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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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These students and Rev. Ewert (centre) are entering the new Library Building at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, for chapel on the first day of classes. At the extreme left can be seen part of the auditorium, which seats 400. The centre picture shows a scene inside the library during registration (the windows are on the north side of the room). At right Fred Braun of Yarrow, B.C., (lower right) is receiving counsel from Rev. Victor Toews (lower left), one of the instructors. Karl Bartsch, Yarrow, B.C. (standing), is listening intently, while George Braun, New Hazelton, B.C. (seated centre), is planning his class schedule. One hundred and eight students have registered for classes. Photos of dedication ceremony to come next week.

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Dedicate New Library Building

Winnipeg, Man. — "This building will be dedicated to the degree in which we dedicate ourselves to the Lord," declared Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M.B. Bible College, at the dedication service of the new library building on Sunday afternoon, October 14.

Over 550 visitors crowded the auditorium and sat in the library of the new building for the ceremony, culminating three years of active preparation and construction. Included among these who had come was the British Columbia member of the College Board, Rev. Herman Voth. Other guests who presented congratulations and best wishes were Rev. G. Lohrenz, representing the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, and Mr. Victor Adrian, principal of the M. B. Collegiate Institute, located next to the M.B. Bible College. College Board members who were unable to attend the dedication sent greetings by mail.

"Our prayer is that the college might be a place where God's light and holiness are revealed," stated Mr. Herman J. Dick, chairman of the College Board, in his opening remarks at the dedication service. "The Lord has been gracious to us

in the construction of this building and we want to give Him His due thanks."

Building structures like this is not an end, it is a method leading to an end. The physical is but a means leading to the extension of God's kingdom, asserted Rev. D. Ewert in his address, given in English. Using I Cor. 3:10ff as text, he spoke on building in the kingdom of God. He maintained that all must build in the kingdom

of God; it is not the portion of a favoured few.

"Very often we think people are not building if they are not building according to a certain pattern —yet there are many building," he asserted. Even though there are many ways to build, "we must be careful of the superstructure in view of the nature of the foundation. If our building does not lead to closer fellowship with God and into a holier life, then we are not building on the foundation of Jesus Christ", he continued.

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H. H. Janzen Speaks at Ordination

By D. D. Duerksen

Winnipeg, Man. — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barga and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Toews were ordained as deacons at the South-End Mennonite Brethren Church on Sunday, October 14.

Rev. H. H. Janzen based his challenging ordination message on Acts 6:1-7. Speaking on ordination of the first deacons in the Apostolic Church, Rev. Janzen compared the conditions that created the necessity for the choice of deacons in the Apostolic Church to the conditions that exist in the growing city churches today. Problems such

as the neglect of needy members in a growing congregation, growing differences within the church due to differences in racial origin and language, overburdening of the ministers of the Word, necessitated the institution of the ministry of the deacons, Rev. Janzen pointed out. He emphasized integrity of character, spirituality, and wisdom as the qualifications of the deacons for their ministry.

After Rev. Janzen's message, Rev. J. P. Neufeld and Rev. H. H. Janzen led in the prayers of consecration. Rev. J. J. Andres, the father of Mrs. Peter Toews, chal-

lenged the ordained deacons to help to bear burdens and closed the service with prayer.

We, as church members, wish the newly ordained deacons God's richest blessing in their service. May the word of God be increased, the disciples be strengthened, and more be led to the living faith through our joint efforts in the service of our Lord.

Two Are Going to Russia, Maybe Four

Who will be in the delegation to Russia? When will it go? Where will it stop off in Russia? What will the delegation try to achieve?

With bated breath and straining ears the delegates gathered for the annual conference of the Manitoba Provincial Relief Committee heard the answers to these and many other questions answered when Orie O. Miller, executive secretary of the Mennonite Central Committee, reported in person on Thursday, October 11, in the Sargent Avenue Mennonite church.

D. B. Wiens and H. S. Bender will go on October 18, they were assured, even if H. A. Fast and Wm. T. Snyder will not have received their visas by that date. The visas for the brethren Wiens and Bender would have to be picked up by October 15, Mr. Miller reported. They were then to be flown to New York, where the brethren would receive them before

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EDITORIAL

Devotional

"For the People Wept Bitterly"

We Need More Evangelism

That sinners may be led to Christ only during special evangelistic campaigns is a misconception that is hampering the growth of many churches. Not only are we losing potential converts because of this belief, expressed or implicit in our actions, but we are also seeing many church members drift away because they do not receive the inspiration and challenge of leading sinners to Christ. They miss the greatest joy of all—and seek to compensate by indulging in pleasure.

Parents with unsaved children often are very enthusiastic when an evangelistic campaign is announced. Here is another opportunity for their children to accept Christ—an opportunity they did not use the last year during the campaign. Thus there are parents that live in hope from campaign to campaign—never imagining that their children can come to Christ right in the home. Yet the parents have the greatest opportunity of all to lead their children to a knowledge of Christ as personal Saviour, for they are in daily contact with them and can daily influence them. When parents accuse the church, the pastor, or the evangelist if their children are not saved, they are simply covering up their own neglect of their greatest responsibility.

Sunday school teachers also often have a very perverted notion in this respect. They will plod mechanically through the year, simply teaching the lesson, waiting for the annual evangelistic campaign to make the evangelistic appeal. Yet a teacher's first aim should be to lead the Sunday school pupil to Christ—whether through a conscious evangelistic application of the lesson or through a personal approach to each student (both should be done, incidentally). Evangelistic campaigns would be largely unnecessary, except as a measure to reach the community for Christ, if the Sunday school teachers would always be conscious of their first responsibility.

The evangelistic content in the youth program of most churches is very small. Many youth leaders never expect conversions at "Jugendverein" or young people's services. Gearing their programs completely for the Christian, they overlook the fact that there always are some young people in the families attending the church that do not know Christ. If we want the young people won for Christ we cannot afford to wait for the annual evangelistic campaign. We may experience a very real disappointment then.

In many churches the only evangelistic messages delivered on Sunday morning or evening are those during the annual evangelistic campaign. We are so busy comforting the sorrowing, instructing the weak, admonishing the erring, and exhorting one another, that we totally overlook the unsaved in the congregation. We simply do not expect sinners to step out for Christ at our regular services—and as a result we are all astounded when it does happen. If every minister had a burden for the lost this would soon be noticeable in the type of sermon preached. Not only the evangelist has an evangelistic message—every redeemed child of God has a message of redemption.

There are many church members who never expect to lead a sinner to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour. The minister, the Sunday school teacher—and above all the evangelist—can do that so much better! But the believer who is in vital fellowship with Christ will have a burning desire to see his brothers and sisters—his fellow-worker—his room-mate—his boss—come to know Christ. He will not wait until the evangelist comes to tell the good news that Jesus saves.

The Jehovah's Witnesses have adopted a Biblical principle often forgotten even in evangelical circles. Their policy is to make every member a witness. We need to revive that New Testament principle in our churches. "Each one win one" needs to become our slogan—and the community will feel the impact. Therein lies the secret to the community outreach so conspicuous by its absence in our churches. Mission Sunday schools and stations are excellent, but they do not relieve us of our responsibility to our neighbor.

There are times of sorrow in our life when the best relief is found in weeping. There are also seasons of rejoicing where tears of joy flow freely. But the weeping that can change the course of a man's life is of a different nature. This weeping is brought on by the realization of our great sinfulness.

The Scriptures record various instances where Israel wept. The men of Israel wept in Saul's day when they heard the plight of the men in Jabesh-Gilead. David and his men wept when they saw Ziklag burned and their wives and children taken captive by the Amalekites. Later David and his loyal subjects wept when they left Jerusalem after Absalom's rebellion. These were times when the plight of their brethren or their own lamentable position overwhelmed them and brought them to tears.

The occasions which produced the greatest results from the weeping of the children of Israel, however, were times when they mourned because of their sin. For instance, after Israel had prevailed on Aaron to make a golden calf and Moses had shown them the exceeding sinfulness of this act, the people mourned. Moses' intercession followed, and the people were not wiped out, as God had threatened He would.

Nehemiah records that Israel wept when the law of the Lord was read to them after they had repaired the walls of Jerusalem. They had first repaired their natural defences, now they needed to repair the spiritual defences. This meant bringing about a realization of their own sinfulness and confession of their sin, for Jehovah was holy and demanded holiness of His people. Thus the law, which reveals sin, was read—and the people wept. The results? The captivity was a direct result of Israel's apostasy and idolatry, yet after their return to Judah there is no record of a return to idolatry.

The portion of Scripture quoted above (Ezra 10:1) is taken from a similar situation. At this time they had rebuilt the temple, the sanctuary of Jehovah. Yet the people still had wives from foreign nations in spite of God's command not to take wives from strange peoples. This caused Ezra much inner grief and he prayed earnestly to the Lord, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God. His example proved effective, and we find "a very great congregation of men and women and children" gathering to him and weeping with him. This inner brokenness before God because of their sin resulted in a putting away of the strange wives and children. Judah

was saved from the mixture of races that took place in Samaria. It is difficult to imagine Judah's further part in the history of redemption without this purification.

Periods of revival in the church of Jesus Christ have always been characterized by such inner brokenness and public confession of secret sin—pride, envy, lovelessness, and even hatred. Korea's evangelical leaders have shown us the way today, gathering by the hundreds to spend weeks in prayer, weeping and confession of sin. If we want to have the repentance and revival that is overdue in our churches, as one conference leader stated, then the leaders, as Ezra, and the church members, as Judah, must weep before the Lord bitterly. If we say we have no sin we are deceiving only ourselves, but if we confess our sin the Lord can change our life—can transform our church.

Weeping is not always an indication of repentance, but weeping accompanies repentance. The inner sorrow for sin is the true indication of repentance, yet this will always find expression. If we have not wept over the sins of others, as Jesus did, and have not wept over our own sins, as Ezra did, then we need to re-examine our position.

The fruits of repentance are always an indication of its genuineness. Israel put away their strange wives, even though no doubt it caused much heartache and the rending of established family ties. This is also the price we will have

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Mennonite Disaster Service to Be Organized

Abbotsford, B.C. — At its annual meeting the Provincial Relief Committee of B.C. recommended the organization of Mennonite Disaster Units. The committee met on October 6.

Three disaster areas are being planned for: Yarrow, Greendale, and Chilliwack; Arnold, Abbotsford, Matsqui, Mission City, Aldergrove and Coghlan; Vancouver and New Westminster. At two public meetings on November 10, Harry Martens, who spent the past summer in coaching and organizing MDS units in the United States, will speak on Mennonite Disaster Service.

The report of A. A. Wiens, secretary, revealed that a total of \$28,053 has been raised in British Columbia Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches for relief during the past year. This is almost \$6,000 more than in the previous year.

Orie O. Miller, executive secretary of the Mennonite Central Committee, timed his first visit to British Columbia with the meeting of the committee. He reported on the work of the MCC and outlined future plans.

The peace committee of the provincial relief conference was instructed to take the initiative in developing closer contact between Mennonite university students and the churches in a similar program as that already functioning in Manitoba and Ontario university groups.

A total of over 8,000 pounds of clothing, valued at \$11,000 has been collected during the past year. Other projects of the committee include the assisting of widows in the construction of houses, assisting immigrants, and assisting the mentally ill.

During the past ten years the Provincial Relief Committee has been instrumental in assisting 3,000 immigrants to British Columbia. A total of \$636,991 has been involved in transportation funds.

SEVEN BAPTIZED AT ELMWOOD

Winnipeg, Man. — Baptismal services were held in the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren church on Sunday morning, October 7. Seven believers followed the Lord in baptism after testifying to the church of their faith in Christ. Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor, performed the baptism after the message delivered by Rev. D. K. Duerksen.

The baptismal candidates were: Gordon Voth, Klaus Roesler, Irmgard Kliewer, John Bock, Werner Pletz, and Mr. and Mrs. John Rademacher.



This is the Harvest Thanksgiving arrangement of fruits and vegetables in the Morden, Man., M. B. church. (Photo by Morden Photo Studio.)

Male Voice Choir Sings at Mission Festival

Morden, Man. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here had a special time of blessing on Sunday, October 7, when it observed its annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission Festival. Guest speakers were Rev. H. H. Redekop, Winkler, and Rev. Victor Toews, Winnipeg, while the male voice choir and soloist Mrs. J. Wiebe increased the blessings of the afternoon service with their singing.

During the morning thanksgiving service Rev. Redekop spoke on "True Giving", basing his message on Mark 12:41-44. Rev. Toews, who recently returned after four years in Paraguay and is now teaching at the M.B. Bible College, answered the question, "How Should We Cel-

brate Harvest-Thanksgiving?" He spoke on Deuteronomy chapter eight.

At the afternoon service Rev. Toews gave a brief report on his work in South America. Most of his time was devoted to Bible school and youth work. Thereupon Rev. Redekop delivered a message on, "The Burning Heart of God", based on Exodus 3:1-10. Rev. Toews then followed with a message from John 3:16 under the theme, "The Missionary Program of God."

During the afternoon service the local male voice choir, directed by Mr. I. H. Voth, served with special singing. Mrs. Justina Wiebe of Winkler sang two solos.

Fresno President Featured Speaker

North Clearbrook, B.C. — Rev. B. J. Braun, president of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary and Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, Calif., was the guest speaker at the annual fall Bible Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute here. He delivered messages on the Holy Spirit during the three-day conference, held from October 7 to 9.

Classes at the institute had begun a week earlier, with 63 students registered by Oct. 12 and more expected, an increase over last year's enrollment. The faculty remains the same, with Rev. A. H. Wieler the principal and the following teachers: Rev. J. F. Redekop, Rev. H. H. Nikkel, Rev. Herman Voth, and Mr. H. P. Neufeldt. Both Rev. Voth and Rev. Nikkel are teaching only part-time because of their pastoral responsibilities.

Scripture and education are in-

separable, declared Rev. Braun in his first message of the conference, which was on "The Abundant Spiritual Life", based on Ephesians 1:15-19. Rev. Braun also maintained that education is an obligation because of its importance in our day and because it is available to all. God has urged us to occupy ourselves; He has put a premium on work. God has no useless or untalented children.

Other themes throughout the Bible Conference were: Sad Disciples (Luke 24:13-17); The Fruit of the Holy Spirit (John 15:1-8 and Gal. 5:22-23); The Unhappy Lot of the Unbeliever (II Cor. 13:5-6 and Heb. 10:38-39); The Fullness of the Spirit (Romans 6:1-23); and The Glorious Prospects of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matth. 24:1-8 and Luke 21:25-33). The morning messages were delivered in the German language, while the evening messages were in English.

MORE ABOUT Dedicate New Library Building

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"As you go by on Kelvin Street and see the sign, 'Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ', won't you pray that we might build in line with the foundation which has been laid?" he asked the congregation.

The report by Mr. C. A. DeFehr, the member of the College Board who supervised construction, revealed that a total of \$99,747 had been spent thus far on the new building, with more expenses to come in furnishing it. The library building, which is L-shaped, contains a library 34'x60', an auditorium 42'x70', two classrooms, three offices, a conference board room, and seven music rooms.

"Our aim in building this structure was that the Spirit of the Lord and His Word might have the preeminence," declared Rev. H. H. Janzen, who resigned this summer as president after 8 years in that office. To give only an academic training would not justify the expense of such a building, he maintained. Young people must be trained for service in the kingdom of God. Rev. Janzen also pointed out the unifying influence of such a common project, even as the temple project had unified Israel, as revealed in I Kings 8:62. Rev. Janzen spoke in the German language.

The dedicatory prayers were spoken by Rev. J. P. Epp and Rev. H. P. Toews. The A Cappella Choir of the college served with four songs, while a men's quartet sang "Faith of our Fathers". An offering received totalled \$969, which is designated toward helping furnish the library building. Lunch was served after the service in the administration building by the ladies of the three M.B. churches in Winnipeg.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST. CATHARINES

St. Catharines, Ont. — It was our privilege in the M.B. Church here to celebrate our Thanksgiving Day and Mission Festival on Sunday, October 7.

During the morning service Rev. John Wall spoke on thanksgiving and Rev. Henry Penner on the subject of home missions. The afternoon service emphasized foreign missions, with Rev. Abram Block and Rev. Thielman from Kitchener speaking. "Our generation must hear the Gospel from us," Rev. Thielman stated.

The offerings for this day were only \$100 short of \$5,000. We are thankful that we could express our thanks also in this material way to help further the work on the mission fields.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Recovers Completely From Lockjaw

Margaret, Man. — Abram, 12-year-old son of evangelist Rev. Abram Neufeld, has recovered completely after an attack of lockjaw.

Abram was injured slightly on his foot while swimming. After some days he was taken to the hospital because of pain and signs of paralysis. After some investigation the diagnosis was lockjaw. Specialists gave the boy no chance at recovering. "Then we gathered our family and friends and began praying," reports Rev. Neufeld. As answer to the believing prayers of His children the lad has completely recovered.

Rev. Neufeld reports that as the result of this crisis in his life, Abram has accepted Christ as His personal Saviour.

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Crops Poor Again in Mexico

With a few isolated exceptions, crops among Mennonite settlers in Mexico were a disappointment again this year, due mainly to insufficient rainfall, the Mennonite Weekly Review reports.

In Durango province, some grain crops withered away, after having come up to a good stand at planting time. As in former years, feed there will be scarce.

In Chihuahua province, the best crops appear to be in communities some distance north of Cuauhtemoc. Here and there auction sales are held, with farm machinery and other articles still selling at fair prices.

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Seriously Burned in Harvesting Accident

Newton Siding, Man. — Mr. Aron Froese of here is in hospital in Carman with serious burns after a harvesting accident. While adding gasoline to the motor of the combine on October 9 the gasoline suddenly caught fire, giving Mr. Froese serious burns.

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Loses Leg After Tractor Accident

Warren Loewen, 14, lost his right leg as the result of a tractor accident recently. His leg became entangled in the power take-off of the tractor and had to be amputated between the knee and the hip in the Portage la Prairie, Man., hospital.

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Begin Journey to Mission Fields

Steinbach, Man. — Rev. H. G. Rempel, pastor of the Emmanuel Church here, and Linden Penner, deacon in the same church, set out on October 8 by air to visit various mission fields in which the missionaries they are supporting are

active. They plan to visit London, France, Nigeria, French West Africa, Ethiopia, Cairo, Israel, Rome and Geneva.

The Emmanuel Church supports about 35 missionaries and recently concluded a successful mission conference at which the financial goal was over-subscribed by \$10,000, with a total of \$44,000 in cash and pledges given.

Rev. Don P. Shidler, president of the Gospel Union Mission, will serve as pastor part of the time while Rev. Rempel is absent.

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Two Ordained in Brazil

Curitiba, Brazil — Ordination services were held here on August 19 for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hiebert and Mr. and Mrs. Franz Heinrichs. Both brethren were ordained for the ministry in the Mennonite Brethren church.

Mr. Hiebert has served for some time in the orphanage here, while Mr. Heinrichs, who is blind, has been doing outstanding work among the Brazilians in the state of Santa-Catarina.

Speakers at the ordination service were Rev. C. C. Peters and Rev. Hans Legiehn. Those participating in the dedicatory prayer

were Rev. C. C. Peters, Rev. Peter Hamm, Rev. Erven Tiessen, Rev. Hansi Goertz.

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Fine Weather Aids Beet Harvest

Coaldale, Alta. — Fine weather aided the sugar beet harvest in this area. Sunny days had farmers working overtime to get the crop in. The yield is very good, with 12 to 18 tons per acre not uncommon and even 20 tons to the acre reported.

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PARENTS ARRIVE FROM PARAGUAY

Winnipeg, Man. — Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Boschman, the parents of Abe Boschman, student at the M.B. Bible College during the last two and a half years, have arrived in Winnipeg with their family of six children. They come from Waldesruh, Fernheim Colony, Paraguay.

Abe, who has been diligently repairing and painting this summer in the house the family now occupies, is not attending college this winter. His present plans are to attend Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb., if a visa can be obtained before the second semester begins. Abe was helped in his coming to Canada and during his studies here by the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, of which he is a member.

RELIEF WORK - a Continuing Service

Winnipeg, Man. — "Relief work finds no place to stop," declared Orrie O. Miller at the Thursday morning session of the Provincial Relief Committee. Mr. Miller, executive secretary of the Mennonite Central Committee, spoke at the first of the business sessions of the committee, held in the Sargent Avenue Mennonite church on Thursday, October 11.

"The machine that created the wealth also brought a lot of new people to our doorstep—people who are desperately poor. They have no good meals such as we do, there are no tables to sit at in their houses, they have no windows in their houses, no chairs to sit on..." stated Mr. Miller in his review of present relief needs in the world. "I have been around the world four times during the last 10 years and devote an average of four months every year to visiting needy areas and mission fields, and I am challenged by what God has for us to do, urgently, continuously, strategically."

Mr. Miller, who has been connected with MCC since its founding in 1920 and has been secretary of the (Old) Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities for the last 21 years, spoke from personal experience. He spoke slowly, with the deliberation of a man who wanted his message clothed in those

words that would give it the greatest hearing.

"As a church and as a brotherhood God has blessed us, I think sometimes above every other people in the world, with material and spiritual wealth," he declared, outlining the present needs in the world which we must meet. Although the problem of our brethren is about taken care of, the bulldozer, airplane, and automobile have brought people close to us. They are people for whom Christ died. Not able to read, they have no knowledge of health, banking, fertilizer, development of seeds. "You cannot leave people at this point and be a Mennonite Christian," he maintained.

The Mennonite Central Committee is trying to help meet this need—with a vocational school in Korea—an orphanage in France—an agricultural program in Greece, Timor...—a medical program in Java.

"A young brotherhood is arising on the mission fields. They are spiritual children of our missionaries. They would like to be Mennonites," Mr. Miller reported. These converts are organizing churches, but they are poor churches compared to our standard. They are young and inexperienced. More than 70,000 of these need our help and support in various ways.

"We know your hearts were torn by the needs of your Paraguay brethren, who found Paraguay free, but difficult compared to here. Their country is landlocked, the government and currency unstable," Mr. Miller said. "We have a very difficult problem there. They will never get along as well in our time as you do. But they will get along. They are over the top. Now we invite you to take a larger share in the larger MCC program," he stated.

During the last year the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee contributed \$1,000 monthly to the larger Mennonite Committee Relief program. "I hope in 1957 you can send \$2,000 a month."

The total MCC relief program costs about \$450,000 a year, which averages out to about \$2 per member per year. Up until now the average Canadian Mennonite contribution to this program has been about 50 cents and if the monthly contributions were doubled they would still be only \$1 per member, half of the average contribution.

Fire Burns Recently Sold House

Winnipeg, Man.—In nine months Walter Klassen was to move out of a house he sold to John DeFehr and into his new home. Wednesday morning, Oct. 17, he was rudely ejected when fire swept the house, leaving only the shell standing.

Alone in the house at the time, he was expecting his wife and child to come home from the hospital the next day. The Klassens also have one son. They are staying at Mrs. Klassen's parents, the H. H. Unruhs, temporarily.

It is believed that an oil burner explosion caused the fire. The house was insured.

TWO ARE GOING — MAYBE FOUR

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they left New York by air for Frankfurt, Germany. After consultations there they are to leave for Russia and a three-week to 30-day tour there.

When questioned where the delegation expects to go, Mr. Miller stated that the itinerary had been included in the visa application and accepted. It included the present major centers where Mennonites are located, according to present knowledge.

The first purpose of the delegation is to meet the people there and to preach. Rev. Wiens is able to preach, as is also Dr. Bender. If Snyder and Fast will be able to go it will be Snyder's concern to study the government and bring back a clearer picture of what can be done for our people. The delegation wants to find out where our people are, how their church life is, and what can be done about uniting divided families.

Buildings at Deverakonda Inadequate

By Anna Suderman

Deverakonda Mission Staff now includes Margaret and Anna Suderman working in hospital and school respectively. Both worked in Wanaparty for a number of years building up the institutions there. While they were on furlough in 1955/56, Sisters Margaret Willems and Edna Gerdes were stationed there. They are continuing the work in hospital and school on the Wanaparty station.

Sisters Wall and Warkentin are continuing on in Deverakonda. With a middle school of more than 200 and a boarding school of about 120, there is work for two in the school. It also gives a little leeway to carry on some literature work besides the school work. Sister Warkentin and I are carrying on the work. I am trying to get acquainted with the many children as I carry on classes and do other necessary work. There are a number of orphans. At least 20 have to have clothes supplied to them, and about twice that many need food without payment. Deverakonda is a needy place because so often the rains fail here causing semi-famine conditions. Even the Chief Minister of Hyderabad, who came here to a government high school opening in Deverakonda village, said this was a poor area. We are living behind the "hills of the gods" which seemingly hold up the rains before they reach this valley.

Many Patients

Margaret Suderman and the Indian staff members are carrying on the hospital work. Many patients come daily, and there is not sufficient room to care for them properly. A number of roofs are leaking and need repair. Yet many get well physically and hear the Gospel. Pray that the needs may be supplied, and that Sister Margaret might have the strength to carry on. It is not easy to start in a new place where one does not know the people. Sister Wall still works hard, assisting in hospital and compound work. She is preparing a house trailer to go out into the villages to visit her many friends and do personal work among these needy people. In the hospital the poverty is also felt. A number of patients need to have their diet supplemented in addition to free medicine. The milk powder being supplied by the people of the United States is a great help in treating the sick, as well as adding valuable food to the diet of the school children. Many poor families have benefited from this help also.

It was my privilege to visit the Evangelical Literature Fellowship Conference in Yeotmal from August 21-24. It was an inspiration to see

what is being done in a co-ordinated effort of producing more and better Christian literature. A new project has been proposed. The plan is to produce an illustrated Christian magazine in four or five major languages, rotating the picture blocks in the different areas. The two big needs in such an undertaking are personnel and funds. Pray that these may be supplied. There is great need for such a magazine.

New Church Needed

Deverakonda mission, which has become a Christian village with a large number of residents, needs a new church or schoolhouse. Church services and school are carried on in one building. The government school inspectors object to this. It is also not suitable since the church needs a large hall and school classes need classrooms. At present there are four classrooms, and the other four classes with a total of more than 100 pupils meet in the hall. The conflict of voices from four directions makes it very difficult to teach properly. Would you put this need on your prayer list?

The Ted Fasts are carrying on the work in the elementary Bible school and in the field courageously. The tannery in connection with the Bible instruction helps the students to earn something while attending the Bible school. Besides, it will be a means of livelihood when they go back to their villages.

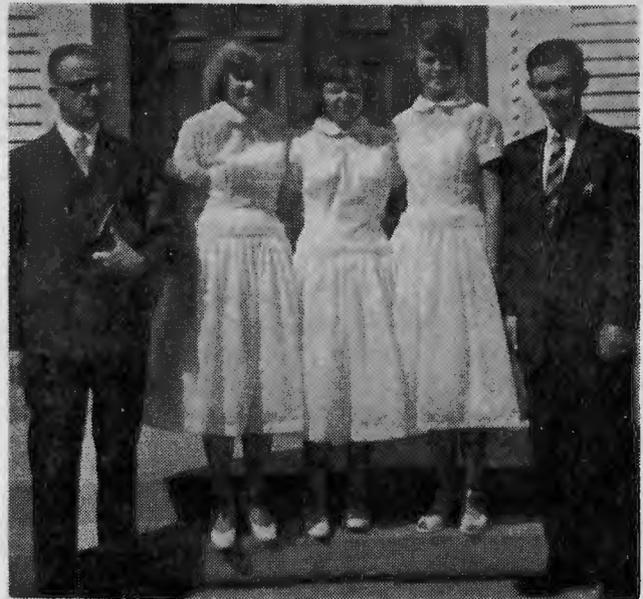
The Lombardi people, a nomadic tribe, of whom there are a good many in this area, are very open to the Gospel. They have a different language which has not yet been put into writing. Though they know Telugu somewhat, it is not their mother tongue. There is need for a co-ordinated effort to teach these children of the forest. They also have living souls. A few of the school boys know some of their language, and we are encouraging them to study it in view of helping these people in the near future. Pray for these. There are some in most of our stations, but largely unreached so far. Pray for the work and workers in Deverakonda.

Such 'Interesting' Pests - AWK!

(MCC Release)

Try farming in Paraguay, South America.

It doesn't take a cracker farm to attract large flocks of squawking parrots there. These Pollies relish crops introduced to colonists by Paxman Menno Wiebe of Abbotsford, B.C.



The Mennonite Brethren Church at Leamington, Ont., recently had a baptismal service. On the picture is Rev. I. H. Tiessen, minister, and the four baptismal candidates: (from left) Shirley Kornelson, Molly Hochalter, Erna Wiebe, and Edward Hamm. (Photo by John Bartel.)

Ants make their unwelcome appearance to do damage too. And the most interesting (at least the most unusual) pest is the armadillo. These weird creatures dig large holes in the field, root out plants and eat melons.

The pesky intruders caused Wiebe to discover his aptitude for chemistry — he concocted some poison to add to the diet and doom of the pests.

Maybe a Pax zoo would help solve the problem.

Wiebe says, however, these jungle pests will become more scarce as more land is cleared for crops.

His work is that of crop demonstration and experimentation in Volendam colony in eastern Paraguay where German Mennonites settled in 1948. The area is being developed for agricultural and industrial uses.

His experiments include corn, vegetables, berries, legumes, hay, melons and pumpkins. There is an interest in poultry development too, he reports.

Wiebe plants small plots of ground into certain crops to experiment in developing better plants at minimum costs. He keeps detailed accounts of each experiment.

Former Palace Now Houses Hospital

An old palace in Nepal now serves quite a different purpose than housing a royal family. It is now a hospital.

Relief worker Rudy Friesen (Marquette, Man.) is a maintenance worker at the new institution and is helping remodel the palace for hospital facilities. It is located in the capital city of Katmandu. Nepal is north of India along the Himalayan Mountains.

This is part of a project by the United Christian Mission to Nepal,

an inter-denominational team extending the Christian message via medical and educational services.

The mission recently entered Nepal after a new king came into power. Under the old monarchy few foreign people were allowed into the country, Friesen reported.

Plans call for the construction of new hospitals in the towns of Tansing and Bhadgaon. He will work at the Katmandu hospital until the rainy season passes and until more personnel arrive.

Receive Awards for Milk Distribution

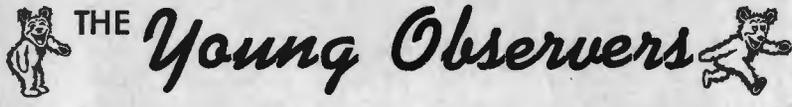
An award is the farthest thing from the mind of a relief worker, but workers in Tokyo received certificates of appreciation from the Tokyo Employment Agency for their regular servings of milk to Tokyo day laborers.

The certificates were presented in a ceremony on September 18 in the presence of a large gathering of laborers to Norman and Eunice Wingert (Upland, Calif.), who direct relief distributions there. The event drew newspaper, radio and newsreel coverage.

The Wingerts have for the past six months served hot milk to 100-200 day laborers five times a week in two different Employment Agency branches.

The day laborers, both men and women, are jobless except for occasional assignments by the Agency. They receive less than a dollar a day for heavy work such as excavation and street cleaning.

If the faults you see in others were not so much like your own you would not recognize them so easily. —Sel.



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Everybody wants to be brave, especially the boys. Some children try to show off how brave they are by doing dangerous things, such as running over the road when a car is coming. Or they may hang onto a truck platform while on their bicycle to get a ride that way. Others jump through the flames of a bonfire, trying to prove that they are brave.

The Bible, however, tells us of a different kind of bravery. There was danger connected with it, too, but the men who were brave didn't do foolish things to prove they were brave. Their bravery came from their trust in God, not from their trust in their own strength, in their own muscles.

Every boy and girl knows the story of David. He stood up to a huge giant. Without any armour and without a spear, he walked up to Goliath and killed him with a stone from a sling. What made him so brave? Was it his skill with the sling? Was it his confidence in his own strength? No, it was his trust in Jehovah, his God. Remember what David said? He told that giant Goliath, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou has defied."

There are many giants to kill today, too. Mayby you didn't know it, but temptation is a giant that scares many people. They just cannot resist temptation, and do those things that are not pleasing to God. But if you have the courage and bravery that David had, you will be able to defeat temptation, for God is stronger than our temptation. If we trust in the Lord, He will give us victory.

There are many other giants all of us have to face. Do you think you could name some and write and tell us about them?
Aunt Selma.

THE VICTOR

Louise came home from the Good News Club. There the teacher had been talking about the race of the Christian, the race to the heavenly goal. However, because the track and field meet was scheduled for the next day, Louise had not heard much about the heavenly race; she was concerned with the next day's races. Her first question when she came home was, "Is my track and field outfit ready, Mother?"

"No," her Mother answered with a heavy heart. "I had hoped that my headache would improve, but until now I have been able to do only the most necessary things."

"Oh, but you always have headaches," Louise muttered angrily. "And what is most important? I cannot think of anything more important than getting my track outfit ready. To-morrow we are having a track meet. I told you that long ago."

"If you won't speak in a different tone of voice, I will not do anything for you," her Mother assured her firmly. Grumbling, Louise went up the stairs. Her mother remained in the kitchen with a heavy heart. That Louise could have so little sympathy, be so unfeeling when her Mother was ill...

"There does not seem to be any

value in sending Louise to the Good News Club," her Mother thought to herself. "And yet, she seems to go so willingly." Just recently she had given her heart to the Lord Jesus—but now you couldn't notice it at all any more. The teacher had told her that Louise was one of the best pupils and was very attentive in class. And yet...

As Mother went quietly about her tasks in the kitchen—moving only slowly so as not to worsen the headache—Louise was going through the clothes basket upstairs. Looking through the washed clothes she finally found her track outfit. With a gloomy face she came into the kitchen, plugged in the iron, and went out.

"What is she going to do now?" Mother wondered. "Louise dislikes ironing so very much—yet now she apparently would rather do it herself than ask Mother in a polite way to do it."

And so it was. Louise returned and tried to iron the outfit herself. It was bad enough. The heavy satin outfit soon was full of creases firmly ironed in—where they did not belong. Her Mother saw it and was sorry about it, but she would have to leave it that way, since Louise wasn't in a mood to ask Mother for help.

The bad headache did not allow Mother to enter into a discussion with Louise. She went to bed early, but not before she had prepared a thermos bottle full of coffee and made some sandwiches for Louise to take along the next day. She did not know if she would be able to get up before Louise would leave.

Louise left the house early. She couldn't even say goodbye to her Mother, who appeared to be sleeping. Louise didn't particularly like this, since she would not be returning until the evening, but once she came to the meet and participated in the sports she forgot all about her mother. Whole-heartedly she entered into the races and did very well. She won prizes in the broad jump, high jump, and dash.

Joyfully she received the congratulations of everyone. Then, proud at what she had done, she hurried to Aunt Clara, her mother's sister. She was going to eat lunch there. Her Aunt and Uncle rejoiced with her. Her aunt gave her a dollar and her Uncle also had a little present for her.

"Oh, Aunt Clara," Louise called out overjoyed, "it is much nicer here than at home. My Mother is so boring and always tired."

At that her Aunt exploded. "Don't you say that! Your Mother was the most cheerful and the most active of all of us. What she set out to do, she did well. She could swim and skate much better than we could. True, now she often feels ill, for she isn't well any more. She has had a hard life."

"Because Father died so soon?" Louise asked.

"Yes... and then she lost what she inherited."

"I also think that money is the whole trouble. If we had more money everything would be much nicer. Mother always says there is enough, but for the things that others have and I would like to get, there is never enough," Louise commented.

"Well, you get all you need. But she could have it much easier," her Aunt declared with emphasis.

"Why?" Louise questioned.

"Your mother could have had a good job several years ago. But you had scarlet fever at the time and she felt she had to take care of you. We tried to persuade her to take the job after you recovered, and let you stay with a friend during the day, but she insisted that she had to stay with you. 'I have only the child, and it needs me,' she said. She would rather over-work herself than leave you," her Aunt told Louise.

Louise had become very silent. She thought back to the days when her Mother had not left her bed, when she had fulfilled every wish and tried everything possible to provide relief from pain for her. How loving her Mother had been

then—was she not that way any more today?

"Aunt Clara," she suddenly said, "I am going to take the early train home. Mother had a headache yesterday and I think she still had it today."

Arriving home, Louise rang the doorbell. When her Mother did not come to the door, fear gripped her. Just then she heard a heavy step on the stairs—and there was Mother coming up the stairs with two large shopping bags. Louise ran down the stairs to meet her and help her carry the bags.

"You are here already?" her mother asked. "I thought you would not come home until the evening. I was going to have everything ready for you when you came. Did you win some prizes?"

"Yes, I made the most points in our class," Louise told her. "But that is not important now."

Her Mother looked at her. "What is important to you then?"

"That you have a little more joy in life and can become more like you used to be. Aunt Clara has been telling me about it," she said slowly. Her Mother smiled to herself.

When saying goodnight Louise threw her arms around her Mother and said, "In the Good News Club the teacher has been telling us about running the race with patience. That is in the Bible. When I run in a track meet I run as hard as I can—and when trying to do what Jesus wants me to do I have given up so soon. I want to think of Him again—and of you."

ANSWERS TO: "BIBLE ANIMALS ON THE FARM" (Last week)

- 1 dog (Matt. 15:27)
2. sheep (John 10:11)
3. horse (Job 39:19)
4. chickens (Matt. 23:37)
5. sparrow (Matt. 10:29)
6. cow (Isaiah 11:7)
7. calf (Luke 15:23)
8. ox (I Cor. 9:9)

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The School of God *By Peggy Arbogast*

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(12th Installment)

"All right," agreed Betty. "But don't pamper Connie. The child's too scary. She's got to get over it."

Ruth returned to the dining room where the pastor was still standing watching the sleeping child. As she entered the room, she heard the "chug chug" of Bob's car.

"Thank you so much, Mr. Stuart, for staying with Connie and for being so kind. I guess I'm leaving the Plateau of Learning that we were speaking of this morning."

"Yes, your next lesson has come, perhaps sooner than you expected. But our Teacher knows best, and He will guide and help you each step of the way. Goodnight, Ruth. Aunt Sally and I will be praying," and the pastor left the girl and hurried out to meet her brother.

CHAPTER X

It was only a few moments until Bob joined his sister, but to the waiting girl it seemed much longer. She knew immediately by his facial expression that he had met Keith, who had told him what had happened. He was unmistakably angry.

"He would have to go and do a thing like that today—just when things were going so nicely. We've a houseful of company upstairs. He'll probably come in shortly and raise a dreadful commotion," stormed Bob.

Ruth put out her hand and laid it gently upon his arm. In her soft voice she warned him, "Be careful, Bob. Don't speak so loudly. You'll wake Connie, and you know what that will mean. You know how much she is afraid of him."

"Yes, I know," growled the boy. "He ought to be ashamed of himself. But say—what are we going to do with the poor kid? We ought to get her out of the way before he comes."

"Yes," agreed Ruth. "If you'll carry her upstairs, I'll see if I can get her to bed without waking her. Mr. Stuart said he doesn't think she is well. Oh, I do hope he's wrong. I don't know a thing about sickness. I wouldn't know the first thing to do."

"I'd say the very first thing would be to get a doctor. Beyond that let him instruct you," advised Bob as he lifted his youngest sister and started upstairs. "However, I think we can safely wait until morning before doing anything. Maybe Mr. Stuart was wrong. Connie may be just tired. She does feel hot though," he mused.

Ruth hastily prepared Connie's bed while Bob, without much effort, held the slight form in his arms.

"Are you going to sleep with her?" he questioned as he laid the child upon the bed.

Ruth nodded. "I thought it would be best," she explained. "If she wakes up and is sick or frightened I'll be right here."

"That's a good idea. I'm afraid Betty wouldn't even wake up. What about the girls from the school? Do they know what's happened?"

"No. They were very tired when we got home, so they went right up to bed. Nancy expected me to sleep with her, but Betty was going to tell her that Connie wasn't well."

"Good," was Bob's response. "Well, goodnight Ruth. I'll wait for Dad, I guess. I might be able to keep him quiet, although it will be difficult."

Ruth gave him a grateful glance. "I hope you don't have to wait too long. I'd tell you not to wait at all if it weren't for Connie. As long as she doesn't hear any disturbance, even if she does wake up, she won't have to know."

Left alone with the sleeping child, Ruth's calmness began to leave her. For the moment there was no one depending upon her, and she began to tremble in the face of the trouble which confronted her.

Meanwhile Keith had returned to Aunt Sally's. That dear old saint of the Lord was waiting for the "last of her boys" to return, as she told him. The boys from the Institute had arrived home before Keith had been able to leave the Arnold's.

As soon as she saw the pastor, Aunt Sally knew that something was wrong. The other boys had given her glowing accounts of the day, and especially of the meeting with its results. The woman knew how full of joy Keith must be at these first converts in Briarwood. She was greatly surprised to see the serious, rather anxious expression upon his face.

He dismissed it as soon as he came into her presence, however, for he did not wish to discuss it in front of the boys. Aunt Sally had seen enough to know that there was a need of prayer for someone. She lingered after the others had gone to their rooms.

"Something's wrong, isn't it, Keith?" she suggested as they sat down.

The young minister nodded, and briefly sketched the events which had occurred.

"Well, it's not for us to worry about," she commented. "It seems to us that it is a shame that this had to happen, especially at this time when Ruth could be enjoying herself so much with her friends. But you know, even our times are in His hands. He knows best. And I believe for one thing, that Connie is going to lose her fear, now that she is the Lord's."

"I hadn't thought of that," returned Keith. "I don't believe Ruth did either for most of her concern was for the child. I do hope Connie isn't really sick. I'd look in on her if I were you in the morning."

Aunt Sally nodded. "Ruth is very capable, but very inexperienced, and if the child is going to be sick, she will need help."

Before retiring each of these two poured forth ardent petitions for their friends and neighbors. Aunt Sally, serene and trusting, merely committed them into the hands of her Master, well knowing that fierce though the billows might be, Ruth could not drift beyond His love and care.

Keith, however, plead at length for the girl he was beginning to love. He had not realized until that day, when Ruth had so nearly been hit with the baseball, just how much she meant to him. Now, as he realized how she must be suffering, it gave him real heart anguish too. But finally, he also received peace and the assurance that somehow God would cause all things to work together for good. Realizing that he must soon get some sleep if he were to be in condition for the services on the morrow, he arose from his knees and climbed into bed.

Bob still kept his lonely vigil in the Arnold living room. Although yawning frequently, he with great effort managed to remain awake and watchful. Ruth, on the other hand, earnestly sought sleep but could not find it. Lying beside the sleeping Connie, she was afraid to stir lest she disturb the child. Thoughts of what might happen when her father returned, filled her mind. A sudden anxiety filled her heart. Noiselessly she arose, and started toward the stairs. Just before she began to descend them she stopped. She was trembling from head to foot. She realized that this was no way to appear before her unbelieving brother.

"Maybe all this is happening just to show him," she whispered to herself, "to show him what God can do in a person's life." Then she lifted her heart to her Saviour. "Oh, Father," she prayed, "Thou hast said that 'all things work together for good to them that love thee.' Oh, help me to trust Thee, to work all these things out. Teach me to love Thy Will and to be a faithful testimony to Thee, through whatever troubles may come. Help

me now, as I go downstairs. Oh, might I be calm before Bob. Might he see the refuge I have in Thee. Father, I thank Thee that Thou art going to help me. I ask these things in Jesus' Name; Amen."

The trembling ceased. Calmly and quietly Ruth went down to the living room. Bob had stretched out on the couch, but was not asleep.

"Anything wrong?" he asked as he saw his sister. "Is Connie?"

Ruth shook her head. "No, but Bob I've been thinking. Maybe Daddy isn't intoxicated. Perhaps he has been hurt. Maybe he is in a hospital somewhere."

Bob sat up. "I hardly think so. He's just drunk, that's all."

Ruth was shocked at the harshness of her brother's voice. "Bob, don't be so hard on him. He's our father, you know."

Bob looked at his sister. "Sometimes I wish he weren't any relation, so I could really hate him without feeling guilty about it. How do you think a fellow feels to have everybody know his father's a drunkard?"

Ruth sat down beside Bob. Gently and lovingly she spoke. "Bob, I don't like it any more than you do. Upstairs are three of my dearest friends. Do you think I care to have them know about Daddy? Of course, I don't. I dread it. I certainly don't feel proud of him, but the fact still remains, he is our father, and he needs our love. I think we had better phone the different hospitals in the city and inquire about the patients who have come in tonight."

Bob agreed rather reluctantly, and brought out the phone book. One after another of the nearby city hospitals he called, but none had a patient answering their father's description.

"Now, are you satisfied?" he questioned his sister.

"Yes," she nodded. "And you feel better too, don't you Bob? You know that you have done what you can."

Bob agreed, then advised, "Ruthie, you better try to get some sleep. You are going to need your strength in the morning."

"It's morning now," ruefully interrupted Ruth as the clock struck three.

Bob grinned. "That's the spirit. Still able to joke, eh?" But he added, "Seriously speaking, you really had better try to sleep."

(To be continued)

"For the People Wept Bitterly"

(Continued from page 2-4)

to pay, for it will often be a humiliating experience to confess our sin. Our turning from sin may lose us some of our cherished friends. But the fruits are so rewarding in such a repentance that they far outweigh the unpleasant experiences.

BOOK REVIEW

IN SEARCH OF UTOPIA. By E. K. Francis. Altona: D. W. Friesen and Sons, Ltd. 1955. Pp. 278. \$6.00.*

Mennonites have usually thought of their history and their institutions in religious terms. The author of our book, a professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, views these things from a sociological point of view. His book may present some surprises to the careful reader.

The studies basic to this book were made in the period from September, 1945, to March, 1947, under the auspices of the Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba. Its purpose was to show the development and adjustment of the Manitoba Mennonites' way of life within a "Canadian" way of life. For the person looking into this story the book will be an excellent guide. For the Mennonite looking out at the whole society, of which his more or less well-defined group is only a part, the book is a help toward a broader view.

To begin the account, the author presents an excellent survey of the history of Mennonitism as a whole, showing how at each major turn the group sought for more conducive conditions in which to practise its religion, develop its social institutions and uphold its predominantly agrarian economy. The outline of the situation within the Mennonite colonies in Russia and the analysis of the reasons behind the movement of the first contingents to Canada in 1873 are very enlightening. Many non-religious motives for a change of habitat become apparent.

The book goes on to deal with the period of adjustment in Manitoba, which, of course, witnessed the gradual modification of old world patterns within the Mennonite settlements. As had been the case in other countries, so here again these people, by virtue of their industry and tendencies toward solidarity, achieved a measure of prosperity and independence from the outside world. A trend toward assimilation into the larger Canadian society soon set in, however, in spite of strong efforts to halt it.

The central problem of adjustment, as outlined by the author, was the difficult question of parochial versus public schools, of an all-English curriculum versus a bilingual one. The governmental authorities, determined to have the Mennonites fused into the whole cultural structure of Canada, applied severe measures to bring these people into line. To the conservatives among the Manitoba Mennonites this was a threat to their social and, as they thought, religious position. Very soon the exodus to Latin America began.

With the arrival of "Russländer" Mennonites in Manitoba after the first World War, the situation there changed markedly. Under the influence of these more highly cultured immigrants, a more realistic view of the outside world and a new alignment within the group quickly came about.

The story of the events after World War II is fairly familiar to most of us. The survey of post-war life among the Manitoba Mennonites, as a visitor in 1945-1947 might have found it, refreshes the memory and gives a new insight.

In *Search of Utopia* is a survey and an analysis. Dr. Francis has gone further, however, and has seen behind the behavior of the Manitoba Mennonites a concerted and continuous effort to establish for themselves a Utopia, an environment that would permit a full realization of what they considered as true Christianity and the best possible social order. The implication is that such an attempt was vain. Indeed, at the end of the book, the author observes that for these people, "Utopia is farther beyond the horizon than ever." The latest, problematical emigration of Mennonites from Manitoba to Latin America, taking place after the material for this book had been prepared, seems to prove that he was right. By Alfred Siemens

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The Jehovah's Witnesses: Their Phenomenal Progress

Just over seventy-five years ago there was initiated a religious movement which has borne various names—"The Bible Students", "Russellites" or "Jehovah's Witnesses." In the intervening period the teaching has spread until in 1955 there were 570,694 "ministers" preaching this message in 158 countries. It is little wonder that one American newspaper has designated the cult as "the fastest growing religion in the world".

There is probably no reader of these words who has not personally been approached by the members of this cult or who has not seen copies of their magazines and publications. Their message has been carried into the remote places of this land and to nearly every country on this planet. If one were to judge the divinity of any religion on the basis of its success and expansion, then certainly the cult of Jehovah's Witnesses would be a serious contender for top honors.

In Canada the Jehovah's Witnesses have experienced a steady growth so that whereas in 1918 there were none in Canada, the 1951 census revealed that they then numbered 34,596. Just this year,



VOLUNTEERS.... A group of 15 young people recently completed orientation for voluntary service with the Mennonite Central Committee and are serving in a number of units. They are (front from left) Elma Ediger of Inman, Kans.; Judith Wiens of Reedley, Calif.; Pauline Schmidt of Newton, Kans.; Grace Yothers of Perkasio, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Janzen and son Rene of Buhler, Kans.; (back row) Mrs. Helen Isaac of Meade, Kans.; Mary Frances Martin of Waynesboro, Va.; Jean Stutzman of Schwenksville, Pa.; Ruth Hartzler of Belleville, Pa.; Hedy Janzen of Altona, Man.; and Susan Esh of Belleville, Pa. Not pictured are Anita Peters of Mt. Lehman, B.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Yoder of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

a spacious and costly Canadian headquarters, complete with a printing plant, was erected in Toronto. It is apparent that the organization feels that Canada presents a promising mission field and hence the coming years will reveal even increased activity on the part of these industrious cultists.

The spread of this cult is but a symptom of the times and should serve as an indication of the dire spiritual poverty which has come upon us and as an incentive to an imaginative and daring evangelization venture on the part of Bible-believing Christians. It is evident, especially in Western Canada, that other cults and sects are enjoying a regular field day simply because men will not long endure a spiritual vacuum.

The so-called Witnesses of Jehovah have effectively employed at least three effective scriptural methods—1) every member a worker, 2) home visitation, 3) the distribution of literature.

This cult does not encourage the accumulation of drones but rather seeks to enlist every single follower as an active worker. In this way the dogmas and declarations of this group find expression through the testimony of each individual. Thus there is eliminated any concept of some person or persons who are paid to promote the message. This stands in sharp contrast even to the situation in some evangelical churches where much manpower is wasted as lazy believers congregate Sunday after Sunday and engage in sermon-tasting and preacher-criticism.

One characteristic of the Jehovah's Witnesses that has aroused the anger of many people (and has incidentally gained many "converts" for the cult) is their program of house to house visitation. Cities, towns and rural areas are divided into convenient visitation districts which are to be covered at regular intervals. In this way, the group's representatives can establish and maintain regular personal contacts with prospective "converts". Naturally enough, in the process of finding these converts, the visitors must knock on many doors at which there is no welcome.

Despite the fact, however, that many people disapprove of this practice of home visitation, the Jehovah's Witnesses have effectively demonstrated its effectiveness. Furthermore, it is a scriptural method.

No other religious movement in all history has made such use of the religious press and its products. From the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society press in Brooklyn have poured books and pamphlets without number. These are placed in the hands of the cult's workers who distribute from door to door and on the streets attractive and inexpensive pieces of Russellite propaganda. This publication work has thus brought the anti-Christian message into thousands of homes.

As we have read and heard of the persecution of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the Province of Quebec and have noted their court victories, we have wondered whether they have gained many "converts" from Romanism. The 1951 census reveals that there were 1,422 Witnesses in that French-Canadian province; this relatively small figure would seem to indicate that they had made few inroads against the papal church. We cannot help but feel, however, that as the years pass the Jehovah's Witnesses will profit from the increasing smoldering resentment to the Roman Church. In this reaction against the whole clerical system, many people in Quebec could conceivably turn to the group which they believe has stood against the Church. This would be especially true if there were few real gospel churches in the province. It would be unfair, however, to state that the cult has greatly profited as yet from this reaction.

Russellism, Romanism, Modernism and all other false religious systems will not be successfully met by big evangelistic rallies or mass protest meetings. The progress of error will be retarded and the gospel will secure permanent victories only as evangelical churches are established as gospel lighthouses in communities across this land.

—Editor Leslie K. Tarr, in *The Gospel Witness* (Aug. 30, 1956).

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Attendance Record Set at Sunday School Convention

Chicago, Ill. — A new first-day attendance record was set at the National Sunday School Convention held last week at Chicago's historic Moody Church. A total of 1,477 Sunday school workers and pastors had registered by the end of the first afternoon. Some 4,000 delegates from 45 states were expected to arrive before the end of the convention.

Officially opening the convention, President Harold W. Erickson addressed the delegates on the subject, "Chart and Compass for the New Age".

In the business meeting preceding the convention Dr. Edward D. Simpson of Minneapolis, Minn., was elected president of the National Sunday School Association.

The National Sunday School Association, founded in Chicago in 1946, returned to its birthplace for its 11th annual convention. Serving more than a score of denominations, the association has experienced rapid growth and is credited with a big share of the increased interest in Sunday schools on the part of church people today.

Church Members Can Join Party

In East Germany, the official communist newspaper, in a surprising about-face, told its readers that a church member could join the party. Not only that, but it said that Christian workers were welcome in the party. The paper added that the "Socialist workers movement" and "upright Christendom" have quite a few social, ethical, and moral points of contact. The paper inferred, however, that any church member who joined the party could expect plenty of pressure to be brought to induce him to change his views for "Marxism-Leninism, based on dialectical and historical materialism." (ERA)

No Sunday in Egypt

In Egypt, Sunday has become a workday for many Christians. Ever since last July, when the National Bank of Egypt began closing on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and remaining open on Sunday, there has been a movement toward closing all business places on Friday and staying open on Sunday. Anyone who fails to follow "the customs and traditions of the country" is subject to a fine. (HAH)

Protestant Youths Chased Out of Spanish City

Thirty Spanish Protestants assembled for a five-day national youth conference last month at Alicante's First Baptist church. On the second day of the conference,

police entered the church with orders from the provincial governor that the conference end at once and that all delegates leave town within 24 hours, or the Alicante church would be closed. As usual, no reason was given for the action.

Prior to the police order a "welcome" sign had greeted the delegates, meals were provided by church members and dormitories set up in a parish hall. Bible and leadership courses were in progress. (Protestants in Spain—some 30,000—have about 200 churches or chapels, but are not allowed to evangelize, advertise or display any external signs on their buildings.) (ERA)

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CANADASCOPE

Laurier Stood Squarely on Religious Freedom

The Dominion Archives now have the original of a letter written by Sir Wilfrid Laurier offering to lead a Salvation Army parade in Quebec to protect them. He was angered by disorders in Quebec City which resulted from a Salvation Army parade in 1887. He wrote Ernest Pacaud, a Quebec City editor, stating: "It is not sufficient that the rioters should be punished—it is necessary that the processions of the army, ridiculous as they may appear to some, must have full liberty of progress and, if need be, I am prepared to march at their head to protect them."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a Roman Catholic. ***

Seaway at Halfway Mark

At the halfway point in its five-year schedule the St. Lawrence Seaway project has entered a new phase—the erection of structures. Until now, work done has been mostly excavation, but concrete structures now are rising at various points.

Much excavation remains to be done, however, including miles of channel in the shallow riverside and overland in the Lachine section. Dredging of the seaway at Montreal harbor and the channel in lakes St. Louis and St. Francis will take two more years.

Bingo May Be On Way Out

Giant bingo games, which attract larger crowds than professional hockey and give away thousands of dollars worth of prizes a night, may be on their way out in Alberta. As a result of a Supreme Court judge's opinion that bingo is illegal, the Edmonton Lions Club has decided to discontinue sponsoring such games.

In sentencing three persons on charges of conspiring to commit

fraud at two bingo games last January, Mr. Justice W. G. Egbert said that bingo "in my opinion is a completely illegal game that could lead young people down a path they should not follow."

Six Die in Flames of Home

A family of six were burned in Toronto when fire swept through their two-story brick home on October 13. Killed in the blaze were Leonard Burt, 45, his wife, and four children. Firemen said there were no survivors in the blaze. Cause has not been determined.

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The World Today

Britain has Sales Surplus

Britain's earnings abroad in the first half of 1956 far outdistanced her purchases and left her with a current balance of payments surplus of \$144,000,000 pounds. A treasury spokesman called the surplus "a swing in the right direction" but added that it was unwise to suggest that the second half of this year would show a similar surplus.

Agree on Six Principles for Suez

Britain, France and Egypt came to terms on October 12 on six principles that prove a victory for Egypt's demands and a back-down by the two Western nations.

The six principles state that there shall be free and open transit through the Canal, Egypt's sovereignty shall be respected, the operation of the Canal shall be insulated from the politics of any country, and three points relate to the operation and payment of fees.

Movie on Ten Commandments Hailed

The most expensive movie ever made—The Ten Commandments—has been hailed by critics and some ministers as more of a religious experience than a movie.

James Bacon, writing for Associated Press, states that this picture is easily the masterpiece of 75-year-old Cecil B. DeMille, who spent 12 hours a day and \$13,500,000 of Paramount's money to put the life of Moses on the screen. It is expected that The Ten Commandments will bring in \$100,000,000 over the next 20 years.

From the writings of Roman historians, from the rabbinical legends and even from the Koran of Islam, the researchers were able to bridge the 30 years omitted in the Biblical history of Moses, James Bacon states. He also says that the picture has all the famed DeMille ingredients—sex, bathing scenes, dancing girls and racing chariots.

(The last paragraph gives the producers away. This is not strict-

ly a religious movie, but a financial venture calculated to pay rich dividends because it appeals to the natural man and the nominal Christian. As evangelicals we can register our protest by refusing to go and see this misuse of Biblical history for monetary gain.—Ed.)

Novel Valve Invention Saves Own Son

A father's ingenuity has saved the life of his infant boy and others afflicted with water on the brain. John Holter, a development engineer, designed a special plastic valve which let's the fluid, trapped behind an abnormal structure, to trickle into the bloodstream.

In a delicate operation at Philadelphia's Children's Hospital, Dr. Spitz, professor of neuro-surgery, put the valve into John Holter's son. It has now been in Charlie's brain for eight months and the fluid has been kept moving into the bloodstream, keeping the pressure normal. In cases such as Mr. Holter's child, the valve must remain in position for life.

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High Quality of Eggs

A variety of factors influence egg quality and many of these can be controlled by the producer. Strains of birds differ in their ability to produce eggs with good albumen, freedom from blood spots and good shells, says J. H. Strain of the Experimental Farm, Canada Department of Agriculture, Morden, Manitoba, so a strain of birds not capable of producing eggs of the desired quality should be replaced by a better strain.

Good poultry management must be emphasized because good management is reflected in egg quality. Only healthy pullets in good condition should be housed and confined throughout the laying period. Confinement assists in disease control and thus has an influence on egg quality.

Egg storage temperature must be checked closely as high temperatures reduce egg shell quality and change thick albumen to thin watery albumen. If eggs are gathered three to four times daily and laying pens are properly ventilated this danger can be partially reduced. Eggs should be cooled as quickly as possible and this cooling process should be thorough before eggs are placed in cool egg cases. Storage temperature should be from 50 to 60 degrees F., and humidity 70 to 75 degrees. Eggs take on "off" flavors readily so should not be stored in the vicinity of products with strong odors such as onions. Marketing eggs several times a week helps maintain high quality. An ample supply of calcium must be made available for layers as egg shell is about 95 per cent calcium carbonate.

Weddings

WILLEMS—FEHR

Rose Fehr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fehr of Hepburn, and Jacob Willems, son of Mrs. H. H. Willems, were married on October 4 in the Mennonite Brethren church at Hepburn, Sask. Rev. Walter Wiebe officiated.

After a honeymoon at Banff the young couple will assume the leadership of the Woodrow, Sask., M. B. Church.

JANZEN—REIMER

A double-ring ceremony was solemnized at the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg, on Saturday, August 25, 1956, at 6 o'clock in the evening, when Elvira Charlotte Willms Reimer, daughter of Mrs. Helen Reimer, became the bride of Edward Janzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Janzen.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the church, spoke briefly in English, whereupon Rev. H. H. Janzen, father of the groom spoke in German



and officiated. Soloist was Mr. George Schroeder, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Schroeder.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Anna-Louise Penner, Osborne, as matron of honor, and Miss Joane Callow as bridesmaid. Mr. J. Thiesen, Kitchener, Ont., was best-man.

Following a reception in the basement auditorium of the church, there was a short program given by the Janzen family, led by Walter Janzen.

Mr. and Mrs. Janzen will reside in Winnipeg. —J. N.

LOEWEN—NEUFELD

Miss Lena Neufeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Neufeld of Virgil, Ont., and Henry Loewen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Loewen of Coaldale, Alta., were married in the Virgil Mennonite Brethren church on Saturday, September 29, Rev.

Henry Penner, pastor of the St. Catharines M.B. Church, performed the ceremony in English and Rev. J. P. Dyck spoke in German.

The young couple will make their home in Abbotsford, B.C.

BARTEL—DRIEDIGER

Tina Driediger, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Driediger and the late Mr. Driediger, Leamington, Ont., and John Bartel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Bartel, Leamington,



Ont., were married in the Mennonite Brethren church at Leamington on September 29, 1956. Rev. I. H. Tiessen officiated. The special speaker was Mr. Rudy Bartel, brother of the groom.

Mr. Bartel, a reporter for the Mennonite Observer, is a painter and builder for John Collins, Kingsville. The bride is employed by the H. J. Heinz Co.



Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Isaac, who were married on October 6 in the Morden, Man., M. B. church. The bride, nee Helen Hiebert, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hiebert of Morden, Man., and the

groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Isaac, Morden. (Photo by Morden Photo Studio.)



Mr. and Mrs. Werner Dyck, who were married on September 15 in the Elmwood M.B. church. The bride, nee Esther Janzen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Janzen, Winnipeg, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dyck of North Kildonan, Man. (Photo by Morden Photo Studio.)

MARTENS—WILLMS

Rosella Willms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Willms, East Chilliwack, B. C., and Jake Martens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob G. Martens of Chilliwack, B.C., were married in the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethren church on October 5, 1956. Rev. George Thielman, pastor, officiated.

Obituaries

MR. A. J. EPP

Mr. A. J. Epp, 61, of Abbotsford, B.C., (passed away in the MSA General Hospital on Sunday, October 7, 1956. Funeral services were held from the East Aldergrove Mennonite Brethren church on Thursday afternoon, October 11, with Rev. Herman Voth officiating.

Mr. Epp was born October 26, 1895, in South Russia. He arrived in the Abbotsford district seven years ago from Manitou, Manitoba.

Surviving are two sisters, Mary Epp and Mrs. Klassen, Abbotsford, B.C., and one brother, Jacob of Camrose, Alberta. His parents predeceased him in Russia.

Mrs. C. K. KLASSEN

Mrs. Clarie Irene Klassen, 30, of Aldergrove, B.C., passed away on October 6 in the MSA General Hospital. Funeral services were held from the East Aldergrove Mennonite Brethren church on Thursday afternoon, October 11, with Rev. Herman Voth officiating.

Mrs. Klassen was born on March 15, 1926, in Avonlea, Saskatchewan. She had lived in the Aldergrove district for one year, previously residing in Vancouver.

Surviving are her husband, John Klassen, three children, Montgomery, Iris and Glenn; her mother, Mrs. Mary Rosevear, Avonlea; one brother, Roy, Avonlea; two sisters, Mrs. Tom Kelly, Calgary, and Mrs. Pearl Law, Strathmore, Alberta.



PORTABLE CANNER

The 1956 portable canner season will begin October 29 in the Buhler-Inman area of Kansas under the operation of voluntary service workers Wilmer Wedel (Burns, Kans.) and Leonard Steider (Shickely, Nebr.)

Other areas include Beatrice and Henderson, Nebr.; Mountain Lake, Minn.; Manson, Ia.; Versailles, Mo.; and Pryor, Okla. A united project is underway for the Enid, Okla., area.

Mennonite churches of California's San Joaquin Valley prepared 2640 cans of peaches which were sent to Korea. Albany, Ore., churches are preparing a shipment of fruits and jams.

Other relief section notes indicate one dollar contributed still purchases \$20-25 in government surplus foods. Surplus commodities currently available include nonfat dry milk, cheese, wheat and flour, corn and cornmeal.

TAIWAN

The medical program among mountain people around Hualien, Taiwan (Formosa) became the mission project of the General Conference Mennonite Church October 15.

MCC began there in 1948 at the invitation of a Presbyterian mission when relief workers from China transferred to the island.

The project has included relief distributions as well as medical service. A hospital was constructed in 1954. Johan van den Berg of Holland directed the unit at the time it changed administration.

NORTH GERMANY

More than 200 children and youth in north Germany participated in Bible schools and camps last summer conducted by youth worker Leonard Gross (Dyoyestown, Pa.) who is stationed at Hamburg.

He reports German youth were represented at summer functions from three major Mennonite regions: Hamburg, Goettingen and Krefeld.

Subsidies from North American Mennonites made possible the attendance of a number of youth whose parents could not afford the cost of camps.

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New President Installed at Opening Exercises

Winnipeg, Man. — The installation of the new president, Rev. J. A. Toews, by Mr. Herman J. Dick, chairman of the College Board, highlighted the opening exercises of the M.B. Bible College on Sunday evening, October 14.

A full church greeted the faculty and students as they entered the Elmwood M.B. church, which is the worship center of many of the students during the winter months. Rev. Herman Voth, B.C. member of the College Board, opened the service by reading Philippians 2: 5-12 and praying.

Announcing that Rev. H. H. Janzen had resigned as president because the Lord had called him into different service, Mr. Herman Dick, chairman of the College Board, introduced Rev. J. A. Toews as the new president. He then gave Rev. Toews the best wishes of the Board and read Exodus 33:14, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest", as the desire of the Board for Rev. Toews.

In his response Rev. Toews stated that more than ever we are engaged in a battle for the preservation of the pure Gospel. The M.B. Bible College has the privilege of playing a part in this battle. As to the emphasis of the college, he declared, "We desire to teach a gospel where faith and following Jesus, discipleship and mission work are not separated." He asked the congregation to pray for the faculty and students of the college.

A total of 108 students have registered for the college, Rev. D. Ewert, registrar, reported. Of these, 36 come from British Columbia, 10 from Alberta, 8 from Saskatchewan, 29 from Manitoba, and 21 from Ontario, three from Paraguay and one from Japan. There are 27 married students, 65 men and 43 ladies. Of these, 34 are taking the Th.B. course, 54 the B.R.E. course, 15 the Sacred Music Course, and 5 the General Bible Course. Half of the students have attended Bible school, while the average age is 24.

Two testimonies by students revealed that attendance at college necessitates financial sacrifices but provides spiritual gain. Walter Janzen, Winnipeg, a first-year student, and John Eckert, St. Catharines, Ont., a second-year student, related how the Lord had led them to college and told of some of the blessings received there. A testimony in song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus", was given by Rudy Wiebe, Coaldale, Alta.

"The call to discipleship is not to self-improvement or to self-development. We are not to be 'self-made' men. We are to be re-made by Him," declared Rev. H. R. Baerg in his address on "Discipleship", the first half of the evening's theme,

"Discipleship and Mission Work". "There is a shift here from self-realization to self-expenditure. In doing that we must accept the terms of Christ," he continued. Christ's call is one to purposeful following—to a new vocation. Henceforth we are to be fishers of men.

Following Jesus leads into service for him, maintained Rev. Victor Toews in his message on "Mission Work". The Lord Jesus is not desirous of having theologians and preachers—he wants fishers of men. All believers must be fishers of men, and if a Christian is not a fisher of men he is not a disciple. Whatever we are doing, we must not be in it exclusively to earn a living, but to save lives.

Both the foregoing are new faculty members at the M.B. Bible College. Rev. Baerg was formerly pastor of the M.B. Church at Henderson, Neb., while Rev. Victor Toews was teaching Bible school and doing mission work in Paraguay during the last four years. Rev. Toews is a graduate of the M.B. Bible College.

The A Cappella Choir and a men's quartet served with songs. An offering was received for the college.

Homes and Church being Erected on New Fresno Campus

Fresno, Calif. — Streets are being laid out and homes are going up on Campus Homesites, the residential area of the new Pacific Bible Institute campus. A recent plot plan indicates that the tract has been completely sub-divided into 100-foot and 70-foot lots. Half of these, selling at \$2250 and \$1800, have already been sold even though the area has not yet been opened to the non-Mennonite public.

Houses are now being erected by Paul Kroeker, Arnold Nickel, and Al Bartel. Other Mennonite families plan to begin building soon. Streets at the west end of the tract are to be improved—graded and oiled—by the end of the year. Fresno city is putting in the water system, with gas, electricity, and sewage systems to follow.

The church at the center of Butler Park, as the tract is called, is also progressing well, much labor having been donated during the last weeks by the men of the Fresno M. B. Church. The floor has been laid, rafters and trusses are going up, and the roof will soon be completed.

This structure is the educational unit of the future church. It is 138 feet long, will contain Sunday school rooms, kitchen, an auditorium to seat 250, and a small as-

sembly room containing a fireplace. If the work continues to progress rapidly the building may be ready by Christmas, one official estimated. Meanwhile Sunday morning services are being held in the seminary building. It is reported that prospects for membership in the new church are very good.

COLLEGES

TABOR COLLEGE

The first of five numbers in this year's Tabor College Lecture-Concert Series is scheduled in the college auditorium for Thursday, October 19. This first concert features Tade Sztuka, young Polish-American tenor, who received wide acclaim both in America and abroad. The other features of this year's Series are the following:

February 22—A concert by the University of Wichita band, under the direction of its veteran conductor, James Kerr. This 99-piece concert band is the largest instrumental group ever brought to the Tabor stage for a concert in the Series.

January 15—An illustrated lecture by Norman G. Dyhrenfurth, official photographer and only American member of the second Swiss Everest Expedition of 1952. The lecture is built around his outstanding color motion picture "The Challenge of Everest," which captured first prizes at film festivals in Berlin and in Italy. The film records both Swiss attempts to conquer the legendary peak in the Himalayas.

November 9—A concert by Raymond Stuhl, cellist and head of the cello department in the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts, assisted by Alberta Stuhl, pianist. Mr. and Mrs. Stuhl spent eight weeks in West Germany playing for students and townspeople under the auspices of the State Department and are well-known concert artists in the Midwest.

March 15—A concert by Florence Mercur, pianist, who has made twelve cross-country concert tours since her debut in Town Hall, New York.

GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Bible and Evangelism Conference of Grace Bible Institute will convene October 29 — November 2, with the following speakers: Dr. Kenneth S. Wuest, Professor of Greek at Moody Bible Institute and well-known author; Dr. William McCarrell, pastor of Cicero Bible Church, Cicero, Illinois, and other well-known evangelists and pastors.

The annual Grace Fellowship Day will be observed on Tuesday, October 30, as a day of fellowship among the friends of "Grace". There will be special features such as the Grace Band and the pre-

miere appearance of the 1956-57 Chorale. Ministers and Christian workers will be honored guests and entertainment for them is free of charge. Faith is the key word for this day. The Lord has challenged us to trust Him for \$20,000 to meet the urgent need of the new auditorium that is now under construction and the operating budget.

The Second Music Conference meets at Grace Bible Institute, November 2 and 3. Mr. Don Hustad, head of the Moody Bible Institute Music Department, will be guest speaker. He will speak Friday morning, conduct a music clinic Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and will also perform on the organ and piano at a special concert on Friday evening. Miss Ruth Johnson and Mr. Eugene Clark, Radio Staff Musicians from Back to the Bible Broadcast, will also lecture at the clinic on Friday afternoon.

MCC NEWS

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PERSONNEL

A total of 473 persons currently serve in the MCC program, according to the latest list from the personnel office.

They serve in 22 nations. Almost half this number work in units outside North America.

The (Old) Mennonite Church is represented by 193 workers. The General Conference lists 147 workers and the Mennonite Brethren has 49 persons in service. The remaining number represents 23 other Mennonite conferences and groups plus seven other denominations.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Fifteen young people completed orientation and are serving in a number of voluntary service units. They are:

Denver community project: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Janzen of Buhler, Kans. (unit leader), Jean Stutzman of Schwenksville, Pa., and Grace Yothers of Perkaspie, Pa.

Twillingate, Newfoundland: Hedy Janzen of St. Elizabeth, Man., Susan Esh and Ruth Hartzler, both of Belleville, Pa.

Brook Lane Farm: Elma Ediger of Inman, Kans., and Mary Frances Martin of Waynesboro, Va.

Junior Village, Washington, D.C.: Mrs. Helen Isaac of Meade, Kans., Pauline Schmidt of Newton, Kans., and Judith Wiens of Reedley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Yoder of Bellefontaine, Ohio, serve in the clothing depot and unit house at Waterloo, Ont., and Anita Peters of Mt. Lehman, B.C., is a secretary in Akron.

God doesn't make saints out of us by isolation, but by insulation. We are not made Christ-like by our imitation of Him, but by His inhabitation of us. —Dr. Paul Rees.

INVITATION

The Winkler M.B. Church extends a warm and hearty invitation to the youth of our Manitoba M. B. Conference to attend the annual Youth Conference which will convene in Winkler, October 27-28. The Manitoba Youth Committee assumes responsibility for the program. The young people of the local congregation will provide an opportunity for an informal gathering around the tables after the afternoon meeting.

J. H. Quiring, Pastor

On the Horizon

October 20 and 21 — The Ministers' and Deacons' Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Ontario will meet in Kitchener, Ont.

October 21—Thanksgiving service at the Gospel Light Mission, Logan and Ellen, Winnipeg. Services begin at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Rev. Henry Baerg and Rev. Victor Toews will speak.

October 27 to 28 — Youth Conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba in the Winkler M. B. church. Rev. F. C. Peters, former president of Tabor College, will be the guest speaker. Topics to be discussed will be announced later. Services begin at 3 and 7 p.m. each day.

October 28 — Annual meeting of the Manitoba Mennonite Youth Organization in the North Kildonan Mennonite church.

November 2 and 3 — The annual Ministers' and Deacons' Conference of the Manitoba M. B. Church will be held in the M. B. church at Steinbach, Man.

November 11 to 12 — Erwin Goering and Harry Martens of North Newton, Kans., will be speakers at the youth conference of the British Columbia Mennonite Youth Organization.

November 12 and 13 — The Conference of Mennonites in Manitoba will meet in Altona for their annual sessions.

Institute New Series of Youth Programs

By Ethel Neufeld

Aberdeen, Sask. — The Young People's Organization of the Aberdeen M. B. Church praises God for the opportunities of expansion given us when the church was moved to Aberdeen.

The organization is now under the able direction of Mr. Henry Braun, school teacher in the district.

To introduce the series of meetings a social was held October 3. Many not regularly attending other church endeavors attended. "Favorite Hymns Night" was the theme of another meeting. Again the attendance was good.

The meetings will be held on Friday night. This will enable those away for the winter months to attend when they come home for week-end. Our meetings will change form from week to week. We hope to have "Prayer Night", "Missionary Night", "Discussion Night", and other special programs from week to week.

With the opportunities God has given us we also realize our responsibilities.

We take this opportunity to extend a welcome to each one of you.

Chapel Overflows at Opening Program

Winnipeg, Man. — The opening program of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College took place in the C.M.B.C. auditorium Sunday afternoon, October 14. Approximately 500 friends of the college filled the chapel to overflowing for the event.

Rev. I. I. Friesen, president of the College, in his opening remarks pointed out that although much progress has been made in the field of education and Christian growth, there was still a necessity for more progress. There is no standing still, he said. In answer to the question, "How can we proceed forward?", he said that we must ask the Lord to open our eyes to see our task and to help us to go forward in faith to perform it.

Peter Nickel, a first-year student from Rosemary, Alberta, and Kathleen Janzen, a second-year student from Arnaud, Man., gave brief testimonies.

Rev. J. J. Thiessen, chairman of the College Board, and moderator of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada, gave the main address of the afternoon. He based his message on a portion from Exodus 32.

After dealing meditatively with this theme he pointed out a very present need of the College—dormitories on the College site. With the sale of the former College building, the school has been pressed for more dormitory space. He asked each listener to spend at least fifteen minutes praying that God should direct the board in making its decision.

GERMAN RADIO PROGRAM CHANGES TIME

The German radio program, "Licht des Evangeliums", which until recently has been heard at 8 a.m., Sundays, over station KFNW (910) Fargo, N.D., is now on the air at 10 a.m. Sundays. Listeners please note the change of time. According to an agreement with the station management, this program will again be heard at its previous time beginning with the month of March. KFNW is a "daylight" radio station.

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