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

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Western Manitoba Churches Meet

By Peter Stobbe

Alexander, Man. — The annual Song Festival and Youth Day of the western Manitoba M. B. churches was held in the M. B. church here on Sunday, July 15. The choirs from Holmfield, Lena, Boissevain, Justice and Alexander sang as a mass choir under the direction of Rev. C. D. Toews, Abbotsford, B.C., director of music at the Mennonite Educational Institute.

Two weeks of intensive practising preceded the Song Festival and the manner in which the songs were sung revealed that this period had been well worthwhile.

Brother J. Krueger, leader of the Alexander M.B. Church, bid all visitors welcome, reading Psalm 119:1-16 for the invocation. Brethren from the various churches represented at the service led in intercessory prayer. Thereupon Rev. A. J. Froese, chairman of the Manitoba Youth Committee, assumed the chairmanship of the service.

The two messages of the morning were delivered by Rev. A. L. Klassen and Rev. C. D. Toews. Rev. A. L. Klassen spoke on, "Youth in the Christian Battle", using I John 2:14-17 as text. He noted that a strong Christian character is rooted in the Word of God. In the Christian fight we must flee Satan when we are on his territory, yet withstand him when we are on Christian ground. The Christian can be victorious, for he is dealing with a defeated enemy, namely Satan, who was doomed at the cross.

Rev. Toews used Ephesians 4:3 as text and addressed those assembled on "The Unity of the Spirit". He asserted that a prerequisite for a Spirit-filled life is a genuine re-birth. If we want to maintain a unity of Spirit, we must have fellowship in the Gospel, lead a constant prayer life, and be quick to obey in Christian service, he further maintained. On the negative side we must not forget to constantly cleanse ourselves of sin; for vanity, pride and fellowship with the world hinder this unity.

In addition to the messages, Rev.

A. J. Froese read a letter from Sister Olga Pries, who is a nurse in the M.B. children's home in Curitiba, Brazil. The assembly stood while Rev. D. D. Derksen led in prayer for Sister Pries and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Derksen, our western district missionaries, as well as all other workers.

The children, our youth of tomorrow, were not forgotten. Mrs. Abe Derksen led them in a sing-

song and gave them an interesting object lesson. Eleanor Martens of Lena also recited a poem, "Auf dein Wort."

Songs by the choir were, "O Glockengeläute, wie klingst du so schön", "Vorwärts Christi Streiter", "Und es werden ihm seh'n alle Augen", and "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". A male quartet from Holmfield-Lena also sang. Rev. A. Friesen closed the morning meeting with prayer.

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Churches Join for Song Festival

By Frank Froese

Lucky Lake, Sask. — Once again it has been the privilege of the Beechy and Lucky Lake M.B. choirs to join forces for a special song festival. It has become an established custom for the above choirs to invite a music teacher and pianist to work with them for one week every year and to crown the efforts with a song festival in each of the two churches.

This year the week of July 16-22 was chosen for this work. Brother Henry Schroeder of Swift Current, Sask., came again to work with the joint choirs and Brother Lawrence Fast of Main Centre accompanied him, both on the trip here as well as on the piano. Every evening of the week the two choirs met for a two-hour practice period, the practices alternating between the two churches. They consisted of a certain amount of instruction in proper tone formation, breathing, etc., and the practising of new songs. Thirty-eight singers of varying age levels availed themselves of this wonderful opportunity to practice and sing under competent leadership. It was a profitable time of training as well as a blessed time of fellowship in learning to sing the wonderful gospel message.

Sunday, July 22, the week's diligent work came to a climax. To accommodate people who attend other churches, it was decided to leave the Sunday morning for the regular morning services and to present our program in the afternoon in Lucky Lake and in Beechy in the evening. The one and a half hour program consisted of

songs by the choir, solo, quartet, violin duets by the brother and sister of the pianist, and a gospel message by Brother Schroeder.

Such occasions are wonderful opportunities not only to improve the quality of our singing and to enjoy the fellowship of song, but also to give forth the gospel message in word and song. People will come to such a meeting who otherwise would not attend.

Looking back we cannot help but praise God for the many blessings received in this effort. We also are thankful to the brethren who took time off from their regular work to help us and to all who had a share in making these practices possible.

Large Baptism at North Kildonan

By Abe J. Dick

Winnipeg, Man. — It was a bright and sunny morning when the congregation of the North Kildonan M.B. Church assembled in early morning on July 29 for a baptismal service at Birds Hill.

Following an impressive service, during which 25 men and women were baptized, the congregation reassembled at the church. Rev. Wm. Falk, the pastor, delivered a challenging message based on Hebrews 12:1-2. After this the newly-baptized were accepted into the church and individually presented with the Statement of Faith of the M.B. Church and a Bible verse. The service concluded with the partaking of the Lord's Sup-

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per. The church is indeed thankful for this harvest of souls.

The North Kildonan M. B. Church presently numbers approximately 500 members. The church is located on Edison Ave., just a block and a half off Henderson Highway. A new building has been planned. This will be located nearer the highway and have a seating capacity of about 1,000 in the main auditorium. Construction is to begin in the near future.

BALZER TO SERVE AT HILLSBORO

Winnipeg, Man. — Mr. Corney Balzer, conductor of the North Kildonan M.B. Church choir and the radio choir of the Gospel Light Hour, will travel to Hillsboro, Kans., to serve as instructor in the six-state music conference scheduled there.

Music directors from Mennonite Brethren churches in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska have been invited to participate in a special music conference at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans., from August 15 to 17.

Mr. Balzer is a music teacher in one of the Winnipeg schools. He is a graduate of the Sacred Music Course of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg, and has attended a special summer course in California last summer. He recently served at a week of "Saengerkurse" in the Elm Creek area.

EDITORIAL

Devotional

Faith And Obedience

By Herbert Giesbrecht *

In one of his books Dietrich Bonhoeffer contends that "only the believing soul is obedient and only the obedient soul believes." To some such a contention may, at first thought, appear rather one-sided and intolerant in spirit. They would hasten to modify or qualify it in various ways so as to make it correspond with their own spiritual experiences. But personal experience can be quite misleading at times, as we all full well know. Nor do we always interpret our experiences aright. The Holy Scriptures alone remain norm and authority for us here.

But at this juncture, probably, someone would remind us of Romans 1:17 — "The just shall live by faith" — and urge upon us that it is clearly faith, rather than obedience, that should characterize the Christian's life. The Apostle Paul, however, to cite one instance only, refers also to the "obedience of faith" in this same chapter: "Through whom we have received God's favor and a commission as an apostle in His name to urge upon all the heathen obedience inspired by faith." (Williams' translation). The German language permits an even closer connection here by the use of the one word, "Glaubensgehorsam". Dr. H. Menge adds, in a footnote

ways the big wheel, the celebrity, the star, the VIP — provided of course that these persons have given a "testimony" in favor of Christ somewhere in the midst of the fleshly, vain world of artificial lights and synthetic sounds which they inhabit.

The sad thing about all this is its effect upon a new generation of Christians. Whole companies of young people are growing up who have known nothing else but the degenerate brand of Christianity now passing for the religion of Christ. They are the innocent victims of a condition which they did not help to create. Not they but a spiritually emasculated leadership must answer for their plight.

What is the remedy? It is simple. A radical return to New Testament Christianity both in message and in method. A bold repudiation of the world and a taking up of the cross. Such a return on any wide scale will mean a reformation of vast proportion. Some that are now high will be brought low and many of the humble will be exalted. It will mean a moral revolution. How many are willing to pay the price?

A. W. Tozer,
in Gospel Witness.

to this verse, that this is an obedience which is "revealed in faith and which originates in faith."

The truth of the matter is that genuine faith, as the Scriptures portray it, always leads to obedience in life, and genuine obedience is always the expression of faith in the heart. The two really cannot be separated in the Christian's life, for they are, so to speak, two sides of the same coin. And if, as is the case in some quarters today, the doctrine of obedience to the demands of Christ is mentioned only apologetically, or perhaps even neglected altogether, on the assumption that its emphasis must somehow lead to "Christian legalism", then we can only conclude that such people have been tragically misinformed about the essential unity of faith and obedience.

Bonhoeffer, whom we quoted at the outset, gained a deeper insight into the reality and a deeper conviction concerning the significance of these words as a result of great physical suffering during World War II. God helps us to learn the lesson of *obedience by and in faith* now while we are yet spared such affliction and persecution, so that when these things actually do come upon us we, too, "may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

*Instructor at the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

An Aid To Greater Effectiveness

Anyone coming into contact with children will notice one particularly outstanding feature: they have an active imagination. They may be walking on a solid concrete sidewalk, but with flailing arms they will announce, "We're in the water now." Or sitting in a row in a large box they proudly declare, "We're playing school." External features do not seem to affect their imaginary activity seriously.

But what happens with this mental faculty, this creative ability when we grow up? Undoubtedly some of us retain a certain percentage of it, but most of us live comparatively drab lives and produce very little creatively because we either suppress or neglect this God-given faculty. That it is God-given is indisputable and is one reason we should use it.

Some Sunday school teachers, youth workers and mission workers are afraid to use their creative ability because it might produce new and unusual results. Yet the Bible is full of the unusual, the unorthodox. God was constantly using object lessons, for instance, to drive his point home. And in the performance of his miracles of deliverance he very seldom used orthodox methods. Fire from heaven, water out of the rock, the walls of Jericho crumbling amidst the sound of tramping feet and trumpet blasts, hailstones killing the enemy in a country where it never hailed, are but a few examples.

In God's teaching program Jeremiah had to go and bury a linen girdle in a hole in a rock by the Euphrates, he had to put bonds and yokes upon his neck to demonstrate captivity. Ezekiel had to dig a hole in the wall of Jerusalem before all men and take his possessions through it, and again he had to eat his bread with "quaking".

Sunday school teachers have an unparalleled opportunity to utilize their God-given imagination and that of the children to drive home the lesson. The use of pictures, many of which can be taken even from monthly magazines, objects from nature and workshop, simple dramatic scenes, a life-like portrayal of the story all add to the impact made by the lesson.

Youth workers can awaken sleepy listeners by producing the unexpected and increase attendance by imaginative use of the talents represented. Here and there one hears of youth groups dividing into groups and singing for elderly and ill people instead of a regular program in the church, of simulated radio programs, of simple skits portraying real life situations, of workshops and panel discussions. All these, and a variety of environmental aids, can liven up any youth program.

True, it is easiest to memorize a story and then tell it in a straightforward way. And a committee meeting need last only 15 minutes if the old song-poem—song-story—song-message routine is repeated. But God wants us to use all our faculties, all our abilities. Unless we are willing to take off time to meditate, plan thoroughly, prepare well and present prayerfully, our work will never be satisfactory in God's eyes.

It is also true that by the "foolishness of preaching" God has ordained the proclamation of the Gospel. However, if we search the Scriptures we will find that preaching is not confined to three-point sermons. No less a person than Christ our Saviour taught some of His greatest lessons while walking through a grain-field or resting on a hillside.

With the competition the world of amusement and pleasure is giving the church today, we need to use every faculty that God has given us to reach the lost and strengthen the believers. And that includes the use of a sanctified imagination.

A Needed Reformation

... Secularized fundamentalism is a horrible thing, a very horrible thing, much worse in my opinion than honest modernism or outright atheism. It is all a kind of heart heterodoxy existing along with creédal orthodoxy. Its true master may be discovered by noting whom it admires and imitates.

The test is, Whom do these Christians want to be like? Who excites them and makes their eyes shine with pleasure? Whom do they go forth to see? Whose techniques do they borrow? Never the meek soul, never the godly saint, never the self-effacing cross-carrying follower of Jesus. Al-

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Special Service for New Church

By Abe Nikkel

Calgary, Alta. — The newly-organized M.B. Church here held its inauguration services on Sunday, July 15. It was received into the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference during the annual sessions at North Clearbrook, B.C.

At the Sunday morning service Mr. Abe Rempel, church leader, outlined the factors that led to the organization of the church. Rev. J. A. Froese then gave a timely message, pointing out the tremendous responsibility of the new church in the large city. He emphasized that the church would have to take steps to meet the needs of the young people coming to the city. The way this could be done would be to give them a firm foundation on the Rock,

Christ Jesus, with a program that would be geared to the times. He also pointed out that the trend in the Canadian M.B. Conference toward salaried pastors would have to be taken into consideration.

Rev. J. Siemens of Gem, chairman of the provincial mission committee, delivered the second message of the morning. He drew the attention of the congregation to the leading of God in the establishing of an M.B. mission field in the city.

The message at the afternoon service was delivered by Rev. D. Kroeker, the resident minister. At this service all those present were reminded of the tremendous significance and the great responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ here on earth.

Plans Announced for Eden Christian College

By Harold Jantz

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — It was announced on July 22 that Eden Christian College will not have a grade 13 class in the coming school year.

At a special meeting of the teaching staff and the school board plans for the future were discussed. During the past year Eden Christian College had six teachers and six classes. However, it is felt that in order to operate efficiently there should be at least one teacher more than there are classes. For the coming year seven classes are anticipated if the proposed grade 13 class is omitted, and since it has been possible to secure only seven teachers thus far, a grade 13 class would be inadvisable.

Other factors, such as the lack of qualified science and mathematics teachers, make it impossible to carry grade 13 in the immediate future.

An enrollment of 180 pupils is expected for the coming school year.

Missionaries Returned Home

Hillsboro, Kan. — Four Canadian families of workers serving under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions have returned to the homeland for furlough during June and July.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Kasper returned around the middle of June from India. They are currently visiting in British Columbia.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring of Dalmeny, Sask., arrived in Miami, Florida, July 9, from Colombia where they have completed their first term. Their first destination was Connecticut, where

they visited Mrs. Quiring's home community.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Toews arrived in Miami July 18, following four years of service in Paraguay. Rev. Toews has returned to join the Mennonite Brethren Bible College faculty in Winnipeg.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel A. Wirsche arrived in Hillsboro June 29. During furlough following their second term of service in Colombia, they have indicated interest in residing at Fresno, Calif.

Church to Be Organized Among Baholo Tribe

Hillsboro, Kans. — The biennial conference of native Christians in the Panzi region of the Mennonite Brethren field in the Belgian Congo was again a period of blessing and advancement.

From June 3 to 6 the campus of the Panzi station was the meeting place of 3,500 persons, some of whom walked several days to be present. This was the conference of the dry season.

Around a hundred individuals were baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ. Again as many and more were accepted for baptism, but will wait to be baptized in their own regions.

An important result of the conference was the decision to organize a church among the believers in the Baholo tribe. These people, living toward the Angola border, are somewhat vicious.

This decision, made by the believers themselves, represents the beginning of the Church in the midst of a benighted tribe. The church will be organized on an indigenous basis. Believers from the Baholos attending the conference numbered about 80.

North American missionaries serving at Panzi include Rev. and

Mrs. William G. Baerg of Arnaud, Man.; Rev. and Mrs. John Esau of Chilliwack, B.C., and Kitchener, Ont.; and Miss Elsie Guenther of Reedley, Calif.

Youth Activities at Herbert

By Hulda Guenther

Herbert Sask. — Many are the activities in the churches during the summer months. Spiritual as well as material blessings are uppermost in the minds of our people — spiritual blessings as sought in the church, material blessings in the harvest grain fields.

Among all these activities we cannot forget the young people. Many young people who may not be as active in the church would welcome a special meeting, or an outing. Thus it was planned to visit the West Bank Bible Camp on Wednesday, July 18. Voluntary cars took a group of about 25 to the camp to participate in the blessings there.

Lectures, discussions, as well as

recreation were participated in with great interest. The evening service marked the close of a full day. It was a joy for the young people to take part in the testimony meeting and listen to the soul-searching message as given by Rev. Art Martens.

On July 22, the Young People's group was invited to present a program at the Woodrow M. B. church. In spite of difficulties such as flat tires, they arrived there and had a wonderful time of fellowship. The theme chosen for the evening was "Watch ye therefore". It was portrayed in a skit, songs, as well as the message given by Rev. Rudy Janzen. After the service a lunch was served.

Thus, and in many other ways, we are given opportunities to partake in the work of God. Can we say with Paul "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"? Let us press on then and do our part in giving, praying, and working for our blessed Lord.

Show Them That God is Love

By Norman A. Wingert

MCC Relief Worker in Japan
Some time ago Shiba-san, 27 and single, came to the MCC center. He had just been excommunicated from a monastery after two years as a novitiate.

He told us he could no longer conscientiously subscribe to some of the doctrines of his church. He asked many questions and wanted to know if there were others who believed as he regarding certain doctrines.

The young man was friendless and homeless. His father, mother, a brother and a sister had been killed in a Tokyo bombing. He now had no place to go. He was penniless, hungry and emaciated from the rigors of monastic life.

He asked for nothing. In agony of spirit he was debating the one question: Should he break with his church? He had just two weeks in which to decide. Either he must untruthfully resubscribe to its doctrines and be received back into the fold, or stay away permanently.

We sensed the sincerity of this young man and invited him to stay for the night. He did — that night and every night since.

Shiba-san has been reorientating himself to this new life. He is quiet, cultured, happy and has been helpful in the kitchen, Sunday school and the distributions at Ueno and Shibuya. He gave short gospel messages at Ueno several times.

Until recently he received only such cash as was necessary for this rehabilitation, such as cash for haircuts and dental work. Then one day we gave him a 1000-yen

note (\$2.78) in appreciation for the help he has been to MCC and suggested he get with it whatever he wished, maybe buy himself a shirt.

It was his turn that morning to supervise early milk distribution. We gave him 200 yen for taxi fare to take the kettles and cups from Shibuya distribution center to the Mishiku center and suggested he then take the day off to do whatever he wished.

Shiba-san went on a spending spree that day, but quite a different spree than one would guess. He went down town after the milk distribution and purchased as much bread as the money would buy. He took the bread to homeless and hungry people in Ueno park. He ate no dinner, saved no money for himself and carried the milk kettles two miles back to the center so he wouldn't need to pay taxi fare.

Next morning at breakfast he expressed the concern he had for these destitute people. In broken English he said, "Ueno people very hungry. I am lucky boy." We have never felt anyone display so much genuine thankfulness for benefits received and so much passion for needy fellowmen.

We asked Shiba-san later why he spent his money in this way instead of buying a shirt or something for himself. He said, "As you know I spoke several times to the poor people at Ueno about God's love for them. When you gave me the money I thought that I would now have an opportunity to show them that God loves them. They needed the food more than I needed a shirt."

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Deputation Secretary of Mission Speaks

Kelowna, B.C. — The M. B. Church of Kelowna was highly favoured on July 11 and 12 by the visit of Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions. He was accompanied by his wife, his son Jimmy and also by Miss Rubena Guenther of the M.B. mission field in Japan. While presenting the challenge of "The Open Door", Brother Toews informed us that our missionary efforts today are five times what they were ten years ago. Supported by pictures, Miss Guenther presented the need of Japan.

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Crusade for Christ Planned

Coaldale, Alta. — A two-week Coaldale Crusade for Christ will begin on August 11 and carry through to August 26. Sponsored by the Coaldale Crusade for Christ Committee, the services will be held nightly in the Community Hall here.

The evangelistic team of Rev. Walter Gomez and Rev. Leo Berghold will be serving, together with their families. Rev. Gomez is a Mexican evangelist, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gomez of the M.B. mission field in Oklahoma, and a man whom God has used mightily in the southern U.S.A. Rev. Leo Berghold will serve as soloist and musician. The team will furnish music in the form of quartets, trios, duets, solos and instrumental music.

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Edmonton Site for Mennonite Mission

Edmonton, Alta. — It has been announced that the mission board of the Alberta-Saskatchewan Mennonite conference is planning to establish a mission in Edmonton. Funds are presently being solicited for the project.

This will be the second Mennonite mission here. The home missions committee of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites has been supporting a station in the Alberta capital for several years already.

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Natural Gas for Valley Town

Abbotsford, B.C. — Natural gas will be available in Abbotsford, Sumas and Matsqui by November, the B.C. Electric's executive vice-president has told the district's municipal councils at a joint meeting last week.

B.C. Electric officials hope to have contractors in the field by September 10, with gas service available early in November.

BCE may extend the size of its proposed system at once if con-
vassing of homes "in areas adja-

ent to those in which we are already committed" to lay mains reveals that a sufficient volume is likely. This is true of both the Abbotsford urban perimeter and adjacent to Clearbrook.

It is hoped that what is being started as a service to urban district dwellers and industries will be rapidly expanded to meet the requirements of all parts of the rural area.

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Hot Weather Speeds MSA Harvesting

Abbotsford, B.C. — The harvest of the raspberry crop has tapered off rapidly in this area, with continuous heat during the season hastening the ripening of the berries. Weather is also speeding up the pea harvest which started two weeks ago. Pods are filling out and ripening rapidly. Despite a slow start this spring, corn and bean crops are doing well. Bean picking started last week already in some areas.

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Missionary and Educator Dies

Reedley, Calif. — J. N. C. Hiebert, missionary and educator in the Mennonite Brethren Conference for many years, died here on July 20. Funeral services were held on July 25.

During his life Rev. Hiebert served as missionary to India and in later years in the educational program of the M.B. Conference as president of Tabor College.

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Over 200 DVBS Pupils with Perfect Attendance

Kitchener, Ont. — The daily vacation Bible school at the First Mennonite Church here came to a close on Friday, July 13. Bishop C. F. Derstine served as chairman at the closing program, held in the main auditorium, which was full of parents and friends.

A total enrollment of 316 children was reported by the secretary, with 200 of these having a perfect attendance record. Fifteen denominations were represented in the school, with children from 39 congregations participating in this annual summer school.

Fifteen received their diplomas indicating that they have completed the daily vacation Bible school course, with 4,141 memory verses learned in the entire Bible school this year.

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Surprise Shower for Two Couples

Calgary, Alta. — The young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church here held a surprise shower for two young couples on Thursday, July 12, in the spacious and attractive Riley Park. After a good game of volleyball a

short program was presented. Lunch included mammoth portions of watermelon for everyone.

The two couples were each given a large basket, filled largely with a variety of groceries. Each basket had a large sail with a Scripture verse on it, making the baskets appear to be sailing boats.

In closing Rev. J. - A. Froese drew the attention of the young people to the significance of Christ's presence when the voyage on the high seas of life begins.

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Evangelistic Campaign at Osler

Osler, Sask. — Attendance at the evangelistic campaign conducted here by Rev. George Brunk from July 8 on, varied between 1,000 and 1,500, with many sinners coming to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour.

Speaking very directly, Rev. Brunk emphasized the necessity of genuine repentance and a personal commitment to Christ. His messages stressed separation from sin and the necessity of belonging to a church.

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Son for Esau

Hillsboro, Kans. — A son, John Irvin, was born to Rev. and Mrs. John Esau at Kajiji mission station hospital in the Belgian Congo, June 17. The parents are Mennonite Brethren missionaries at Panzi station. Rev. Esau is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Esau of Chilliwack, B.C., and Mrs. Esau, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Suderman of Port Rowan, Ontario.

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Sunday School Picnic for Calgary Church

Calgary, Alta. — The Sunday school picnic of the M.B. Church here was held on Saturday afternoon, July 21, on the reserved grounds of the famous Bowness park. It proved to be a very appropriate place with its ball park, swings and large shelter, which was very suitable for the program and the lunch. The grounds were conveniently located in the midst of shade trees and shrubs alongside a gushing mountain stream.

Under the capable leadership of Sunday school superintendent Peter Rempel an enjoyable round of activities filled the afternoon. On such occasions, when young and old gather in the open in the midst of nature's beauty, the program and sermon seem to take on special significance. The later activities, such as races and games, produced good understanding and a real spirit of unity.

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Fruitful Evangelism at Linden

Linden, Alta. — Evangelistic services were conducted in the M. B. church here by Rev. J. A. Toews, president-elect of the M.B. Bible College, from July 15 to 25.

Rev. P. J. Doerksen, the pastor, and the church had prepared by prayer and otherwise for this series of meetings and the Lord did not withhold His blessing. There were twelve first-time decisions, with others returning to the Lord and consecrating themselves to Him. Church membership presently stands at approximately 80.

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Five Hospitalized in Collision

Elm Creek, Man. — Five Elm Creek people were sent to Misericordia hospital when their car crashed into the rear of a truck parked on the road on No. 2 highway, one mile west of Oak Bluff.

Injured are: Peter Dyck, 44, in "fair" condition on Monday; Mrs. Peter Dyck, 43, in "poor" condition; Lisa Dyck, 11 months, in "fair" condition; Jacob Elias, 28, in "fair" condition; and Mrs. Jacob Elias, 18, in "good" condition.

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Two-Car Head-On Collision in Manitoba

Brandon, Man. — One man is dead and three were injured in a two-car head-on collision on No. 10 highway, two miles south of Riding Mountain National park.

Dead is Mr. Robinson, a commercial traveller, whose car met head-on with a car driving south, operated by Benjamin Kehler. Mr. Kehler is in Brandon General hospital with head and pelvis injuries and general shock. Mrs. Kehler and her mother, Mrs. Steel, were treated for minor injuries and released. Miss Agatha Wall of Winnipeg, a passenger in the car, was uninjured.

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Nine Baptized at Coaldale

Coaldale, Alta. — Nine young people, eight girls and one boy, were baptized at a service held by the Mennonite Brethren Church here on Sunday, July 29. Mr. Henry Nikkel delivered the message at the baptismal service, while Rev. J. J. Siemens baptized the candidates. Rev. D. J. Pankratz later addressed the recently-baptized believers.

ACCEPT CALL TO PASTORATE

Kelowna, B.C. — Bro. and Sister Abe Sawatsky, who for the last six years were city missionaries of Saskatoon, Sask., have accepted the offer of the Kelowna M.B. Church. Members of the church have felt the need for a full-time pastor and have called upon Brother Sawatsky to do that work. The Sawatskys have paid us two visits, have gone to the coast for a week, and are then coming back to Kelowna.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dick of Chilliwack, B.C., a son, Clifford Henry, on July 20, 1956.

God-Given Impulse Results in Mission



At the left is the Laidlaw, B.C., Chapel, built in 1951 by the Young People's group of the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethren Church. At the right is a small group of those attending the Sunday school. Rudy Hamm is the teacher.

By Marlene Penner

Several Yarrow M.B. Sunday school teachers were driving home from their mission chapel at Floods, when they felt a sudden urge to stop at the small town Laidlaw. They could not account for the strange impulse leading them to stop before the neat but shabby house along the highway, but as they talked to the old owner of that house they realized how God had led them to this harvest field which had been plowed, but not yet seeded.

Mrs. Wiley, the little old lady living there, told them about Laidlaw and her work there. She was the only Christian in Laidlaw. Challenged by the crying need of salvation for these civilized "heathen", she had started a Sunday school. Proof of God's blessing upon her work was the conversion of one young pupil. But now she was getting too old for active work. She had been praying and hoping that in some way God would supply Laidlaw's need for Christ. That morning, ten years ago, Laidlaw became a distinct burden upon these teacher's hearts. God had begun a special work there.

Amid Scenic Grandeur

This small "one-horse" town lies snuggled between the great jutting mountains of the coast range and the muddy course of the Fraser river. It is comparatively unsettled and seems to lie protectively under the guard of the tall pines and bushy oaks which spring up everywhere. Nature's display is peaceful and refreshing here, but an arresting quality is in the atmosphere, as though a smoldering fire were about to burst into ravaging flames.

The calm and quiet Laidlaw scenery seems to cover up for the rough and coarse interior of the village. The population is godless and unhappy. Most of the families are Indian or half-breed. They have that strange content nature which is so typical of all Canadian natives. Everything, good or bad, satisfies them. It is good to see them stay cool and

unruffled through the day's petty troubles, but it is so pitiful to see them accept drunkenness and poverty until they consider it a thing unconquerable. Their fighting, unquenchable spirit has been undermined by sin, in most cases.

The call for workers went forth for this field. Faithful Sunday school teachers were needed to help this unambitious town wake up to its responsibilities towards God. Two young ladies from the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethren Church responded to the call, and from that time the work has rested on that church. They have gone through "ups and downs", but have always trusted God and followed in all the ways He leads.

First Sunday School

Ten Years Ago

On the first Sunday afternoon of 1946 the initial class of Sunday school was held in the old St. Elmo School building. About twenty children appeared to sing the gospel choruses and hear salvation's story. Mrs. Wiley had planted faith in the hearts of the children and they loved to come to Sunday school. But children need parental coaching to discipline them to regularity and punctuality. Because the parents were indifferent to the work the children were irregular. How often the teachers would hear the parents bluntly remark, "Well the kids can go to Sunday school if they want to, but we certainly won't force them to attend". Many times the children had to be coaxed with treats—but much oftener they had to be fed

because their parents just did not care enough about them to give them lunch before it was time for Sunday school. And so the teachers prayed and worked to overcome their difficulties.

An apparently paralyzing blow fell after several years of rewarding and satisfying labour. A new teacher was placed in the school, a hard, cynical man who had no use for Christianity. He did not allow Sunday school to be held in the school. The most trying period of all resulted from this setback.

The Sunday school meeting place was changed to the community hall. With that move the problem shifted from the indifference of the parents to the discipline among the children. This hall was just one big room and the children roamed in and out the classrooms, climbed up the rafters, and were positively uncontrollable.

There were a few chief trouble-makers, who would lead all the rest into disorder and confusion. They were naughty until a very dignified but righteously indignant teacher told them to march right out of the hall and never come back again. A few weeks later they re-appeared, however, very meek and humble, apologizing and begging re-admittance. They were allowed to come back and were "angels" from then on. The episode taught the pupils a much needed lesson—they must learn to obey.

These youngsters gained a questioning attitude. They wondered about everything and asked questions continually. The teachers patiently explained and tried to be helpful—even if they didn't always get around to teaching the lesson for that Sunday.

Priest Burns Bibles

Another foe then appeared on the scene—the Catholic priest. He was furtive, but extremely active, as the following incident reveals: Two sisters in the Sunday school

asked for Bibles. They received them and brought them to class regularly. All of a sudden the Bibles disappeared. After much persuasion the girls confessed tearfully that the priest had burnt them. He had sworn them to secrecy by promising severe punishment to them if they mentioned this to anyone. But the girls did want Bibles of their own to read and study. When a second Bible was presented to each of them the same thing happened and soon the girls had to drop out of Sunday school. The priest had again been successful in awakening the parents to religion—but blinding them to true Christianity.

God's work seemed to thrive on competition, however, and in 1951 the mission reached a high peak in attendance—about fifty youngsters were enrolled. The need for a proper building arose. God laid the problem upon the heart of Mr. Henry Born and his Young People's group at the East Chilliwack M. B. church. God inspired them to give and to work. The new chapel, which was small but very suitable, was built by voluntary workers from the church. Then it was donated to the West Coast Children's Mission. They took control of it, but it was still to be supported by the East Chilliwack M.B. Church. The chapel was officially dedicated to God on December 2, 1951.

How God had helped. He had blessed this small mission project during the past five years. Now the people implored the Lord that He might continue to guide this difficult work.

At Last a Real Sunday School

At last the children had a real Sunday school. They could invite all their pals to this new church and this they did. Actually, the children there had a greater respect for worship than Mennonite youngsters have. To them it was something new, something wonderful, a place where they could learn about Jesus, and learn how to live for him. The Christian pupils were faithful to God and very happy, even if they had to compete against indifferent parents and a degraded community.

But there was still something lacking. How could the adults be reached? The parents were "drifters", most of them only existing, not living. Many of the residents, including the well-paid technician and the low-class woodsman, lived only to drink. Too often the fathers would have to take jobs far away and the mothers would be left alone to take care of the family. Of course, to her it would be nothing unusual to completely neglect her family when she became disgusted—and become drunk. For these people God had

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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you know that in some parts of the world today there are people who worship gods of wood and stone? Gods that are made by the people themselves? Big gods and little gods, pretty gods and ugly gods, gods in the home and gods in the temple receive worship from millions. Yes, there are many, many people in India, China and other countries who still bow down and worship gods who can do nothing for them. You say that this is very sinful? Yes, of course, it is. But many of them do not know any better. They do not know about the true God. If they did, it would be a still greater sin for them to worship idols.

What do you think then of people who know God and turn from Him to idols? Don't you think that would be very, very wicked? But that is just what the Israelites did. After God had led them out of Egypt, instead of praising Him for it, they made a golden calf and worshipped it. God punished them for this because they were to worship the true God.

We in America do not bow down to idols of wood and stone, do we? We know better than that. But wait... Do we have idols in our lives? That is, do we love some things or people more than we love God? If we do, they become idols to us. Let us praise the true and living God who alone is worthy of our worship and praise.

Aunt Selma.

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(31st Installment)

MENNO'S LAST YEARS

Not all incidents ended the way the coach experience did. At times things became very serious, for the Emperor had ordered everyone killed who would shelter or hide Menno and his family. Some people were actually beheaded or burned at the stake for keeping Menno overnight and hiding him from the pursuing forces.

Like the apostle Paul, Menno, too, was frequently "in perils among false brethren" (II Cor. 11:26). One of them sold himself to the soldiers of the Emperor. He agreed to betray Menno to them when he was working in the delta zone of the Elbe River.

The betrayer arrived with the guards on the banks of a wide river when the ferry-boat was at midstream. The ferryman was rowing a lone passenger over to the other side. Impatiently the little group waited for the return of the boat, the soldiers gambling on the wet sand of the beach and the "Judas" silently standing by.

The ferry-boat landed at the other side and the ferryman turned back to get the waiting group, while his passenger walked off into the woods on the other side of the river.

"Look! the bird slipped away! That was Menno!" exclaimed the traitor, but not before Menno was completely out of sight.

"You scoundrel!" cursed the infuriated soldiers, as they brought their heavy whips down over the head of their unfortunate guide, who swore by God and all the saints that his tongue had been tied as long as Menno was in sight, and that he had spoken up as soon as he could. But they did not believe him. Menno was saved, but the poor would-be traitor paid with his life for his failure to point Menno out to the pursuers in time.

From Eastern Friesland Menno went to Mecklenburg and proceeded from there to the Baltic provinces. Finally he went back to the west and settled in the vicinity of Hamburg on the estate of the noble and mighty Bartholemew of Ahlefeld, Fresenburg. This good man gave the Baptistal-Minded refuge on his estate, allotting to them a desolate tract of land known as the "Desertfield".

Under the expert care of the hard-working Faithful the field soon began to bloom and bring forth fruit. By faith the desert was turned into a veritable Garden of God. Menno lived here on his own property. His son-in-law, Teunis, built a printshop in the neighborhood, in which Menno's writings were printed.

On his dangerous travels along the shores of the Baltic Sea he contracted a lingering illness and hurt his leg, after which he had to use a crutch when walking. The letters of his last days are



The Watermelon

The watermelon is a marvel of God's handiwork. Although it takes 5,000 seeds to weigh a pound, one seed can produce a watermelon weighing up to and over 40 pounds. On the outside the watermelon has a covering of green, within that a rind of white and within that a core of red. Throughout there are scattered many little seeds, each capable of doing the same work over again. What architect drew that plan?

therefore mostly signed, "M.S., the Cripple". Nevertheless he worked until his very end. Death came for him on January 13, 1561.

They buried him in his own garden plot, but today no one knows the exact place of his grave. A monument, a fine but simple tombstone with Menno's likeness carved on it was later erected where people believe his last resting-place to be.

Wuestenfelde was completely destroyed during the time of the Thirty Years War (1618-48).

Menno did not found our churches, but he organized and solidified them. That is the reason why we are called "Mennonites".

To us Menno is neither a saint in the sense of the Catholic Church, nor is his theology above the Word of God. The head and supreme ruler of our churches is, and always shall be, Jesus Christ, yesterday and today and forever. Therefore we are first Christians and only secondly Mennonites.

— The End —

A FRIEND IN NEED

Many years ago there were living, in a lonely part of the country, a man and his wife who had both received Jesus as their Saviour, and knew God as their Father; to whom they were able with confidence to commit themselves for guidance and protection throughout each day.

One afternoon, as the wife (who was naturally of a timid, nervous disposition), was sitting alone in her cottage, a loud knock came at the door. Upon opening it, there stood before her a sturdy beggar, of forbidding appearance. He asked her for money. She replied that she had none to give, as her husband, who was employed on a neighboring farm, was very poor.

At this the man became most angry, and told her that he would allow her a few minutes to get together for him all the money she had; and that if, at the expiration of that time, she still refused to give him what he demanded, he would kill her, and search for it. Meanwhile he would, he said, take

a walk down a lane close by the cottage.

The same afternoon a Christian gentleman, residing several miles away, was out for a walk in the neighborhood. As he went along, it occurred to him to visit the poor woman, whom he well knew. So crossing some fields, he reached her door, unperceived by the beggar, just as the latter had turned away to walk in the lane, as he said, while the money was being readied for him. Finding the door open, the gentleman stepped in, and beheld the now trembling and terror-stricken woman in prayer to God for help. She started on hearing a footstep, and to her joy found that, instead of the man whose return she so much dreaded, the Lord had sent a friend to deliver her. She soon explained the cause of her distress, and the gentleman was quite prepared suitably to receive, upon his next appearance, the one who intended, at least, to rob her of the small sum which she possessed.

In a few minutes they heard the beggar again approaching the door; but when, instead of a weak woman, he found himself confronted by a strong man, he was quite taken aback, and without uttering a word, ran off as fast as his feet could carry him.

The two Christians then knelt down together, and unitedly thanked God, their Father, that He had heard the cry of faith, and had sent the needed help in a time of deep distress.

All who have, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, become children of God, may, in seasons of trial and danger, confidently count upon His ready hand to help, His outstretched arm to save, when they call upon Him. He says,

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." Psa. 50:15.

We would earnestly warn the unsaved reader that he is exposed to a peril more dreadful than that of the one of whom we have written. He has a fearful foe, who, "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"

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The School of God By Peggy Arbogast

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(2nd Installment)

"And you have been saved since then?"

"No," was the response, "I was too full of grief at losing my mother to think of that then. It's just now as I look back upon it that I can remember her talking about it. I didn't come to know the Lord until five years ago during my freshman year at college. Nancy Wright was my room-mate there too, and she brought me to Jesus."

"You were preparing for the Mission Field, were you not, Miss Arnold?" continued her questioner.

"Yes, Dr. Edwards. Shortly after I was saved, I answered my Saviour's call to the Home Mission Field down in Tennessee. That's why I came here, in order to receive preparation. But now I can't even complete my course here, let alone go to Tennessee. I'm positive the Lord wanted me to go—oh, why has this happened?"

The old dean smiled sympathetically. "My dear child, that is a question that is asked more than any other by the Saints. I can't tell you why, now. He may not wish you to know just yet. But you may be sure that He has some purpose in it. When that has been accomplished, you will be able to look back and rejoice in it, if you let Him have His way. Shall we just have a word of prayer before you leave?"

As the kindly old man prayed for her, Ruth found the former peace returning to her heart. His humble words as he bore her to the Throne of Grace gave more comfort than the girl had dreamed possible in this her hour of trial. As they rose from their knees, she smiled and held out her hand. "Thank you, Dr. Edwards. You have helped me more than you know."

"I'd like to leave just one thought with you before you go. You spoke of finding here the greatest teaching that you could ever have. We are always glad when our students love the Institute. You have been a blessing here in the lives of many of the other students. We are sorry to see you go—but I rejoice in the opportunity which is now yours. I'd like to contradict your statement concerning the teaching here. There is one school where the teaching far excels ours. Indeed there can be no comparison, and you may enter this school if you desire."

"But Dr. Edwards," interrupted

Ruth, "There are no Bible Schools near our town, and I couldn't go if there were. I'll be too busy."

"I believe you are mistaken, Miss Arnold," continued the man gently. "You can attend this better school right in your own home. I'm speaking of the 'School of God'. You have sat at the feet of our faculty and been blessed; now you may sit at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ and through the varied experiences which will come to you as you assume these new responsibilities, learn what He would teach you through them. But you have to be willing for Him to teach you. You must recognize in all of the hard things, lessons which He would have you learn. May God bless you, child, as you enroll in the greatest of all schools, and may the lessons you learn there be to His praise and glory."

CHAPTER 2

As the train sped on through the gathering dusk, Ruth tried to picture her new life at home. "What would her sister and brother be like? How would she know what to do when Connie was sick?" These and many other thoughts crowded through her tired mind as she rested her head wearily against the back of her seat.

At last in desperation she closed her eyes and tried to forget her problems, but they would not be forgotten. Wistfully she thought of her happy days at the Bible Institute. Now they were over forever. Nothing was before her but the drudgery of housework and a sudden unwanted responsibility thrust upon her.

Across the aisle sat a young man also deep in thought. He too was bound for a new sort of life, one for which he had not planned. Suddenly as he turned about, he noticed a familiar sticker on Ruth's suitcase. A smile of recollection crossed his face. "Dear old Institute," he murmured under his breath. He wondered what was causing the evident sorrow on the face of this girl. Unknown to Ruth, as she dropped off into a troubled sleep, Keith Stuart was already pleading for her at the Throne of Grace. Little did he guess what hard lessons were waiting for both of them in the Great School of God.

Ruth awoke with a start as her station was called. With a sigh she adjusted her hat and gathered her belongings. Across the aisle Keith too gathered his luggage.

His destination also was Briarwood. Ruth stepped out of the train and onto the deserted platform. She looked about wearily for her father or Bob, but neither were to be seen. She and her fellow passenger were the only ones to be found at the tiny station at this late hour.

Already tired and greatly saddened, Ruth again gave way to her pent up emotions. Unbidden the tears began to flow, as she sat down her heavy bag and looked about her in bewilderment. It was over a mile to her home from the station, and there were no means of conveyance to be found at that hour.

Just at that moment she heard the welcome chug-chug of an ancient automobile, and saw the strong figure of her seventeen-year-old brother leap from the old Ford. "Sorry, Sis, but I was unavoidably detained at home," he apologized as he approached her. Then he turned to Keith who was standing on the platform glancing about rather uncertainly.

"Mr. Stuart?" he asked. Keith stepped forward with a smile and extended his hand. "Why yes. How did you know?"

"Mrs. Smith asked me to bring you along when she learned that I was coming for Ruth. We live next door to Mrs. Smith. I'm Bob Arnold, and this is my sister Ruth," introduced Bob.

"Why didn't you bring Daddy's car, Bob?" questioned Ruth as their bags were stowed away in the rumble seat and Keith assisted her into the front of the ancient model.

Bob's voice was strained as he replied, "You'll know soon enough, Sis. It's some nice mess I'm taking you home to. You look pretty tired too."

Keith was rather embarrassed at being a listener to this family conversation. There was an awkward silence following Bob's answer. As the car chugged on, Keith remembered the sticker which he had seen on Ruth's suitcase. Glad of a chance to break the silence which was becoming very strained, he addressed her, "Didn't I see a sticker on your bag bearing the Bible Institute of Dansbury, Miss Arnold?" he questioned.

"Why yes, are you acquainted with the school?" replied Ruth in a voice which she strived hard to make sound steady.

"I was graduated from the Institute six years ago. I'll never forget the precious hours I spent there."

"Nor I," replied Ruth. "I was to have been graduated this June," she continued. "But"—

"The Lord has other plans for you now," finished Keith.

By this time Bob was pulling up the driveway that led to their garage. He pointed out the Smith home to Keith. A bright light shone over the doorway and a

glimpse of a merrily burning fire was beheld as Mrs. Smith opened the door and beamed with kindly face upon them. "Welcome home children. Come right in, all of you. There's some nice warm cocoa on the stove just yearning to be consumed. And I'm sure we'll find some cookies somewhere," she greeted.

"But it's awfully late," protested Ruth.

"Aw, come on, Sis," urged Bob. "Dad and the girls are all in bed. You've had a long ride. A little cocoa will perk you up a bit—you know, keep you awake 'til you reach your bed." Then he added in a whisper, "Mrs. Smith's a peach."

Ruth innocently followed, not knowing that in back of Bob's words lay a hidden motive that he wanted to delay her entrance into their own home as long as possible.

Once inside the comfortable home, Ruth began to feel drawn to her neighbor at once. It was impossible to remain for many minutes in her presence and not smile. She felt almost gay again, and the great weariness left her as she sipped her cocoa and nibbled the delicious home-made cookies.

Before long Ruth discovered that Mrs. Smith had only lived in Briarwood a short while, and that Keith, who was going to board with her, had come as the new minister of the church across the road.

"There is a great work here for you two," said Mrs. Smith, indicating Ruth and Keith. "Ever since I came here, I've been praying that the Lord would send a young person here who really knew and loved Him. He always does better than we ask. He has sent two."

Ruth smiled. "I've been thinking of my homecoming as something disastrous. I never thought that it was prayed for. I do want my life to be a praise to His Name. It does seem hard that I have to leave school just now, but if He can use me here, I'm ready."

"He certainly can use you here, Child, if you're willing. And remember dear you are in His School now. Maybe He took you out of the Institute so He could teach you more precious lessons Himself. His school is hard, you know, but it is the best school."

"Why Mrs. Smith," ejaculated Ruth. "Dean Edwards spoke to me just like that before I left this afternoon. It was the first time I ever heard of 'The School of God.' It certainly is a beautiful thought."

"God grant it may become to you much more than just a thought, Miss Arnold," breathed the minister as Ruth and her brother bade their neighbors good-night.

(To be continued)

What it Means to be a Nurse in Korea

By Betty Klippenstein
MCC Nurse in Korea

My greatest challenge in Korea lies in the medical profession as a nurse. Since December of 1955 I have taken an active part in the Presbyterian Mission Hospital at Taegu as foreign advisor, counsellor and superintendent of nurses.

The lack of medical knowledge among Korean lay people is astonishing. It is in this area in which we channel our greatest efforts in order to bring health and sanitation to those who live in ignorance.

Most of our patients come to the hospital only after they have aggravated their condition by trying various old-fashioned home remedies or after they have indulged in potent Chinese herb medicines. We are expected to heal those who already have one foot in the grave.

Therefore, because we receive mostly serious cases, it is of utmost importance that our nursing



Powdered skim milk, part of U.S. Government surplus, was given to MCC for use in the orphanage in Taegu, Korea.

care and technique is the best. This is where I fall in line and join the parade of other foreign personnel in battling for cleanliness, health and sanitation.

A boy came to us who at the advice of his relatives had worn a tourniquet 20 hours instead of 20 minutes. He had been stabbed by a friend. By the time he was brought to us the circulation of the limb had been cut off and the arm was black and swollen. His arm had to be amputated.

Stomach cancer and perforation of the bowel are common diseases here. These are believed to be partially caused by the Korean "kimchi" (hot red peppers) and strong cathartic medicines taken internally.

I was extremely surprised that many children and young adults are affected as much as older persons. It seems so much more pathetic to see a youth wasting away under the strain and pain of cancer.

Probably the greatest tragedies

are the attempted suicides. Cases of unsuccessful attempts are brought to us. Many persons have become weary or desperate with life and seek to end it by a gun shot, knife stab, overdose of sleeping pills or a cup of caustic lye.

We have helped produce both physical and spiritual healing in many cases. What a joy overwhelms us when a discharged patient carries with him the mark of contentment and happiness because he has received Jesus as his personal Saviour. His future has hope and he knows he will have the care of a Higher Power.

A refugee widow, mother of five children, became so despondent because of a lack of food and money that she hanged her children from a tree, then took her own life with knife stabs. Two of the oldest boys were rescued by neighbors. What a gruesome mental picture for these boys!

How many more there are who choose a similar course because no one has told them of a true spiritual Friend. The physical and spiritual needs in Korea are tremendous.

In addition there is a vast field of service in baby homes and orphanages. These youngsters need to receive care and love for they were found not wanted and left to perish in sewer ditches, on doorsteps in freezing weather or on streets amid traffic. Will you respond by giving your life in the medical profession in Korea?

GOD-GIVEN IMPULSE RESULTS IN MISSION

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help also. He sent new workers to Laidlaw to start Sunday evening services for the whole community. The area was canvassed, but only a few responded. These were faithful in attending and now seem to be gaining a real knowledge of what Christianity is all about.

Evangelical School Teacher Gives Boost

Then, when a Christian public school teacher came to Laidlaw, things really began to look up. Mr. Nick Kroeker, the new teacher, and his wife did a great deal for Laidlaw. They lived, rather than preached Christ to the community. The school became different. Where previously the pupils had seen selfishness and unhappiness in their teacher, they now realized how happy and contented a man who was following God could be. They also experienced that they could become just such happy Christians if they would yield their lives to the great Lord God. Some of them did and became clear lights for God. How grateful the

Sunday school teachers were when they heard their pupils tell them of their temptations and then their victories over sin. Earnest prayers ascended to God from the depths of their hearts, asking Him to sustain these young faith warriors.

And so the work has carried on amidst advancements and set-backs. One of the greatest hindrances is a funeral. This is the priest's best opportunity to scare the people back into old superstitions and Catholic beliefs. He tells them that God is punishing them by a death for attending the chapel services. In their sorrow the bereaved believe him and their spirit is again turned against God's Spirit.

Sunday Morning Services Inaugurated

Now another change has been made. To get the children and the adults into the routine of worshipping, the Sunday school and the church service are both held in the morning. This change has stabilized the work, as it unites the children and adult work. The adult attendance is small, but the children attend regularly. They are learning to make a Sunday morning school and church session an unquestionable part of the day of rest.

The work is growing steadily, not so much in attendance as in the number of Christians in the Sunday school. It thrills our hearts to hear our Christians tell us they are thankful for their Sunday school and for an opportunity to know Christ, and witness for Him. They believe so simply and earnestly that it puts our reasoning spirit to shame as we hear them say that they are trusting God to help them through each day. But they do need your prayers—your prayers to make them all come to a heart knowledge of Jesus Christ—your prayers to strengthen them in their life for Christ even as they grow older.

Neglect Leads to Death

But still there is so much to be done. How it hurts us when we hear that two children from our Sunday school have been killed by a train because their mother neglected them—and they lay down on the railroad tracks and fell asleep. The adults need Christ—oh, so much—so we must labor together to win them for Him. The teachers need great strength to be happy testimonies for God. It is so easy for them to become discouraged when they hear of drunken brawls and immorality in the homes of their pupils. Pray that they may "die as a corn seed" and then bring forth much fruit. Let us unitedly ask God to turn Laidlaw's night into day before it is forever too late.

A FRIEND IN NEED

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(1 Pet. 5:8), who "was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44), who first deceives, and then destroys.

Jesus, the Son of God, came into the very place of the sinner's danger, that He might rescue him from his perilous position, and be his Deliverer "from the wrath to come" (1 Thess. 1:10). The Lord Jesus is in heaven now, "mighty to save" those who cry to Him in their need. Such He will always receive, and "in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

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THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Australians seen to be in unique Missionary Position

That Christian people in Australia in post-war years have come to realize their responsibility to send the gospel to the heathen has been pointed out by a mission executive visiting in the United States.

J. Robert Story, a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators in Australia and general secretary there for the Unevangelized Fields Mission of Australia, reports that, "They recognize that God has placed them in a unique position, with a custodianship responsibility almost unequalled among the Christian nations of the earth."

Mr. Story also says: "Australia has a special responsibility toward the islands immediately to her north and northwest. The war emphasized the needs of the island of New Guinea. American and Australian soldiers mingled together in the fetid, steaming jungles of New Guinea and Borneo. Indeed, right through the island world they met and together repelled the Japanese who had planned to strike with lightning rapidity down southeast through the Pacific world in order to invade Australia before the Allies could marshal their forces. Through the contacts begotten of war experiences, we of Australia learned to love the island people, particularly those of New Guinea.

"This led to the discovery that we were in the middle of the most complex linguistic medley in the world. Surveys of more recent days indicate that in New Guinea, in the Australian section alone, the two million natives speak no less than five hundred different vernaculars. Some of these are related, but for practical purposes, for preaching and teaching and giving them the Word of God in their own mother tongue, only separate translations will really do the job. (ERA)

Appointed Foreign Secretary of Mission

Edwin Jacques, missionary to Italy, has been appointed foreign secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Ray Buker. Rev. and Mrs. Jacques have served for 24 years as missionaries and in pastorates in this country. For eight years they were missionaries to Albania. When the Italian invasion forced them out of Albania they returned to the United States and entered the pastorate. After CBEMS was organized they applied for appointment to return to Albania. However, visas could not be secured, and in 1950 they sailed for Italy

where they served for six years. During their missionary service they began the Naples Bible Book Center which has had a unique ministry in evangelism and Christian growth among the people.

New Missionary News Radio Program

Bob Pierce of World Vision, Inc., with headquarters in Portland, Oregon, has begun a nationwide missionary news program using radio stations in key cities. Explaining the new program, Dr. Pierce declared: "For many months I have been concerned that our Christian friends in America are not hearing as quickly as possible about the evangelism opportunities abroad in many countries." Already scheduled on 11 stations, "World Vision" will add other stations as rapidly as possible.

CANADASCOPE

Arabs Want Canadian Replaced

The Jordanian government in conjunction with other Arab states concerned intends to ask the United Nations to replace General E. L. M. Burns of Ottawa as chief of staff of its Palestine truce supervision organization, a defence ministry spokesman has announced in Amman, Jordan. A list of cases in which the Canadian officer is said to have shown a biased attitude in favor of Israel is being prepared for presentation to the UN.

May Raise Old Age Pensions

Hon. Paul Martin, health minister of the Canadian government, indicated last week that active consideration is being given to the question of increasing the federal old age pension.

"This particular matter is receiving very active attention on my part and on the part of the department," he said.

Saskatchewan Hospital Tax Increases

Head taxes for the Saskatchewan government's hospital care scheme will be raised next year by more than \$2,000,000. The increase in individual rate is the fourth since the controversial plan was launched by the CCF government in 1947.

The increase boosts rates five dollars per adult, except in the case of a family of three or more, where there is a flat increase of five dollars. The new rate is \$20 for a single adult, \$30 for a married couple without children, and

\$45 for a family of three or more persons.

Such taxes yield only about half of the plan's cost and the government must take the balance from revenue of the province's three-per-cent sales tax.

The World Today

Once Boasted of Murders

The Communist party remains "one of the most serious menaces" to the U.S. despite the current "smiles" from Moscow, declared Mr. Hoover, the Federal Bureau of Investigation director, in his first televised news interview since he entered government service nearly 40 years ago.

Backing up his contention, Mr. Hoover cited boasts by Soviet President Klementi Voroshilov that he once directed the execution of 11,000 czarist officers and that he sent their wives and daughters to Red army brothels as evidence of the true nature of the currently "smiling" Communist rulers.

Mr. Hoover said that one of the reasons he did not see in the Bulganin-Khrushchev campaign any improved prospects for peace is "the characters of the men who constitute the present Russian government."

"Khrushchev himself served for 26 years under Stalin," Mr. Hoover recalled. "He was also in charge of the purges in Moscow and in the Ukraine. And in the Ukraine he instituted under Stalin, some of the most extreme anti-Semitic measures, far stronger in many respects than those of Hitler."

As to Voroshilov, Mr. Hoover said:

"I would like to point out that he was the marshal in charge of the armies at Kiev, and he has openly boasted to our ambassador at Moscow, Mr. Bullitt, that at that particular time he urged 11,000 officers at Kiev to surrender, and if they would surrender he would guarantee that they and their families would be allowed to return to their homes. He then boasted that after they had surrendered he executed all 11,000 officers, all male children, and put the wives and daughters into the brothels."

"Now men of that kind have no character. They are Godless men, and I would certainly want to see acts of indication of peaceful co-existence rather than mere words."

What to Do About the Suez

The biggest news of the week has been the seizure of the Suez Canal by Premier Nasser of Egypt after he declared they had nationalized the international company controlling it. Urgent conferences have been going on between the great powers as to possible steps to nullify this move of Nasser, the present hero of Egypt because of

his defiance of western powers.

On Monday, July 30, United States support was asked on a plan to set up an international board, on which the Soviet Union and Egypt would be represented, to control the Suez Canal and guarantee freedom of passage for ships of all countries.

Sea Disaster Takes Toll of Lives

The 30,000-ton Italian luxury liner, Andrea Doria, bound for New York from Genoa, collided with the 11,000-ton Swedish liner Stockholm in Atlantic coast fog on Wednesday night and sank early Thursday morning, eleven hours after the collision.

It is feared that the death toll, which was first reported as under ten, will rise to 50 by the time the full count is in. This in spite of the fact that the passengers were taken off by ships in the vicinity.

Both ships were equipped with the latest radar and built for safety at sea.

FRUIT IN LOW CALORIE DIETS

There is an increasing demand by a large group of consumers for products which will help them control their weight by reducing calorie intake. Diabetics are also required to follow restricted calorie and carbohydrate diets. Fruits are low calorific foods. Although they supply some easily available energy they are low in fuel value. The fuel values of fruits are due almost entirely to the carbohydrates, primarily sugar and organic acids, which they contain. In the past fruits have been mistakenly considered by many as luxuries, when in fact they provided an actual advantage in balancing a diet. Adequate fruit enriches the vitamin intake without excessively increasing calorie intake. C. C. Strachan, Summerland, B.C., Experimental Farm, Canada Department of Agriculture points out.

Fruits may be used as an important part of all reducing diets and in diets of people engaged in sedentary occupations. The characteristic high water content of fruits in some ways is an advantage. It makes the fruit palatable and refreshing. It provides an agreeable means of taking needed fluid and in the treatment of some illnesses fruits are a very important source of fluid.

Quite pleasing fruit products for dietetic uses have recently become available. The advent of a new type of pectin (low methoxyl) for the gelling agent and the development of approved non-nutritive sweeteners (saccharin and calcium or sodium cyclamate) has permitted the satisfactory preparation of jam-like products from fresh fruits without the addition of any sugar.

Weddings

BALZER—WARKENTIN

Elfrieda Warkentin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warkentin, Winnipeg, and Corney Balzer, son of Mrs. Balzer and the late Mr. Balzer of Yarrow, B.C., were married on July 21 in the Elmwood M.B. church, Winnipeg. Rev. W. Dyck of Niverville, Man., performed the ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. C. Balzer

The guest speaker was Rev. W. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan M.B. Church, of which both the bride and the groom are members.

Mr. Balzer is actively engaged in choir work in the local church and in Winnipeg. He conducts the church choir as well as the Gospel Light Hour choir, and directed the "Liebhaberchor", which sang the "Creation" by Haydn last winter. The bride is engaged in Sunday school work. Both the bride and the groom are teachers by profession. They will reside in Winnipeg.

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BARTEL—SCHELLENBERG



Genny Schellenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Schellenberg of Kelowna, B.C., and Peter Bartel, son of the late Mr. and Mrs.

Bartel, were married on Monday, July 2, 1956, in the Grace Baptist church, Kelowna, B.C. Rev. Korneletzky of the Grace Baptist Church officiated.

Genny is a Sunday school teacher, pianist and soloist at the Mennonite Brethren Church, while Peter is a faithful member and tenor soloist of the First Mennonite Church. The blessing of having many friends presented the problem of finding a larger locale for the wedding. The larger Grace Baptist church met the need, especially since both have many friends among its members.

The program at the reception was led by Jake Nickel of Abbotsford. A very enjoyable program of songs and short talks by friends of both Peter and Genny was given.

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HIEBERT—PRIES

Frieda Pries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Pries, Alexander, Man., and John Hiebert, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hiebert of Wheatland, Man., were married on July 7 in the Alexander M.B. church. Rev. G. D. Pries, Winkler, uncle of the bride, officiated, while Rev. Abe Klassen, Alexander, spoke in English.

Solos were sung by Mrs. Helen Klassen and Mr. Henry Tiessen. A short program followed the ceremony.

After the wedding trip to Kenora, Ont., the young couple will reside in the Wheatland district.

Obituaries

MR. PETER STOBBE

It pleased the Lord to take our father home on July 8, 1956, during the still hours of the night. The funeral service was held in the Boissevain M.B. church on July 12, 1956.

His parents were John J. Stobbe and Helene, nee Wiens. He was born on December 4, 1892, in the village Krassikow, Neusamara. In 1915 he accepted the Lord as his Saviour and was received into the Mennonite Brethren Church at Lugowsk after baptism.

In 1917 he entered holy matrimony with me, nee Auguste Epp. In 1926 we immigrated into Canada and settled at Boissevain, Man. Of the twelve children that the Lord has given us, two preceded their father in death. Of the four sons and six daughters surviving, three sons and one daughter are married. The oldest daughter, Mary, is serving in Africa as a missionary. She and her sister Helen, who was married to John Kroeker of Vancouver, B.C., one week before father's death, were not able to attend the funeral.

During the past four years my husband has suffered from a heart

ailment. After his first heart attack he could leave the hospital in seven weeks, but his strength was gone. At first he was able to help a little in the house and attend the services, but later he had to remain in bed. Other ailments



Mr. Peter Stobbe

set in so that I spent many a night kneeling at his bedside. Shortly after Easter this year he had to be taken to the hospital in Winnipeg, but he was released after six weeks. His condition improved so much that on July 7 he was up and around all day. He was very interested in everything while I read him the "Mennonitische Rundschau". Yet when I awakened at 5:30 the next morning he had gone to be with the Lord. The sorrow was great, but we had to thank God that my husband's wish was finally granted. The Lord has given us 39 years of married life together, wonderfully guiding and leading us.

We thank all of our friends that have supported us in prayer and sent us letters, cards and flowers. May the Lord reward you.

The bereaved wife
and family.



KOREAN BOYS SCHOOL

Twila and Kenneth Brunk report the boys at the Mennonite orphanage and vocational school have donned straw hats and are harvesting the barley and rice crops.

The boys tended some pigs for another agency a short time and now have three pigs of their own. The school has received some type for their printing classes, but as yet an instructor has not been secured. Glass work on the greenhouse roof has been completed.

The Brunks say their work at

the school is indeed full-time and they turn down many requests to teach English classes. Koreans are eager to learn English and have a desire to go to America, the Brunks said.

BUILDING IN VIETNAM

"It is so nice to build up something", remarked Juliette Sebus. She is a Dutch nurse with the medical team serving neglected Raday people in north-central Vietnam.

As their most recent project, she and nurse Margaret Janzen of Ontario, Canada, gave care to non-leprous children of leprous parents. In addition they are learning the Raday language, doing housework and doing some carpenter work in getting their living quarters ready. They have now moved into their apartment, formerly a barracks located near the leprosy mission.

Juliette said, "I discovered that there are very many things in nursing that are different from what we do in Holland. Not only do I have to learn the language, but syringes, thermometers and the way of applying them are different too."

JORDAN MEDICAL WORK

The annual epidemic of eye diseases is leaving many sufferers in its wake, reports Dr. Willard E. Kaufman in Jordan.

This type of eye disease is unknown in the U.S., he said, so he studied the disease in the Jerusalem Eye Hospital before the epidemic struck. He is now helping in a campaign to combat the disease.

Regarding the disturbance along the Jordan-Israeli border Dr. Kaufman wrote, "There has been no serious disturbance as yet. People here are optimistic for the most part and do not think there will be serious trouble. We are thankful for the peace that there is, but we also realize that it will take same careful maneuvering to actually bring about a settlement."

JAVANESE EXPRESS THANKS

The annual synod of the Mennonite Church in Java sent official thanks to North American Christians for the medical assistance given in Java.

Letters signed by synod chairman Djojodihardjo and synod secretary Sastroadi stated, "We in the name of the synod want to express many, many thanks to you brethren who have helped us to want to work in the health program. Our health committee has received much aid from you brethren so that now the work is able to go on. Through this aid our bonds in Christ have been strengthened and will make us closer in Jesus Christ."

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Why I am a Mennonite

By Peter F. Bargaen

(Conclusion)

During the Second World War I served in the Restricted Medical Corps. This unit, especially created for non-resistants, gave us an opportunity to share the dangers of the battlefield, but required of us no arms training and no bloodshed. Ours was purely a mission of mercy to the sick and wounded. Other Mennonite young men served in the various alternative services that the Canadian government wisely granted.

The churches at home were also active. The Mennonite Central Committee, the central relief agency of the North American Mennonites, has an annual budget of nearly three and a half million dollars. The 2000 members of some of the Alberta Mennonite churches immediately after World War II (1947-50) spent \$187,000 on foreign relief alone.

In the public mind Mennonites are continually confused with two other groups: the Hutterites and the Doukhobors. This confusion is especially prevalent during wartime, for, as the Mennonites, these two groups also refuse military service. Yet there never has been any connection between them. The Doukhobors originated in the 18th century in Russia, where they formed a non-conformist sect in the Greek-Orthodox Church, and there has never been any contact with the Mennonite Church then or since.

The Hutterites may be a closer kin, since they also formed part of the Anabaptist movement in the 16th century, but here the similarity ceases. The Hutterite belief in a community of goods and extreme segregation from others in the form of "Colonies" has never been practised by the Mennonites in general. Again, the Hutterites have never been in contact with the teachings of Menno Simons but owe their name to a certain Jakob Huter who was their first leader. The Mennonite is an individualist with the best of them, and the idea of a community of goods is against his nature.

In general, Mennonite men do not seek public office or popular acclaim outside of their own churches. Yet a number of more generally known Mennonites can be mentioned, who have made good outside the church. Research has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the Dutch master artist, Rembrandt, belonged to the Mennonite brotherhood. Today, well-known Mennonites include Dr. J. A. Bargaen of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; Dr. John Unrau, Head of the Department of Plants Science at the University of Alberta; and J. Regier, Member

of Parliament for a constituency in B.C.

By the time one gets to be my age one's faith has already been thoroughly examined. Yet it is not so with children who are awakening to the fact that people think differently and the world is not as secure as it seems. A short time ago our eldest boy, Richard, came to me and said,

"Daddy, I want to be a soldier".

"Well son," I said, "you are a little young to decide what you want to be, but why a soldier? To hurt another person, especially to kill him, is wrong, you know."

"I know Daddy, but our dog died today, and its terrible. I don't want to die!"

"Well," I said, "What has being a soldier got to do with saving you from death?"

Hope trembled in his voice as he answered, "I heard over the radio today that old soldiers never die, they just fade away. I would rather fade than die."

I have served for six years in a Mennonite high school, not for higher pay—in fact it is lower—but rather in order to have the freedom to teach others the way of life that I have realized as good. I deal with Mennonite young people who have problems as all young people do. My purpose has not been one of indoctrination but rather one of persuasion. We do not close our eyes to the rest of the world, rather, in spite of the world, our philosophy of life must be based upon high moral precepts and ideals. In education I generally disagree with the "natural man" of Rousseau. But in one thing I do agree with him. Of my students I would also like to say, "In vain will fate change his station, he will always be in his right place."

And we are happy in our service. These are not only my ideals and my convictions, but also those of Anne, my wife. What we do, we do together; what we are, we are together. God has never rejected our faith but has answered it powerfully.

Neil, our second boy, is a living demonstration of a miracle-working God. He was hydrocephalic at birth, and specialists declared his case hopeless. One doctor suggested we pray, that the boy could die, for if he lived he would, at best, be a idiot. Medical skill stood helplessly by while God dynamically answered prayer. Neil today is a normal, energetic five-year-old with an average or above average intelligence. Dr. H. Guenther of Winnipeg today states, "Neil is a miracle of God. We have done nothing to aid his recovery, and can account for it in no other way."

Do not think that I am a be-

liever in faith healing as it is practiced by many today. But I know that God can and does manifest His power to those that believe. The experience with Neil strengthened our faith in God, not only because he miraculously helped, but *because He had given us peace of mind, and joy in our child even before the miracle!*

As a Mennonite Christian, God has given me peace of mind, the greatest of all gifts. I do not fear life—it is a challenge; nor do I fear death—it is a hope. As a Mennonite Christian I have a dynamic way of life in which I can be both, a good Christian and a good citizen. It is a life that has meaning and answers the perplexing "Why?" of existence. It satisfies. Again, as a Mennonite Christian, I have the assurance of eternal life after death. With this faith I hope to live creatively and die nobly.

It is natural that I will train my children in my faith. I am confident that once they understand the sane way of life that Mennonitism represents they will wish to become Mennonites in faith also. Of course it is the essence of Christ that makes Mennonitism a great way of life, for it is the Grace of a free salvation, the Challenge of a dynamic philosophy of life, and the Comfort of a hope after death.

That is why I am a Mennonite—convinced!

SUMMER HEALTH SERVICE

(Continued from page 10-4)

Emotionally disturbed children at Governor Bacon Health Center at Delaware City, Del., need someone to understand and appreciate them. That is the calling of five girls serving there as recreational assistants in the Summer Service unit.

"The children are from many different and interesting backgrounds," writes Marion Smith of Eureka, Ill. "Many are from broken homes. Many feel unwanted and some have had serious problems in school."

Another unit member, Anni Dyck, a German exchange student, said recreational assistants have access to the case studies of all children which is helpful in giving special understanding to their difficulties.

Carolyn Smith, also of Eureka, says there is real satisfaction in giving positive leadership to a child who once said, "Nobody can make me do anything."

SUMMER COUNSELING

Writing of her impressions as a counselor in the Summer Service unit at the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kans., Mary Elizabeth Harms of Whitewater, Kans., says

she realizes what a privilege it is to live a normal life and have the privilege of helping those who are less fortunate.

In aiding the child with speech and hearing defects she listens to him read, helps with arithmetic and renders other types of guidance. Most of these children are spastic and cannot control their hands enough to write on paper so each receives individual help. Three other girls serve in the unit.

CALIFORNIA MIGRANTS

Vacation Bible School classes in an alfalfa field.

That is the way Voluntary Service teachers in the migrant camp at Coalinga, Calif., did it part of this summer. Later they used a private lawn. Most of the children in the camp attended at one time or another. The high attendance mark for one day was 32.

PROMINENT MENNONITES IN NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA

Ottawa, Ont. — The new Encyclopedia Canadiana will be published early in 1957 according to Dr. John E. Robbins, editor-in-chief.

The encyclopedia will be entirely Canadian in outlook, covering every aspect of Canadian affairs. All the religious denominations are reviewed with an outline of their history, beliefs, and activities.

The Mennonites, who comprise a little less than one per cent of the total population of Canada, are having a share in the volumes.

Numerous outstanding men, past and present, have been given short biographical notes. Future historians will thus have a basis for research on Mennonite church and community leaders.

Among those whose biographies will appear, are Jacob Y. Shantz, C. F. Klassen, D. W. Friesen, Heinrich Ewert, all of whom are deceased, as well as B. B. Janz, J. J. Thiessen and A. A. Kroeker.

Dr. Robbins, who was formerly the Director of Education and Information with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, said that he had been anxious that the encyclopedia do something to record the history and activities of the important aspect of the development of the Prairies represented by the Mennonite people.

By Henry T. Dirks
in The Canadian Mennonite

Returns After Six Months in Europe

Yarrow, B.C. — Rev. H. Bartsch, former Mennonite Brethren missionary to the Belgian Congo, returned recently from a six-month preaching mission in Germany.

While in Europe, Rev. Bartsch also visited his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Reimer, who have been studying music there during the past year.

WESTERN MANITOBA CHURCH MEET

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The afternoon session was under the leadership of Brother John Neufeld, Lena, Man. Brother Jake Krueger read Psalm 147:1-5 as introduction and the congregation joined in, "Grosser Gott, wir loben dich". A male octet followed with, "Gottes Volk darf nie ermueden."

Brother Lawrence Warkentin, city missionary in Brandon, Man., delivered a message in English on Rev. 3:7-13, "My Duty to the Church." This was followed by a solo by Mrs. W. Klassen, "Come Unto Me".

Brother J. Driedger and Brother J. Harder, Justice, held a very informative dialogue discussing the various judgments in the Bible. The choir then sang, "O Come Let Us Worship".

Rev. Toews spoke briefly about music in the church and encouraged the young people to serve in this manner.

Nick and Frank Sawatsky sang, "Es gibt eine Heimat im himmlischen Licht", whereupon the choir sang, "Fairest Lord Jesus".

Brother Art Kliewer, MCC Summer Service worker at the Brandon Mental Hospital, chal-

lenged us with "What Does the Church Mean to You?"

When the choir had sung, "Sieh er kommt mit den Wolken", they repeated some of the favourite songs by request. Brother H. Penner, Justice, closed with prayer.

We are thankful for the blessings of this day and trust that the fruits of this work will be evident in our churches.

CROPS DESTROYED BY HAIL

Altona, Man. — Two severe hailstorms, coming but six days apart, totally destroyed over 1,000 acres of promising field crops in the Winkler, Plum Coulee area.

The first hailstorm, which struck on Tuesday, July 17, totally knocked out about 600 acres of field crops at Burwalde and another 100 acres at Neuenberg. Some damage was also done at Blumenort.

Another hailstorm struck about 5 p.m. on Monday, July 23. Hailstones, reportedly the size of golf balls, fell just north of Winkler and at Reinfeld, causing damage varying between 20 and 90 per cent to about 2,000 acres, with an estimated 400 acres totally destroyed.

A second strip, approximately five miles long and three miles wide, at Gnadenthal, also suffered up to 100 per cent loss from the July 23 storm.

Only a small percentage of the affected acreage was insured.

SASKATCHEWAN MAN JOINS FACULTY

Fresno, Calif. — A former Saskatchewan public school teacher will join the faculty of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in fall.

Henry J. Harder, who taught in Saskatchewan between 1947 and 1949, received his Th.B. at the Pacific Bible Institute in 1951, his A.B. from same school in 1952, and the Th.M. degree from the Dallas Theological Seminary this year.

Mr. Harder is one of the seven

men who will be instructing at the Seminary in the second year of its existence. Rev. B. J. Braun is the president, Dr. G. W. Peters is the dean, while Dr. Arthur G. Willems is the registrar. Last year the Seminary had 15 full-time students and three part-time students.

During the first year the Seminary shared the premises of the Pacific Bible Institute, but during the course of the year a six-acre campus has been purchased as its future home.

Information about the course of studies at the school may be acquired by writing for the new catalogue to: Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, 4824 East Butler at Chestnut, Fresno 2, California.

On the Horizon

August 4 and 5 — The annual Youth Bible Camp of the M.B. churches in Alberta will be held at Vauxhall, Alta., on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5. Guest speakers will be Rev. J. Schmidt, city missionary in Winnipeg and director of the Gospel Light Hour, Rev. J. A. Froese, city missionary in Calgary, Alta., Rev. Abe Regier, principal of the Coaldale Bible School, and Rev. P. J. Dick, music director and teacher at the Alberta Mennonite High School.

August 4 to 6 — The Christian Businessmen's weekend camp at Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man. International speakers present.

August 12 — The Youth Workers' Conference of the M. B. Church in Manitoba will be held on Sunday, August 12, in the South End M.B. church, Winnipeg. The afternoon session begins at 2:30 p.m. CDT, and the evening session at 6:30 CDT.

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

August 20 to 26 — Christian Leadership Camp for all young people over 18 at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. For further information, write D. E. Redekop, 966 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man. John Regehr is director.

August 10 to 12 — The annual Youth Conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches of Ontario is planned for the week-end of August 10 to 12 on the campus of Eden Christian College. The guest speaker will be Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church and part-time teacher at the M.B. Bible College. The over-all theme is, "The Will of God in My Life."

Invitation

The Mennonite Brethren Bible College is getting ready for another school year, which is to commence on the first of October of this year.

Reverend J. A. Toews has consented to take over the duties of the president of the College.

Two new teachers will be teaching this coming school year. Rev. Henry Baerg, of Henderson, Nebraska, and Rev. Victor Toews, of Paraguay, South America. The Toews family has arrived in Canada and is now visiting with their family in B.C. The Baergs are trying to find a house for themselves in Winnipeg and will be moving here some time in September.

The new building is nearing completion. It is a practical and beautiful building. This will give the College the added room for expansion, for it contains a fine auditorium and a spacious library with sufficient light.

We are, therefore, inviting all young people, who feel the desire and the call for Bible study and preparation for service in the vineyard of the Lord, to send in their application to the college. Your letters will receive prompt attention. Address your correspondence to the

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