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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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Annual "Jugendfest" Service in Niverville

A very special event for the youth of three M. B. churches in South-eastern Manitoba was the annual "Jugendfest" service held in the M. B. church at Niverville, Man., last Sunday evening, September 9. The three churches represented were: the M. B. church at Niverville, the M. B. church at Arnaud and the M. B. church at Steinbach. Brother John Stoesz of Niverville performed the duties of chairman during the service.

It was a new venture for the youth of these churches in that, contrary to the case in former years, this service was planned and presented as an entirely separate event — a special event! In other years the service had been presented in close conjunction with the annual "Jugend-Sängerfest" (choir festival), the two being held in the same church on the same Sunday.

The theme of the program rendered was "Youth and the Church." Rev. A. J. Froese of Boissevain, Man., guest speaker of the evening, in his message on this theme pointed out, in very definite terms, the obligations of these two (youth and the church congregation) toward each other. "The church", he said, "though it may and should exhort and admonish them, ought never to treat its youth with *contempt*. If it dares to treat them with disdain, it does so at great spiritual peril to itself. The primary obligation of a church to its youth is that of showing them Christian love and understanding." "Youth, on the other hand", he went on to say, "ought to *obey*, and this gladly, the older and generally more experienced members of their congregation. Only too soon will they, too, have to assume responsibilities which will not seem quite as desirable then!"

An interesting feature of the program was a brief talk by Brother H. Giesbrecht of Winnipeg, bearing on the subject of reading. The talk was captioned, "What Readest Thou?", and dealt with the general intent and purpose that ought to characterize the reading habits of Christian youth.

A report in which the youth

project for the coming year (as recommended to and approved by the last Canadian Conference) was indicated, was also presented by Rev. A. Froese, youth leader of Manitoba. This project involves the gathering of contributions in money for: (a) Bible school work in India — \$1,500; (b) Bible school work in South America (Brothers C. C. Peters and G. Sukkau) — \$2,000; (c) the radio ministry in Japan ("Pacific Orient Broadcasting Co.") — \$500 and (d) the radio ministry in Quito, Ecuador ("H.C.J.B.") — \$500. Brother Froese urged those present to accept this "youth project", not as a burden, but as a wonderful opportunity for glad and ready service to the Lord!

Spiritually rich and varied music for the service was provided by the Niverville orchestra, playing under the direction of Brother N. Unruh, the Niverville M. B. church choir, and the well-known soloist, Brother Peter Koslowsky, who also conducted the choir. Brother Koslowsky sang the following selections: "*Bußlied*" (Beethoven) and "*If With All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me*" (Mendelssohn). The Niverville Male Quartette also contributed a beautiful selection, "*I Could Not Do Without Thee*".

The inspiring and challenging program was brought to a close with prayer, offered up by Brother G. Ewert of Steinbach, Man.

Second Annual Alumni Banquet Held

By Agnes Langeman.

The second annual alumni banquet sponsored by the Alberta Mennonite High School Alumni Association was held in the Coaldale M.B. church on Saturday, September 8, 1956.

The programme was opened by master of ceremonies, Rudy Baerg, following which the Male Octette sang a number. Rev. J. Dueck led in the opening prayer after which a very delicious supper was partaken of and enjoyed by all.

President of the Alumni Association, David Dick, then direct-



This picture shows the group of believers that were baptized recently at Kelowna, B.C. Back row, left to right, they are: Mr. J. Wiebe (former leader), Rev. J. J. Unger, Albert Janzen, Rudy Wiebe, Verner Willms, Rudy Janzen, Henry Wiebe, Rev. N. H. Pauls, and Rev. A. Sawatsky (present leader); front row, left to right: Clara Born, Adina Willms, Erna Unger, Mrs. John Wiebe, Eleanor Unger, Frieda Willms and Agnes Wiebe.

ed a few words of thanks to all those who had made the banquet possible.

The programme which followed centered around the theme "Behold, I Come Quickly", taken from the words of our Lord in Rev. 22:7. Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. A. Regier who spoke on the theme — "Christ's Return." We became newly aware that the coming of the Lord is at hand when Mr. Regier stated that, "Upon the basis of the Bible I can see no reason why the Lord could not come this very night."

To conclude the evening, the Drama, "As a Thief in the Night", written by Rev. P. J. Dick, was presented. The play centered around the life of a prominent businessman who, though he claimed to be a Christian had become entangled in the things of the world and now felt that Christianity as presented in the Bible was outdated and should not be taken too seriously. The man, as well as his talented young son, continually resisted the pleadings of their Christian wife and mother. Theirs was a sad awakening when, one morning, they arose to find the mother, the daughter and the grandfather missing. Throughout

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Kelowna's Largest Baptism

By George Fast

Kelowna, B.C. — Twelve young people were baptized by the Kelowna M.B. Church on Sunday, August 19. The entire congregation gathered at Okanagan Lake for ten o'clock that morning. After we had sung a few songs, Mr. Peter Janzen spoke on "The Importance of Obedience". He pointed to the obedience of Philip in running to the wagon where the eunuch was receptive for God's Word. The eunuch was obedient and was baptized! After the choir under the direction of Mr. Epp sang a song, Rev. Sawatsky pointed to the importance of following Jesus in baptism. Rev. Unger then stepped into the water with the candidates. Rev. Sawatsky closed the morning meeting.

That evening, after a message by Rev. J. Unger, the baptized ones were accepted into the church by Rev. N. H. Pauls. We then joined in a time of fellowship around the Lord's table. The whole church was blessed at the thought that God is still working in our midst in spite of ourselves.

EDITORIAL

The Challenge of Christian Teachers

Thousands of teachers are back in the classrooms again after a summer of study, leisure, or work. What has brought them back to the classroom—the pay? the adventure? the drama of the unexpected disciplinary problem? For some that may be true, but the real teacher has a much higher purpose. If he is a disciple of Christ, not even the challenge of developing sound personalities, of producing good citizens and leaders in the community satisfies him.

The true disciple of Christ has a goal that is eternal. His aim is to help prepare the children for eternity. Whether the subject is science, mathematics, or a language, his aim is to impart eternal values. He cannot be satisfied with teaching only the curriculum, with having his children pass the exams satisfactorily.

When teaching science the Christian will help the children to gain some of the wonder of God's universe. In mathematics he will help them to see the precision of God's laws. In history he will impart an appreciation for God at work in human destiny. And in languages and literature his pupils will come to use the wonderful means of communication God has provided for us. He will help them to realize the significance of language in the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.

There is a tendency to think that these goals may be achieved only in private schools. However, the teacher in public school who really loves His Lord and the pupils, will also strive to achieve this goal. In fact, he must do so if he is to fulfill his God-given mission. By the very spirit he manifests in the class he will already show that he is a Christian. And if he approaches all subjects from the Christian viewpoint, he will also be able to engender this spirit in his pupils.

This type of teaching demands much more thought and work than a casual instruction of what the curriculum prescribes. It demands a basic orientation and a continual check to see if he is still proceeding toward the goal he has set for himself and his pupils.

Teachers, especially in small schools and communities, have a far-reaching influence. They are often community leaders, whether they aspire to this or not. The prestige accompanying the teaching profession can be translated into a positive witness for Christ in the classroom and community.

Yes, the teacher has a tremendous challenge—a far greater challenge than even many Christians realize. Whole communities have been transformed by one teacher, great men have had their whole life shaped by the influence of one teacher.

All of us have a very real responsibility to pray for those who are teaching, be they in the home community or in some isolated area. They must feel that we are standing behind them, that we are backing them up in prayer.

OUR READERS SAY

Christian Workers Needed

Blessings in His Name. The boys here (Manitoba Home for Boys, Portage la Prairie, Man.—Ed.) are what you expect of them, taking into account their background and parentage. Case histories are shocking! You really cannot blame the child, but the parent, that they are here. For most of them, it is their first home.

Do you know someone who would like to dedicate himself to the rehabilitation of delinquent boys? A position is open here for a teacher and craft worker, and I would like to see it filled by a Christian worker.

Again, someone might like to temporarily adopt a boy. Many of these boys need homes when they

leave here, especially homes on farms.

Jacob Klassen,
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Prairie, Manitoba.

BEING PACIFIC AT THE EXPENSE OF BEING SPECIFIC

"Say it with Flowers" has been the slogan of florists for many years. Today they wish to add something to it, namely: "But don't say anything specific!"

Victor Stein, director of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, said, "So many significances were attached to flowers—like the yellow rose meaning jealousy; and the red carnation, meaning, 'I'm carrying a torch for you'; and the chrysanthemum meaning,

(Continued on page 3-4) sired to make one wise, she took

Devotional

"Godliness with Contentment is - Great Gain"

By Peter Klassen *

For centuries men have been trying to accumulate the goods of this world. For those who live for this world only such a desire seems natural. For those who call themselves Christians, such a desire is most unnatural.

Consider the injunctions of Paul to Timothy on this matter: (I Tim. 6:5-8) "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be there-with content." What good common sense we have here! How these few statements strike at the root of much of our trouble!

Because of the natural man's inner longing for peace and satisfaction, he can never be content in the world; but because his heart is evil, he cannot see that his search for riches will never satisfy his vague feeling of discontent. Nor will he learn from others. Though countless others have tried to find the fulfilment of their life's purpose in the accumulation of goods, and have confessed after trying all their lives that the chase was futile, nevertheless, the natural man ignores such testimony and decides that for him the chances are much better. It is common knowledge that with loss of riches men consider it not worthwhile even to live, and many, therefore, commit suicide.

We who are Christians know all these things. But are we content with what we have—with food and raiment? Surely we all have that much. Have we permitted the discontent of the world to encroach upon the peace of mind which godliness bequeathes to all believers? Do we believe that godliness with contentment is great gain? Do we believe ourselves to be immune to the seeds of discontent that the world would seek to implant even in our souls?

We become discontented when we have not that which we desire. The world would have us desire all its wealth and spend all our time in trying to get all of it. Do we not feel that we need a radio, a deepfreeze, a late-model car, a fur coat, a new house with a picture window, a cottage by the seaside, a good job, a good education, a secure future, a good library, a good piano, a good farm? Are not these things good to desire? Have we forgotten Genesis 3:6, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be de-

of the fruit thereof. . . ." But, we say, surely this is altogether different. We need the things we desire. Have we ever stopped long enough to wonder why we desire them? If we want them for ourselves, we desire nothing more than what the natural man desires. He does not desire evil things either.

Godliness with contentment will not come of itself. Unless we realize that God can and does supply all we need, we shall fall into the same snare that encircles the natural man. He needs more than he has. Have we not everything we need in Christ? Why all these other things? Do we know why we have them or desire to have them? If we desire them because through them we can glorify God the more, then let us be sure that that is what we are using them for, and that the world has not perverted our motives. Are we sad when we lose them? Do spiritual things have more value for us than temporal things?

Let our desires be controlled by the Holy Spirit and not by the flesh. If we are not content with food and raiment, we have reason to doubt our motives for wanting more. "Lord, help me to believe that the wealth of the world is but dross."

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LARGE INCREASE IN VACATION SCHOOLS IN ONTARIO

By John Unger

Daily vacation Bible school activities for 1956 have been completed in Ontario. It has been a most blessed and fruitful year and we praise the Lord for His grace upon teachers and pupils. Many others have prayed for the work, as well as given of their time and effort toward its success.

In many ways this has been a record year: 98 teachers working in 27 different schools, were able to reach 1585 pupils with the Gospel message. Of this group, there were 45 who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour—to the Lord be all the glory! The teachers while in the field were able to enter 344 homes, while others came to hear the demonstration program at least. Almost 300 Bibles and Testaments were sold to the children, which means that many who may not have had a Bible before, now have one in their home.

Plans are being worked out whereby we can systematically follow up the work which has been done, especially those who decided for Christ. As you read this article, we trust that the Lord will lead you to remember the work in your prayers. We asked the Lord for His blessing; He has answered above all we had expected, and now we want to return to Him the praise and honour.

PROMOTION DAY PLANNED

During the summer months the attendance at the Hamilton, Ont., City Mission Sunday School held at Lake Ave. was rather poor. Many children were away on holidays, or went out driving with their families; many just went to the beach. Now, with the re-opening of school, we look forward to an increased attendance again. Even today, the first Sunday in September, we noticed an improvement.

The children give us much joy. Mrs. Gerhard Wall, teacher of the Beginner Class, today gave prizes for best attendance during the summer months. She presented several of her children with Bibles, explaining that in this Book they would find all the stories she had told them. One little fellow spoke up, "Do you mean even the twenty-third Psalm is in here?"

At the present time we are planning our Promotion Sunday, which is to take place Sept. 30. It is natural for a pupil to expect to be promoted, but how about the teachers? Should there not be a steady moving onward and upward for them also? God grant that we may grow in grace and wisdom from year to year.

The John Ungers, missionaries

of the Hamilton City Mission, are taking a trip to their parents in Saskatchewan. John Unger was the director of the D.V.B.S. work in Ontario this summer. He has done a thorough job and is certainly entitled to take a short trip home. We wish them God's protection on the journey and a safe return to us. —M. J.

BAPTISM AT HAGUE

By Mrs. V. Nickel

Hague, Sask. — A baptismal service was held by the Hague Ferry M. B. Mission during the afternoon of Sunday, September 2. One candidate, Miss Jona Janzen, was baptized.

Rev. J. S. Adrian, director of M. B. Missions in Saskatchewan, spoke at the Mission church during the morning service in preparation for this special occasion.

The weather was not pleasant, but many gathered by the water's edge, in spite of wind and rain, to witness the baptism and share in the blessings of that afternoon. After the singing of a hymn by the congregation and a Scripture reading by Brother Victor Nickel, Rev. Adrian proceeded to the baptism of the candidate. The acceptance of Miss Janzen into the fellowship of the church was then followed by a communion service.

The Sunday was climaxed, finally, by a Christian Endeavour meeting in the evening. Rev. and Mrs. Norman Fehr, of Warman, Sask., were the special guests of the evening. Rev. Fehr brought a message, "Watch and Pray", based on Matt. 24:41.

FAREWELL FOR TWO FAMILIES

Warman, Sask. — A German proverb says, "Parting creates pain." This is especially so when several depart at the same time, thus leaving a big "gap" in the group. The group of worshippers at the M. B. Church in Warman, Sask., will miss those whom they wished godspeed on Sunday, September 2.

An elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Enns, left Warman on September 5 to take up residence in Abbotsford, B.C., where Mrs. Enns lived prior to her recent marriage to Mr. Enns. They believe it advisable to live at the coast, at least for the winter, for reasons of health. Mr. Enns' active participation in the life of the church will be missed very much.

The other family, the Jacob Friesens, will make their home in Hepburn, Sask., where Mr. Friesen will take up his new work with the C.N.R. This new post means an advancement for Mr. Friesen. The Friesens have lived in Warman for more than 6 years. Mrs. Friesen will be especially missed at the Ladies' Aid meetings, and their

five children, at the church Sunday school.

A group of some 30 people met in the church basement on Sunday afternoon for a brief farewell social. Mr. Norman Fehr addressed the gathering with a message based on Genesis 31:49, "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another." After the well-wishes an informal lunch was served. The desire of all was that the Lord might bless these families as they depart and make them a rich blessing to others.

Mrs. N. Fehr.

SPECIAL YOUTH SERVICE AT FOAM LAKE

By J. H. Kehler

Foam Lake, Sask. — Some time ago Rev. B. E. Milner of Springside, Sask., contacted us here at Foam Lake, asking about an opportunity to provide spiritual activity for the young people of his church. We agreed to invite these young people to Foam Lake to render a youth program in the M. B. church here. After further consideration, however, we realized that our small church could not provide sufficient seating space for such an occasion. We then decided to hold the service in the United Church at Foam Lake.

On the night of the youth service, September 2, the church building was filled to the last seat. All listened with rapt attention to the program as it was presented. The Ebenezer orchestra rendered splendid music, while the Springside choir of approximately 30 voices, under the able direction of Mr. Martin Arnt, sang a number of well-chosen hymns and songs.

Rev. Milner concluded the service with a very helpful and inspiring message, "Five Crowns as Symbols of a Reward for Faithful Service Here On Earth".

The comments made about the service, later, were very favourable. Truly, the Lord richly blessed His Word to our hearts.

BAPTISM IN EAST CHILLIWACK M. B. CHURCH

East Chilliwack, B.C. — The East Chilliwack M. B. Church conducted an impressive baptismal service in a secluded spot by the Fraser River, on Sunday, September 2. Six Christians obeyed Christ's command and took this initial step in a life of service for Him. Mr. Friesen, a local Bible school teacher, gave a brief message, urging the candidates to fight the good fight of faith and say "no" to sin daily.

That evening the six individuals were given their baptismal certificates, and were formally welcomed into the church. We pray that God might use these six: Agnes Koop, Elfrieda Thiessen, Mrs. Henry Peters, Dave Kroeker,

Bill Hamm, and Harry Willms, together with all His other disciples, to glorify His name in a mighty way.

—Marlene Penner.

BAPTISM AT LENA

Lena, Man. — A baptismal service was held at the Lena M. B. Church on September 2, at which six persons testified of their personal faith in Christ and received the ordinance of baptism.

It was an eventful day for the candidates and church alike. Rev. D. K. Duerksen of Winnipeg was the guest speaker. Brother J. F. Poetker, leader of the church, baptized the candidates.

Rev. Duerksen based his morning sermon on I Corinthians 9: 4-7, 23 and I Corinthians 10: 23, 31. In his message he emphasized that "in our daily living and in all we do, it is so important that all be done to the honour and glory of God. Even though we may, otherwise, have a right to do certain things, if they do not further the work of the Lord, we should leave them. Then, too, if weaker brethren take offense because of them we should leave these things."

A short message was also delivered by Rev. Duerksen in the afternoon, just prior to the baptismal ceremony. The textual basis for it was Acts 16:27-34. After the baptism, the candidates were formally accepted into the church. The service closed with the observance of Holy Communion.

Being Pacific at the Expense of Being Specific

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"You are a wonderful friend", etc. etc.

"So the whole business of flower-sending got out of hand as a lawnful of dandelions," remarked one commentator. The florists want nothing detrimental to happen to their two-billion-dollar business. Hence, they are advising people to 'Say it with flowers, but don't say anything specific!'

How like many preachers! Their philosophy could be summed up in this sentence: "Talk religion, talk Christianity, talk Bible, but don't say anything specific!"

Don't tell people they are sinners in danger of perishing. Don't tell them they must be born again to see and enter the kingdom of God. Don't tell them Christ died for our sins, and that "whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Don't tell them that "Now is the accepted time," and "Now is the day of salvation."

Preacher, teacher, parent, are you being pacific at the expense of being specific? If so, please review the preaching and teaching of the Lord and the apostles, and notice how specific they were.

—Tom M. Olson, in *Now*

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Young People's Outing

East Chilliwack, B.C. — The young people's group of the East Chilliwack M. B. Church had an outdoor meeting on Tuesday, August 28. The whole group—approximately eighty—gathered in a quiet place on the Mount Baker Trail, near Chilliwack. Here they enjoyed a rousing round of sports activities and games. Then a huge bonfire was built, and everyone gathered round the crackling fire to roast wieners and marshmallows.

To begin the devotional period there was a hearty sing-song and an interesting quiz. Then Mr. Thielman, minister of the church, spoke to the group and led them in praise to God for his kindness to man in giving him beauty and enjoyment in nature.

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Commemoration Service

Steinbach, Man. — On June 24 a commemoration service was held in the Steinbach M. B. Church in kind memory of the lately deceased Brother J. N. Wittenberg, a former resident of Steinbach. The Wittenbergs had moved to B.C. only last spring. Several teachers from the Steinbach Bible School, where Brother

Wittenberg himself had taught some 17 years, as well as a goodly number of students, graduates and Board members were also present for the service. The following brethren served with brief messages: Rev. H. A. Regehr (leader of the church), B. D. Reimer (principal of the Bible school), and W. Schroeder.

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Baptism at Foam Lake

Foam Lake, Sask. — The day of August 26, when eleven candidates were baptized, proved a great blessing to the Foam Lake M. B. Church. During the morning service Mr. Leonard Goosen spoke on "Obedience to God Brings Success". The message was a challenge not only to the candidates but also to the rest who were present.

In the afternoon candidates and spectators gathered at the Fishing Lake Bible Camp site for the baptism. A short service was conducted in the chapel there after which Rev. Keller baptized the eleven candidates.

That evening those baptized were received into the church. The evening meeting was closed with a communion service.



Miss Katherine Friesen of Marquette, Man., who will serve as a nurse in Korea. See page 11-4 for the full report.

Bethany Forges Ahead

By G. D. Gedert

Hepburn, Sask. — Once again Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., is happy to announce the opening of its doors to Christian young people who seek a thorough training in the Word of God for Christian life and service. Voluntary work crews, made available by the rain in harvest time, have speeded up such preparations as the remodeling of the men's dormitory so as to provide more adequate accommodation. At the same time work has begun on the sewage system at the kitchen end of the campus. Two new teachers are joining the staff for this year. Miss Miriam Jantzen, graduate of the Sacred Music Course at the M. B. Bible College will strengthen the music department, while Rev. Otto Derksen, missionary on furlough from the West Indies, will be a great help in our missions department. Applications are coming in fast, and we expect a fine student body to be with us on registration day, October 15. We are continuing to operate on the basis of a six-month term to offer a three-year course for High School graduates. Those with less academic training may be required to take an extra year. Additional information will be found in our current catalogue, which is available upon request.

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Vocation Bible School at Niagara Chapel

By Holdina Voth

Virgil, Ont. — As we look back on the daily vacation Bible school of this year in the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel, these words come into our minds, "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee."

As last year, we again conducted our school in the evening. This helped solve our teacher short-

age, for many teachers who could not take the time for teaching during the day could still teach in the evenings. There were 20 teachers for 10 classes: Primaries, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Some of the teachers were from the Virgil M. B. Church, and we are very grateful for their help.

The surrounding district had been canvassed previously, bringing our total enrollment to 220, with an average attendance of 150. The largest attendance was in the lower classes. Transportation was provided for all those who needed it. In all classes the course, "Champions for Christ", published by Scripture Press, was used. We must confess that the classrooms were crowded, but the lessons were enjoyed, nevertheless.

We gathered upstairs for the opening, the singing period, and again for the closing of the evening. The recess was thoroughly enjoyed by all, for it provided the needed exercise between the two work periods. While the younger ones did cut-out work and colouring, the older children did wood-burning and made lamp shades. Additional work in the lower classes included Bible drill and extra memory work in Scripture passages.

We had our demonstration program on Saturday night. It consisted of songs by the whole group and the individual classes, recitation of memory verses and other Scripture verses, a Bible Town Drill, a quiz on all the lessons, and a memory verse contest between two older classes. Brother John Unger of the Hamilton City Mission delivered a short message on Psalm 23. Then the memory work awards were made. At the close of the program the parents and friends were invited to see the display of handwork in all the classrooms. A fair number of parents had come out, and it was encouraging to see their interest in the achievements of their children. Quite a few of the parents expressed their appreciation of these two weeks of Bible school and said they hoped to send their children again next year.

We may ask ourselves, "What have we profited by these two weeks?" First, we received blessings in the work from evening to evening in the knowledge that children and young people were receiving the Word of God. We also say that we have received students, and also older people, for our regular Sunday school through daily vacation Bible school. The surrounding district was brought into direct contact with the Chapel, which has proved helpful.

These two weeks have opened our eyes to the great field of service so near to our homes. May we be faithful through the years so that God can give the increase in this important work.

Thanksgiving Day Services in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man. — Special Thanksgiving and Mission services were held on Sunday, September 9, at the Elmwood M. B. church as well as at the other two M. B. churches of Winnipeg, the South-End church and the North Kildonan church.

Special speakers of the morning service at the Elmwood M. B. church were Rev. Victor Toews, recently returned missionary from Paraguay, and Rev. G. D. Huebert, principal of the Winkler Bible school. Rev. Toews dwelt principally on the subject of "home missions", using as the Scriptural basis for his message the passage, St. John 4:24-38. "Home missions", he pointed out, was here to be understood as that area and sphere of service which included, for example, Sunday school work, church youth work and personal witnessing to those in the immediate neighborhood. Rev. Toews drew the attention of his hearers to three important aspects of "home missions": (a) the special needs and wants connected with such work; (b) the present possibilities for and in such work and (c) the particular responsibilities which rest upon us in view of such work.

Rev. Huebert, preaching from Deut. 26:1-11, developed in a very pointed and practical way the

theme: "How Ought We To Appear at a Thanksgiving Service?"

"Foreign missions" was the leading theme of the afternoon service at which Rev. John Schmidt, M.B. city missionary in Winnipeg, and Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College at Winnipeg, served as principal speakers. Mrs. Julius Kasper, M. B. missionary from India who, together with her husband, is now on furlough, gave a brief personal testimony towards the close of the service in which she publicly thanked all women and women's groups that had prayed so faithfully for them these past years.

Rev. Schmidt preached on the theme, "Our Obligation Towards Missions", using Romans 10:11-17 for a textual basis. "The Call To an Enlarged Missionary Ministry" was the theme of Rev. J. A. Toews' inspiring message, based on Acts 16:4-10.

The Elmwood church choir under the direction of Brother Helmut Janzen sang several lovely Thanksgiving hymns, as well as challenging mission hymns, which did much to enrich the services for those who attended. Some of these hymns were: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem"; "Wie gross bist Du"; "Dank sei Dir, Herr"; and "Auf, ans Werk."

Teacher Training in the Belgian Congo

By George Faul*

In 1920 A. A. Janzen started Nyanga—now a Congo Inland Mission station. "The white man is coming to eat us" was the fear of the natives.

Today Nyanga is no longer feared; instead the Africans eagerly seek it out to assuage their thirst for education. Nyanga has grown to include a primary school, a preparatory school, a Bible school, and a teacher training school which occupy the efforts of five missionaries and about 15 African teachers.

In answer to the need for better trained teachers the Lord has seen fit to give the Mennonite Brethren a share in Nyanga's Ecole de Moniteurs. We have one-third interest in this school.

Ecole de Moniteurs is a building nestled with half a dozen others amidst the palms behind the church. The school has several dormitories where the boys have bamboo beds and one table and chair per room of five fellows. The school is missionaries working together with African teachers to implant in the students principles and methods to make them better teachers. But above all the school is its pupils. They come from several tribes: Bayaka, Bampendes, Balubas. They come from Kipungu, and Kafumba. They come from seven of the eight Congo Inland Mission stations. They come with some money for the entrance fee and a few clothes. They come expecting everything for which they give their time and their minds. They come with the hope of increasing their earning ability; some come to prepare to serve.

The director and his assistant are happy for these who come. They pray the heavenly Father to supply wisdom and grace to give these eager students exactly what they need to become good builders in God's Kingdom and the future of the Belgian Congo. To this end they are taught French, the national language; Tshiluba, the native language; pedagogy; methodology; mathematics; science; health; geography; history; music; agriculture and manual arts. In America such courses are second nature; the child learns history at an early age. But these people know only what comes to them through travelers and surroundings. That the earth revolves around the sun, that cleanliness means much better health, that the United States are in North America are new and unknown to them. As you work with these students, you think to yourself: What a tremendous task, but what a grand opportunity and what possibilities! Young men 17 to 20 years of age getting the highest training avail-

able in their immediate area and with it daily study in the Word of God! This is where the missionary's heart throbs and he hopes your does too. Oh, may God be able to call out for Himself from among these Christian young men real warriors for the Cross!

In this respect we as missionaries want to share a concern with you. Education is Africa's pride. One year of school puts you that much higher in the social bracket. Hence these young men we're working with are closest to the top and in the greatest danger. They're too good or too intelligent to mix with the uneducated. The best teaching positions will be theirs. But they must remain pliable and willing before God to serve. Pray for them, will you?

Nyanga's teacher training school has just finished its second school term. Peter Buller of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, laid the foundation and directed until his furlough in March. In his work he was assisted by Miss Lodema Short and Mr. Palanaga Jean. In March we had the privilege of coming to fill the Buller's place and to continue

in this expanding work after their return in 1957.

There have been disappointments. Some students quit. Others don't do so well and make one wonder. But there are also encouragements. The boys study well, work diligently, and some have already shown their ability as witnesses. Every other Sunday many Christians go out to witness and then return to give reports of what happened the same evening. Some of the teacher training students have had good children's meetings in the nearby villages. They've done this on their own initiative. Hearing of this has done our hearts good and encourages us to press on. Oh, that they might all have a heart to serve God!

For the new school year we expect about 50 students. That means our work doubles since we had 28 this year. But we thank God for the privilege of teaching these young men, of furnishing their dormitories, their food, and many of their other needs, if only the end result will be the glorification and increase of His Kingdom.

*George Faul is stationed at Nyanga where he instructs in the teacher training school.

Baptismal Service at Chapel

Virgil, Ont. — The Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel had its baptismal service on August 19. It was a dark, windy morning, and although the water was rough, the seven candidates took this solemn step with an inward joy.

The choir sang two songs at the water's edge. The message by Rev. Paul Wiebe of Hepburn, Sask., was based on Acts 8:26-39 and clearly brought out the question, "What doth hinder me?", with the answer of Philip, "If thou believest."

After the closing prayer we followed the candidates to the water's edge, where Rev. J. Pankratz baptized them. In the evening the newly baptized believers were received into the Chapel fellowship. The members of the Chapel partook of the Lord's Supper at the close of the service.

Missionary Program by Prayer Band

By Holdina Voth

Virgil, Ont. — The Ladies' Missionary Prayer Band of the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel presented a program on August 26, with "missions" as the theme.

Following the congregational singing and opening, the group sang, "Give Them the Gospel". A report on the prayer band outlined its organization, purpose and

progress. Rev. H. Penner of St. Catharines, Ont., delivered the message of the evening.

Rev. Penner gave those present a glimpse of the work that God had entrusted to the Mennonite Brethren conference. It was a brief report on how missionary work had progressed since it was first started 56 years ago. In conclusion, he challenged the congregation with Rev. 3:8. The group then sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go", and an offering was received for foreign mission work.

The missionary program of our conference became very real to us during the service. May we with the Prayer Band make use of the open door given to us.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

For isolated Chaco students a trip outside the colony is a major experience. And for Neuland students who recently visited Fernheim, the trip was enhanced by its more than seven hours and more than 50 miles of rough Paraguayan roads!

On July 31 Neuland "Zentralschule" paid a visit to its sister school in Fernheim colony. The immediate occasion was Fernheim's invitation for a ball game, but the trip was made into a genuine school outing (Ausflug).

At 5 in the morning the 38 students and three of the four teachers started on the long and dusty journey via tractor and trailer

(Anhaenger). First stop was the Fernheim experimental farm. After being shown around, the group went on to Filadelfia for a joint lunch served by the Fernheim Zentralschule.

The official game of "Voelkerball" followed. In a hotly-contested game, Fernheim won with a narrow margin of two throws. An informal game of volleyball followed.

(This account is reported by William Schroeder of Steinbach, Man. Besides serving as Zentralschule principal, Brother Schroeder gives much time to church work, particularly youth activities. He is supported by the North American Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare. —Ed.)

TRAINING INDIA WORKERS IS STRATEGIC

By Jean Geiger, Mennonite Central Committee Worker in India.

Training India young people to minister to their own people is one of the most exciting and strategic pieces of work going on in India today. It is a thrill to have a share in it.

Union Biblical Seminary here in Yeotmal, India, opened July 4 with an enrollment of 65 men and 10 women. The students are interesting and I enjoy associating with them. They come from many areas of India and bring with them a variety of customs.

When people speak and think of foreign workers in terms of sacrifice and refer to difficulties in adjustment, I feel I know nothing at all of it. I am living under as ideal conditions as can be found in India, I am sure.

We are fortunate to have electricity, one of life's greatest blessings. I have come to have new respect for electric refrigerators, fans, irons and other appliances. Perhaps the weather can be said to be our greatest "cross", but even that is agreeable at present.

It is our students who could speak knowingly of sacrifice. But they do not!

Most of them have come great distances to attend seminary, some leaving wives and families 1500 miles away. One student learned through a letter that his baby daughter died a few days after he arrived here. He will not get home until next spring.

The students' biggest problem, I think, is that of language, as English is used here entirely. They all studied English in school but have not spoken it in their homes.

My work is composed mostly of office work. I keep the students' expense accounts, write their missions, solicit funds and carry out other responsibilities. I never dreamed there would be so much activity all the time, and from the very first I have felt right at home here.



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever watched the trees on the side of a great mountain? At its foot, the forest grows, and far up the mountain the trees are large and tall, but as you go up and up towards the top, they become smaller and shorter. After a while there are no trees at all, and the mountain top is just bare rock. There seems to be a line beyond which the trees do not grow. It is called the "timber line". There the atmosphere changes, and beyond the timber line one finds only stunted and struggling shrubs. Beyond the timber line the air is too thin and too chill, and the summers are too short for trees to grow well.

A student of trees and shrubs found, far up the mountain, a little tree, just two inches tall. If it had been below the timber line, it might have been a forest giant! When it was examined under the microscope, twenty-eight rings were counted which means that it was twenty-eight years old. In twenty-eight years it had grown only two inches! The fault lay not in the tree, but in the atmosphere.

We do not blame the tree. It could not help itself. But we do blame boys and girls who are satisfied to live in an atmosphere where they cannot grow. To grow into good men and women, boys and girls need the healthful atmosphere of home and school and church and prayer. In this atmosphere you will grow as the boy Jesus, and "wax strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God" will be upon you.

Aunt Selma

Cured from a Curse

Kima sang happily as he went about his work. He had felt happy inside ever since he had become a Christian. His master was a kind man, and because he too was a Christian, Kima enjoyed working for him.

Only one thing took away some of Kima's happiness. All his family were still pagans. Kima was one of the youngest in the family, and the others did not really understand what had happened to him when he had become a Christian. But Kima prayed hard that one day they too would be saved.

"I only wish there was some way to free them from these pagan superstitions which they fear so greatly. Then they could be as happy as I," Kima thought while he worked.

Kima was most concerned for Tutami, his mother. The recent death of Kima's father had only strengthened her pagan beliefs and made her more fearful than ever.

Some time ago, while coming home drunk from a beer feast, the old man had stepped on a deadly snake, which bit and killed him.

Tutami was convinced that her husband had been bewitched by juju medicine. She and other pagans in their town believed that someone angry with Kima's father had put strange "medicine" in the path where he had walked. They thought that as he had stepped into the "medicine", it had bewitched him, causing the snake to bite him.

In the mother's darkened pagan mind, she believed that the only other possible explanation of her husband's death might be that someone in the village had placed a curse upon him. The pagans firmly believed in the power of juju curses.

In fact, it had not been very long since she and others had accused an innocent man of causing a plague of measles by bewitching the village. The foolishness of the accusation, however, had only caused the man to leave paganism completely. He had since become a Christian and was now active in the local church. Kima knew him well.

Suddenly a friend of Kima appeared at the door, interrupting his thoughts. The friend beckoned to him. "Come quickly," he called. "Your mother sends for you. She begs you to come right away."

Puzzled, Kima put down his work, saying, "Tell her I am coming as soon as possible." And he went in search of his master, to ask permission to leave.

Hurrying home, Kima found his mother moaning and crying, nearly crazy with a wild fear. Some time ago, she had received a message from a man in a village 30 miles away, telling her that her husband's death had truly been caused by a curse. But the message had also said that the father was not the only member of the family to be cursed—that his death was only the beginning and soon three others would die as well!



NATURE
by R. Hostetler

*As I wander through
the woods
I think of the beauties
of our world.
I think of all the good
God has done. [things
I bow my head
And thank Him for
all the great works
He has done for me.*

Now, soon after receiving the message, Tutami and Kima's two brothers had fallen ill. Sure that they were the three accursed ones, Tutami was frightened, afraid to die.

"Kima," she said weakly, as she lay on her mat, "you are the only one of us well enough to travel. Go to the village from where this message came. Seek out the man who sent it and learn from him who it is that has bewitched us, before we all die!"

Grieved by his mother's request, Kima sent instead for his master and one of the church elders. As a Christian, Kima knew his family was not bewitched but only superstitious. It would therefore be wrong for him to make the journey, but what if he offended his mother and brothers by refusing to go? They might feel that he did not care for them, and then he would never be able to win them to Christ.

When the men arrived, they explained kindly and patiently to Tutami that her fears were foolish and unfounded, and now that Kima was a Christian, she should not ask him to have any part in these pagan superstitions.

A proper examination soon revealed that Tutami herself was suffering from a disease which she had had for years—long before her husband had been supposedly cursed. Old age and fear of being bewitched had made her worse. One son had pneumonia and the other only a severe cold. It was their great fear that was making their condition worse than it really was.

To prove to them that their illness was purely from natural causes and not from juju, the men asked Tutami and her sons to try proper medical treatment, to see if it would heal them. Tutami slowly agreed to try, and they took the medicine offered them by the Christians.

Next day the son with pneumonia was sitting up, feeling much better. Within a few days he was back at his work in the farm.

The son with the cold improved so quickly after one dose of pills that he sent the rest back and went to his farm the next day.

Old Tutami had neglected her disease so long and was now so old that she would probably never be completely well again. But simple aspirin relieved the painful headache which plagued her. Her sons' quick recovery removed her fears of being bewitched—and today she is still alive.

So far Tutami and her two sons have not yet accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. But their hearts are softening toward the gospel. She and her family cannot forget what they heard about the power of Christ.

One night, recently, when stung by a scorpion, Tutami walked half a mile and crossed a river to get proper medical treatment. The use of the Christians' medicine is freeing her from her pagan fears.

And now as he prays and goes about his work, Kima sings more than ever, and in his heart is a new hope for the salvation of his family. He is already looking forward to the day when his mothers and brothers will be healed in soul as well as in body.

African Challenge.

Fun at Camp Arnes

(This was written by a boy attending the classes taught by Jacob Klassen of Poplar Point, Man., in the Manitoba Home for Boys, a home for delinquent boys. -Ed.)

Last year I went to Camp Arnes. It is about 20 miles away from Gimli. The first day I got there I had to go to the Administration Building. There were about 55 boys and girls there. Here we had to sign our names. After that we went to our cabins. There are about five cabins. I was in number 13. There were about eleven boys in our cabin. The man who was in charge was Mr. A. Dyck.

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The School of God

By Peggy Arbogast

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(8th Installment)

Unconsciously a feeling of self-praise mounted in Ruth's being. She had been pretty successful in creating a really homelike atmosphere for her father, sisters and brother. It was pleasing to know that her father had not been intoxicated once since she had come home. He had even gone to church with them last Sunday morning, and Bob and Betty had been going to both the morning and evening services. Instead of praising her Saviour for His help and guidance, she began to give herself the credit.

Breakfast was soon ready and the family gathered happily about the table. Most of the conversation was upon the event that was so soon to take place.

"My, we shall have to hurry," cried Ruth as she glanced at the clock. Betty dashed upstairs to make the beds, and straighten the rooms. Mr. Arnold left for work after receiving detailed instructions as to where Ruth would leave his dinner, which he was to heat when he arrived home again.

Bob drove off in his Ford, whistling as he tucked the neatly written market order in his pocket. Ruth and Connie worked vigorously in the kitchen, first washing the breakfast dishes, then scouring lunch pails and thermos bottles which had been unearthed in the basement for the occasion.

Ruth filled one box with materials in case first-aid treatment should be needed by anyone. As she worked, she carefully checked the list of articles to take, which, with the welcome help of Aunt Sally, she and Keith had prepared.

Long before she had finished, Bob had returned with the groceries, some of which were to go in the lunch boxes, the rest to be stored away in the pantry.

With much laughing over silly mistakes, and with much gay conversation, the lunch was finally packed. Then Ruth packed another box with chorus books for those who would be rendering musical selections. She put in many mimeographed sheets containing the words of several good gospel choruses which they hoped to teach the young people as they gathered about the campfire. Another box was filled with numerous articles to be used in the stunts. Still another contained the various signs for the treasure hunt. Betty and two other girls of her age were to leave an hour earlier than the rest in order to "mark the trail".

At exactly one o'clock Betty and her friends, Jane and Kitty, set out merrily with the treasure hunt equipment tucked in their arms. At the same time Bob brought forth the old Ford and was followed by Keith, who had discovered that a similar model was a necessity in his work. They were to drive to the station to meet the students from the Bible Institute who were to take part in the campfire meeting. They would bring them back to the two homes in which they were to spend the weekend, then fill up the cars with the food and other necessities.

Connie had been sent upstairs to rest for a while before they left, for Ruth sensed that the child was getting very much excited. Left alone, Ruth's thoughts again returned to the School of God. Her mind had dwelt upon that a lot since Dean Edwards had suggested it to her. Now, as she thought of it, she wondered at some of his statements. "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. You must recognize in all of the hard things, lessons which He would have you learn."

"Why, there haven't been many hard things," she thought. "It was hard at first, but really things have gone far better than I ever expected. I am sure Dean Edwards and Aunt Sally must have been wrong when they spoke of the lessons in that school as being hard. Why the hardest part was before I entered the school. Most of my lessons have been easy, and there has been so much fun along with the work."

In such a manner Ruth's thoughts raced on as she waited for her brother and the pastor to return with the guests. Little did she realize that the storm clouds of a hard, hard lesson were already brewing and would very shortly burst upon her with all their fury.

CHAPTER VII

Ruth had just gone upstairs to tell Connie that she could get up when she heard the familiar chug chug of the car. She had a sudden desire to run to the door to see what students had come, but she decided that she had better call Connie first. She could still be downstairs in time to greet her friends.

Ruth tiptoed into her sister's room. To her surprise she found Connie sleeping. There was a slight unnatural flush upon her cheeks, but inexperienced Ruth did not notice this and gently awakened her. Leaving Connie to wash, Ruth hastened down the stairs just as the front door opened.

"Oh," she cried in happy astonishment as she beheld the faces of the girls who followed Bob into the hallway. A moment later she was completely enveloped in the ecstatic hugs of Nancy Wright, Barbara Hand and Joyce Brown.

"Oh," she cried again, as she weakly sat down upon the stair steps. "Oh, I never dreamed that you would be coming, Oh—"

Nancy laughed. "I think the next time we plan a surprise for you we shall first have a phonograph record made of the word 'Oh'. It will save you a lot of breath."

Bob joined in the hearty laugh that followed, while Connie, who had just appeared at the head of the stairs in time to hear Nancy's remark, laughed too.

Ruth, having regained her composure, took the girls upstairs. Barbara and Joyce were given the one guest room. "You can sleep with me, Nancy, just like old times," whispered Ruth as she took her friend to the room she shared with her sister. "Betty will sleep with Connie."

"I really shouldn't have come," said Nancy. They said that you had room for two people, but oh—I just had to come. I couldn't pass up an opportunity to see my Ruthie. I'd be willing to sleep on the floor in order to do that."

Ruth laughed happily. "Well, that's hardly necessary. I know neither Betty nor Connie will mind for a few nights, and as far as I am concerned, there is no one with whom I'd rather share my bed."

They were interrupted at this point by a call from Bob of, "Hurry up, girls. Everybody is here and it's time to start."

"O.K. Bob. We'll be right with you," answered Ruth, and after kneeling together for a brief word of prayer, Ruth and Nancy left the room. In the hall they met Joyce and Barbara. Together the four chums descended the stairs and joined the group of young people who were waiting.

Bob and Keith hastened to load their cars with the food, first aid equipment, musical instruments and chorus books.

"Anybody want to ride?" questioned the pastor as he scanned the eager faces of the group.

"Maybe I'd better. I'm sort of tired," responded Connie shyly.

In her excitement Ruth did not hear this remark. She noticed Connie climbing in the car beside Keith, but thought nothing of it. She had meant to suggest to Connie that if there were room, she

should ride so that she would not over-exert herself, but it had completely slipped her mind in her joy at beholding her old friends.

At last they were on their way. Ruth was glad to see that Janet Gray, Connie's teacher, was among the young people present. She had not had many opportunities to talk with Janet but she felt strangely drawn to her. She hastened to greet her and drew her into conversation with her own group for she realized that for the most part the rest of the group were closer to Bob and Betty in age. There were even a few younger brothers and sisters, who as Connie, had come along for the big event. But there were few of Janet's and Ruth's age who had as yet ventured to attend the Young People's meetings which Keith had so recently started.

The other girls liked Janet at once, and Janet responded to their warm reception. "I guess I should call you Miss Gray," said Ruth, "especially since you teach Connie. But goodness, who wants to be formal on a doggie roast. Besides, Janet is such a pretty name. I've always loved it and I've never known anyone before whom I could call by that name."

"I should feel terribly stiff and uncomfortable if you called me Miss Gray," responded the girl. "And I am going to call you Ruth too, even if you are the acting mother of one of my pupils. I am so glad that you have come here. There are so few young people of my age in this town, and they never did anything together until Mr. Stuart started the Young People's meeting at the church."

"I'm glad I came too," smiled Ruth. "Although I hated to leave Bible school, I like it here now. We're going to have some good times together," and she linked her arm through Janet's.

The younger girls and boys also kept up a merry chatter as they hiked along. It seemed that the distance was covered all too soon. Betty, Jane, Kitty, Bob, Connie and the pastor were all there awaiting them.

"Welcome to our country," greeted Bob. Ruth held a brief consultation with Keith, then after a few introductory remarks, the treasure hunt was started. The group divided into couples and set gaily off. Ruth, Keith, Betty, Jane and Kitty alone remained behind. The three young girls having planned the hunt, of course could not enter into it. Keith and Ruth wanted to review the plans for the rest of the day and check over the articles to make sure that everything was in readiness for the camp fire later on.

Suddenly Ruth gave a cry of dismay. "Oh, how could I be so thoughtless?" she gasped.

(To be continued)

Two Students and a Motorcycle

By Harvey Dyck

(2nd Installment)

Catholicism, however, is only a part of the complex which makes Italian tradition. Europeans in general—and Italians particularly—can live in history. Round about them everything from their cultivated fields and terraced hills to their art treasures of sculpture, architecture, and music—visible and obvious in the small village church as well as in the Florentine galleries and the St. Peters Basilica—is the product of the mind and muscle of their fathers and the heritage of their children. They today live between yesterday and tomorrow, the minute present in the vast infinitude of past and future. These people have tradition. Some few are sobered by it.

South of Rome the droves of children cheering us from the streets increased directly on the square of the distance from Rome (for non-mathematicians, that's fast!). We never lacked an audience. Children encompassed the cycle when we stopped and beat us with sticks when we started, or begged plaintively for "Soldi". It took us one full hour to shake one particularly sticky individual in Palermo. The people here are, as one Hollander pointedly observed, sick economically and mentally. In large areas of Naples and Palermo people walk through—and children play in—large rotting piles of garbage. A putrid stench rises poisonously. Overhead a grey wash flutters in the apartment windows.

This area we left by boat for Tunis and North Africa.

As our gleaming Mediterranean liner slid into the wharf and the gangway was lowered, a throng of red-fezzed, swarthy, Arab porters swarmed over the ship. French officials stamped our passports. On shore a truckload of khaki-uniformed French troops stood guard. We were in Tunis, North Africa.

On the broad square fronting the Resident-General's palace were more troops. The American Embassy on an adjoining corner was also guarded. Everywhere the bright red Tunisian halfmoon and star trembled in the Mediterranean breeze.

Tunisia's nationalist leader Bourgiba was negotiating with the French in Paris and had, out of the complex of French North African policy, levered an agreement by which Tunisia was to get its internal autonomy in exchange for an "interdependent" Paris-oriented foreign policy. For the Arab population that meant but one thing, independence, and that called for a celebration.

The following day the streets were crammed with fezzes and

white veils. Flags coloured shop windows and breezed from bicycle masts; a vibrancy filled the air. We ventured into the labyrinthic Arab bazaar and drew jeers from the men and eerie warbles from the veiled women. We quickly pocketed our berets and escaped back to the promenade. Here tousled Arab youngsters clambered through street-car windows and rode chanting through the streets. Some French children even joined them. For them it was merely a holiday.

In the office of the Tunisian Touring Club the French director prodded the top of his desk and warned, "If you know what is good for you, you'll leave Tunisia soon. These people are bad, very bad. Only last week there was a bombing and there will be more..."

Reflectively, he continued. "Thirty-six years ago I settled here in a land which had nothing. We've given these people everything they've got—and now they are booting us out."

Outside a tattered mob of Arabs surging through the street belied his words. Where yesterday elegant French women had walked past shuffling beggars, it was the Arabs' day—and the French stayed at home. Two cultures had met, remained separate, and were today in opposition.

That afternoon we drove through the downy green Tunisian country-side, Cairo-bound, 2,100 miles away. Everywhere the villages were alive, the main road lined with chanting Arabs. At first we were afraid to run, what could for us as "Europeans" be a gauntlet of invective and abuse. But we soon mastered the game. John, high on the back seat, would first wave and then start clapping. The crowd caught the spirit and soon a ripple of rhythmic clapping and curious cheering followed us. We were in!

During the next nine days we followed hot asphalt roads, varying from a sleek, fast surface to a potted amorphous mass, across the North African desert.

As we hit the desert in eastern Tunisia, a bank of anaemic yellow clouds rose on the horizon and obliterated the sun. The sand began drifting and soon we were encompassed by a howling sea of biting sand. Dunes formed on the road and visibility was reduced to 20 feet. Vaguely out of the moaning mass a blanketed Arab leading his camel veered into the wind, only to again be swallowed up by the blinding yellowness as suddenly as he had come. Our eyes watered and our cycle swallowed in the sand, but we limped on. At the Tunisian-Libyan border our mot-

cycle came to a final stop. The carburetor was plugged and the accelerator cable broken.

"How far to the next garage?" we asked the French border official hopefully in sign language (we had both taken German as a second language in school).

"One hundred and forty miles—and there's a truck or two through every day," he grinned good-naturedly. We settled down for the duration in the border shack, an eight-foot square cubicle in the middle of nowhere. During the afternoon four Arabs had filtered in from the desert and were sitting

cross-legged on the concrete floor, staring impassively at the white-washed wall or peering understandingly at us. We smiled back.

"When you want to, just spread out those mats and bed down for the night," the Frenchman motioned to us. We nodded morosely. It was only four in the afternoon, but it was already getting dark.

Two and one-half hours later we started to the rumble of a Libyan transport. Our Arab friends interceded for us with the driver. The motorcycle was hoisted onto the truck deck and six bouncing hours later we arrived in Tripoli.

FUN AT CAMP ARNES

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Every morning when we arose, we went for a morning dip. Then one of the boys would ring the bell. That meant that we had to get dressed and get ready for breakfast. When we were ready, we would line up outside the cabin until the bell would ring again. Then we would walk down to the dining-room to eat.

Later in the afternoon the man in charge of our cabin would take us swimming for about one and a half hours. In the evening we would all gather and have a short service. Then we would go for an evening dip.

After that we would go for an evening snack. When that was finished, we went to our cabins and got ready for bed. After the lights were out the director of the camp would go to each cabin to see how quiet it was. The cabin that was the quietest would get marks.

The next day some of the boys went for a hike. I was one of them. We went down to the dock. In the afternoon a man from Winnipeg came down to our camp. He asked us if we would like a motor-boat ride. Most of us wanted one. It was a lot of fun riding on a motor-boat on Lake Winnipeg.

The next day in the evening we had a film in the chapel. On the first of August we had a "wiener-roast". We all gathered around the fire and sang songs. After that we picked up a sharp stick and some wieners. We had orange drink with hot-dogs.

A few times in the afternoon we had pony rides. One day we had a ball-game. The captains were George Brown and Harry Friesen. I was on George's team. The first inning Harry's team was up. He was the first batter. The pitcher pitched the ball and he hit it, but he was out at first. Finally, there were three out. The score was 3-0 for them. The first batter was Jahn Kuzyk, who hit the ball right into center field and got on second base. Then George Barton hit him home. The game kept on going. It was two away for us,

and the bases were loaded. Fred Thompson was up. He hit all the men on bases home, but he was put out trying to sneak home. That was three away for us.

It was the last inning. Harry's team had their last chance to catch up. The score was 5-3 for us. They needed two runs. Could they beat us? There were two away, with two men on bases, when Fred Roski came up to bat. This was the exciting moment. He had to hit both men home to win the game. The pitcher had two strikes on him. The ball came across the plate. Just as he hit it, it passed the left fielder. The two men on bases dashed home. Fred was running to make it home. This was the exciting moment. Fred was coming in! The fielder threw the ball home, but the catcher missed it. Fred was home! Harry's team had won by the score of 6-5.

Soon it was the last day in camp for us. Some of the mothers came to see their children. We had lots of fun on that last day. Most of us went for a hike in the bush. We saw a few log cabins that some people lived in long ago. We also found some Saskatoon bushes.

Then we went to our cabins to pack. It was about 5:45 p.m. when the man took us to the station. The rest of us had to walk about a mile. After 20 minutes the train came. We all said goodbye to the workers in the camp. It was a lovely ride to Winnipeg. Here a lot of people were waiting.

The next day I phoned Mr. A. Dyck to see how he was. About a week later I bought a ticket to Newton, Manitoba, where his chicken farm is.

Here we plucked chickens and graded eggs. I also learned how to drive a truck on the field. I stayed on his farm for two weeks. On the last day we loaded the chickens on the truck to sell in Winnipeg. We went past Headingley Jail on our way.

Then he drove me back to my house. We had dinner and talked a while. Then he drove away.

(Camp Arnes must be very enjoyable! —Ed.)

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

German Youths Resist Communist 'Dedications'

Efforts of the Communist government in East Germany to push "youth dedications" as a replacement for church confirmation have resulted in only 4 per cent response among Saxony youths who have boldly shunned the ceremonies.

The Evangelical Church in Saxony, one of the largest East German churches, reported that although Communists tried hard to urge their form of "dedication" upon the youth, only 2,000 children of the state participated in the Soviet rites while 49,000 were confirmed by the church.

The dedication ceremonies, first urged upon the young people of East Germany in 1955, have been condemned by both the Evangelical and the Roman Catholic churches of Germany as incompatible with the Christian faith.

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Australian Newsboys Ban Immoral Literature

Newsboys in Australia have joined a fight against immoral literature. They have refused to handle some twenty magazines—mostly issued by American publishers—on a list they have themselves compiled as being "too filthy to handle".

When news agents give them copies of the blacklisted magazines the boys return them without having displayed them or offering them for sale.

News agents are complaining, even threatening legal action, but the newsboys just grin a little wider each time they hear that sales of their self-censored periodicals have fallen off sharply.

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Paganism, New and Old, Still Threat To Africa

Christians should not underrate the vitality of old and new forms of paganism in Africa, Dr. Fridtjof Birkeli, director of the Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Missions, warned delegates at the All-Africa Lutheran Conference in Marangu, Tanganyika. Christian efforts to halt the expansion of Islam by a chain of missions has failed, he said, and resurgent primitive cults and heathen movements in many parts of the continent are linked with "burning political problems."

Many Africans, Dr. Birkeli told the 150 delegates, believe that political freedom can be gained only if Christianity is driven out of Africa. Reliance of many missions on state authority is therefore a "dangerous handicap" to the growth of Christianity.

Although missions played a "large and vitally important" part in the development of Tanganyika, Sir Edward Twining, the

Governor, told the conference, provision of government medical services will make much of their present work unnecessary. He warned that locally run churches will need careful guidance "lest in the exuberance of youth they should develop ways which do not serve the best interests of the community." (Purpose of the conference was to help develop native leadership for the Lutheran churches in Africa.)

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The Pig Will Stay!

David Ben Gurion, premier of Israel, has refused to be pressured into signing legislature which would forbid the breeding of pigs in Israel. He refused the request of religious leaders, saying, "God Himself saved the pig when he ordered Noah to put two of them in the ark. Who am I to liquidate them?"

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CANADASCOPE

Egypt Seeks Canadian Wheat

Egypt is in the market for 3,670,000 bushels of wheat and 920,000 bushels of flour (wheat equivalent) from Canada.

A spokesman for the Egyptian embassy here Friday said his country would like to obtain hard wheat from Canada and would prefer to enter into a barter deal, exchanging Egyptian goods for Canadian wheat.

"However, if we cannot obtain the wheat by such a deal and must pay cash, Egypt is prepared to pay cash provided the price is right," he said.

Canadian federal government officials declined to comment. They pointed out the deal, if completed, would be arranged through ordinary grain channels.

Canada is ready and willing to sell wheat to Egypt. There is no suggestion here that the current difficulties over the Suez canal would mean Canada would be reluctant to enter into such a deal.

The wheat board accepts payment for its wheat in Canadian dollars only. The Egyptian government might try to arrange a deal offering Swiss francs. If such a deal was arranged it might be through triangular operation with broker agents accepting the francs and paying the wheat board in dollars, officials explained.

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Professor Urges Bilingualism For Canadians

"Perfect bilingualism is the solution of the lingual problems in Canada, especially as far as the



The group of Neuland "Zentralschule" students who recently travelled to Fernheim colony via tractor and trailer to pay a visit to their sister school. See page 5-3 for the full account.

so-called ethnic groups are concerned," Professor J. B. Rudnyckij, head of the department of Slavic studies at the University of Manitoba, said in a recent address in Toronto.

Professor Rudnyckij, who is national vice-president of the Linguistic Association of Canada, was addressing a convention of Canadian and American Ukrainian educationists and cultural workers.

He told the delegates that "Canada is an ideal country not only for a theoretical study of languages in contact, but also for a practical development of bilingual patterns."

Professor Rudnyckij spoke at the convention as a representative of the cultural and educational council of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee in Winnipeg.

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Reds Sell Egypt 250 Million Worth of Weapons

Diplomatic officials in Washington report that Egypt's heavy weapons purchases from the Communist bloc have now passed the \$250,000,000-mark and may climb to \$300,000,000. At least one Communist ship a week is said to be unloading weapons, including planes, tanks, artillery and spare parts, at Egyptian ports. At least 80 jet planes have been delivered, building up the Egyptian air force to some 400 planes.

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The World Today

Jews Celebrate New Year

For the first time since before Hitler's era Jews of the Ruhr—the industrial basin of Western Germany—celebrated their New Year in a proper synagogue.

The new synagogue, which accommodates 300, was recently built in Dortmund, once one of the largest Jewish centres of Germany. Its construction was financed out of provincial funds, and the provincial premier said

that it was a German duty "to re-awaken the once flourishing Jewish communities, and give the Jewish people in this country a feeling of being at home."

The present Jewish population of West Germany counts less than 25,000.

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Siberian Crops Ruined

The Soviet Union has sustained "big losses of grain" in nearly all regions of Kazakhstan, its new "virgin" lands" bread basket, the Communist party has admitted.

The magazine *Kommunist*, theoretical organ of the party's central committee, said that there have been shortcomings in the harvest of this year's record Siberian grain crop. The drive to make virgin and long-fallow lands of Siberia the new Soviet granary was launched two years ago by Communist Party Chief Nikita Khrushchev.

Suggesting that many collective and state farms were unprepared for the year's bumper crop, the magazine said in almost all districts of Kazakhstan the harvest was "excessively delayed" causing major losses of grain.

Kommunist's concern grew out of knowledge of the Siberian climate, which promises killing frosts early this month while the grain is still in the fields. It blamed unsatisfactory harvesting and important losses of grain on bad organization that allowed hundreds of combines and other implements to stand idle because of breakdowns.

The magazine blamed the Communist party, local Soviets and agricultural officials for not educating collective and state farmers in modern harvesting methods. Its interest stems from the repeated promises made by top party figures that the country would have a record crop this year. These promises now seem to be threatened by a combination of nature and bungling in the fields.

(Special—NYHT)

Weddings

HIEBERT — NEUFELD

Laura Margaret Neufeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Neufeld of Horndean, Man., and Harry Hiebert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Hiebert of Plum Coulee, Man., were married on Sunday, September 2, 1956, in the M. B. church at Grossweide, Man. Rev. John J. Neufeld officiated.

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STOBBE—LANGEMANN

Rita Langemann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Langemann of Coaldale, Alberta, and Leslie Stobbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stobbe of Abbotsford, B.C., were married on September 7, 1956, in the Mennonite Brethren church at Coaldale, Alberta. Rev. D. Pankratz officiated.

The guest speaker at this occasion was Mr. Jacob Friesen of Chilliwack, B.C., teacher at the Bible school there. The choir



under the direction of Mr. P. Dick provided the music, together with Mr. Rudy Wiebe, soloist, who sang the song, "O Perfect Love".

Mr. L. Stobbe, well-known editor of the "Mennonite Observer", attended the M.B. Bible College before accepting his present position. The bride also attended the M.B. Bible College during this last year.

After a short honeymoon and several days of visiting in B.C., the young couple will leave for Winnipeg, where they will make their home.

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KLASSEN—DYCK

Milly Dyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. K. Dyck of Winkler, Man., and Arthur Klassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry

F. Klassen of Winnipeg, Man., were married on Monday afternoon, September 3, 1956, in the Elmwood M.B. church at Winnipeg. Rev. I. W. Redekopp, leader of the church, officiated. Rev. Redekopp's message was based on Eph. 1:3-10; its theme: "Predestined in Love".

Special speaker of the afternoon was Dr. A. H. Unruh who brought a German message, "The Unity of Two Hearts", based on the text, 1 Sam. 14:6-7.

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HINZ—JANZEN

Hedie Janzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron F. Janzen of Winnipeg, Man., and Edwin Hinz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Hinz of Abbotsford, B.C., were married on August 25, 1956, in the Elmwood M.B. church at Winnipeg. Rev. B. B. Fast officiated.

Rev. H. H. Janzen, past president of the M.B. Bible College, was the special speaker at the occasion.

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MARTENS — DYCK

Sarah Dyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eorni Dyck of Vauxhall, Alberta, and Henry Martens, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Martens of Sperling, Man., were married on September 1, 1956, in the M. B. church at Vauxhall, Alberta. Rev. B. P. Epp performed the ceremony. Rev. H. A. Unruh, leader of the church, delivered the German message which was based on Jeremiah 17:7-8.

On September 2 the couple left for Manitoba where they will make their home. The groom has taught for several years in Manitoba schools. He plans to attend the University of Manitoba this coming winter.

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TOEWS — POETKER

Edith Poetker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Poetker of East Aldergrove, B.C., and Edward H. Toews of East Aldergrove, B.C., were married on September 2, 1956, in the M. B. church at East Aldergrove. Rev. Herman Voth, leader of the church, officiated. Rev. A. H. Wieler of Abbotsford, B.C., was the guest speaker.

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GOLDEN WEDDING FOR FLOWING WELL PIONEERS

A golden wedding anniversary was celebrated on August 26, 1956, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siemens of Flowing Well, Sask., in honor of Mrs. Siemens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Barkman.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkman were married in 1906 at Hillsboro, Kansas, and came to Canada that same year. They settled in the Flowing Well district and farmed there for 41 years. They moved to Herbert

in 1947. Mr. Barkman has been in poor health for the last three years.

Present for the celebration were their children and grandchildren and Mr. Barkman's two sisters and Mrs. Barkman's brother. During the afternoon the members of the family presented a program of solos, duets and quartets. The honored couple were presented with a record-player. A pleasant time was had by Mr. and Mrs. Barkman as they reminisced on the by-gone days with their relatives.

Obituaries

MR. MAHLON BARAGER

Mr. Mahlon Barager, 96, passed away in North Battleford, Sask., on September 1, 1956, as the result of hardening of the arteries and old age. Funeral services were held in the M. B. Church at Warman, Sask., where the deceased lived during the last few years, on Tuesday, September 4.

Mr. Barager was born in Ontario in 1860. Some years after his marriage to Miss Janet Price, the Baragers moved to Saskatchewan and took up farming in the Osler district.

Mr. Barager leaves to mourn his passing four daughters (married) and one son: Mrs. Kitching, of Sudbury, Ont.; Mrs. Gladstone, of Campbell River, B.C.; Mrs. Wert, of Saskatoon, Sask.; Mrs. Young, of Warman, Sask.; and Mr. Ness Barager, of Saskatoon, Sask.



INDONESIA

Medical workers at Kudus, Java, had a busy summer alleviating physical suffering to persons who went to the clinic for aid. A record number of 435 patients visited the clinic July 22. During July 4224 patients were treated.

Christian Yoder (Warwick, Va.) reports the anti-trachoma (eye disease) campaign in public schools is continuing. The medical team presently works in four schools, serving 1010 pupils. All children in these schools have been examined and 209 children receive weekly treatments for their eye diseases.

JORDAN

Carpentry classes for Arab boys are expanding in interest and facilities at Irbid under the supervision of Robert Lapham (Wyandotte, Mich.). Four groups of eight boys each attend classes.

Each group goes to classes twice a week for an hour and a half.

Lapham said, "It is interesting to see how some of the boys keep improving the quality of their work."

In addition Lapham is fulfilling a request to teach English lessons to 70 secondary school boys.

GERMANY

Four recruits for Pax Services in Germany left September 8 from New York city. They are: John P. DeCamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeCamp of Cincinnati, Ohio, a member of the Presbyterian Church; Everett Freed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manford Freed of Wakarusa, Ind., a member of the Mennonite Church at Wakarusa; Gerald Jantzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra E. Jantzi of Wood River, Nebr., a member of The Mennonite Church at Wood River; and Steven Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson C. Phillips of Ottsville, Pa., a member of the Society of Friends.

MEXICO

The little town of San Juanita, Mexico, is poetically labeled "sleepy" but two members of the summer service unit dispatched there from Cuauhtemoc for a week had little time for sleep.

Helen Trumbo (Scottdale, Pa.) and Pauline Yoder (West Liberty, Ohio) made things spic and span during their short time of work in the town. They did everything from removing old paint from pews in a local church to scrubbing floors and woodwork at a local school. In addition they served at the San Juanita orphanage.

Thirteen persons participated in the summer workcamp in Mexico. Teams were dispatched to a variety of short projects in Cuauhtemoc and surrounding communities. They were joined in August by 14 other persons for an educational tour through Mexico.

NEW YORK MIGRANTS

"Hi, y'all! Y'all gonna help us pick beans?"

Big flashing grins come over the faces of Negro migrant workers in bean fields of Waterville, N.Y., as summer service unit members arrive in the field on a typical morning.

Seven persons compose this unit. (Another unit of nine persons is at Hamilton, N.Y.) One of their newest projects in their ministry to migrants is to spend the forenoon picking beans with them.

In regular work they spend the afternoon visiting camps with recreational and religious activities and the evenings in worship meetings—plus their own housekeeping.

LaVonne Gruber (Freeman, S.D.) said, "Such a forenoon of beanpicking turned out to be one of the most interesting experiences

The Choose to Return to Ethiopia

Being headmaster in a school whose teachers themselves have only from grade two to eight, learning a language with 250 letters in the alphabet, eating food that is extremely spicy and often contains more than the desirable ingredients, and a high cost of living have not soured Frank and Patricia Klassen on teaching in Ethiopia. In fact, "we like it there", they say.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klassen returned from Ethiopia at the end of July after almost three years of teaching there. On September 18 they will be leaving again—to return to the land they have learned to love.

"We are not going there because of the salary," Frank said during an interview. "We are going there because God wants us there, because we can witness for Him there." The teaching of religion directly is forbidden, "but we can teach as a Christian. We can teach the subjects with the Christian interpretation."

Schools in Ethiopia used to be held exclusively by the Coptic priests. Some of them could not read themselves but simply transmitted the memorized traditions of the fathers, including all the superstitions. But a very real transformation has been going on, with foreign teachers being brought in during the last ten years. Facilities in the schools are now adequate, with an abundant supply of textbooks. Since English is the second language in the country, everything from grade five up is taught in English.

"We had to completely rethink our approach and methods," Frank stated. "We always ask ourselves, 'What bearing does this material have on the kingdom of God?' Our aim is to transmit eternal values through the subjects." He is firmly convinced that this can be done—and should be done—both in Ethiopia and in any other country, including Canada.

The influx of foreign teachers into Ethiopia has seen a tremendous increase in interest in education. Wherever foreign teachers have come, attendance has skyrocketed. In Jimma, where the Klassens each served as principal of a school, attendance jumped by 300% during the time they were there.

During their first year in Ethiopia, the Klassens taught in a school at Ambo, 75 miles from Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Thereafter they moved to Jimma, where Frank assumed the principalship of a school for boys and Patricia became principal in a school for girls. The total enrollment was 400, but when they left this summer the total enroll-

ment had jumped to 1,200, with 1,000 of these in the boys' school.

To supervise the teaching of instructors who themselves were taught in the village schools, but now are to teach in the modern way, is not easy. They have been brought up one way, and are to teach another way. The Klassens also taught in addition to their administrative duties.

Frank told me how he brought the Bible into the picture for the students. In teaching the geography of the Holy Land they came to Jericho. After relating the founding of Jericho, he brought the history up-to-date until the fall of Jericho, stopping just short of the fall of the walls. Naturally the students clamored to hear the rest, but this would be told next time, they were told. There was also only one book that contained this historical information, he announced. So he was promptly besieged by demands to bring this book along and read it to them. Thus for the next lesson he brought along the Bible and read the story of the fall of Jericho to them.

When the Klassens return to Ethiopia now they will be active in the Harar Teacher Training College. Frank will be supervising the practice teaching of the budding teachers, and his wife will be teaching some of the academic subjects. The school gives the equivalent of grades 9 to 12, with about two years of teacher training following this. It is located east of Addis Abbaba, near the Gulf of Aden. A strong Muslim center, it is the birthplace of Haile Selassie, the present emperor of Ethiopia.

The lot of a foreign teacher in Ethiopia is not a particularly hard one. Teacherages are well-built and cool, in a climate that is moderate (mean temperature of about 75 degrees). Though the cost of living is high, with irrigation one can grow three crops a year in the garden, raising such crops as oranges, bananas, tangerines, pineapples, potatoes, and the usual temperate climate vegetables.

The people in Ethiopia are very friendly and extremely hospitable, inviting the teachers into their homes often. When one is in trouble while traveling, they are always ready to help. At one time the car in which the Klassens were traveling stood near the top of a hill, needing water. A husband and wife came toiling up the hill, after getting a pot of water from a well half a mile down. They gladly gave it to the motorist—and went back down to get water for themselves again.

Servants are very inexpensive and can be afforded on the teach-

ers' salaries, which are on a level with those in Canada. For example, a teacher with a bachelor of arts degree teaching in an elementary school receives \$3,000 or more, depending upon his qualifications and experience. The Klassens had three servants when they left, a cook, a gardener, and one to look after their growing baby. They expect to take the girl who looked after the baby along to their new school, for she was very clean and completely reliable.

The roads in Ethiopia are mostly gravel and are being improved all the time. The Klassens traveled to all parts of Ethiopia, going in all directions right to the border, during their vacation times. The school year, incidentally, coincides with the one in Canada.

Three years in Ethiopia proved enough to learn the language well enough to converse freely with the people. "If you hear them talk it for 24 hours a day you soon learn it," Frank laughed. His only concentrated effort was to learn the alphabet so that he could read it.

Missionary stations are in every city. The Klassens are very appreciative of the work of the missionaries, which is largely medical and educational. Frank stated that missionaries were responsible for the introduction of education for the women. The men are now seeing that educated women make better wives.

The Klassens like it in Ethiopia. And there is no lack of adventure in teaching and during the vacations. Seems like a rather ideal situation for a teacher who doesn't mind traveling several thousand miles to get to school and whose first goal is to live for Christ and serve Him.

MANITOBA YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, September 2, the members of the Manitoba Youth Committee met in Winkler, Man., to make plans and preparations for a province wide Youth Rally which is to take place at Winkler on October 27 and 28 of this year.

Posters and programs giving full details concerning this Rally will be sent to the various churches in the near future.

—Walter Loewen.

NEW YORK MIGRANTS

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of my life. I have found that in no way is it possible to get as close to our Negro friends as to go crawling on hands and knees through a bean field with them.

"Color makes no difference as I slowly find my hands getting black with dirt. Differences in culture only add to the enjoyment of our fellowship. In this way we gain their confidence which

makes it possible to help them spiritually."

IMMIGRANT FAMILY

The S. W. H. van Veen family, Mennonites from Holland, is interested in moving to the United States. The family needs a sponsor.

Mr. van Veen is an experienced electric welder. They have five children aged eight to 15. Any one interested in being their sponsor is invited to write to the Mennonite Aid office, Akron, Pa.

PERSONNEL

Katherine Friesen of Marquette, Man., left for Korea where she will serve as a nurse at Seoul. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Friesen and a member of Schonfelder Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Aganetha Wieler of Mountain Lake, Minn., is the new matron at Cuauhtemoc, Mexico. She is a member of Bethel Mennonite Church at Mountain Lake.

Mrs. Herman Eitzen, also of Mountain Lake and a member of Bethel Church, is serving under Voluntary Service at the clothing depot at Ephrata, Pa.

Twenty vocational trainees, who have been in the United States the past year, left New York city September 8 for their homes in Europe.

NURSES AIDS COURSE AT MANITOBA SCHOOL

This summer, the directors of the Manitoba School, Portage la Prairie, Man., planned and carried through a series of lectures for the benefit of Nurse Aides employed in the institution. The girls in the Summer Service unit were also privileged to attend these. In all, there were twenty hours of lectures given.

Miss Stevens very capably instructed this group for the greater part of the time. Some of the things the class was taught were: methods of bed-making used in this institution; types of restraint used and methods of application; personal hygiene; and taking of temperature, pulse and respiration. The Nurse Aides were also given general instructions to be followed when working with the patient. The subject of "cleaning and care of equipment" was taught by the supervisor of the Sanitation Department of this school. One of the doctors also gave some of his time to explain to them the principal aims and certain legal aspects of the work of the institution. The male members of the unit were also in attendance for this lecture.

As is usually the case where knowledge has been imparted, the students were given an examination to prove either their knowledge or ignorance, as the case might be! Happily, the results proved that the class had retained a fairly good amount of what they had been taught.

—B. K.

School Days will be Safer Days

The Labour Day weekend, the last of our summer driving extravaganzas is behind us. Death over the holiday weekend totalled 46. Over the same period in 1955, 55 people were killed. This represents an improvement of sixteen per cent, though we can scarcely refer to the killing of 46 people as an improvement.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to holidays for the editorial staff of the MENNONITE OBSERVER, the September 21 issue will not be published. Publication will be resumed with the September 28 issue.

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stepped up its enforcement programme and has extended its road improvement programme. We are paying attention to Enforcement and Engineering, but we are neglecting to make the most of Education, which is the most important of the three "E's" of accident reduction.

Accidents are prevented through education. It is probably the strongest weapon we have. Education in our schools brings regimentation both for the children and for their families. Regimentation brings discipline. Discipline brings control, and control — self-control or group control — outlaws accidents.

Now that the children are back to school, weekend travel has lessened, holiday trekking is over and pleasure driving is reduced. We can look for fewer accidents because of less traffic density and fewer driver distractions. The class-room lessons in safe walking will infect child and parent alike.

The children will be doing their share to remind us to drive and walk carefully. May we hope that as adults we will take a good look at our driving habits and try to drive with care and courtesy.

Accidents happen one at a time. They may be prevented one at a time. There are very few traffic accidents which would occur if the situation repeated itself. Few of us drive well as we know how to drive.

Days grow shorter. Night comes quickly. Roads are more slippery. Driving conditions in general become more difficult during the fall. The Canadian Highway Safety Conference urges that we pay attention to these things and by our watchfulness prove that September, October and November need not be serious accident months.

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SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET HELD

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the rest of the city hundreds were having the same experience, for during the night the "Rapture" had taken place, leaving in its wake heartache and despair for those who had rejected Christ during the time of grace. Indeed, for these Christ's coming will be as a thief in the night!

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