

# Mennonite Observer

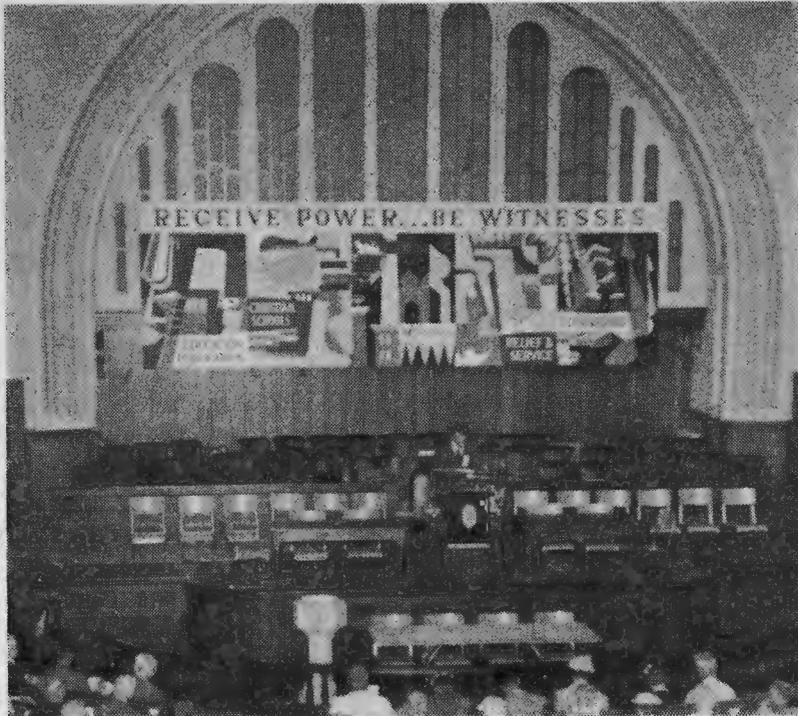
"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2.

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Behind the pulpit is Rev. Olin Krehbiel delivering the Conference Message at the 34th session of the General Conference of Mennonites. This year's triennial conference was held in the Young United Church, Winnipeg, and had as its motto, "Receive power. . . Be Witnesses."

## Crusade for Christ at Coaldale

By Agnes Langemann

Coaldale, Alta. — The Community Hall here has been filled to capacity many times during the two-week Crusade for Christ sponsored by a local committee of representatives from various churches in Coaldale. Concluding on Sunday, August 26, the evangelistic services have been the most successful ever, sponsored by the organization.

The campaign, conducted by Rev. Walter Gomez and Rev. Leo Bergthold, saw more than 40 first-time decisions for Christ by Friday, August 24, and about 20 returning to the Lord. Extensive house visitation and regular prayer-meetings before and after every service helped prepare the ground and increase the blessing.

Rev. Gomez, a Mexican evangelist, was accompanied by his wife and daughter, as was also Rev. Leo Bergthold, the song director. They come from Pharr, Texas, where Rev. Gomez heads the Mexican Militant Mission Inc. and Rev. Bergthold directs the exten-

sion department and does deputation work. The purpose of the Mexican Militant Mission is expressed in the words, "to seek, to rescue, to train, and to send."

One of the larger projects of the mission is the Oaxaca Bible Institute, which has been functioning since January, 1955. It has an enrollment of 27 students preparing to be soul-winners for the Lord in Mexico, where the doors for foreign missionaries seemingly are beginning to close.

The past two weeks have been times of great blessing as well as of intense self-examination in Coaldale. During the last week the Community Hall was filled every night as people came to feed on the Bread of Life. Devoting his first week to messages directed largely to Christians, Rev. Gomez emphasized that a true revival begins in the hearts of the Christians. "How can we expect sinners to come to the Lord when the Christians are not right with the Lord?" he asked time and again.

It is doubtful if any born-again

## Steinbach Resident to Quito

Steinbach, Man. — Miss Sally Schroeder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Schroeder of here, has obeyed the Lord's call and is going to Quito, Ecuador, as missionary. She is due to leave at the beginning of September for Costa Rica and several months of preliminary language study.

Miss Schroeder, who has taught public school for several years and attended the M. B. Bible College and Tabor College, was ordained for missionary service in the M. B. church here at the morning service on August 12. Rev. Jacob Epp led in the invocation. The choir then sang "Master, Speak, Thy Servant Heareth".

In his message Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, pointed out the duties and responsibilities of missionaries on the foreign field. His message was based on Matthew 10:26-42 inclusive. He related a few of the many heart-touching experiences that he had witnessed on his visits to the different stations.

Miss Schroeder related how and when she had become aware of the Lord's call for full-time service. The choir then sang "Gott segne dich".

At the afternoon service on Sunday, August 12, the ordination of Mr. Isaac Goertzen and Mr. Jake Giesbrecht took place. Rev. H. H. Janzen chose as his text John 12:26, "If any man serve me, let Him follow me: and where I am, there shall also my servant be, him will my Father honor."

believer attending the meetings left the building without having first seriously examined his own relationship to God. Only eternity will reveal the number of people who dedicated their lives anew to God and promised to serve Him more faithfully.

The second week Rev. Gomez spoke largely to unbelievers. The Lord wrought conviction of sin and many were brought to a saving knowledge of Christ. Back-

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## EIGHT BAPTIZED AT MATSQUI

Matsqui, B. C. — The baptismal service on August 19 in the M. B. church of Matsqui was one of spiritual blessings for the church, and especially for the baptismal candidates.

The testimonies of faith of the candidates that were heard by the church revived a feeling of joy and thankfulness for God's bountiful grace unto the individual.

Rev. G. H. Thielman, pastor of the East Chilliwack M. B. Church, appealed to the believers to consider their position in the world comparable to that of salt (Matth. 5:13). He spoke at the morning service.

In the afternoon message Rev. Thielman discussed some factors which might hinder one to be baptized. He also stressed the importance of the faith of the candidate for baptism. One of the results of baptism would be a deeper joy in one's spiritual walk with the Lord (Acts 8:35-39).

The afternoon service was conducted at the M. B. church of Aldergrove. Rev. A. D. Rempel performed the baptism in the outdoor baptistry. The eight candidates were: Nettie Isaac, Marianna and Bertha Loewen, Pauline Peters, Nick Janzen, Henry Neufeld, Peter Rahn, and John Suderman.

At the special communion service in the evening the newly baptized believers were received into the fellowship of the church and each was presented with a special verse of Scripture.

# EDITORIAL

## Devotional

### "That Your Love May Abound"

#### Toward Better Understanding

Traditionally Mennonites have been "die Stillen im Lande". There were good reasons for it, since the less government officials heard about them, the less persecution they had to suffer. They were only too happy to be left alone in their closed communities. But times have changed, Mennonite objectives have changed, and we need to revise our policy.

Today persecution thrives on ignorance, as can be seen in so many Latin American countries. An expanding home and foreign missions program demands understanding and goodwill in the home community and on the field. Unless people know who we are and what we stand for they will not open the door to evangelistic and missionary activity. This understanding can be gained through effective dissemination of information and news.

Newspapers and radio stations are only too glad to help publicize important events. They are always looking for significant news. That Mennonite activity is news has been demonstrated by the publicity given the General Conference of Mennonites meeting in Winnipeg. News of the conference rated second front page standing several times and even made the front page once in Winnipeg's largest daily newspaper.

This publicity was no accident, however, for the conference had appointed a publicity committee made up of editors of several denominational newspapers. This committee issued regular news releases and arranged for the taking of pictures. As a result many residents of Winnipeg who had never heard of Mennonites now know that the General Conference of Mennonites has a growing missionary program, they know its stand on non-resistance and civil defence, and they have an idea as to its size. Other conferences and committees might learn from this example.

Just the other day a local paper reached your editor in which a coming Mennonite youth rally received effective publicity. Yet that same paper carried only a belated and brief article when a large conference met in its district. Obviously in the first instance someone had taken the trouble to write an article, while apparently no one saw the need for giving the local newspaper, published in an area with a heavy concentration of Mennonites, some news about the conference.

Publicity, when it redounds to the glory of God in creating understanding and goodwill, when it opens doors for wider service, is necessary.

#### The Opening Devotion

"Brother ——— will conduct the opening devotions." Most Mennonite meetings, after the opening hymns (almost always two), begin that way. Perhaps it is "the opening", or only "devotions". A variant might be "open the meeting". It is refreshing to hear occasionally, "... will lead us in our worship". Better yet (remember we have already been singing), "... will lead us as we continue to worship".

We have a feeling, proper enough, that we can hardly get on with the meeting until we have read the Bible and prayed. But such important features of public worship should not be thought of as mere formalities. They should not be put in a setting of late arrivals, distracted attention, and general thoughtlessness. Better not read the Bible at all than to read it inattentively and irreverently. Better not pray than to merely say words in which our

hearts are not. If having an "opening" is just a pious chore, then we should consider our ways.

These considerations may help:

1. Plan this part of the service. A Scripture passage may require study before it can be read with good interpretation. The leader may need to get himself into a worshipful mood. If he does not worship, neither will his audience. He may need to review in his mind the subjects for prayer. Especially is this true if this is the main prayer of the morning service, the pastoral prayer.

2. Choose the Scripture portion for its worship values. That is much more important than to read the context of the text for the sermon which is to follow. This is not a pre-sermon feature. It is the very heart of the worship service.

3. Don't preach. Historically, the "opening" was probably a short sermon before the main one. We don't profess now to have more than one sermon. There isn't time for more than one. But the idea

Too many of us never seem to grasp the full scope of the love planted in our hearts by Christ. We seem to think love is a static condition which, once we have it, will automatically work itself out in our life. But Paul prays in Philippians 1:9 that the love of the believers there "may abound yet more and more in knowledge and judgment."

Abounding love is the result of an abundant life. If we have not entered the "more abundant" life Christ promises in John 10:10, then our love will also not "abound yet more and more". Instead, like a plant during a long drought, it will shrivel up and die. The challenge of every Christian is to strive to gain that more abundant life that also his love may abound more and more.

Paul is not concerned primarily with any one aspect of love in action. He is not thinking exclusively of loving our neighbor. So often we restrict our love to this one aspect and may even forget to reveal Christian love in our family at home. Neither is Paul thinking of non-resistant love in particular. Yet today some of us become so concerned with this that we lose our perspective in respect to loving those without a Saviour. Nor is Paul concerned directly with the "love of Christ constraining us" to bring the Gospel, the good news of salvation, to those under eternal condemnation. Rather, Paul seems to be thinking of love in its totality of expression in the Christian, the love that should permeate every motive, action, thought and deed of the Christian.

sticks that this is the place for a little harangue. Especially is this true if the one who conducts the "opening" wishes he could preach the sermon. He makes the most of the opportunity he has. Your editor is one who hesitates to suggest the chapter of the text for the "opening". He is afraid the opener will take off from his text and preach his sermon.

4. Be brief. Take enough time to control the thoughts and mood of the audience. Don't take so much time that you lose that control.

5. Keep late arrivals at the door until this worship period is over; not just during the prayer, but during the Scripture reading too.

6. Get audience participation: careful listening, responsive or concert reading. Some people have never discovered that this part of the service is supposed to have anything for them. In one church

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Growth in love is conditional upon our response and our knowledge. In this verse Paul indicates that growth in love is in direct relationship to increased knowledge and discernment. As our knowledge of God, of Christ, of the Holy Spirit, and of man increases, our love will increase. This knowledge is not the mere accumulation of facts, it is knowledge gained by the person who has first received the love of Christ. It leads to "judgment", to discernment, to a correct evaluation of things "that are excellent".

Thus love is not only an attitude to our fellow-men, it is a condition of the heart based upon a full realization of the facts. It is "agape" love, the love that persists in spite of faults and weaknesses, the love that reaches down to the lowest man to lift him out of the mire of sin and puts his feet upon a rock. It is the love that, fully aware of all the implications, always chooses "the best".

Such love abounding more and more will inevitably lead to a personal purification, so that we may be "sincere and without offence" in view of the day of Christ. We will then be filled with the "fruits of righteousness" and our Christian life will redound to the "glory and praise of Christ".

Paul prayed that the Philippians love "might abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment". Do we have that prayer for our own life?

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## Canadians Join Voluntary Service Units

Three Canadian Mennonite teachers will be members of the MCC Voluntary Service unit at Twillingate, Newfoundland, during the coming school year. One nurse will also serve in the hospital there.

Teachers going to Twillingate are Miss Anne Voth, Winnipeg; Miss Margaret Harder, Winkler, Man.; and Miss Noreen Cressman, Guernsey, Sask. Miss Erna Fast of Chortitz, Man., will serve as nurse.

Miss Harder, Miss Cressman and Miss Fast have completed the orientation course at MCC headquarters in Akron and will assume their duties in Newfoundland shortly. Miss Voth, who applied only recently, left Monday, August 27, on her way east.

Miss Voth, a graduate of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, has taught in Horndean, Winnipegosis and Winnipeg, Man. Miss Harder, who has studied at the M. B. Bible College for two years, has been teaching in southern Manitoba for several years.

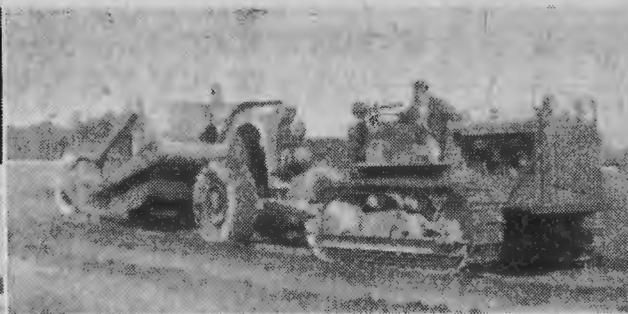
Other Canadians joining the MCC Voluntary Service after orientation at Akron headquarters are Herman Dueck, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bergman, and David Martens, all of Abbotsford, B.C. (Herman Dueck will serve with the unit working in migrant camps in Coalinga, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Bergman will act as counsellors at Camp Landon, Miss.; and David Martens will work at the Ailsa Craig Boys Farm in Ontario.

## Ashern Group Visits South End

Winnipeg, Man. — A group from the M. B. mission station at Ashern presented a program in the South End M. B. church here on Sunday, August 19. Rev. Joe Wiebe, resident missionary at Ashern, directed the program.

Their group that regularly presents the Gospel on the streets of Ashern each Saturday night sang several songs. Two members of the group, Walter Russel and Bill Drewlo, gave their testimonies. Both mentioned the help Rev. Wiebe had been for them in their spiritual life. Mrs. Wiebe reviewed the last ten years of work at the mission station. She stated that on the mission field they found the four types of soil mentioned in the parable of the sower. Though much stony ground existed, yet some fruit was also to be seen. They had recorded 70 to 80 conversions in the last ten years.

The Wiebes also go out to St. Martin, Clarkleigh and Darwin to do Sunday school work and conduct services. In the last two and



These pictures tell part of the story about the voluntary work done in the moving of the Ashern M. B. mission station. Located four miles from Ashern, the dwelling and chapel are to be moved into town. The truck seen on the picture at left was donated for hauling material from Winnipeg to Ashern, while the man operating the excavating outfit donated his time in excavating for both buildings. He is a brother in Christ from a different denomination. At the present time the footing has been laid, the gravel for which was donated. Even the government road boss gave orders to charge nothing for the gravel and loading of it. Brother Joe Wiebe writes that other brethren came with tractor and pick and shovel to help in the project. They are very thankful for the cooperation, and for the progress of the work.

## Novel Get-Acquainted Feature at Retreat

By John Boldt

Winkler, Man. — "We need a new vision of God." These opening words by one of our speakers set before us the goal of our three-day retreat held recently under the shady trees on the grounds of the Winkler Bible Camp.

We all felt that this was indeed the purpose of our coming together, whether we had been fully conscious of it in just these words, or not.

### Testimonies at Wiener-Roast

Thirty-seven young people were registered in the retreat, but many more took part in the various activities though they did not stay on the camp grounds. One of the highlights of the retreat was the Saturday evening wiener-roast. Several of our campers showed us by means of a skit how to make strangers at home in our midst. Each one of us had received a name of someone in camp. We were to observe that person for one day and then say something good about him at the wiener roast. This was very successful. The songs that we sang around the fire came directly from our hearts. Then many of the young people rose to their feet to give testimonies of the nearness of God in recent experiences. Quite a number expressed gratitude for blessings received in teaching in camp or DVBS.

"We praise God for the workers He gave us for this retreat. Bro-

a half years they have included hospital visitation in their ministry and much has been accomplished.

Rev. Wiebe spoke briefly on Matthew 9:35-38. He stated that Jesus saw the fainting and scattered people, he saw the possibilities in these people, and he emphasized the need and power of prayer to His disciples. Rev. Wiebe then applied each point to our situation today.

The program ended with a song by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe and two of their daughters, Eunice and Ruth.

ther and Sister Peter Penner, missionaries at Lindal, served us as camp director and hostess. They inspired us by their cheerful and positive leadership, and kept the goal of the retreat constantly before us.

### Discussed Practical Problems

Brother I. W. Redekopp of the Elmwood M. B. Church was one of our speakers. His cheerful presence and Christian humour provided a real stimulant towards a friendly atmosphere. His practical suggestions kept us on our toes. His messages on such topics as "The Lonely Christian", "The Fearful Christian", and "The Guilty Christian", not only caused us to search our hearts, but provided Scriptural answers to ever-present problems and needs of our lives.

Brother P. W. Martens of Steinbach, formerly our missionary in Winnipegosis, spoke to us on missions. In earnest and appealing words he presented the great themes of the worth of the human soul, the command to do mission work, the Christian worker's equip-

ment, and God's requirements of His servants.

The speaker for our evening sessions was Brother J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church. He spoke to us on the difficult and vital topic of holiness. The grounds for our holiness are in the holiness of God: "I am holy". The scope of holiness embraces civil life, vocational life, family life, and church life, while the consequences of a holy life for a Christian will be misunderstanding and persecution on the part of the world, but he himself will have a good conscience, will experience answered prayer, and will be instrumental in more conversions to the Saviour. We were helped by these clear and positive messages.

### Hailstorm Maroons Visitors

A severe hailstorm set in on Sunday afternoon just after our speakers had finished and marooned us all temporarily in the chapel. Since our chapel is under the same roof as the dining hall, we had our lunch early, and by the time we had finished the storm was over.

We praise God for the time of fellowship with Him and with one another, and we believe the fruit of this experience will be lasting.



Miss Bertha Kornelson, R.N.



Miss Katherine Dyck, R.N.

These are the two nurses who were drowned when a wave swept them off the rocks in Korea. Both were serving under Voluntary Service, MCC, in children's hospitals in Pusan. Miss Kornelson comes from Abbotsford, B.C., while Miss Dyck's home is in Rosthern.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Baptism at St. Catharines

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — The Mennonite Brethren Church here has been growing rapidly during the last year. New members who move to this area are welcomed, but it is a special joy when the church grows internally through the acceptance of members who have been converted and baptized here. These generally are members of our Sunday school and the youth fellowship.

At a baptism on the shores of Lake Ontario on Sunday, August 19, Rev. Henry Penner baptized six such candidates. They were received into church membership at a special service.

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### Young People Have Outing

*St. Catharines, Ont.* — "A meeting such as this reminds me of the influence a leader in a group of young people has," stated Rev. H. Penner when he spoke to the young people at their yearly outing, August 15. "How easily such a person can direct the activities of a whole group, and how important that he, the leader, be led by Christian principles."

Recreation was supplied by volleyball and games. For a lunch that was different we were supplied with watermelon and crolers (Rollkuchen).

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### Enrollment to Begin September 4

Registration and enrollment at Tabor College will commence Tuesday morning, September 4, with classes scheduled to begin the following Thursday.

The orientation and testing program for freshmen and new students will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 4th and 5th. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will register for classes on Wednesday, the 5th.

All college dormitories will be open for occupancy Monday morning, September 3.

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### Second Baptismal Service at Coaldale

*Coaldale, Alta.* — The second baptismal service for this year was held by the Coaldale M. B. Church on Sunday, August 19. Seven believers followed the Lord in this step of obedience.

Rev. David Wiens, who recently returned after nearly a year of service in Europe, delivered the address at the lakeside, whereupon Rev. J. Siemens baptized the candidates.

When the congregation had returned to the church Rev. David Dyck spoke and Rev. David Pankrat welcomed the newly baptized believers into the church.

Baptismal candidates were: Katie Siemens, Willie Baerg, Eddie Friesen, Werner Dick, Walter Dueck, Henry Traber and David Hubert.

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### Over 100 at Aldergrove DVBS

*Aldergrove, B.C.* — The M. B. Church here is very thankful for the large daily vacation Bible school it was able to hold in its church. There were 135 boys and girls enrolled in the school, with seven teachers serving them during the two weeks. The Lord blessed the work and we trust that the seed which has fallen into the hearts of these young ones will also bear much fruit.

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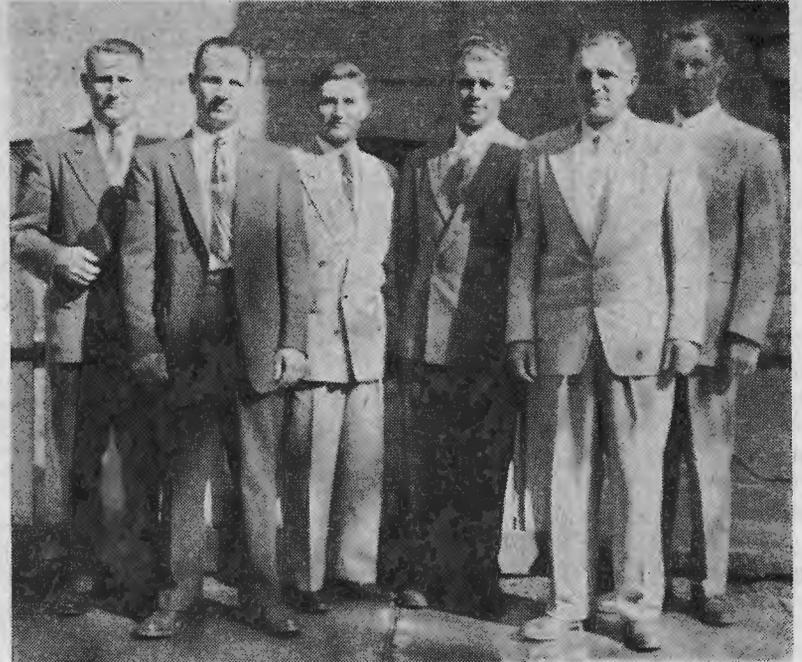
### Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Henry C. Born, Chilliwack, British Columbia, Board worker who teaches in the Zentralschule in Volendam colony, Paraguay, has been asked to visit Mennonite Brethren Churches in Brazil and Uruguay after the current school term. This request from the leadership of the South American Conference is part of the Conference evangelistic program within the churches. This ministry will require about one-and-a-half months.

— Evangelistic services in Friesland were conducted by Brother Born during the Zentralschule winter vacation. Several persons accepted God's provision of salvation and life in Christ. While in Friesland, Brother Born and Brother Willy Janz made plans for a youth workers' conference to be held in Fernheim and another youth retreat for the young people of Friesland and Volendam.

— Brother and Sister Frank J. Wiens and family, members of the Mennonite Brethren Church, Reedley, California, have returned to Asuncion, Paraguay, where he has resumed his work as MCC director in South America. While on furlough from their MCC responsibilities, they have been living in LaPaz, Bolivia, where Brother Wiens worked with a U.S. government development program. As Brother Wiens takes up work in Asuncion, a major activity is the Trans-Chaco roadway project.

— In Colonia, Uruguay, is a small group of Mennonite Brethren believers. In a letter Robert Foth writes of how this unorganized group meets in the home of one of its members for worship, Bible study and prayer. Brethren John Siebert from Montevideo, Tobias Foth from El Ombu and C. C. Peters come to minister to them occasionally.



Here are six of the seven district youth leaders of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Manitoba. They are, left to right, John Enns, Winkler; George Ewert, Steinbach; Henry Schmidt, Winnipeg (South End); A. J. Froese, Boissevain, chairman; David Froese, Springstein; and Walter Loewen, Justice. John Sawatzky, Arnaud, is not on the picture.

## Good Attendance at Youth Rally

By Harold Jantz

*Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.* — The annual Youth Conference of the Ontario Mennonite Brethren churches was held at Eden Christian College from August 10 to 12. The over-all theme of the conference was, "The Will of God in My Life", with Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church, as guest speaker.

Friday evening, the first night of the conference, the film, "Martin Luther", was shown.

Saturday morning separate classes were held for young men and young ladies, where specific problems were discussed in a deeply spiritual atmosphere.

During the course of the conference, Rev. Quiring spoke on the topics, "What Does Youth Lack?", "Knowing the Will of God in My Life", "A relationship Between Young and Old that is Pleasing to God", "Ephraim Goes Among the Peoples", and "The Sin Against the Remedy".

A stirring evangelistic message by Rev. Quiring concluded the conference. He declared that the sinner shows scorn for God when he rejects the redemptive work of Christ.

Saturday evening the choirs of the various M. B. churches presented a "Saengerfest". A mass choir directed by Mr. John Thiessen of St. Catharines sang such favorites as "Bless Thou the Lord" and "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" The program also included violin and French horn selections.

An interesting feature of the conference was a series of quizzes on the Gospel of John. During the spring and summer quizzes in the different young people's groups

determined three persons to represent that church at the conference. In the finals the St. Catharines team, composed of Helen Fast, Henry Thiessen and Edna Andres, won narrowly over the team from the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel.

### CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AT COALDALE

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sliders returned to God. Truly, the voice of the Lord has been heard in Coaldale during the two weeks of services, perhaps as never before.

Other highlights of the nightly services have been the musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, provided by the members of the team. The singing of a volunteers' choir, directed by Rev. Bergthold, also added to the blessings.

Not only have the meetings been a great blessing. They have also provided an opportunity for all those concerned about the welfare of undying souls to show this concern in a real way. House visitations were left almost entirely to those who felt it their duty to do this type of work. Each service provided opportunities to do personal work. The prayer-meetings before and after the services presented a opportunity for all of God's children to gather together before the Lord to intercede for the salvation of the lost.

Yes, the services have fulfilled their purpose: that of bringing sinners to a saving knowledge of Christ and to draw Christians closer to Him. We can say, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

## Fruitful Year at the Winkler Bible Camp

We would exclaim with the prophet in Numbers 23:23, "What hath God wrought", when we look back on this camp season just completed at the Winkler Bible Camp. Not only was He pleased to send us the largest number of children in the seven years of our existence, but He provided the workers to lead them into His precious Word, He sustained the workers, He guarded the children's health, and He brought us all closer to Himself. To Him be all the glory!

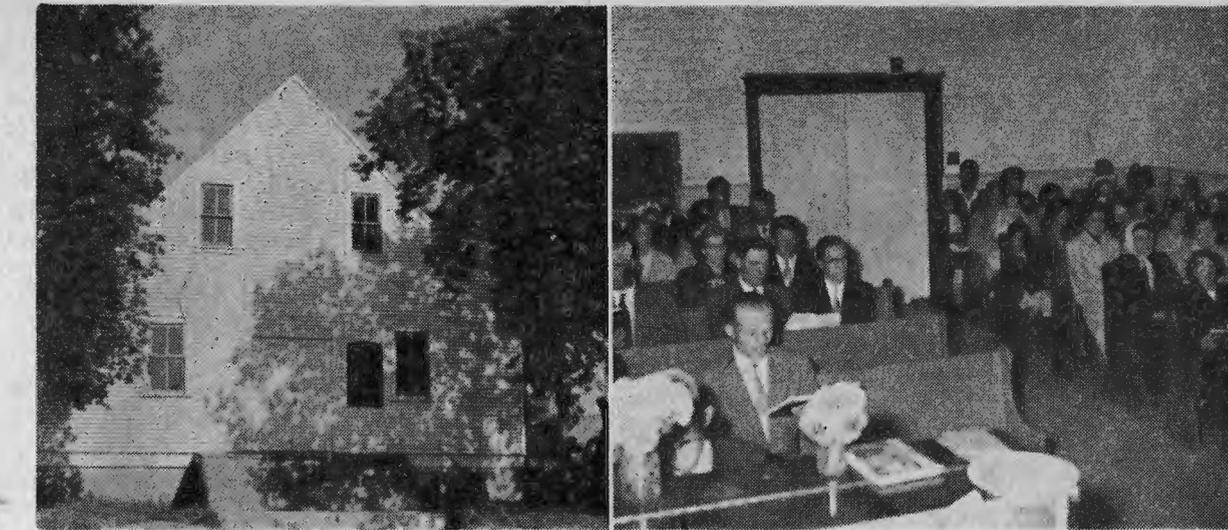
The weather this summer was favourable, but unusually rainy. Our lower playground under the trees was muddier than we have ever had it. This did not prevent the children from enjoying the added features on the playground: the merry-go-round constructed by Brother John Labun of the Krons-gart church, and the ferris wheel constructed by our business manager, A. C. Klassen. Twice we were visited by severe hailstorms, but all in all the weather was pleasant and good for camp. There was no extremely hot spell.

### Three Children's Camps

We were permitted to have three children's camps and one youth retreat. The total number of children entering was 253: 84 in Camp 1, 87 in Camp 2, and 82 in Camp 3. They have certainly proved to be active and interested in all features of camp life. The Lord was pleased to protect them from all accidents, even from minor ones. We are glad for their energy and liveliness. Most of all we rejoice for the camp atmosphere permeated by the Word of God. This changes all aspects of life into occasions of joy and profit. It prevents dullness and monotony. It takes away the sting of losing during the sports events. In the campers-workers softball games, the workers received a good trimming in the third camp, but there was only good-natured cheering at the end of the game. The same was true in the first and second camps when the workers beat the campers. Best of all, this atmosphere moves the hearts to a sense of need for God and His salvation in Christ Jesus. Many of the children saw their need and came to the One Who can meet it for time and eternity.

### Some Turned Away

We regret that because of limited facilities we were forced to turn away some children from the particular camp they wished to attend. Perhaps this can be improved in the future. In the third camp we were able to accept 47 children who came in free. The gifts of God's people make this



These two pictures are scenes from the mission work done by the M. B. Mission of Manitoba at Winnipegosis, 250 miles from Winnipeg. The picture at the left shows the church in which the services are held. At the right is part of the congregation attending the August 19 evening service, when a quartet from the Elmwood M. B. Church, Winnipeg, presented a program. In the left foreground is Walter Hamm, a member of the quartet, while on the aisle in the third row is Harry Loewen, resident M. B. missionary there.

possible. Quite a few of these children come to us for several summers in succession. It is good to see evidences of God's working in their lives. For them the camp provides a real holiday for body and soul.

Among the many features of camp life, there were several that were outstanding. One of these was the chorus singing. There is something about children's voices singing in unison that cannot be captured by adult groups. This year's songs will long ring in our ears: "They say He is wonderful", "Jonah and the Whale", "Wear a Crown", "In the Twinkling of an Eye". We memorized them all.

The course published by the Gospel Light Press proved complete and challenging. One very fine feature this summer was the series of Moody film-strips showing eight Bible stories in a new and stirring way, complete with audible script and sound effects. These film-strips made Noah, Daniel, Naaman, and other Bible characters come alive before us. The messages at the evening services were centred around the truth of the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and dealt with the book of Revelation. We believe that the children and workers were stirred to live more consistently for Christ in view of His soon return. The woodwork and sewing projects were as popular as ever.

### Many Workers

When the season began we realized that many of our workers for this summer were with us for the first time, and we wondered how they would find their way into the work. We saw again, as the work went on, that God can use any one who is really willing to be used. We praise Him for the devoted and efficient services of this fine group. They are as follows: Margaret Harder, Winkler, hostess

and senior teacher—in all three camps; Adina Goertzen, Steinbach; June Enns, Krons-gart; Betty Suderman, Winkler; Tina Redekopp, Winkler; Martha Enns, Elm Creek; Leona Enns, Elm Creek; Margaret Banman, Winkler; Helen Peters, Winkler; Marian Kliewer, Elm Creek; Jake Redekopp, Winnipeg; Henry Krickhan, Winnipeg; John Froese, Newton Siding; Allan Labun, Krons-gart; Tienne Klassen, Winkler, head cook; Susie Klassen, Winkler, second cook; Lena Enns,

Elm Creek, assistant in the kitchen in first and third camps; Helen Klassen, Winkler, assistant in the kitchen in second camp; A. C. Klassen, woodwork instructor and business manager, and John Boldt, camp director.

We praise God for all the friends who have prayed and given of their means for the work. Without them the work would be impossible. We commit this season to the Lord, trusting that He will bless the seed sown to everlasting fruit to the glory of His Name.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### COLOMBIA

— Sally Schroeder was ordained by the Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church on August 12. Sister Schroeder is now completing preparation for departure for missionary service at HCJB radio station, Quito, Ecuador. Prior to going to Quito she will go to San Jose, Costa Rica, for study of the Spanish language and culture. She is scheduled to leave Hillsboro late in August. Her course in Costa Rica begins early in September.

— A. E. Janzen, executive-secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, left Hillsboro August 6 for a visit to the work in Mexico at Piedras Negras and Nuevo Ideal. He returned August 17.

— Rubena Gunther, Reedley, California, missionary to Japan on furlough, has been visiting churches in the Southern District. On August 7 she left Hillsboro to visit churches in Nebraska, the Dakotas and Canada. She will return to Hillsboro around September 1.

— David B. Wiens, who served at Neuwied, Germany, for nearly a year has returned to his home and family in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Brother Wiens served at Neuwied in the absence of Brother and Sister J. W. Vogt.

Lillian Schafer of McClusky, North Dakota, wrote from Bogota, Colombia, July 19 while attending a meeting of CEDEC (Confederation of Evangelicals of Colombia). Other Mennonite Brethren attending were Missionaries John A. Dyck of Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, and Ernest Friesen of Fresno, California, and a national pastor, Salomon Manchala.

Describing the situation in Colombia, Sister Schafer writes: "We are indeed in a critical time. But praise the Lord we are experiencing a harvest as never before. The experience at LaCumbre—knowing how it feels to get hit by rocks, fleeing from a house on fire with nothing but prayer on one's lips, seeing flames put out by the hand of God, finding dynamite that God wouldn't permit to go off, the opportunities to witness to those who came to see what happened—has done nothing more than strengthened my faith in Him who loves us. Humanly speaking, the future looks dark. What has impressed me are the open hearts ready to receive Christ. On the Thursday night while the rocks were flying and several windows broken, six

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## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

"You can't do that. That's not fair," shouted Karl as Johnny quickly moved onto third base when Alice struck out. They were playing scrub softball, and instead of taking his turn, Johnny had gone onto third base when Karl's turn had come.

"I don't care. I'm here now. Just try and get me off," Johnny replied, as he planted himself firmly on third base. Johnny was always like that. Whenever he saw the chance, he would push himself ahead. He didn't even try to play fair, as long as he got up to bat quickly.

Johnny wasn't exactly the bully type—he just wanted to have his own way. He didn't care if he hurt others, as long as he could do what he wanted to do. He was just plain selfish.

Now that school is starting again, I'm sure this scene will happen over and over again. But is that what Jesus would do? And we want to do what Jesus would do, don't we?

The Bible tells us that Jesus loved all people, even children. He would go out of His way to help people. He was always considerate of others. He once said that if someone asked you to walk with him one mile, why, just go two miles with him.

We are all selfish at heart. We would rather get things than give them. We would rather have our own way than to give in to someone else. But when Jesus comes into our heart old things become new, and even the boy or girl who was selfish can become very unselfish.

What are you, selfish or unselfish? Do you like helping others and making them happy, or are you interested only in having your own way?  
Aunt Selma

### Rosie's Sins Rubbed Out

Rosie was a clever girl, but she had a cross temper and many naughty ways. Had the truth been told she would never have received one of those presents which aunties used to bring, marked,

"For a Good Girl". Without being extremely bad, she was a living proof that

...."All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23. But do not think that you are any better than she was. Next to a doll—the delight of every

girl's heart—her favorite pleasure was to draw. She would spend hours sketching houses, men and women, cats, motor cars, and other things on blackboard, paper, or any conceivable thing.

A visitor at the house one day observed Rosie disobey her mother, and full of frowns instead of smiles. Wondering how she could reach her conscience, she thought of her artistic efforts. When they were quite alone they had a talk about the Lord Jesus; how good He was when He was a little child on earth; how He grew up to be a

man, and was kind to everyone, though people were wicked and cruel to Him; how He let men nail His hands and feet to the dreadful cross of wood; how He hung there, and did not say an angry word, but prayed to His Father for His murderers; how He rose up from the dead, came out of the grave, and went back to heaven, where He still intercedes for His people who live in this wicked world.

Little Rosie liked very much to hear about the "holy child Jesus", and she said:

"Do you think Jesus can make me a good girl?"

"Yes," said her friend, "I am sure He can, and He will do so if you trust Him." Then came the use of a simple event which had happened only a few evenings before. Rosie could not work out the sum on her slate, but got the figures all wrong. Mother finding it all wrong, crossed it out with many crosses. Such a looking slate made the little girl cry. What was to be done?

"O, mother, do rub it out, take the sponge and clean it off," This done, Rosie dried her tears, and exclaimed,

"Now, mother, you cannot see it, I cannot see it, and no one can see it."

Then the visitor explained that her heart and life were all wrong, but that "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7), and that if she would just own up she was a sinner and let the Lord Jesus Christ save her, cleanse her, and keep her, all would be put right.

Kneeling down with the little girl, the visitor asked the Lord to make the way of salvation simple and plain to her little friend. Then she asked Rosie to speak to the Lord, which she did in the following simple words,

"Blessed Lord Jesus, do cleanse

my wicked heart; let the Blood You shed on the cross wash my sins away now. Amen." Some time after this Rosie said,

"I know all my sins are gone, Jesus did rub them all out. Now, He cannot see them, the angels cannot see them, I cannot see them, and no one will see them any more."

In all honesty of heart Rosie owned her lost condition, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her own personal Saviour, and was saved.

Her sins which were many were cleansed; her heart was filled with the "rest" which He alone can give (Matth. 11:28); her tastes, likings, desires, in fact, her whole nature has been changed (2 Cor. 5:17). "A Friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24) has been her companion; the Word, "which endureth for ever" (1 Peter 1:25), here unfailing guide; a hope, "sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19), has filled her heart, that yet a little while (Heb. 10:37) and the One who shed His blood for her on the cross (Gal. 2:20) will welcome her to His glory throne to be forever with Himself (1 Thess. 4:17).

### ANSWERS TO: "FROM S TO S"

(In last week's issue)

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These are two of the sand projects at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man. The competition is held at every one of the three camps for children. The project at the left, being prepared by Harry Kramer of Winnipeg, won first prize in the competition at the second children's camp. The camp grounds are located north of Winnipeg on the shore of Lake Winnipeg. Rev. Alfred Kroeker was director for the children's camps.

## The School of God *By Peggy Arbogast*

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(6th Installment)

### CHAPTER V

When Ruth awoke early Sunday morning, she heard the steady pitter, patter of rain against the window. It was harder to get up than it had been the day before. "I never realized housework was so hard, so tiring," she said to herself as she slid from beneath the covers. "Oh it's nice to get up in the morning, but it's nicer to stay in bed." She looked enviously at the sleeping Betty.

Quietly she stole to the den, which had become her "trusting place" with her Lord. Somehow she felt rather dejected. Was it the weather, she wondered? or was she just tired? "It's going to take more grace to keep me pleasant and sweet for Jesus today," she thought as she knelt before the big chair. But as she faithfully engaged in intercessory prayer for her friends and teachers at the Institute, her own soul was blessed and when she arose from her knees it was again with a feeling of anticipation for the unknown lessons of the day.

At the dinner table the evening before, she had made known her intentions of attending Sunday school and church in the morning. Betty, Bob and Mr. Arnold had all stated that they would rather remain in bed. Connie had asked eagerly if she might go with Ruth. Mr. Arnold hastened to inform Ruth that Connie's welfare for the most part was in her hands now that the governess had gone, so Ruth had gladly assured the child that she might go.

She decided that she would let the child sleep until the last minute. Quietly, so as not to disturb her sleeping family, she prepared breakfast for herself and Connie. When she had the orange juice squeezed, the milk poured, the bread in the toaster and the water boiling for poached eggs, she tiptoed up to Connie's room.

Ruth felt an overwhelming desire to cry, when, as she opened the door, Connie still asleep, seemed to cringe and draw back in terror. "What had their father done to the child?" she wondered as she leaned over the sleeping form and gently whispered, "Time to get up, Connie."

The child opened a pair of wide blue eyes. "Oh, Ruth," she cried as she threw herself into the arms of the older girl.

Ruth patted the curly head with one hand as she drew the child's

bathrobe from the foot of the bed with the other. "Here, honey, slip into this, and put your slippers on. Then come down to breakfast. You can get washed and dressed while I'm doing the dishes.

"But I want to help you," cried Connie as she obediently reached for her slippers.

"Not this morning, dear. I wanted you to sleep as long as possible. Now, come, breakfast is just about ready."

Ruth sped down the stairs, dropped the eggs into the water and removed the bread from the toaster. "Will you butter the toast, honey, while I watch the eggs?" she asked Connie.

Ruth was pleased to notice the happy smile on the younger girl's face as together they ate their breakfast. "It will be well worth all the difficulty if I can lead this little one to Jesus," she thought.

As they entered the church about an hour later, Ruth noticed with dismay the painted faces among the young people. Certainly, at least from outward appearance, they gave little evidence of knowing the Lord. Mrs. Smith was the only one beside the minister and herself who carried a Bible. She did not notice the light that appeared in Keith Stuart's eyes as he noticed her Bible, nor did she realize how it helped him as he preached his first sermon to this congregation to know that among the listeners there were at least two who knew his Lord.

Mrs. Smith noted with joy with what confidence Connie had placed her hand in Ruth's as they had met after their separation into different classes for the Sunday school lesson. The little girl hardly knew the members of the congregation any better than Ruth. "Miss Black would never get up early enough to bring me, and Daddy wouldn't let me come alone," she explained to Ruth as they left their pew at the end of the service.

"From now on, we shall come together every Sunday," whispered Ruth, and then they reached the door.

Keith shook Ruth's hand heartily. "Miss Arnold, you'll never know how much good your presence did me this morning. It was such a comfort to see you following the references in your Bible, and I know you were praying for the service."

"Your message helped me a lot, Mr. Stuart," responded Ruth. "I

feel as though I'm in a strange world here and it's good to know that our pastor is standing firmly upon the Word of God."

Outside they met Mrs. Smith, who was waiting for them. Beside her stood a pleasant looking young girl whose face was not painted quite so heavily as some of the others. The older woman hastened to introduce her to Ruth as Janet Gray, the one who would be Connie's teacher in the school which she was to attend for the first time on the morrow.

Ruth liked Janet at once. She saw in her one who loved children and who was able to sympathetically and understandingly guide and teach them. She was glad that timid, sensitive Connie was so fortunate in having her for her new teacher.

The rest of the week went past very smoothly. Betty and Bob were very cooperative and of their own accord helped Ruth all they could. They both decided that going to school was fun. Connie, too, seemed to blossom out like a delicate flower under the protecting love of Ruth and the friendliness of Janet Gray. Mr. Arnold had responded very favorably to the efforts of his daughter to provide a homelike atmosphere. Each night she had planned some new game into which they could all enter. After Connie had gone to bed the rest of them would plan for the coming weeks, deciding just how much money could be spent for each part of their budget.

Ruth insisted that one-tenth of their father's salary be put aside each week for the Lord's Service. Betty and Bob had scoffed at this, but Mr. Arnold had said that although he didn't agree with Ruth's belief in the matter, yet it looked well in the eyes of the community for one to be a contributor to the church; and only Mr. Arnold realized how much he needed to do something to keep from being utterly despised in that town.

Mr. Arnold also agreed to continue to give each child a weekly allowance over which they themselves were to have complete jurisdiction. Of necessity these allowances were much smaller than the amount to which they had been accustomed, but it gave them a feeling of independence. Ruth was to receive an additional weekly amount with which to run the house.

Ruth made it plain that her Sunday mornings and evenings, and Wednesday evenings were to be spent in church, but she gladly offered to use the rest of her time to plan and work for them. Realizing that she was asking little enough for herself the others willingly agreed to this plan.

One afternoon early in May, Ruth found herself with nothing to do. This was a very unusual oc-

currence since her recent homecoming. Washing, ironing, mending, cooking, cleaning and marketing took so long that she had few idle moments. In addition, she had agreed to take a Sunday school class of girls of Betty's age. She tried diligently to study the notes which the girls at the Institute faithfully sent her each week. But on this particular afternoon she felt lazy. She had prepared the vegetables for dinner, and set the table so that there would be little to do later. Her sisters and brother were still at school.

It was a very warm day, so she decided to curl up in the glider on the front porch and just rest. "I'll be real newsy and watch all my neighbors go past—just like a veteran house-keeper," she thought, and smiled to herself.

She had not been there long before Keith came walking briskly down the street. He had been making pastoral calls, and was feeling discouraged at the coldness and lack of interest in the Gospel, with which he had been greeted. He smiled as his eyes fell upon the girl on the porch.

"I'm making pastoral calls. Do you feel in the need of one?" he greeted teasingly.

"Very much," responded Ruth as she drew forth a chair for the minister.

"How do you feel about your class by now, Miss Arnold?" he questioned more seriously as he accepted the chair.

Ruth frowned slightly as she replied. "Not very well, humanly speaking. They seem like very nice girls, but they just aren't interested. They come to Sunday school simply because it's a law in their families."

"You know, that seems to me to be the attitude of the whole congregation. They all attend church, and pretty regularly too, but they show no response to the Gospel at all. Church attendance is just a custom which they recognize as right, and they come because of habit. They don't really expect to get anything out of it. Sometimes I get very much discouraged."

"But surely the Lord must have some purpose in it, some lesson for you to learn," suggested Ruth. "I believe it was of Him that you came here just when you did. You're being true to Him in your preaching, and He has promised that His Word won't return unto Him void. It's bound to bear fruit—maybe where and when we least expect it."

"Yes, I know that you are right, Miss Arnold. I know that the Lord has sent you here just now for some purpose too. I can see Him working in your family and I believe He's going to work in your class too."

(To be continued)



Mennonite Central Committee workers in Java center their activities on medical assistance. Here Javanese girls work in a chemistry laboratory preparing medicines for distribution.

## Treating Tuberculosis in Java

By Ruth E. Kennel  
MCC Clinic Nurse

Sukiman, a 23-year-old policeman, came to the medical clinic complaining of coughing and loss of weight. He had a fever.

The x-ray report showed he had active tuberculosis. Fortunately he was employed by the government, which grants rest permits with wages for a certain length of time.

After seven months of rest and treatment he looks well and happy and has gained weight. A re-x-ray report shows a non-active process and he is back at work again.

Sukiman is one of hundreds of persons treated by Mennonite Central Committee's medical clinics in Java. While the clinics treat other diseases, the treatment of tuberculosis is one of our greatest problems.

It is believed that in Java a death from this disease occurs every four minutes. The climate of the country is conducive to the growth of the tubercle bacillus—it is warm and damp; homes are small, dark and damp with dirt floors.

Many people live together in a few small rooms. A mother may sleep with up to six or more children in one bed. Javanese have a habit of spitting everywhere, and especially on the floor.

We all know that medicine alone is not the cure for this disease. Much rest, fresh air, sunshine, milk, a well-balanced diet and the regular administration of medicine all are essential in arresting or curing the disease.

How can we accomplish this with an out-patient clinic where many of our patients must travel long distances to come to the clinic twice a week for medicines?

It takes physical effort to get to our clinic. Some of the people come part of the way by train

and then the remainder of the way either by walking or by a horse-drawn cart. Some come on bicycles.

Another great problem is the patient's lack of money. A large percentage of these people are very poor and can hardly pay for the medicine and transportation, let alone be absent from their work. The majority of tuberculosis patients are men with families to support.

Since last October more than 200 patients had x-ray reports indicating an open active disease. One month 46 cases were diagnosed tubercular.

Only about a third of these patients came for regular medications because they could not afford it. Another factor in their not coming regularly is that they do not understand the nature of the disease.

Some come regularly for a while and respond to the medicine and feel better and think they are cured. Then they do not bother to return until they have another episode of coughing or hemoptyses (spitting blood).

However, we have been happy to see how well some of them have responded. They have been rewarded for faithfulness and regularity of treatment.

Pa Kaslan, age 50, has come to clinic for the past several years. His work is leading a Javanese orchestra and dances known as "gamelan" and "wajang kulit", a part of every Javanese social affair whether they are rich or poor.

He had enough money to afford a rest and came regularly for medication. Several months ago he and one of his wives came to our home in Kudus and gave us a large amount of food: eggs, vegetables, fruit, chicken and rice. He did this because several days before at clinic his re-x-ray report

showed his disease had been arrested.

This is an example of a good result. However, we are sorry to say that we cannot report such good results in most cases. For most of them it is a long and difficult road to recovery. They are either too poor or they wait too long to come for help.

We are grateful, too, for imports of streptomycin from the United States. This enables us to give it to the patient about four times cheaper than he would have to pay anywhere else. Often streptomycin is not available here. If we had to depend on our supply from Indonesia we could not treat a tenth of our patients.

Relief shipments of skim milk have enabled us to give each tuberculosis patient a daily ration of milk. Although we are limited in our means of treating this disease we pray that God may "give the increase" to the little we can do.

### M.B. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

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souls came to the altar to accept the Lord. We cannot do more than praise Him."

#### AUSTRIA

Maria Foth of Winnipeg, worker in Linz, Austria, has received direct word from her parents in Russia. They write that several family members have been united after many years of separation. Prayers in behalf of a complete reunion of the family will be appreciated.

#### BELGIAN CONGO

The Mennonite Brethren Djongo Sanga field in Belgian Congo was transferred to the Africa Evangelistic Band early in August. This action has been taken because of the isolation of this field from the main Kwango field 250 miles to the south. This was a matter on which J. B. Toews together with our missionaries worked on his visit to the field this winter. The three missionaries at Djongo Sanga have been transferred to other assignments. Anna Enns of Hillsboro, Kansas, is now at the missionary children's school at Ecole Belle Vue and Brother and Sister Henry D. Derksen will spend a limited time assisting the missionaries on the Kwango field before returning home for furlough.

A conference of native church leaders was held at Panzi, Belgian Congo, late in July, according to John B. Kliever of Bakersfield, California. For three days the role of the leader was discussed. The native brethren expressed appreciation for this meeting and suggested another such conference be held next year at Kafumba.

Brother and Sister Bob Kroeker of Reedley, California, who have

been teaching in the Kafumba Bible School in Belgian Congo, have been transferred to Kajiji, where they assist in the work of the congregation and the evangelism program. With their leaving Kafumba, Brother and Sister Henry Brucks of Yarrow, British Columbia, will work in the Bible school.

From 32 to 35 students are expected when Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in Belgian Congo opens August 30, according to Orville Wiebe of Garden City, Kansas. Arrangements are being made for available personnel to serve as houseparents in the absence of Brother and Sister John C. Ratzlaff of Corn, Oklahoma, who returned home for health reasons. With the contemplated return of the Wiebes next year, it is necessary to have a couple available to serve as houseparents and also be able to teach. The prayers of the constituency to fill this need are invited.

Anna Goertzen, Paxton, Nebraska, missionary to the Belgian Congo on furlough, is taking a dental course at the New Tribes Institute, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

Arnold Prieb, who has been studying French in Belgium for several months, plans to leave Brussels August 31 and join his family in Fresno, California, shortly thereafter. The first two weeks in August Brother Prieb, Brother and Sister Ivan Elrich and Sarah Peters planned to travel in Europe, visiting MCC work and other points of interest.

### CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF PASTOR

*Pincher Creek, Alta.* — The congregation of the M. B. Church here succeeded in surprising their pastor, Rev. David Durksen, with a birthday party on August 22.

After gathering at a pre-arranged spot, the congregation proceeded to their pastor's farm, where he was greeted with the song, "A happy birthday to you. May you feel Jesus near all the time you are here. . ." A short program followed, with singing and the reading of Psalm 23 and John 10:12a. The congregation presented their pastor with a plio-foil easy chair as a birthday gift and as recognition for his faithful service in the church. Rev. Durksen responded with prayer and thanks to our heavenly Father for having helped and carried our little group thus far, and commended us to His care for the future.

After Rev. Durksen had expressed his heartfelt thanks, the ladies, as ladies are wont to do, soon had a most delicious lunch ready.

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### To Introduce Private Confession

In Germany, an estimated 200,000 persons stood before a 100-foot cross in Frankfurt at the conclusion of the five-day German Protestant Kirchentag Conference. Earlier the major theological decision made by the conference was to ask the church to re-introduce private confession to German Protestant practice. (UP) \* \* \*

### Venezuelan Youth Conference Draws Large Attendance

The opening meeting of the Pan American Congress on Youth Evangelism in Caracas, Venezuela, was attended by an audience of 7,500 people. Sponsored by Youth for Christ International, the congress opened on Sunday night, August 5, at the Nevo Circo Arena. More than 2,000 delegates were registered from all parts of Venezuela, other South and Central American republics, the United States and the Caribbean Islands.

Rev. Asdrubal Rios of Maracaibo, Venezuela, spoke on opening night and 58 people responded to the invitation to accept Christ. Rev. James Savage was the director of the congress along with Dr. Robert A. Cook, YFCI president, with Gene Jordan heading up the 300-voice choir.

Closing date of the congress was

August 12, after which teams of preachers, singers and instrumentalists conducted evangelistic campaigns in churches and cities throughout South America. The 77 delegates from the United States will return by chartered plane to Miami on August 27. \* \* \* (MNS)

### Receive Panama's Highest Award

In Central America, Professor and Mrs. Walter Oliver were awarded the Republic of Panama's highest honor for their outstanding contribution to the cultural life of that country. The American couple received the Medal of Vasco Nunez de Balboa in recognition of their work in establishing and developing the Pan-American Institute, a Methodist missionary project. The Olivers, both graduates of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, have spent 20 years in Central America. (ERA) \* \* \*

### Return Bibles or Compensate

In Spain, the government has received a note from Britain's Lord Reading, minister of state for foreign affairs, demanding either the return of a large quantity of scripture portions and Bibles or full compensation. Some 35,000 Bibles, testaments and gospels were seized at the Madrid headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society last April 24. (ERA) \* \* \*

last week. It also announced that 1,077 farmers of Yugoslav and Italian origin will arrive in Canada within the next few weeks to be placed on farms across the country.

"We hope the farmers we will bring to Canada will eventually acquire farms of their own in this country," the announcement said.

## The World Today

### China Downs "Intruder" Plane

Communist China said one of its planes damaged a "Chiang-Kai Shek" aircraft early Tuesday over

islands southeast of Shanghai, the area where a U.S. navy patrol plane with a crew of 16 was shot down. Later in the week a body was recovered and some wreckage found. \* \* \*

### Israel Protests Egyptian Navigation Interference

Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel said last week-end that security cannot be achieved in the Middle East unless Israel is assured of freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal and the Red Sea. Egypt has refused Israeli ships passage through the canal. \* \* \*

### Red "Volunteers" Available for Arabs

Nikita S. Khrushchev said last week that if war breaks out over the Suez crisis, the Arabs will not stand alone, it will be a just war from the Egyptian point of view, and there will be volunteers.

## THE OPENING DEVOTIONS

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the congregation stands during the Scripture reading. That is a gesture of respect that should help. It is good for the worshipers to follow the reading in their own Bibles unless they are so slow in finding the place that the turning of pages disturbs the reading.

7. If you are in the audience, determine that you will worship. Be hungry to meet God. Come on time, wait quietly, join the singing, listen with care, think intensively, pray earnestly. Remember that this is God's house, and you have come here to receive something from Him.

The "opening" is an essential part of the service. It is not just a door; it is the first room. It can be so blessedly meaningful to you that if the service went no farther, you could go home richly fed.

Editor Paul Erb in *The Gospel Herald*

## Retreat at Camp Arnes for Businessmen

By J. H. Unruh

I presume that many a reader has never heard of the Christian Business Men's Committee. As the name implies, they are men with the conviction that there is something more important to strive for than just earthly riches (Matth. 6:19,20).

Under the able leadership of Mr. Dave Redekop plans had been made for a retreat. Invitations went out to all members and their families to come to Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp at Arnes, Man., for a long week-end, August 3 to 6. Quite a few turned up at the secluded spot along Lake Winnipeg.

Mr. Peterson, a chaplain of the juvenile court from Minneapolis, Minn., spoke about soul-winning. Every Christian is born to be a soul-winner, or there is something wrong, he maintained. He stirred our hearts with his message, in which he also related experiences from his work with juvenile delinquents.

Mr. Peterson maintained that

the trouble with delinquents begins at home. "You do not know how fortunate you are to have Christian parents," he told the teenagers at a special meeting.

Other speakers were Dr. Noble and Dr. Yeaworth. Dr. Noble stressed the fact that the Bible must be a part of the Christian businessman's equipment. We must walk and talk with God.

Dr. Yeaworth pointed out the necessity to know of our redemption and to know that we have been born again.

We also had the opportunity to become acquainted with Miss Henning, who serves with Child Evangelism Fellowship. She kept the little girls busy during the time of our retreat with songs, work and play. Mr. Frank Peters was responsible for the boys. At the retreat Mr. H. Rempel also gave a report of the work that the Christian Business Men's Committee does at the Union Gospel Mission in Winnipeg.

On Sunday morning we had a special prayer-meeting and partook of the Lord's Supper.

## CANADASCOPE

### Two-Year Wage Contract for Railway

The CNR and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen have signed a 26-month contract providing 10,000 trainmen with an immediate seven per cent wage increase to be followed by a five per cent boost next year. The agreement, based on the unanimous report of a conciliation board, also provides other adjustments. \* \* \*

### Unusual Job for Boy

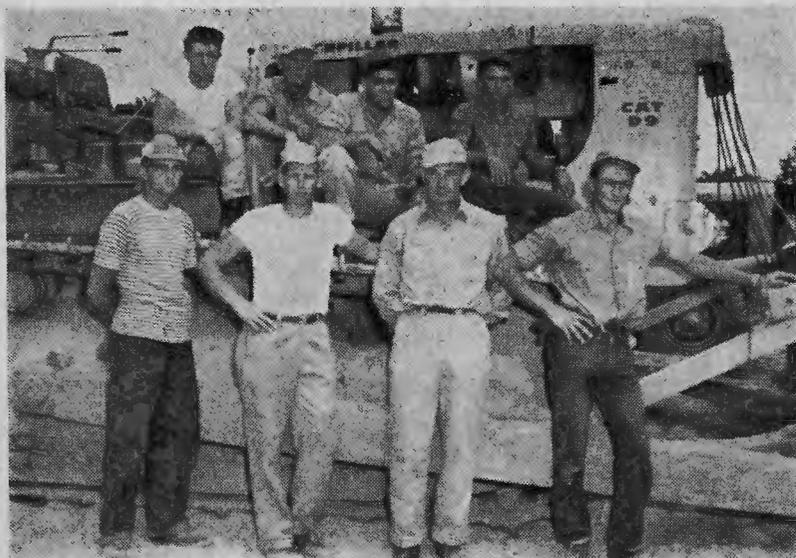
A 15-year-old boy is operating a giant earth-moving machine on the Distant Early Warning radar line, Frank Carmichael told members of the Northwest Territories Council. He said the boy, a native of Aklavik, 1,200 miles north of Edmonton, is well capable of handling the job, considered by experts to be one of the toughest in the construction business. \* \* \*

### More Farm Immigrants Sought

A long-range program to encourage European farmers to come to Canada and help to overcome this country's acute shortage of farm labor was announced by the immigration department



The East Aldergrove, B.C., M.B. Church had a baptismal service on July 15. At left are the candidates, first row, Linda Wall, Gertrude Martens, Helen Enns, Shirley Schroeder, Irene Willms, Esther Klassen, Anita Rahn; second row, Walter Warkentin, Mary Thiessen, Katie Warkentin, Herbert Voth, Albert Voth, Peter Schroeder, Mr. Abe Dueck, and Rev. Herman Voth, pastor. In the second picture Rev. Voth is in the outdoor baptistry with his son, Albert.



Work will begin this fall on the proposed Trans-Chaco roadway connecting Mennonite colonies in the Chaco of Paraguay with Asuncion, capital of the country. Pictured are Paxmen who trained at the Caterpillar plant. They are (front row, from left) Floyd Bauman of Waterloo, Ont.; Roger Haines, MCC coordinator at the training session; Harry Harder of Mountain Lake, Minn., foreman; and LaVerne Graber of Freeman, S.D. (Back row, from left) Herman Konrad of Abbotsford, B.C.; Robert Ediger of Henderson, Nebr.; Peter Harder of Abbotsford, B.C., former worker on the MCC portable canner; and Johnny Huebert of Henderson, Nebr.



## INDIA

"Training India young people to minister to their own people is one of the most exciting strategic pieces of work going on in India today," says Jean Geiger (Waterloo, Ont.) serving as a secretary at Union Biblical Seminary at Yeotmal.

She writes that seminary students come from many parts of India. Enrollment for this term, which began July 4, numbers 65 men and 10 women. Some students go as far as 1500 miles for seminary, leaving their families. Some students are the only Christians in their families and are meeting with persecution.

## KOREA

Clara Eshleman (Harrisonburg, Va.), working with Korean women, reports the distribution of raisins every two weeks adds an important part to the diet of Koreans and they are happy to receive the raisins.

During the summer the Sewing Project includes lessons in making small western dresses, short trousers, blouses and skirts.

## SUMMER SERVICE

Nine members of the service unit of normal control volunteers at National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md., this summer participated in a cancer study which will become the standard for comparison for future cancer studies.

The completed study, to include only 25 healthy persons, will be used to determine the rate at

which protein is used by the body. Medical authorities say a body disturbance is created when cancer patients use proteins.

Twenty-two persons were members of the summer unit at NIH. They participated in research studies in mental health, metabolic diseases, cancer, heart disease and neurology. Four other persons serve as normal control volunteers at NIH on a long-term basis.

Their service this summer will have far-reaching effects as Christian service on the total medical research program which ultimately will alleviate human suffering in future generations all over the world.

## KINGS VIEW HOMES

An experiment new in the field of mental health treatment has been initiated at Kings View Homes at Reedley, Calif.

Patients and staff together spent a week at Camp Hartland in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This is believed to be among the first experiments of this kind in the United States.

The casual atmosphere of the camp is expected to contribute to the long-range program of Kings View Homes and it is hoped the idea will produce far-reaching effects.

## HOLLAND

Three youth organizations in Holland are joining energies toward the promotion of a peace witness by sponsoring periodic conferences.

The organizations are the Mennonite peace group, the peace work group of the Dutch Young Men's Christian Association, and the youth work group of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

This commission was formed af-

ter two members of the Dutch YMCA attended a conference of the Mennonite peace group.

## GREECE

Paxman Robert Lambright (La Grange, Ind.) works with an Inter-Church Service team at Ioannina in village demonstration projects in an area near the border of communist Albania where many villagers are Albanian expellees.

Lambright says, "The only way to get to the village is by a four-wheel-drive vehicle, a 35-minute drive off the main road. A trip to the nearest physician for these Albanians is a five-hour ride by animal."

He organized a boys' club where boys learn to raise gardens, raise rabbits and learn the basic techniques of other agricultural enterprises.

## VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Thirteen persons completed orientation and have begun service

in several Voluntary Service units. They are:

Teachers at Twillingate, Newfoundland: Lydia Beiler of Grantsville, Md.; Lois Brenneman of Kalona, Iowa; Noreen Cressman of Guernsey, Sask; and Margaret Harder of Winkler, Man.

Nurses at Twillingate, Newfoundland: Betty Reinford of Telford, Pa., and Erma Fast of Chor-titz, Man.

Migrant ministry at Coalinga, Calif.: Herman Dueck of Abbotsford, B.C.

Counselors at Camp Landon, Miss.: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bergman of Abbotsford, B.C.

Worker at Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ont.: David Martens of Abbotsford, B.C.

Workers at Akron: Helen Bul-ler of Reedley, Calif., secretary in personnel office; Darlene Hinemon of Reedley, Calif., file clerk and PBX operator; and Leonard Stei-der of Shickley, Nebr., clothing depot.

## Accident Fatal to Two MCC Workers

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Two workers in the voluntary service program of the Mennonite Central Committee were fatally injured and two others seriously injured in an automobile accident August 21 near West Chester, Pa., while on a vacation trip.

Fatality victims were driver Ethel Krehbiel of McPherson, Kans., a worker at Camp Landon at Gulfport, Miss., the past three years, and Sara Ann Jantzen of Plymouth, Nebr., a worker at Baptist Home for Children and later National Institutes of Health, both at Bethesda, Md.

In serious condition in West Chester hospitals at last report are Ethel's sisters—Vera Joy, a student at Bethel College, and Helen, owner of the car.

According to a report by the Pennsylvania State Police an auto headed north operated by Gerald Cline of Downingtown, Pa., collided head-on into the southbound Krehbiel auto when his car glanced off the rear fender of an auto in front of him. Cline's condition was listed critical at last report.

The four were on a trip in the east. Ethel and Helen had gone to Washington, D.C., where they met Vera Joy and Sara Ann who had completed summer service at NIH.

The Krehbiel sisters are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Krehbiel of McPherson and members of Eden Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kans. Sara Ann was the daughter of Henry B. Jantzen of Plymouth and a member of First Mennonite Church at Beatrice, Nebr.

Ethel Krehbiel had been in the voluntary service unit at Gulfport the past three years and planned to continue after her vacation. She was a counselor in the recreational, educational and religious program of the camp.

Sara Ann Jantzen had completed a year of voluntary service with MCC the same day of the accident. She served at the MCC house at Washington, Baptist Home for Children and NIH, both at Bethesda. She planned to enter nurses training at Bethel College this autumn. Four members of her family have been in MCC service.

## Weddings

### GIESBRECHT — WILLMS

Betty Willms, daughter of Mrs. Aaron Willms and the late Mr. Willms, and Jake Giesbrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Giesbrecht, were married on August 19 in the Mennonite Brethren church at Steinbach, Man. Rev. H. A. Regehrt officiated.

The young couple will reside in Steinbach after their return from their wedding trip.

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### BLOCK — BAERG

Irene Baerg, daughter of Mrs. Tina Dueck and the late Mr. Dueck, and John Block, son of Rev. and Mrs. Abram Block of St. Catharines, Ont., were married in the Virgil, Ont., M. B. church on Sunday, August 19. Rev. Henry Penner of St. Catharines officiated. Rev. A. Block also spoke.

# An India Missionary's Impressions of the Congo

By Anna Suderman

Greetings once more from the so-called "Dark Continent", where many are seeing the Light, Christ Jesus. I am having a three-day stopover (written June 14) in Nairobi, Kenya—the third country in Africa which I have been privileged to visit briefly.

This is the center of the Mau Mau uprising among the Kikuyu tribesmen. But many are praising God for salvation as a result of the brave martyrs, the Kikuyu believers, who chose death rather than reject Christ. It is conceded even by unbelievers, I heard, that the Kikuyu believers, and not the soldiers, stopped this revolt. A revival has resulted. One would not ask for such persecution, but as always in history, persecution brings forth a powerful victorious church.

Previously I had the privilege of visiting Angola, where my sister Elizabeth Suderman is working under the South Africa General Mission. Since that time I have had the great privilege of visiting our own Mennonite Brethren missionaries in the Belgian Congo.

## Leopoldville—Crossroads of Air Travel

After leaving Luanda, Angola, I returned to Leopoldville, crossroads of air travel in Africa. It is a thriving city with many new buildings going up. Christian education has an unprecedented opportunity to reach the children and young people for Christ. The government of Belgium and of the Congo is favorable to Protestant missions. Evangelicals do not have sufficient trained Africans to fill the many positions which are open.

In Leopoldville on May 31 I was quite excited as I boarded the Kikwit plane to take me to our Mennonite Brethren mission field. As I had to change my booking to an earlier date than anticipated, the missionaries did not know of my arrival. Telegrams are of no use in a country without telephones or post offices in the neighborhood. Kafumba, the nearest mission station to Kikwit, is nearly 40 miles away and missionaries there must get mail from Kikwit. They get it about once a week. But the Lord had provided transportation.

Orville Wiebe and Arlene Gerdes from Kajiji were in Kikwit when I arrived at the Kikwit missionary guest house from the Sabena plane. They took me to Kafumba that same afternoon, surprising the missionaries there.

## Big Welcome at Kafumba

The welcome received at Kafumba was symbolic of all others to follow on the various stations. A fellowship meal, in which all staff members participated, was

greatly enjoyed by this India missionary. It reminded me of such gatherings in our own India-group. Erna Funk and Margaret Dyck welcomed me to their home. Later I was entertained by the Irvin Friesens, Henry Brucks, J. B. Kliewers, Harold Krugers and Art Wiebes. All school children had returned home from school at Ecole Bele Vue and were having a grand vacation with their parents.

Bible school had closed before my arrival, but the other school was still in session. The dispensary also was a busy place with T.B. cases, baby clinic and general dispensary. Erna is happy for the arrival of Mrs. Harold Kruger, a nurse, who will assist in the medical work. The lovely new church was nearly filled on Saturday night to see pictures of India and hear the report from there.

Sunday, June 3, was a memorable day. The new church at our newest station, Gungu, was dedicated, and it was a great blessing and joy to see it nearly filled with Christians and friends of the mission. Frank Buschmans, who are supervising the work there, had come beforehand to get everything ready. The building, just recently finished, is beautiful. The J. Rolph Graves, whom I had met in Hillsboro in October, were also at the service in Gungu. Brother J. B. Kliever and the Irvin Friesens brought me with them from Kafumba for this service.

## Work Encouraging at Lusemvu

From Gungu the Buschmans took me the 25 miles to their station at Lusemvu. There is a new mission at Lusemvu, built last year, and occupied by the Buschmans. The Graves are in the other house. There is plenty of work for all, with a large school, two stations and village work. A new dispensary is under construction at present. The work there is very encouraging. There is a fine girls' work in connection with the school. All class rooms as well as dormitories are the African type with mud walls and thatched roofs. These are most comfortable, but often need repair and are fire hazards.

Matende is a station on a hill, a "light" which can be seen from a distance. The two-year teacher-training school there for fifth grade pass students is a central institution for all our mission stations. Though these students have only lower grades upon which to build their training, it is, nevertheless, a beginning to prepare teachers for primary school teaching. The work is encouraging. Brother Ernest H. Dyck is in charge of the training program

and Mary Toews has the regular school. A. J. Esau are in charge of the large village work. Elsie Fischer is looking forward to better buildings. The crowds who came there for medical treatment were tremendous. She had been having nearly 200 patients daily, too many for one nurse with a poorly-trained staff of Africans.

## No Public Transportation

One day and night at Matende were not sufficient to see all the work, but I had to hurry on. Brother Esau took me back to Kafumba on his way to Kikwit, where they do most of their shopping as well as get their mail. These missionaries do not get their mail often, perhaps once in two weeks. Their part of the Congo has no public transportation. Roads are mostly rough. Missionaries' cars get rough treatment with all materials that must be transported, therefore they often need repairs. Stations are far apart.

The Harold Krugers, just recently arrived from study in Belgium, had not seen Kipungu, so they took this occasion to take me there. Kathryn Willems welcomed the opportunity to visit her sister Martha, who is in school work in Kipungu. Ben Klassens are in charge of the advanced school course, the sixth and seventh graders, who have passed the fifth grade in other missions schools. Eligible students who pass the seventh grade are to be sent for higher training to a united mission training center where the George Fauls are assisting other mission groups. Thus school work is being built up, largely with government grants, which shall prepare properly trained men to carry on the work of teaching in the growing Christian communities.

Dorothy Kopper is in charge of the primary school at Kipungu. Susie Brucks has a well-regulated dispensary with a big work. About 50 in-patients occupied the grass covered hospital "wards", if you can call them such. A new building of permanent material was nearly ready for occupancy. The Theodore Martens have a large village work in the surrounding countryside.

## Oldest Station: Kafumba

The final Sunday of my visit, June 10, was spent at Kafumba, the oldest station. It is a lovely spot with its many beautiful palm trees and green lawns. The large new church is a reminder of the faithfulness of God, who has so richly blessed the small beginning many years ago. A Bible school, which numbered 64 last school year, had closed for the season. School children were writing exams for closing. The hospital

buildings erected there with government help are waiting for the new mission doctor, Vernon Vogt, but are not idle. Many patients receive treatment daily.

Perhaps the most far-reaching of all activities is the small printing plant at Kafumba which has turned out so much reading material through the years. In that plant our missionaries have prepared most of the textbooks for their schools as well as supplying other societies. Kikwango song books containing the old hymns of the Church are printed there. The A. A. Janzens, Kathryn Willems, (now in charge of the printing) and Mrs. Frank Buschman have spent many weary hours preparing various kinds of study material for the schools. Now Clara Buschman and Kathryn are preparing a Kikwango grammar to assist missionaries in the study of the language. The great linguistic expert, Dr. Nida, gives credit to Mennonite Brethren missionaries for the building up of the Kikwango language which is understood by such large sections of the Congolese consisting of different tribal groups.

## People Similar to India Nationals

In comparing the African work with the Indian work, there are many resemblances and some great differences. In many ways the people are alike. They are poor, live in squalor and filth, believe in witchcraft and live in fear. To deceive is clever; to be found out, a sign of stupidity. The sinner is the one who reveals a sin rather than one who commits it. In becoming Christians they have so far to come, from the lowest concept to that of Christ, the highest. We get discouraged because they do not rise faster and because they retain to some extent their old concepts, which have ruled them for centuries. We often forget that with all our background of Bible training we still have far to go to reach God's standard of purity and perfection. How much these babes need the intercession of the stronger Christians as they struggle against surrounding sinful influences.

## Government Favorable to Protestant Work

Whereas India's doors seem to be closing to foreign missionaries (not so much to nationals), in Africa the opportunities have never been greater. The government is favorable to all Protestant work and gives a subsidy to schools and hospitals, financing many building expenses as well as operating expenses. After seeing the condition here, I feel that government subsidy in the Congo is a definite benefit in spreading the Gospel. What the future holds, should the attitude of the government officials

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change, we do not know, but we must work while the doors are ajar. If leaders can be prepared now, they can carry on when and if missionaries must withdraw. Belgium is giving much to the people in the Congo—free education and free medical attention. Even the missionaries receive medical help. Schools are being built up and are springing up like mushrooms wherever they can get help to staff them. If the Protestants do not prepare workers to fill these places, other groups will.

Building up leadership in the Congo mission is not the work of a year or two, but of a series of years. Our missionaries are working heroically at the overwhelming task and will need much prayer support as they train these children of the forest in self-control and self-discipline before they can become leaders among their own people. Only the power of God in regenerated lives can overcome the many temptations which they must face. To assume responsibility takes experience and therefore time. With God all things are possible.



These men were some of the delegates at the General Conference of Mennonites in Winnipeg, August 15 to 22. Left to right, Rev. G. Lohrenz, Winnipeg, member of the central preparatory committee; Bishop Ernst Regier, Uruguay; Dr. S. F. Pannabecker, president of Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chicago; and Mr. John Klassen, a delegate from Yarrow, B.C.

**Sunday School Teacher's Camp at Arnes**

Winnipeg, Man. — The annual Sunday School Teachers' Convention, sponsored by the Manitoba M. B. Church Sunday school committee, was held at Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man., from August 17-19. Attendance was quite good, with the thoroughly prepared program drawing favourable comments from the participants.

The first group from Winnipeg arrived on Friday night, August 17, accompanied by Rev. B. B.

Fast, chairman of the Manitoba Sunday school committee, Rev. I. W. Redekopp, permanent member of the Canadian M. B. Sunday school committee, Brother John Goossen and Brother John Boldt. On Saturday more teachers arrived from the rural districts, Niverville, Steinbach, Springstein and Domain, plus another contingent from Winnipeg. The number eating in the dining-room swelled to 113, including children.

Rev. I. W. Redekopp delivered a message on "Das stille, sanfte Saeuseln", based on I Kings 19: 11-12, on Friday night. This message and the solitude in God's wonderful nature, coupled with the rhythmic beat of waves softly lapping the sandy shore, created an attitude of worship.

Early on Saturday morning the east was drawing its orange curtain across the sky and pushing the clouds away to make room for the sun; while the tiny waves became sprinkled with gold and the sea gulls sailed through the air. After the morning dip and breakfast we gathered in chapel, where Dr. A. H. Unruh, like the father of a great family, sat down and taught us the principles of planning a lesson. Brother John Boldt led in the singing. During the afternoon various workshops were held and a film shown.

At the evening service Miss Miriam Janzen presented a skit she had written, portraying an organized and an unorganized Sunday school. We were also glad to have Miss Katharine Dyck with us, who is serving the "African Challenge" under the Sudan Interior Mission. Mr. James Yola Jasmy, a native of Nigeria studying at the State College in Mexico, gave a stirring testimony.

A wiener-roast and prayer-meeting closed the day.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M. B. Church, Winnipeg, had come out to give us a message at the Sunday morning service. He spoke on Titus

2:7,8. Brother John Goossen, instructor at the Winkler Bible School, then gave an address on "The Sunday School Teacher and His Bible".

At the afternoon service Miss Nettie Kroeker of Winnipeg presented an instructive lesson on the art of story-telling.

During the convention there were also recreational periods, including softball games, volleyball, swimming and boating.

—E. J.

**NOTE:**

Due to the harvest season not all of the churches of the five districts in Manitoba could be represented at the convention. We are looking forward, however, to seeing all of you next year, when the convention will be held at a more convenient time. There is another Sunday School Teachers' Convention planned at the Winkler Bible School this coming fall.

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