can catch him."

He hurried to the lake, took out his pocket-knife to cut a stick to use for a fishing pole and put a squirming worm on the hook. He threw it into the water and started fishing.

He sat and waited. Suddenly he felt a tug. He jerked the pole and out came a beautiful fish. It landed in a clump of bushes behind him, but Johnny soon had the fish. After sitting and fishing all day he had three beautiful fish, the longest one about 18 inches long.

It was a proud boy who walked toward the mine camp with his three fish. He couldn't work in the mine, but he could do something anyway. His mother would make a good fish-fry out of these fish.

As he came nearer to the camp he noticed that there was no noise there. Usually the mill made a big noise, grinding and crushing rock. He hurried on, and when he came around the last curve, he saw men standing in little groups around the entrance to the mine.

"I wonder why they are all standing around the entrance," he thought. "Maybe something is wrong."

Everybody was watching the hole in the mountain so closely, that they didn't notice little Johnny coming. He tugged at one of the sleeves of one of the men and asked, "Why are all the men standing around? Is something wrong?"

"Yes, laddie, there was a cave-in in the mine", the man said. He didn't know who Johnny was, so he started talking with another man again. Suddenly Johnny spied one of the men from town in another group of men. He went over to him and asked him if anything was wrong.

"Yes, son, there is," he said gravely. "There was a cave-in and several men are trapped."

"Where is my father? Is he helping to dig the men out?" Johnny asked.

"No, son. Your father isn't helping to dig the men out," the man said. He hesitated, and then he said, "Johnny, your father is one of the men that is trapped."

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## THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(18th Installment)

During the hour which ensued before relief came, Jacob was engaged in a hopeless effort to arrange his scattered thoughts and to make clear the hazy impressions of what had taken place. As he sat in silence, knowing not what to make of all that had occurred, Dominie Van Raalte entered.

Jacob was glad to see him. The fatherly man was surprised to hear the relation of misery and grief that poured from the lips of the lonesome boy. The minister examined the patients, gave them some simple medicine, prayed with Jacob for the recovery of his relatives, and went away promising to send someone to help care for the sick.

A day later there came a genuine physician and a woman nurse. The doctor administered his remedies, the nurse gave to the sick the proper care, and in another day signs of recovery and betterment were evident in all three patients.

Each day the "Man in Bearskin" came within a short distance of the hut, whence he called to Jacob to come and bring him tidings of the family. And when the boy was able to assure him of certain recovery, the pleasure of the man was unfeigned and most patent.

What need be said of the burial of the two children in the dark, moist ground? Their little bodies, wrapped in cloth, were laid away with sacred simplicity. The soil that had known their light tread for but a short summer opened its bosom to embrace their gentle bodies and to guard their earthly dust until a new life should call them out of their sleep. A short, earnest prayer, a solemn psalm, a hushed reverence—that was all. The mourners were few—only Jacob, the Dominie, the nurse, and a neighbor family. But there was one mourner whom no one saw, standing aloof in the shadow of the forest, a tall strong man clad in bearskin, viewing with saddened countenance the simple proceedings before him, feeling in his heart a tenderness and a compassion that had not been there for many long years.

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The bright days of the last of October had come as if to revive the deadened hopes of the Hollanders and as if to symbolize the cheerful future which would arise out of their days of trouble and pestilence. It was on the last Sunday afternoon of the month that the "Man in Bearskin" sat upon the knoll in the forest, lazily

enjoying the full splendor of the fall day.

Although he had already dwelt in the woods for many months no day had struck him with so much natural beauty. The air, still warm with the pleasant balm of summer, had in it the invigorating freshness of autumn. A mild breeze stirred the surrounding woodlands, the tree-tops dipped and swayed gently as if to pay their respectful homage to God who nourished them. Bright and clear, the vault of blue sky seemed like a still canvas stretched interminably above, upon which was painted a scattering of silken clouds, intangible, almost unreal, drifting about leisurely and aimlessly, lending a note of infinite depth to the azure dome. The sun, golden giver of mellow warmth, shone with a joyful cheerfulness. Its keen-edged rays darted in among the shades of the forest, danced fitfully upon the crest of the oak tree, chased the squirrel in his mad flights from the swinging maple.

The foliage of the pine and cedar stood green and dull, in contrast to the glowing leaves of the maple. Gorgeously colored, painted with the dashing skin of a brush that knows no human touch, the brilliant leafage of autumn gave to the forest a presence that suggested the Divine. The sweet scent of moist earth, the perfume of autumn berries and bursting buds, the dreaming incense of virgin woodlands pervaded the air, lulling the senses with an irresistible dreaminess, quieting the harsh voice of strife, giving peace and solace to the struggling soul.

The whole world seemed to speak of peace and comfort. The boundless heaven, the gently restless forest, the sweet-smelling air, the frolics of the small wood-animals, the very softness of the turf—all, with dumb, yet audible voice, told of the rest and quiet that brings peace.

Yet for the "Man in Bearskin," who sat contemplating these things, there was no solace. The very stillness and restfulness that covered the world about him, accentuated the turmoil in his soul. And though his body reclined in an attitude of indifference upon the green earth, his heart and his soul were tossed about by the contortions of a moral struggle.

He had not forgotten the perilous difficulties from which he had been extricated during the past summer. He had not forgotten the ingenuous words of the youthful Jacob. He had not forgotten

the terrible plight of the Kolf family and the almost miraculous way in which they had been saved. No, the whole network of events during the last few years was spun with delicate yet durable threads of recollection upon the consciousness of every waking hour.

The insistent presence of these recollections in his mind demanded thought about them. He had spent many sleepless hours since he had left the beach on the shores of Michigan; the very trees upon the trails of the forest seemed to speak to him; the loneliness of his hermit life had been almost solely taken up with his reflections upon them. The little funeral in the shadow, the simple burial of the two children had provided a climax. He could stand it no longer. His mind, his heart, his soul must be satisfied.

This afternoon he had resolved to settle the question. He would think about God—he would search himself—he would determine once and for all whether Gerrit and Jacob and Van Raalte had any claim to being heard. It was a momentous task he set himself. He felt its awful import, he realized the small likelihood of his reaching a definite and satisfying conclusion.

It was odd that he should have begun his meditation in a very different way from what he had intended. He had sat down upon the ground with a spirit of growing despair. Then a mischievous little chipmunk, glistening in his coat of furry brown, strutting as if proud of his striped body, had popped out of a little hole from beneath the roots of a great tree, and had sat, haughtily nibbling an acorn, before the outstretched limbs of the man.

"You naughty little fellow! You seem to be quite satisfied with yourself and life in general." The contrast of his own condition so startled him that the man felt constrained to weep in bitter irony. Then the thought had come to him: "He is happy because he is doing what he was created to do; he is not worried, but is trusting, unknowingly, in his Maker."

The thought had loosed an uncontrollable flood of reminiscences. In a sweeping transformation the man became a boy again—a little Dutch boy, clad in woolen pantaloons and jacket, shod in wooden shoes, whistling a provincial ditty, standing with hands in his pockets, gazing with wide interest into the little stream that ran through his father's village. He saw again the Dutch farmland, the little farm house, the rich pastures, the grey line of the distant dyke. He remembered the household of his father gathered about the evening board, how the rugged Christian parent devoutly led in prayer, how, after the meal was finished, the father took down from the

mantel the Holy Bible, and read from it a whole chapter in solemn, yet pleasing voice, while the group of children sat around in respectful awe, daring hardly to move their heads lest they be rebuked for inattention. He remembered the neat country church, built of wood, painted an immaculate white; how the country folk would gather there on Sunday morning to hear the sonorous declamations of a dignified dominie, who told them of their sin and of their destiny, of the shed blood of Christ and its atoning power, of the life that has no sorrow and no end for those who confess the resurrected Christ. He remembered Gerrit as a younger brother, serious, somewhat melancholy, concerned about the wayward tendencies of the older boy, how the remonstrances of Gerrit had been obnoxious and repellent to him and how he had resolved to hear none of his brother's ranting. Then he remembered a sad day when the body of his father was laid away among the dead in the churchyard; another day when the family estate was divided and he received his share of gold coins done up in a little bag, and still another day when he closed his fingers upon the wealth of his brother Gerrit and like a sneaking, hunted thief, made off in the night to a neighboring port to embark for America.

A shudder of dread came over him at the thought of his base conduct. But he consoled himself with the recollection of his sincere regret, of the remorse which had taken hold of him, of the earnest attempt that he had made to redeem himself.

He could not pass by the series of perilous adventures which had been his lot while dwelling in the Michigan woods. His precarious position between the trees, and his unhoped for rescue, his thrilling experience with the bear that had treed him, and the many other narrow escapes that he had experienced came back to him with startling vividness.

But the reminiscences which caused him the deepest pain were those connected with the recent history of the Kolf family during the epidemic. The other things had concerned him directly; the sufferings and misfortunes of his brother and family were not so easily put aside. He felt a strong responsibility for the straitened circumstances of Gerrit, for the hardships he had endured, for the sorrow he had suffered upon the loss of the little children. If he, the older brother, had not wronged Gerrit by taking from him his money, there would have been no need for such hardship and misery. Perhaps then there would have been no double grave under the moaning oaks.

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## We Serve God and Man

(A report of some of the work and activities of the MCC Summer Service unit operating at the Manitoba School for Mental Defectives, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. Submitted by John Klassen, Steinbach, Manitoba)

"Be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love, in honor preferring one another." Romans 12:10.

In this institution we have a wonderful opportunity to prove our brotherly love to these people. Some are not easily loved, but we thank our God that with His help it can be done.

Our duties vary according to the wards we are on. I am on the hospital ward, where physical ailments are treated. My work consists mainly of seeing that the higher grade patients keep the beds clean and in order. I also have to be on the look-out for epileptic seizures (epilepsy being the Greek term for fit, attack, seizure). Some of the patients are subject to these attacks at any time and must receive attention, so as to prevent them from putting the nearest thing (usually the bed sheet) into their mouths, thus choking themselves, possibly with serious consequences.

On warm, sunny days it is our duty to take the patients outside and then to keep our eyes on them, for there are some who would like to escape if they could.

Higher grade patients are taught to work on the farm, in the gardens, in the laundry, or in woodwork, tailor and shoe repair shops. They do much of the manual labor in the kitchens and dining rooms, as well as keeping the buildings clean and in order.

We, the MCC Unit, are here to fill the gaps created when the

regular staff go on summer vacation. Since we are moved about rather frequently from ward to ward, the work is made more interesting and we have a greater variety of duties and experiences.

As a unit we have the same recreational facilities as the regular staff, but since we are never all off duty at the same time, it is hard to organize a ball game, or for that matter, anything else that requires a number of participants.

The unit has organized into four groups under which our activities are carried on. These are as follows: (1) Devotional Committee, (2) Study Committee, (3) Recreation Committee, (4) Publications Committee. The devotional committee plans the devotional program of the twice-weekly meetings, while the study committee plans the study of a chosen Bible portion. At present we are studying the book of James. Time, place and manner of obtaining recreation is the task of the recreation committee, while the publications committee composes the *Newsletter* outlining the summer's activities as well as submitting short articles such as this one for publication in our various church papers.

For the most part we do our work and find in it not only fun and happiness, but also a source of deepening faith in, and gratefulness to our Heavenly Father that we are not handicapped in any physical manner.

We enjoy our work very much and find that we have a wonderful opportunity to let our light shine for the Lord, always remembering our theme verse: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40b).

on the evangelical movement, and their preachers today are helping the Baptists in the evangelization of the many who are only nominally Christian. Where there are no Baptist churches, the Mennonites worship in their homes. Every religious organization must be registered, and the Mennonites, according to the visitors, are not yet sure whether they want a separate organization.

Conscientious objection to war is still a possibility in Russia, they said, for the decree of 1919 is still in effect. Objectors may be assigned to hospital work or to such hard labor assignments as forestry.

Evangelical church life in Russia is vigorous. There are five sermons a week in each church. Members encourage each other by correspondence and visits. There is real zeal for preaching. Young people help to build or repair churches without compensation.

Christians are free to hold worship services according to the dictates of conscience. Anyone is free to attend and to join wherever he wishes, said the visitors. Besides preaching in church, individual witnessing is the only other method of evangelization open. Baptists have a publication, *Brotherly Messenger*. They are preparing to print Bibles from mats furnished by the American Bible Society.

There are ten to twelve thousand baptisms each year. Baptism is administered only to those eighteen and above. Requirements are stringent. There must be evidence of a genuine turning to Christ. The applicant must make a public statement of his faith. He must leave off all bad habits, including the use of tobacco and alcohol. One who starts to smoke after being baptized is excommunicated. Discipline is used by the congregations also against such sins as adultery and heresy. Baptist church members are not Communist party members.

The Russian Baptists have no training schools or seminaries. Each congregation has a pastor, but many have also a number of younger preachers, who learn to preach by preaching. There are sixty area superintendents, and a central Council of twelve members.

The visitors expressed their joy at meeting with Mennonites. They felt they were back home in their simple churches and informal services. They were glad to see women whose dress had no sign of luxury. The men, they thought, gave an impression of deep spirituality.

In the smaller group on May 29, the Russian brethren were given the opportunity to learn about the Mennonites of America and of all the world. After presentations by J. C. Wenger and H. H. Janzen, the visitors asked many questions: How many Mennonites are there? What form of baptism do we use? Attitude toward military service? Attitude on world peace? How do we do mission work? Why do some wear a different garb? Do we have a central headquarters? Do we cooperate with other Christians? How are ministers called? Do we belong to the World Council of Churches?

Only Miss Tyrtova, the secretary, spoke English. The others spoke in Russian and a representative of the Baptist World Alliance office in Washington interpreted. H. H. Janzen and J. J. Thiessen, who conducted the opening worship services, spoke in both Russian and English. The singing, that great common denominator of world Christianity, all could join in, although with different words. Marvin Dirks led the singing.

The churchmen made numerous

pleas for unity and understanding. They felt we are all growing in brotherhood and friendship. Certainly their visit contributed to this end. A common faith in Christ has no place for an Iron Curtain.

### OUR READERS SAY

(Continued from page 2-2)

because of the brevity of the statement.) I refer to the note about "Berlin Families Receiving Food", where J. K. Klassen writes: "Since we had wrapped the cheese and butter in plain paper and put the flour into plain paper bags, they had a better chance of getting them across the border." Do I understand that our representatives in Europe are attempting to do the Lord's work by deceitful means? Perhaps the workers in this instance are attempting to follow the instructions in Matthew 10:16, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."—but are failing to comply with the last part of the verse. (The "wolves" in Europe also have souls that are doomed to eternal punishment unless they, too, are reached by the love of Christ.)

In our daily life we are often faced with such decisions involving our personal honour. We as Christians must be most careful in regard to our walk, since the world is apt to base its opinion of Christianity, and even of Christ, upon the life of the individual Christian. Let us follow the admonition of Paul (Eph. 4:14-15): "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things which is the head, even Christ."

We must be true above all else, whether we are serving the Lord at home or abroad. Sometimes we desire to further the Lord's work by "wrapping our goods in plain paper". Let us not waste God's goods in attempting to push them by deceitful means, but rather let us remember that we serve the Lord God... he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; he that closeth, and no man openeth" (Rev. 3:7). Let us serve the Lord faithfully, according to His plans.

Sincerely,  
Abe Konrad, Matsqui, B.C.

### Rusty

By Frank Vanderberg. 85 pp.

It seemed that nobody cared what became of Rusty. Still too young to have a fulltime job, he wandered to a city where he got a new chance, and in a high school that was different. At the same time he found the greatest friend of all. .... 75¢

### RUSSIAN BAPTIST DELEGATION MEETS MENNONITE GROUP

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It is the first church delegation from Russia to visit the United States since the Russian Revolution in 1917.

These visitors represent 520,000 Baptists in 5,400 Baptist churches in Russia. Their Union is a merger of Baptist groups in northern Russia of English origin and other Baptists in southern Russia of German origin. Persecution and difficulties have contributed to a sense of unity among all evangelicals in Russia. Both Pentecostals and Mennonites are cooperating with Baptists.

In fact, the visitors spoke of Mennonites as evangelical pioneers, the first sowers of the truth of the Gospel in their land. Mennonites have had a great influence

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Remains of Ancient Hebrews Found at Dead Sea Site

Mr. Shmarya Guttman, an Israel archaeologist, has discovered signs of ancient settlements in the Dead Sea area. Hewn stones, round and square in shape, were found on the slopes of the lake-side north of Sodom. Mr. Guttman also found relics dating back approximately three thousand years.

Mr. Guttman, who described the find as "sensational" for archaeologists, reported that he had passed the spot near the Dead Sea many times, but until recently had not observed the ancient remains. There have been a number of theories maintaining that settlements had once existed in the area, but until now no signs thereof had been found.

(The ancient historian, Josephus Flavius, had written that he had seen populated centers on the shores while he was sailing on the Dead Sea.) (ERA)

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### Sentenced to 15 Years Imprisonment

In North China, Pastor Wang Ming Tao, a leading evangelical pastor of North China, and his wife have been sentenced by the Chinese Communist authorities to 15 years imprisonment. This is the aftermath of the arrest of Pastor and Mrs. Wang last August. The exact official charges against them are unknown, but it is known that previously Pastor Wang faced an "accusation" meeting in Peking and that subsequently he was denounced by church leaders favorable to the Government and now a part of the Government, of considering "dogma (to be) more important than patriotism," of "deceiving the masses" and of "opposing democracy." A number of other faithful Christians, including 18 or more students, were arrested at the same time. (ERA)

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### New International Evangelical Publication

Publication of a "high-brow magazine aimed at evangelical Christians" was announced from a Washington, D.C., office building early last May. The new magazine, described as "designed primarily for the clergy but the informed layman will be kept in mind," will be called *Christianity Today*. First issue, scheduled for October 15, will be sent to some 200,000 pastors around the world.

The magazine's intellectual slant is suggested in a statement of its objectives:

"To articulate competently and fitly the central doctrinal distinctives of historic Christianity; to animate the New Testament sense

of the unity of believers in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour and God...; to proclaim the unity of the revelation of God in nature and Scripture, and hence to exhibit the compatibility of true science and revealed religion...; and to disclose the doctrinal fallacies and weaknesses of the speculative theologies and philosophies of religion."

The magazine will have a distinguished sponsorship. Contributing editors include the President's pastor, the Rev. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, Evangelist Billy Graham, the Rev. Dr. Harold John Ockenega and the Rev. Dr. Clarence E. Macartney.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Billy Graham's father-in-law, is executive editor. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, professor of Christian Philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, will be editor of the new publication. Larry Ward, former managing editor of *Christian Life*, is managing editor. J. Marcellus Kik is associate editor. (ERA)

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## CANADASCOPE

### To Build School for Retarded

The Winnipeg Kinsmen Club is going to build a \$135,000 brick, steel and glass school for retarded children this summer. It will be physically designed for progression, with the rooms for new students resembling the home. But as the students move up in grades, the plan changes. The "living room" area is more regimented, with desks in alignment; the "play area" gives way to definite project areas.

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### Vote on Freeway Again Recommended

Winnipeg's civic public works committee recommended on May 29 that another \$4,900,000 money bylaw to build the Disraeli bridge and highway thoroughfare be put before the ratepayers this fall. Committee members agreed that city aldermen must unanimously favor the freeway if it is to win ratepayer approval. The project failed by a narrow margin to win 60 per cent approval at last October's civic election.

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### Rescued After Twelve Days on Ice Floe

Toronto pilot Carl C. Crossley was rescued from his 12-day imprisonment on an Arctic ice floe 1,100 miles north of Winnipeg on May 30 by an RCAF para-rescue team flown to the area by an RCMP Otter which made a skilanding on the northern shore of Southampton island.

Crossley was tired, but otherwise seemingly none the worse for his ordeal. There was a shortage of drinking water, he said. His menu consisted of dates, oatmeal, powdered milk and fresh, uncooked beef. He lived in a tent in below-freezing weather. His emergency radio guided rescue planes to the spot.

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### Tragedy on Alberta Farm

Four children and three adults were found shot to death at an isolated, faded-yellow farmhouse belonging to a Social Credit member of the Alberta legislature. John E. Clark, MLA for Stettler, was found in a slough some distance from the house. R.C.M.P. say he apparently took his own life.

Dead are the four children of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Clark, 36; George Anderson, 20-year-old hired man; and William Olah, 30, a visitor. All were shot with bullets from a .22 calibre rifle.

The bodies were found by G. M. Parrott, who dropped in during the morning of June 3 for a social call.

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### Pipe Line Battle Still In Progress

As of the middle of the week the pipe line battle in the House of Commons, Ottawa, was still going strong. On Tuesday morning the last call for closure was made by the Prime Minister and by Tuesday night the bill was passed. Wednesday the Senate started debate on it.

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## The World Today

### Pro-Western Parties Gain in Italy

Pro-western center parties increased their strength while Communists suffered losses in the Italian nationwide election recently. The Christian Democrats and their middle-of-the-road allies polled 53 per cent of the total vote, as against 50.5 per cent in the 1951-52 elections. The elections were for local and provincial administration, but voting was strictly according to party lines.

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### Mobs Riot in India

Language riots burst around Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and his Congress party Sunday for the second straight day. Mr. Nehru was unhurt, but 25 party members were stoned and injured.

Mr. Nehru announced he is standing firm on his decision to exclude the city of Bombay from the proposed Marathi-speaking state of Maharashtra. The mobs of Marathi-speaking demonstrators demanded inclusion in the proposed state.

### New Interpretation of Law in Russia

Last week the *Kommunist*, organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the most authoritative magazine in the Soviet Union, told jurists that they can convict a defendant only after absolute and full proof is established. He is under no obligation to prove his innocence. The long-standing practice of secret trials must be changed, it said, except for cases dealing with state, military or diplomatic and sex crimes.

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### Molotov Resigns

On Friday, June 1, Mr. V. M. Molotov resigned as foreign minister of the Soviet Union. He was replaced by Dmitri T. Shepilov, editor of the Communist party newspaper Pravda.

On Saturday President Josip Broz-Tito of Yugoslavia arrived in Moscow. These two events, coming in that order, are significant, for Mr. Molotov was once responsible with his late master Stalin for making "Titoism" a capital offence within the Soviet empire.

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### VITAMIN CONTENT OF VEGETABLES

The weather has an important influence on the vitamin content of vegetables, regardless of soil type or management practices. Dr. A. L. Shewfelt of the Morden, Manitoba, Experimental Farm, Canada Department of Agriculture, reports that hundreds of vitamin studies at the Morden Fruit and Vegetable laboratory, and other laboratories across the country have shown a wide variation in the vitamin content of a single variety of vegetable grown under different weather conditions.

One variety of tomatoes may have three times as much vitamin C under one set of conditions as another. The same garden plot at Morden has produced peas of abnormally low vitamin C content in July and snap beans of abnormally high vitamin C content the following month. Potatoes grown at Morden over a period of six years have shown unexpected variations in vitamin C content.

While type and fertility of soil and the method of cultivation are major factors so far as yield is concerned, only rarely do they affect the vitamin content of vegetables. The vitamin C content of tomatoes is influenced to a large degree by the intensity of sunlight during growth and ripening. Greenhouse tomatoes contain only half as much as those grown outdoors under more favorable light conditions. Persistent cloudiness during August is almost certain to reduce the amount of vitamin C. Even when the sun is shining, haze, smoke, smog, or heavy foliage will reduce the ability of the plant to manufacture vitamin C.

## Weddings

### ESAU — RATZLAFF

Martha Ratzlaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Ratzlaff of Abbotsford, B.C., and Abe Esau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Esau of Aldergrove, B.C., were married in the Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church on May 7. Rev. H. H. Nikkel officiated.

Among the guests were the bride's brother and family from Calgary, Alberta.

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### WIEBE—BRAUN

Agatha Braun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Braun, and John Wiebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wiebe, were married on May 26 in the Hepburn M. B. church. Rev. P. R. Toews officiated.

After a wedding trip to Banff, the couple will reside on the groom's farm near Herbert.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Hiebert. Report in June 1 issue. Photo by George G. Epp, St. Catharines, Ont.

## Obituaries

### FRANK I. BRAUN

Mr. Frank I. Braun of Coaldale, Alta., passed away on Tuesday morning, May 29, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. N. Thiessen and Mr. Thiessen. He was 88 years old. Funeral services were

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held on Monday, June 4, in the Mennonite Brethren church at Coaldale.

Mr. Braun was born on February 16, 1868, in the Ukraine. He came to Canada with his family from Samara, Russia, in 1926, settling first at Laird, Sask. He moved to Coaldale in 1926. He was predeceased by his wife in 1927 and also one daughter, Liese, in 1941.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Neta Braun and Mrs. Mary Thiessen; one son, Bernard; 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

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### JOHN J. WIELER

Mr. John J. Wieler, manager of the Saskatoon office of the land settlement department of the CNR, passed away suddenly Thursday morning, May 31. He has been with the Canadian National Railway for 29 years.

Mr. Wieler was born in 1901 in South Russia. His father was a teacher and his grandfather was the first Mennonite missionary to the Russian people.



### TIMOR PRESENTS CHALLENGE

Timor Island is no fictional paradise in the South Pacific, reports Leonard Kingsley. It represents great human need.

Food production is a problem, he said. With 500,000 of Indonesia's 80 million people living on a rather arid island that has only a thin layer of topsoil, food production presents itself as a very real problem. Beef is the only food raised in a quantity sufficient to be exported.

Neither corn nor rice are grown in large enough acreages to meet the needs of Timorese. This is due to a lack of rainfall and the inability of soil to support great amounts of plant growth. Poultry appears to be an enterprise with much room for development.

Said Kingsley: "The people need to be shown the value of using better methods to improve their standard of living so they in turn can better support their church in the spread of the gospel."

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### GREEK FARMERS THANKFUL

Farmers of northern Greece who received the 20 Brown Swiss heifers donated by Lancaster County Mennonites appear to be grateful for the gift.

The heifers were docked at Sa-



lonika and transported by trucks to Panayitsa where they are receiving care in a central village barn built by Pax men.

After a service in memory of the deceased in Saskatoon, the body was brought to Winnipeg, where funeral services were held in the First Mennonite church on June 6.

Amos Mellinger of the Lancaster County material aid committee accompanied the heifers from the U.S. to Greece. Present at the docking were European MCC director D. C. Kauffman, the Edessa bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church, the monarch (governor) of Macedonia, an agricultural agent of Edessa and Peter Kruger of Heifer Project Inc. office in Athens.

D. C. Kauffman reported, "It was a real treat to behold as we watched the men and their wives stroke the heifers which they had chosen. After the ceremony we were invited for a lamb supper.

"Many who received the heifers gathered outside our door and asked if they could give us some present in memory of this gift. We explained that it was a donation from America and was given as a good-will Christian gesture and that no gift was desired from them."

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### FRENCH LAD BENEFITS FROM CHILDRENS HOME

Mary Ellen Shoup, MCC worker in the childrens home at Valdoie, France, has been giving attention to the "alumni" of the home. Some of the children weaken under temptations while others have demonstrated strong Christian spirit.

Mary Ellen tells of one of the home's former boys who returned for a visit:

"We hadn't seen this boy for six years because he was never at home when I made my yearly rounds in this region. So I was anxious to see how he turned out.

"I was pleasantly surprised. He is 20 now, a big handsome fellow, clean-cut and polite and apparently he has resisted most of the temptations into which so many his age fall. He continues to read the Bible we gave him and he seems interested in spiritual things.

"He feels very much alone as he is so different from his brothers and sisters. His father placed him at the age of 13 with a family which travel around France with a commercial merry-go-round company. In spite of his environment he seems to have kept his fine spirit.

"He came to ask assistance in finding a job in our vicinity as he wanted to spend Sundays with us; he still considers this his home."

### REPORTS ON TRANSLATION WORK

Foam Lake, Sask. — Rev. A. Taves, missionary on furlough, showed Africa's latest film, "Out of the Prison House", in the chapel here on Monday night, May 21.

Before he showed the film, Rev. Taves spoke of their work and showed many interesting articles.

Rev. and Mrs. Taves and family, who are working under the Sudan United Mission, are planning to go back to Africa for their third term of service. They will be leaving in August and are looking forward to more intensive work on the field. Rev. Taves has been engaged in setting down the language in writing as well as translating more of the Bible into that language. During his stay on the field he has already finished translating several Gospels.

### NOT THE RIGHTEOUS! By Jack Odell

These are stories from the radio series "Unshackled", stories of God at work in the lives of the down-and-out.

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## COLLEGES

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Just as the spring brings forth new evidences of life in nature, so one finds College life to be bustling with activity once again. The graduates are especially busy. Student Chapel on Wednesday, May 30, was made up entirely of graduates aside from the two octet numbers. John Neufeld made the opening; then followed testimonies by Cornelia Lehn, Diedrich Gerbrandt, Margaret Voght and Dick Rempel, on the topic, "Experiences with God". Katie Kehler made the closing.

Friday afternoon was the climax of the mysterious activities of the second-year students. For weeks there have been rooms which barred entrance to the grads. On Friday even the Chapel was closed off with blankets draped over all the windows. The only hints the grads received of the proceedings were the occasional trees they saw "walking" into the side entrance of the chapel. It was the day of the Graduation Banquet.

When the guests were ushered into the candle-lit chapel in the evening, it was like a transformed room. The tables were set obliquely in the wide aisle between two rows of trees. At the front was a beautiful picture made by Wera Janzen, entitled "Vessels for Noble Use." Mr. Otto Hamm was the Master of Ceremonies, and Irma Wiens provided the organ music. Aside from the meal the highlights of the evening were: a duet by Bill Wiebe and Abe Peters; "A Mennonite Trek" by Mary Rempel; an "Apocalypse" about the Grads by Rev. Poettcker; a solo by Bob Baergen and a message on the theme by Rev. Henry Funk.

Saturday evening saw another special event in the chapel, the dedication of the new organ, presented to the College by the Canadian Mennonite Youth. The Committee of the C.M.Y.O. were all present for the occasion, as well as many young people from the churches of the surrounding districts.

On Sunday the Manitoba Ladies' Conference was held in the College. Many of the girls from College played host to our many welcome visitors, showing them around the building.

### MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

Mr. Henry Voth, teacher, led in the prayer and testimony meeting during Chapel on Monday, reading John 15:1-10.

On Tuesday morning, May 29, Miss Junko Matsuno gave the last graduate testimony in chapel for

the present year. She came to MBBC three and a half years ago and has applied herself with great diligence to her studies. She will be returning to Japan in July, with her boat due to leave San Francisco on July 10. In Japan she will serve her Master and her people.

Rev. H. Regehr on Wednesday morning reminded us to "look upon Jesus" (Hebrews 12:1-2). Rev. Regehr is leaving the college faculty and will be teaching at the M.B. Collegiate Institute next door during the next year.

On Thursday morning the college pins were presented to freshman students and they were reminded of the significance of the pin and the resultant responsibility.

The last regular chapel meeting of the school year was led on Friday morning, June 1, by Rev. D. Ewert. He based his message on Phil. 1, and closed with a period of testimony and prayer.

The week was a busy one, with courses being summed up in the last classes and a number of exams written. The final week of exams began on the fourth—and with it the harvest of the year's work.

Henry Warkentin.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### EAST CHILLIWACK BIBLE SCHOOL

The student body and teachers of our school spent the afternoon of May 18 mountain climbing at Harrison Hot Springs. The following week included exams and preparations for the closing Bible Conference.

Rev. Henry Epp was guest speaker at the Bible Conference, held from May 25 to 27. As his text at the three services he used the book of Philemon. On Friday night he emphasized brotherly love as exemplified in the life of Paul. On Saturday night Rev. Epp showed us the true godly faith in the life of Philemon. The boundless love and grace of God in the life of Onesimus came to the fore on Sunday afternoon.

Fourteen students received their diplomas on Sunday night, May 27, at the graduation service. Rev. Thielman, the principal of the Bible school, challenged the graduates with the words in II Timothy 2:8. Wilfred Penner gave the valedictory address, while Marion Toews, on behalf of the first class, addressed the grads. Rev. Epp then chose Acts 1:8-11 as his text, pointing out our purpose, place, power and reward in service.

On Monday night the first class prepared a banquet for the graduates and staff. In all these closing exercises we certainly felt the Lord's presence. May we all now

go forth and witness for Him where He places us.

The graduates were: Magda Friesen, David Esau, Wilfred Penner, Corney Kroeker, Walter Thielman and Rudy Hamm of East Chilliwack; John Baerg, Elsie Bergen, Anne Walde, George Lowen and Corny Pauls of Chilliwack; John Neufeld and Fred Braun of Yarrow; and Esther Epp of Sardis, B.C.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

### MENNONITE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

Friday, May 18, was outing day at the MEI. The grades 7, 8 and 9 had a joint outing near the school. Other classes went farther, some to Bellingham, Vancouver, Lynn Valley, etc. The grade 13 class went to Vancouver Island for the annual grad trip.

The chartered bus left MEI early Friday afternoon, May 18, for Horseshoe Bay, where the class boarded the ferry to Nanaimo. The first night was spent at Duncan, on the way to Victoria. The girls and the teachers, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dyck and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wiebe, stayed in a hotel, while the boys pitched their tents down the road a bit on the banks of the Cowichan River.

After breakfast the next morning the tour continued to Victoria. First stop there was Beacon Hill Park. Later the group traveled to the Parliament Building, only to find it locked. After dinner in Beacon Hall Park, and after lodgings for the night had been secured, the class saw Butchart's Gardens. There the spring blossoms were out in glorious array. Thereafter the group proceeded to the Astrophysical Observatory and looked at Jupiter and the moon.

After breakfast on Sunday morning the class gathered for a church service, with Mr. Wiebe giving the message. Campbell River and Elk Falls were the next stops in the itinerary. The falls were magnificent, with spray shooting up 200 ft. in the air. That evening a wiener roast on the beach was followed by a period of testimonies.

On the way to Port Alberni on Monday, the group stopped off at Cathedral Grove to look at the handiwork of God. At Port Alberni we saw the Empire Day parade and then went on to Sproat Lake.

On the way home the ferry again took the group to Vancouver, where a supper stop was made. Then home to the MEI.

The students conducted the morning and evening devotions each day. We had a blessed time on our trip and thank God that He kept his protective hand over us.

### Missionary Visits Prayer Group

On Wednesday, May 23, Miss Eleanor Neufeld, missionary from Ethiopia, spoke in the joint girl's prayer-meeting.

### Meet in Track and Field Events

On Thursday, May 24, the MEI and Lynden met in their annual Track and Field Meet. It was rather one-sided, with MEI taking 130 points to Lynden's 58. MEI took first and second prizes in each of the first six events. Boys who received the total points possible were Don Neumann, senior, and Bruno Fast, junior. They both won the 100, 220 and 440 yard runs in their division. Because of the win the MEI retains the trophy they won last year at Lynden.

### All-Day Musical Festival

The MEI Musical Festival was held on Tuesday, May 29, with 30 individuals and four choirs participating.

The senior boy's choir received the highest points in the Festival, with 88 points. Highest instrumentalist was Clara Thiessen, piano, with 87 points. In the vocal class, Art Wiebe, Lily Toews and Karl Janzen each received 86 points. Others with marks of 85 and over were Mary Ewert, Rita Baerg, and Louise Rempel, piano; Victor Spent, Harold Toews, and Peter Braun, violin; the senior girls' choir and the Concert Choir. Mr. Kurth was adjudicator.

Miss Clara Thiessen received the trophy for proficiency in instrumental music, which was donated by the school and presented by Mr. I. J. Dyck, the principal. Art Wiebe received the trophy for proficiency in vocal music, donated by the Alumni and presented by Erna Suderman.

In conjunction with the final musical program the alumni sponsored an oratory contest. Miss Winnie Pauls, grade 11, won the contest and received a trophy for proficiency in oratory, donated by the Alumni Association and presented by Dave Harder.

Elmer Stobbe.

### Social Worker Joins Staff

Ailsa Craig, Ont. — Mr. and Mrs. Alden Bohn, members of the General Conference Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio, joined the staff of the Ailsa Craig Boys Farm on June 6. Mr. Bohn will be serving as social worker and will be responsible for social agency contacts, home placements, as well as other duties. Mrs. Bohn, who holds a degree in Education, will serve as teacher.

Miss Almeda Bowman of the Floradale Mennonite Church, Elmira, Ont., has joined the Ailsa Craig Boys Farm staff as cook.

**SEEK APPROVAL FOR LOCAL RADIO STATION**

Altona, Man. — A. J. Thiessen, acting on behalf of a company whose proposed name will be The Southern Manitoba Broadcasting Co. Ltd., has announced that approval of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been sought for the construction of a 1,000-watt radio station at Altona, Man.

The company was organized by a group of Red River Valley citizens for the purpose of erecting a radio station to serve the highly

diversified agricultural area of southern Manitoba. There is no other station in the area, and the proposed Altona station is expected to give special attention to the southern Manitoba agricultural industry.

Studios will be located at Altona, with three directional towers to be erected about two miles south of town. A staff of eight or nine persons will be employed.

Provisional directors of the company are: A. J. Thiessen, president; W. E. Kroeker, Winkler, vice-president; D. K. Friesen, Altona, secretary-treasurer; Peter Brown, Winkler; Jake Hooge, Plum Coulee; D. A. Fehr, Morden; J. M. Froese, Winkler; G. H. Fast and C. C. Neufeld, Winnipeg.

Valedictorian Albert Schmidt of Altona, Man., compared high school life to an ocean voyage. George Neufeld spoke for the grade 9 and 11 students. Chairman was Jake Kroeker, a grade 11 student.

Sunday evening, graduates, parents, teachers and directors partook of a banquet prepared and served by the grade 11 class. Rev. P. J. Schäfer, principal of the school, served as toastmaster, while P. G. Klassen and D. D. Klassen spoke informally to the graduates in behalf of the staff and directors.

The previous day's "Schulfest" contained programs both forenoon and afternoon. The forenoon's program centered around the religious theme, while the afternoon's program was more of a secular nature.

Rev. P. J. B. Reimer of the Evangelical Mennonite Church at Morris, Man., was guest speaker at the forenoon program. He stressed the motto of the day, "Other foundation can no man lay, except that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus" (I Cor. 3: 11).

A main feature of the afternoon program was the presentation of prizes to students who had done exceptional work in German and religion. Prizes were also given for the best work done in sewing and shop-work.

David Froese of Springstein, Man., president of the Mennonite Collegiate Graduates Society, announced that the alumni had raised \$1,200 for the school's building funds to help furnish the dormitory.

The entire student body of 171 students participated in the presentation of the nature cantata, "Die Vier Boten". Soloists were: Estella Hiebert, Plum Coulee, spring; Betty Peters, Lena, summer; Eddy Neufeld, Manitou, autumn; Leonard Epp, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., winter. G. Enns was chairman at the afternoon program.

**TO ORGANIZE NEW CHURCH**

Abbotsford, B.C. — The Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Conference held special services in the Orange Hall at Chilliwack, B.C., from May 1 to 11 to inaugurate a new congregation in that Fraser Valley center. Rev. Arno Wiebe, pastor of the EMB Church at Dallas, Ore., served as guest speaker.

At the present time regular Sunday services are being held in the Orange Hall there. All of them are in the English language. Ruben Dyck of the Grace Church at Abbotsford is leader and messages are given by guest speakers. However, it is expected that a full-time minister will be placed there to take over the work.

**On the Horizon**

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, 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., Day-light Saving Time.

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.

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**Largest Class Ever Graduates at M. C. I.**

Fifty-one students received their diplomas, giving recognition to their work in German and religious subjects, at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute graduation exercises on Sunday afternoon, May 27. This is the largest graduating class in the history of the school at Gretna, Manitoba.

Guest speaker at the service, John H. Giesbrecht of Plum Coulee, stressed the privileges and the heritage the Mennonites have.

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