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

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The executive of the Manitoba Mennonite Relief Committee met with Orié O. Miller, executive secretary of the Mennonite Central Committee, when he was in Winnipeg. Left to right, J. H. Unruh, vice-chairman, H. J. Janzen, chairman, Orié O. Miller, and J. J. Wall, secretary-treasurer.

Fire Strikes Twice, One Dead

By Abe Dyck, Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — Two disasters in as many days struck an N. Siding family, as fire destroyed approximately 70 acres of unthreshed grain, while one person died in hospital as the result of severe burns about the arms and face and another confined to bed at home because of burns on the legs in the second accident.

Mr. Aron P. Froese, who farms in the N. Siding district, accidentally burned about 70 acres of his neighbor's unharvested grain. After taking the precaution of plowing a dividing strip between his land and the neighbouring farm, he set fire to the stubble on his threshed field. Since the wind was quite strong on

that day, a bit of fire was picked up and carried into the field of unharvested grain. In spite of all efforts the fire could not be controlled as it swept across the field, destroying about 2,000 bushels of grain.

The following day Mr. Froese and his son, John, were filling gas into their combine, after having stopped the machine. In their haste they over-filled the tank, the gas spilling over both men and also over the motor. The head of the motor caused an explosion and the combine burst into flames. Mr. Froese suffered severe burns to the arms and face and John was badly burned about the legs. Mr. Froese was immediately taken to the Portage

la Prairie hospital, where he passed away on October 23. His son is in bed at home, with infection in the legs.

This is a severe blow for the family. We trust that the heartfelt sympathy and prayers of their many friends and relatives will comfort the family and speed both men on their way to recovery.

Delegation Left New York on October 22

The Mennonite Central Committee delegation to Russia was to leave New York on October 22, according to a letter from Rev. D. B. Wiens, a member of the delegation. If Snyder and Fast had not received their visa by then, Bender and Wiens would leave by air for Frankfurt, Germany. They expected to arrive there on October 23.

After two days in Frankfurt the delegation will fly to Russia via Stockholm, arriving in Moscow on October 26.

The delegation, together with Rev. J. J. Thiessen, Saskatoon, met with Archibald Day, assistant to Hon. Lester B. Pearson, minister

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of external affairs, on October 17. The Hon. Mr. Pearson could not be present because fog hindered his travel. Mr. Day assured the delegation that the Canadian government is very interested in the all-Mennonite delegation to Russia. The delegation also had a valuable discussion with Mr. Watkins, former Canadian ambassador to Russia, who returned from the Soviet Union in April of this year. On October 19 the delegation was due to meet with government officials in Washington, D.C.

Sunday School Building Dedicated

By C. J. Rempel

Kitchener, Ont. — An impressive dedication service took place on Sunday morning, October 14, when the new Sunday school building which has been erected at the rear of the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren church was dedicated to the Lord. Ministers, Sunday school students and the congregation participated in the program.

All visitors gathered in the basement of the church where the pastor, Rev. Jacob J. Toews, read a short Scripture; followed by a prayer by Henry Wiens, retiring assistant Sunday school superintendent. Rev. Toews then led the procession into the new building, where he officially cut the ribbon and welcomed all guests.

The church choir, the primaries and beginners then sang special songs, and Rev. Henry Hiebert, chairman of the Building Commit-

tee, gave a report. After the juniors and intermediates brought special numbers in song, Rev. Toews gave a brief message, with the dedicatory prayers delivered by Rev. J. J. Toews, Rev. I. T. Ewert and Rev. H. G. Thielman. The Sunday school superintendent, Peter J. Rempel, closed the ceremony with prayer.

The two-story Sunday school building with its furnished basement will provide an additional fourteen Sunday school rooms, one small auditorium and an additional kitchen. Six of the rooms are so constructed that they can be enlarged to form two large rooms.

In addition to giving much needed additional space to the expanding Sunday school program of the church, the new building will also house the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Bible School, which will officially open within one week.

EDITORIAL

DEVOTIONAL

Godliness Good for Two Worlds

By H. H. Smith, Sr.

Paul, the great apostle and author of several books of the New Testament—letters to the churches he had founded—wrote to a young preacher, Timothy: "Train yourself in godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Tim. 4:7-8, RSV).

Concerning the value of "godliness," it is interesting to note these three translations: the King James Version reads: "Godliness is profitable unto all things." Moffatt uses the word "religion" instead of "godliness" and says: "Religion is of service in all directions." And the Revised Standard Version, as above, reads: "Godliness is of value in every way."

Whether we use the word "godliness" or "religion," we know it means living according to God's will, as it is revealed in the Scriptures and especially as in the life of Jesus Christ. If we live thus, Paul tells us, we are "more than conquerors" in this life and become spiritually prepared for the life to come.

Some 1900 years ago the Apostle Paul said: "Godliness is of value in every way."

Look who's saying it today: our leading health authorities, and the F.B.I., our authority on crime—just to mention two important fields of service.

For some time our authorities on health have been telling us that much of the illness today, physical and mental, has a spiritual basis. Many are in hospitals because of a feeling of frustration, anxiety, or guilt, the result of a lack of a satisfying religious experience. In one of his letters to his churches Paul gives this formula for a happy life: "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7, RSV).

Put in fewer words: Worry about nothing, pray about everything, and give thanks to God.

The increase in crime among our youth is a serious matter today. Mr. Hoover, of the F.B.I., reported: "Nearly one half of the arrests for crimes against property involved people who were under 21 years of age." While the home, the church, and the school may each come in for their share of blame for the moral instability of many of our young people, no one will dispute Mr. Hoover's opinion that much of the blame is to be found in a lack

of a religious atmosphere in the home.

No, they do not use the exact words of the Bible, "Godliness is of value in every way," but in their respective fields, these leaders do say that religion (godliness) has great influence in promoting health and preventing crime. With our overcrowded hospitals and overcrowded prisons, there ought to be a lesson here for us.

It is difficult to convince the world at large that godliness is "profitable"—that it really pays to be religious—and strive to live according to God's will. Having no strong convictions about spiritual things and the life to come, many seem to feel that they must grab all they can from the present life, and their motto is, "One world at a time." This usually means that they are determined to live according to their inclinations and desires, regardless of whether their conduct is in harmony with moral law and the will of God. As a result, their lives are a failure for both worlds—the present life and the life to come.

God wants us to make a success of both worlds, which means living the present life according to His revealed will—and then we are prepared for the life to come. Somehow, many seem to think that God's way of life for us is a sort of "kill-joy," but instead of being a way of "joyrobbing," it is a way of "joy-giving." A man once remarked to another, "I hear that you have given up all your pleasures and joined the church." His reply was,

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Therefore Pray

What the delegation to Russia is accomplishing is of vital concern to each one of us. The return of Israel's delegation of 12 to Canaan could hardly have been awaited with more anticipation than the return of the delegation now in Russia.

Most of us have been following the developments leading to the departure of the delegation with great interest. When news finally came that they were going we rejoiced—especially those of us who still have loved ones in Russia.

God has been revealing himself as a miracle-working God many times in the history of our people. During the last 15 years alone so many impossibilities have become realities that our faith has been marvelously strengthened. That conditions in Russia should change so much that we could send a delegation to visit our people there would not have been believed by many even as much as three years ago. Yet today they are in Russia—by the grace of God and in answer to the prayers of His people.

We cannot do anything now to assure the success of the visit except to pray. Yet when we consider the potential of prayer, which places all the wisdom and power of God at our disposal, we must state that we can hardly do more. The church at Jerusalem prayed—and Peter walked through open prison doors in the dead of night. Paul and Silas prayed—and the stocks fell off, the prison doors opened, and most miraculously of all, the hardened jailor accepted Christ. The church at Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas on their journey with prayer and fasting, and God blessed the trip with the founding of several new churches among the Gentiles.

We could not go with the delegation to Russia, as much as some of us would have liked to go, but we can accompany them with our prayers while they are in the Soviet Union. God grant that some day we will be able to send evangelists and ministers of the Word to bring the Gospel regularly to those people. And may the Lord above bring together separated families and thus answer the prayer of many a believer. The success of this mission may lead to that. Therefore pray.

A Little Boost Does It

By Phoebe Sanders

First Mennonite Sunday School, Kitchener, Ontario, has an enrollment of six hundred and eleven members. This covers the seven departments. Among the many projects the Sunday school has is the financing of a good library where books are available to all members. At present the number of books in the library is five hundred and eighty-five.

Nearly two years ago the library committee along with our pastors decided that one Sunday should be set aside as a Special Library Day in the Sunday school. All members were to be made aware of the opportunities these books afforded them. Notices were put into the weekly church bulletin the two Sundays prior to the fixed date. One of our young men painted a poster, which was placed in a conspicuous place on the bulletin board in the main lobby of the church. This poster portrayed a little girl reading a book, and a small boy looking affectionately into the eyes of his grandmother as she reads him a story while he is sitting on her lap. The caption across the top reads "Good books build good char-

acter." That Sunday's bulletin listed the titles of thirty-two new books which had just been entered for circulation.

Each department has its own devotional review period. This was just the thing the library committee needed. Each member could take care of two departments.

One member took a number of books to the Beginners' Department. Those little tots were thrilled to see them. A few remarks were made; here and there some pictures were shown from the books. They were asked to bring their mamas and daddy to the library after the morning service.

The Primary Department was very enthusiastic. Ten books were placed attractively on a table, some old and some new books. A committee member upon asking several questions about the old books got spontaneous answers from those who had read them. Following the five-minute talk, the entire department went on a trip to the library. There they were shown how to get a card, and where to select their books according to their age and grade in school.

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Linden Harvest Festival and Missionary Rally

Linden, Alta. — On October 14 the little M.B. church of Linden, situated in the Kneehill valley, was filled to capacity as friends and neighbors assembled to share in the blessings of the annual thanksgiving festival and missionary rally.

The neatly arranged display of sheaves of grain, fresh and canned vegetables and fruits, bread, milk, etc., with the Bible in their midst opened to Ps. 107:1-2 "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..." seemed to chant its note of praise in accompaniment to the hymns of praise, giving of thanks and love offerings that ascended to the throne of God on High.

The pastor, Rev. P. J. Doerksen, led out with an introductory message based on the story of the ten lepers, as found in Luke 17, to encourage the giving of public thanks. Brother Sam Ratzlaff then continued to encourage the acknowledgement of gratitude and gave opportunity for prayer. The guest speaker, Rev. A. P. Regier of Coaldale, delivered the main message of the morning after having spoken to the children for a few minutes. Bro. and sister Jake Siemēns and Trudy Klassen sang a trio song.

The noon recess and thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by all, as friends, neighbors and guests intermingled and chatted freely.

The afternoon program consisted of an introductory message by Bro. Jake Doerksen of Gem, a brief re-

port and talk by Miss Frieda Janzen from the S. I. M. in Nigeria, Africa., a duet and a solo. Bro. A. P. Regier again gave the main address, stressing specially the command of Christ to all disciples. "Go ye". Rev. C. G. Neufeld of Didsbury gave a very fitting conclusive challenge.

We trust that our Heavenly Father was pleased as we rejoiced before Him. May He be able to use us as a church and as individuals as well as the gifts of this day, amounting to approximately \$1,100, to further the cause of home and foreign missions!

Farewell for Choir Leader

By John Bartel

Leamington, Ont. — Several years ago the Mennonite Brethren Church here had a very good choir director in Victor Penner, who moved here from Kitchener. He was the church choir director as well as the male voice choir director. Because of a change in jobs he left Leamington in 1954 and moved to Windsor. Since Ford Motor Co. has been moving to Oshawa during the past several years, Mr. Penner has also been transferred there.

The male voice choir which he directed paid him a surprise visit on October 14 because he is leaving Essex County. On that date the Campbell Baptist Church, where he was choir director at the present time, gave him and his

family a farewell service, during which the choir sang for the last time under his direction. They sang as some of their selections, "Break Forth Into Joy", "Steal Away", and the wonderful "Gloria", as their final song.

During the course of the evening the male voice choir of Leamington asked Mr. Penner to direct his former choir in one last selection.

After an enjoyable evening of music and song the audience was invited to remain for a few minutes of social fellowship and a light lunch, to show Mr. Penner their appreciation for his work there.

May the Lord truly bless Mr. Penner and his family as they resume activities in Oshawa. I am sure that the choir joins me in stating that we will miss him very much and wish him God's blessing in his future work.

Mission Sale Well Attended

Abbotsford, B.C. — The mission sale held at the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church here recently was very well attended.

Three groups participated, the senior Ladies' Aid and the Mission Circle had a sale of various articles, while the Women's Prayer Group sponsored a pie sale with coffee in the church basement.

The interest in the mission sale was very good, even though frost and a dry summer had reduced crops this summer. Receipts for the sale of articles totalled \$1,550 and the pie sale realized \$50. We praise God for His blessing and pray that the Lord may multiply this sum by putting His blessing on it in a special way, so that many might be won to Christ.

Steinbach Bible Institute Begins Year

Steinbach, Man. — Services of the twenty-first opening of the Steinbach Bible Institute were held Sunday, October 14 in the Evangelical Mennonite church of Steinbach. Guest speakers were Rev. John Froese from Altona and Rev. Don P. Shidler, president of the Gospel Missionary Union.

Both speakers stressed the importance of a Christian education in the light of the Word of God and missions.

The Monday following the opening, registration took place. Of the 95 students registered, 71 are en-

rolled in the Bible department and 24 in the high school department. Others are still expected to register.

The faculty is the same as that of the last year, with the exception of Mr. Wittenberg, who went to be with the Lord. Rev. B. D. Reimer is the principal, Rev. A. F. Penner, the registrar; Mr. M. Hamm, dean of the high school, Rev. and Mrs. Hoepfner teachers in the Bible department and Ed and Clifford Reimer teachers in the high school. Rev. Dugard instructs voice and Miss Giesbrecht, the secretary, teaches typing. Miss Willems is chief cook.



Registration at Steinbach Bible Institute took place on Monday, October 15. Here teachers and students pose during the course of the day's registration. Seated second from the left is Rev. Ben Hoepfner, to the right of him is Rev. Archie Penner, registrar, while facing the camera on the right, seated, is Menno Hamm, instructor in the high school department. Miss Elizabeth Giesbrecht, secretary, is also seated at the table. (Cut courtesy of Carillon News)

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Quiz Heightens Interest in Bible Study

Chilliwack, B.C. — The Wednesday night prayer meetings in the Mennonite Brethren church here are producing results. The young people have started a chapter-by-chapter study of the Gospel of Mark. Every week a quiz is held on one chapter, with the whole group divided into four teams. A team average and individual results are recorded. The person with the highest score at the end of the study will compete in the provincial contest. This has inspired good-natured competition, and even though not everyone can win, all will certainly know the Gospel of Mark better.

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Leslie Buhler at Namaka

Namaka, Alta. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here held its annual Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 30. Many visitors from other communities had come to share the blessings. We were privileged in having with us Brother Leslie Buhler, home on furlough from India. Singing was plentiful, with the local choir, the choir from Gem, and a quartet from Coaldale.

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Missionaries visit Linden M. B. Church

Linden, Alta. — Missionary Julius Kasper from India and Miss Nettie Berg from Africa ministered to the M.B. Church of Linden on October 16 and 17 in the form of reports, including slides and challenging messages from the Word of God pertaining to our mission responsibilities. Miss Berg met with the Ladies Fellowship Group on an afternoon and gave them closer information on work in Africa.

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Baptism at Domain

Domain, Man. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here had a baptismal service on September 9, 1956. Rev. H. Regehr delivered the baptismal message, while Rev. J. P. Suderman officiated at the baptism.

The baptismal candidates were Rita Suderman, Willie Enns, and Edgar Pauls.

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M.B.'s Attend Sunday School Convention

Twenty-five Mennonite Brethren Sunday school workers attended the National Sunday School Association convention in Chicago recently. Rev. C. B. Fast of California led the group.

The convention, which is sponsored annually by the National Sunday School Association of the Na-

tional Association of Evangelicals, met in the Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Among the Canadian delegates to the convention were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Krahn and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Redekop of Winnipeg. The convention met to examine methods and practices in furthering the work of the church through the Sunday school.

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To Help Ailsa Craig Boys Farm

Vineland, Ont. — The Willing Helpers Sewing Club of the Vineland M.B. church served a dinner on the evening of the Thanksgiving holiday, October 8, 1956, in the church basement. Mr. Jack Wall of the Ailsa Craig Boy's Farm was guest speaker.

The proceeds of the dinner are intended for the Ailsa Craig Boy's Farm.

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Ship Clothing to Austria

Waterloo, Ont. — A shipment of clothing containing 413 bales with a value of \$60,979.97 was shipped on October 5 to Austria from the MCC clothing center here. This shipment included the Christmas Bundles for 1956. One bale containing 38 Christmas Bundles was also shipped to London, England, valued at \$252.50.

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Moody Film Shown at Chilliwack

Chilliwack, B.C. — "Facts of Faith", a Moody Institute of Science film, was shown in the Mennonite Brethren church on Broadway St. on Sunday, October 14. Mr. McRae, the Moody representative, introduced the film and showed it. The Gospel Hour quartet, accompanied by Miss Frieda Kroeker, sang at the service.

"Facts of Faith" is also being shown in the East Chilliwack and Greendale Mennonite Brethren churches.

Provincial Relief Committee Reports on Receipts

Winnipeg, Man. — Nearly 11,000 pounds of clothing and over \$15,000 were received by the Manitoba Provincial Relief Committee during the last year, it was reported at the Committee's conference in Sargent Avenue Mennonite church recently.

Mr. H. J. Janzen, chairman of the committee, reported that 10,867 pounds of clothing had been received at the two clothing receiving stations, Winkler and Winnipeg. This clothing was cleaned by Hooge Cleaners in Winkler gratis. A clothing receiving room has been rented

in Winkler, and clothing will be received there.

Funds received for the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee totalled about \$7,000, while receipts for projects of the Provincial Relief Committee totalled almost \$7,000 again. The farm at Springstein has had a very good crop this year and it could be harvested in good weather, it was reported.

The secretary, J. J. Wall, reported that \$7,000 had been spent in helping with the mentally ill.

Re-elected to the committee were J. J. Wall, J. H. Unruh, and G. G. H. Ens. Rev. J. M. Pauls served as chairman at the meeting.

DR. JOHN R. SCHMIDT TO PRESENT CHALLENGE OF PARAGUAY MEDICAL MISSION

Akron, Pa. — Dr. John R. Schmidt of Barrio Grande, Paraguay, will speak on a Paraguay mission project to sufferers of Hansen's disease (leprosy) in various Mennonite churches throughout the Western provinces in Canada.

Capacity Congregation for Song Festival

Winnipeg, Man. — Even the standing room was all taken in the large Elmwood Mennonite Brethren church here when the choirs of the three Mennonite Brethren churches in the city united for a song festival on Sunday evening, October 21. The considerably more than a thousand visitors are an indication of the popularity of singing in the Mennonite Brethren Church.

A well-chosen variety of songs provided the choir with a real musical challenge and gave the congregation a spiritual inspiration. Under the able and inspired leading of Corney Balzer and Helmuth Janzen, the mass choir sang the stately and majestic German chorale, choral excerpts from oratorios, and motets. Selections included "Jésu, meine Freude", "Die Himmel erzählen" from Haydn's "Creation", "Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen", "Kann im wilden Sturm ein Lichtlein glimmen", "O Gott, mein Gott, so wie ich dich."

Other musical treats included a male voice choir selection, "Hätt' ich die Liebe nicht", a ladies' choir song, "Hebe deine Augen auf", a trio, a boys' choir from North Kildonan led by Mrs. David Falk, and a violin duet with piano accompaniment by a group from South End.

The evening's message, delivered by Rev. I. W. Redekopp, stressed the spiritual significance of singing in the church today. Rev. Redekopp asserted that unless a singer had met God personally and was constantly experiencing Him in his life, his singing was of no eternal value. Only as the singer is personally obedient to God and to the choir director can the choir provide

Dr. Schmidt represents Mennonite Central Committee of Akron, Pa., a service agency for worldwide relief, which operates the mission in cooperation with the American Leprosy Mission.

The project was started when Mennonite colonists in Paraguay began to look for a way to say "thank you" to Paraguay where some 6000 of them as refugees from Russia had found a home and freedom (an additional 7000 migrated in 1947). They believed to care for these sufferers was one way to express their thanks and to show their Christian interest in the needs of fellow countrymen.

The project is staffed primarily by service volunteers from Mennonite colonies. Treatment is both on the hospital compound at Barrio Grande and in homes of patients who find geographical and financial barriers too great to go to hospitals. Dr. Schmidt was trained at the University of Kansas school of medicine. He practiced at Mountain Lake, Minn., prior to becoming director of the Paraguay project.

the spiritual inspiration expected from church music. Without prior inner spiritual preparation, the singer will not make the desired impact, no matter how beautiful his voice. But when the conditions are met, singing can become a powerful instrument in the spreading of God's Word. It will open many hearts for God's message that no preaching seems to open.

Rev. Wm. Falk of North Kildonan M. B. Church led in the invocation, while Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M.B. Church, led in closing prayer. An offering was received to help further the cause of good music in the churches.

George Brunk Flies in to Plan Campaign

Altona, Man. — Mennonite communities in southern Manitoba and Winnipeg will have a joint evangelistic tent campaign next summer, according to plans made here on October 12. Representatives of four Mennonite church groups met with the evangelist, Rev. George Brunk, to continue planning for next summer's campaigns.

July and August of 1957 are the likely months for the campaigns, with the first services presently scheduled for Winkler and community from July 3 on. This is immediately after the 55th sessions of the Conference of Mennonites, which will be meeting in Winkler next year. The conference will probably use the large tent, which will be available to the conference, Rev. Brunk, who flew in to Pem-

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French Childrens Home Gets 'Diploma'

World War II was over. But its effects were just beginning to be felt in European homes. Neatly-kept houses were in ruins... the man who was husband and father was now absent.

This was particularly true in war-ravaged France. Young widows were faced with the problem of making a living for themselves and for their children. Many French people said the post-war years were even worse than the dreadful days of war and occupation.

The need for a children's home became apparent. War widows had to earn a living so there needed to be a place for their children.

It was then that Mennonite Central Committee opened homes for children in cooperation with the French Red Cross as a partial solution to the plight of these families. That was in 1945.

One of these homes was set up for pre-school children at Mont des Oiseaux (pronounced Mon-dez-waz-ZO which means "mountain of the birds") located in a quiet spot in northeastern France on a hill above the Alsatian farming village of Weiler.

French Church

In October of this year the children's home at Mont des Oiseaux graduates into permanent stature. The Mennonite Church of France is assuming full administration and operation of the home. This is one example of a national church taking charge of an MCC project (mission boards have frequently done so).

(Other examples include the Japanese Mennonite Church taking over a medical clinic started by MCC and the Mennonite Voluntary Service program in Europe which is now operated by three national churches of Europe.)

The Mennonite Church of France has a membership of approximately 2700 persons served by approximately 70 ministers. The church has missionary interest on the island of New Caledonia in the South Pacific Ocean, in Java and in Algeria and Tchad in Africa.

Permanent Program

French Mennonites with MCC help purchased the property and facilities in 1951. This was a turning point for the home. Until then the facilities had been rented and the program had been considered somewhat temporary.

A permanent program was then designed and transition was made toward French leadership. Added to the plant were an orchard, a new roof for the house, a modern kitchen, new paint and furniture plus a new addition to the building.



The Mont des Oiseaux home for children stands on a hill overlooking the village of Weiler (extreme left) in northeastern France. In the center picture you see two French lads who were made happy and given a home at Mont des Oiseaux. At right is one of the buildings composing the Mt. des Oiseaux children's home.

The new director of the home is Regina Nussbaumer of Basel, Switzerland, who is experienced in the field of social work. She served in the MCC office at Basel for a time and has also served as matron at Mont des Oiseaux. She was a student at Goshen College one year.

MCC Workers

MCC workers Jonas (Hillsboro, Kans.) and Mary Classen (West Liberty, Ohio) have directed the home the past nine years. Mary began service there in 1947 and Jonas started in 1948 after service with a reconstruction unit at Wissembourg, France.

The couple said, "We have greatly enjoyed our service in France and it is going to hurt us to cut the strings. But we believe this is a necessary step to the growth of the work."

During the 10 years MCC operated the Mont des Oiseaux institution, a total of 19 MCC workers served there, some for short periods and others for longer periods.

These include Naomi Derstein, Esther Eby, Lena Gerber, Kathryn Long, Beulah Roth, Ella Schmidt, Evelyn Sensenig, Marie Widmer, Ruth Carper, John Fox, John and Mary Friesen, B. F. Hartzler, John Overholt, John Shearer, Marie Sauder and Harold Weaver.

Tiny Tots

When the morning sun peeps over the hill at Mount des Oiseaux, it beams into the rooms of 33 tiny tots. Soon the dark-eyed youngsters are up and ready for the routine of the morning and into the swing of work and play for the day.

These children range in age from two to six years. Kindergarten classes are conducted for them. The kindergarten is recognized by the state, which pays the teacher's salary. An additional 80-85 children spend part of the summer at the home for summer camp.

Up to 700 children have found care and love in the home since it was started.

The sun sets over Mont des Oiseaux and heavy eyelids come to the toddlers. And it is a time for re-

flection and serious thought on the part of workers.

Baby arms reach up to a devoted worker for a goodnight kiss. The child points to the painting "The Good Shepherd" on the wall above his bed. "A picture of Jesus," he is told.

"It is because of Him that you are permitted to live in this home," the child hears. "It is in His name that your food and clothing were given. It is for His sake that we are here to care for you."

The worker's conversation con-

tinues, but not aloud: "Your mother is dying of tuberculosis and your father is ill too. When you were brought to us you were wearing a borrowed coat because you did not have enough clothes to keep you warm. You do not know anything about that now. All you know is that you are happy, well-cared for and loved..."

"And maybe sometime you will receive into your life the Christ whose picture you as a tiny child recognize as the Good Shepherd. This is our prayer for you."

Thanksgiving Festival at Warman

By Norman Fehr

Warman, Sask. — A full day was planned and prayed for October 21, and the Lord brought to pass our prayer. The day was cool and quiet, some visitors as well as the guest speakers came to the thanksgiving festival at the M.B. church here.

Rev. Otto Derksen, missionary to the West Indies, spoke on I. Peter 1:1-5 and pointed out three things for which we should be thankful. Rev. J. J. Thiessen from Herbert, Sask., spoke on Mark 5:14 "The sower went forth to sow." He showed that we ought to be thankful for the sowed Word and its results.

The noon hour was spent in the basement, where a good meal was served.

The afternoon provided a mission emphasis. Rev. Derksen pointed out in a very forceful way how Satan had tried to kill the missionary spirit in the early church, and that he is still trying to do the same today. Brother George Wiebe, candidate for missionary in Mexico under the Gospel Missionary Union, spoke on Nehemiah 1 and pointed out the preparation for mission work. It was also planned that Rev. Thiessen should speak, but he had Rev. Eugene Martens from Main Center, who came through to visit the stations, speaking for him. Zechariah's song of praise in Luke 1:36 ended in a

great missionary vision, Mr. Martens pointed out.

Since plenty of food had been brought a lunch was enjoyed, which prepared us for another service in the evening. Brother Wiebe again delivered a message. Rev. Thiessen concluded the day with a message from Matt. 11:25-30, "Der Weg zum freudigen Dienst."

The two offerings of the day totaled \$206.64.

GODLINESS GOOD FOR TWO WORLDS

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"No, I have given up my follies and found my pleasures." The world should have learned by now that God who made us and created us in His image, knows what is best for us, and forbids only those things which are detrimental to our welfare. But many, it appears, have not gone beyond the little boy who said, "If it weren't for God and the policeman, I could have a good time."

It has been said that God created a world that is "geared to righteousness." Only as our lives are "geared to righteousness"—right living—can we make a success of life. Any other way of living means tragic failure. And as we seek a solution to the difficult, baffling problems before a troubled world, we know that "godliness"—the Christian way of life—is the only answer.

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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have these last few weeks in fall been interesting to you? During these weeks of pleasant weather you have probably spent much time outdoors and seen many unusual things happening. Some of you have seen the squirrels scampering back and forth, the leaves falling from the trees and many little seeds tumbling here and there over the ground.

As you watched the seeds roll here and there did you wonder what became of them? Where do they go when the snow comes? In school you have been told that they sink into the ground and die. Is that the end of the seed? No, it isn't. Next spring instead of the seed you will see a beautiful new plant, but before the plant came the seed had to die.

We read in the Bible that unless a seed falls into the ground and dies a new plant will not grow. Have you ever thought of this when you read the story of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you wondered why He had to die? Like a seed which dies to give new life, so the Lord Jesus had to die to give us new life.

This new life is there for all, boys and girls too. All who will believe that Jesus died for them and accept it, will have this new life. It is wonderful to have it!

Do you have this wonderful new life?

Aunt Selma

Mr. Raven Settles a Problem

At the edge of a large forest stood an old tree. Because of its many branches near the top, a large number of birds had made their home there. Is it any wonder then that often it was quite noisy there?

One Sunday all the birds were up especially early. They wanted to have an early morning song-festival at the pasture near by. Already the sun was tinting the horizon with its morning glow.

"Time to get up," Mrs. Chaffinch stated as she shook her sleepy husband and awoke her four children. The noise coming from the third floor (just above them) indicated that Mr. and Mrs. Robin were already getting ready for Sunday.

When Mr. Oriole, the elderly bachelor living next door, poked his tousled head out of the door, Mrs. Chaffinch assured him that it was really time to get up.

"Uu-aa-ha," he yawned. "Thanks for telling me, Mrs. Chaffinch. You see, I'm getting a little old and like sleeping very much. Incidentally, I'm sure that Miss Blackbird is still sound asleep on the first floor."

"Oh my, yes! She came home late last night and it is no wonder that she is still sleeping." She immediately sent the oldest Chaffinch daughter to awaken the sleepy Miss Blackbird.

"What's going on at the top floor," Mr. Woodpecker wondered in another of the houses. Right near the top of the tree lived Miss Magpie and right close to her the venerable old gentleman, Mr. Raven.

"What an awful noise," commented Mrs. Woodpecker as she brushed the oldest boy's feathers.

"I've got to go and see what all the fuss is about," Mr. Woodpecker declared. "This noise is disturbing a peaceful Sunday."

When he had gone part of the way up he called, "What are you making so much noise for?" Mrs. Thrush, who happened to be nearby, also chided Miss Magpie.

"She's moved into my new house," the elderly Miss Magpie scolded. "Who?" chorused Mr. Woodpecker and Mrs. Thrush together.

"Come and see for yourself," they were told. Mr. Woodpecker dashed upstairs to see what was going on. He was followed by Mr. Oriole, puffing heavily. "You can hear this racket right down in the basement. Naturally Miss Magpie is making it again. She doesn't know how to keep her peace."

"That's just enough out of you," snapped Miss Magpie, bracing herself with her wings.

What had actually happened? Another magpie had invaded the home of Miss Magpie, planting herself in the nest and leaving her suitcase just inside the door.

"Early this morning I flew out for a little while and when I returned I found this impudent woman sitting in my nest. And she won't leave," reported Miss Magpie excitedly.

Mr. Oriole scratched his head thoughtfully. What a stupid thing to do. This time Miss Magpie was right—but this racket just could



This picture shows five French girls staying at the children's home at Mont des Oiseaux, France. This home is for children who have no father, and sometimes no mother. Here they are enjoying some tasty pastry rolls.

not be allowed on a peaceful Sunday anyway. They did want to praise their creator later on in the morning—and now this unpleasant interruption.

"Listen to me," he told the intruding magpie. "This house does not belong to you. There is an empty room on the third floor. You can move in there, but you'll have to get out of here."

"But I'm staying here," snapped the magpie. "The other one can move in there. I need fresh air and a good view."

The various homeowners had gathered in the meantime to listen to the quarrel. Even fat Mrs. Sparrow had ventured up from the basement so that she could hear better. On a nearby branch the children of the Chaffinches and the son of the Woodpeckers listened intently.

"I've got a proposal to make," the old Mr. Raven suddenly said. "I'll move into the empty room on the third floor and let Miss Magpie have my home. We'll let the other magpie have this room. I just cannot bear to have a peaceful Sunday disturbed by such a quarrel."

Miss Magpie agreed to the exchange, for Mr. Raven had a very roomy house. "But I do want to get my things first," she announced.

Quietly the intruder let Miss Magpie gather her belongings and move out. The other magpie seemed to be slightly ashamed now, that she moved in without so much as asking. She felt especially ashamed because Mr. Raven gave up his lovely home for her sake.

"The sun is up!" shouted Mrs. Chaffinch at that moment and the whole crowd flew away to the pasture to sing. Mr. Raven was with them too, seated next to Miss Magpie on a branch. Suddenly the intruding magpie appeared also. When Mr. Raven saw her he moved over and let her have a seat on the branch.

"Sing!" he commanded the two magpies. "When you sing you'll become happy and you'll forget what has happened." He himself joined heartily in the singing, even though his hoarse cawing was not very beautiful. Yet everyone agreed that he had never sang so beautifully before.

YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT

In a very poor section of a large city a group of boys had joined together into a gang. One day they planned a thievery very carefully. Since they were often hungry, they had decided to rob a bakery. Every time they walked past the bakery it was a great temptation to steal something, but now they were going to go about it in an organized way.

Their plan worked out very well. Quickly the boys disappeared with the loot. But after only half an hour they had been found and put behind bars. They had been caught just as they were dividing the flour they had stolen from the bakery.

Why had they been caught so soon? A little white line had revealed where they had gone. All their plans had been carried out to perfection—but they had taken a sack with a small hole in it.

It is to be hoped that this will have been a real lesson to those boys. But it also tells us that what the Bible says is true, when the verse states, "Be sure your sin will find you out." We think we can cover up our sin, but God knows all things. We may try to cover up our sin, but He knows we have sinned against Him just the same.

WATCH THOSE BRIDGES!

Two brothers died Monday, October 15, under the wheels of a train on an ill-fated expedition to cut branches for bows and arrows. The older brother was killed in a vain effort to save the younger one.

A cousin who saw the accident in which nine-year-old Pierre Phaneuf and his 13-year-old brother, Claude, were killed, said, "Claude got out of the way in time, but he saw little Pierre and went back for him. Pierre was crying . . . He was terrified . . . Claude grabbed his hand just as the train hit them."

Robert, the cousin, escaped by jumping to a stairway.

(Boys and girls, it is always dangerous to go out on the railway track, especially when crossing the bridge. Never do so unless you absolutely have to—and then make sure no train is coming. Putting your ear to the rails is one way of hearing if a train is coming. —Uncle Les)

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The School of God *By Peggy Arbogast*

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(13th Installment)

"What about you, Bob? You need sleep too."

"I can sleep tomorrow if necessary, but you will be needed then. Also, it would be bad if Connie should suddenly wake up and hear us talking down here."

"All right, Bob. I'll at least try to sleep. Goodnight, or I mean Good morning," and Ruth returned upstairs.

Connie stirred and moaned softly as Ruth crept into the bed beside her, but she did not awaken.

It was two hours later before Ruth finally dozed off. For two more hours she slept and woke alternately every few minutes. Finally at seven she wearily arose. Her head ached throbbingly. Every muscle in her body ached. With a sigh, she slipped into the clothes which she had worn on the picnic. They were the only ones she had in Connie's room, and she did not want to disturb Nancy and Betty just yet.

Hastily she went down to Bob. "Have you slept?" he asked.

"A little," was the rather listless response. "He didn't come home yet, did he," she questioned anxiously.

Bob shook his head. "No. He hasn't been around." The boy yawned and stretched.

"Go on up to bed, Bob," said Ruth. "There's no sense in you staying here any longer. I have to stay up now and get breakfast. I'll have to call the girls soon for they won't have too much time to get ready for Sunday School."

"I don't like to leave you here alone though," objected Bob.

"Nonsense Bob. I can call you if I hear Daddy coming. Anyway, my Heavenly Father can take care of me at any time."

At last, Bob reluctantly obeyed and sleepily mounted the stairs after making Ruth promise to call him the minute she heard their father's approaching footsteps.

Ruth soon had things started in the kitchen. When the table was all arranged she hurried up the stairs again to call the girls. She was surprised to find them already up and dressing. She had forgotten that they had been able to have a complete night's sleep, while she had spent the hours tossing restlessly. They were consequently much more refreshed than she.

"How is your little sister?" asked Nancy as Ruth entered that room.

"She was still asleep when I went downstairs," was the reply. "I'm

going in now," and Ruth hurried to Connie's room. As she entered, Connie opened her eyes and sat up in bed. Her smile faded hastily, however, and she put her hand to her forehead.

Ruth was beside her in an instant. Gently she laid her down again. "Lie still and you'll feel better, dear," she whispered softly as she soothingly stroked the forehead which was even hotter than it had been the night before. "I'm going to call the doctor, and he'll tell us what to do so that you'll be all better in a jiffy."

"Am I that sick?" asked Connie fearfully. "Do I really need a doctor?"

"I hope not, honey, but I'm not taking any chances," and Ruth hastened downstairs to the telephone. When she reached the phonetable, she suddenly realized that she had not before had an occasion to phone the doctor, and that she didn't even know his name.

In despair Ruth turned from the phone. Just as she was about to run up and ask Connie the doctor's name, she heard footsteps approaching the door. In sudden fear she glanced out the window. With a sigh of relief she ran to open the door. "Oh, Aunt Sally, I'm so glad to see you. You have come just at the right time. Connie's awfully sick, and I don't even know the doctor's name."

Aunt Sally patted Ruth soothingly. "There, there, child. Don't you know the Lord always sends help when we need it? Let me look at Connie before you call a doctor. She may not need one, although I think you were doing the best thing in sending for one when you didn't know."

Together they went up to Connie's room. With an experienced hand, Aunt Sally felt the child's hot forehead. Just then Connie began to cough. Although she said nothing, it was evident that this was very painful to her. After whispering soothing words to the child, Aunt Sally followed Ruth into the hall. "I think you had better phone," she advised and told Ruth the name of the doctor whom Mr. Arnold had for Connie.

Obediently Ruth hastened down the stairs while Aunt Sally remained with Connie. To her dismay, Ruth discovered that the doctor had left the day before on a long trip and would not be back until the end of the summer. He had left his practice in charge of a young doctor in the city. Struggling to keep back the tears, Ruth

phoned him. A moment later she heard a pleasant voice say, "Good morning, Dr. Blake speaking."

Briefly Ruth told him of the symptoms of her sister's illness, gave him their address and begged him to come quickly. He promised to hurry right out and his reassuring voice helped the anxious girl.

* By this time, Nancy, Barbara, Joyce and even Betty had come downstairs. Aunt Sally immediately followed. "You are all coming over to my house for breakfast," she announced. "I don't know how good it will be. I left the boys, with the pastor in charge, preparing it. But we thought it would be much more fun if the whole group of you could eat together." Before she had finished speaking, the young people heard the soft tinkle of a bell, then a masculine voice call through the window, "Dinner, I mean breakfast, is served."

Left alone, Ruth once more wearily mounted the stairs to her sister's room. It had all happened so quickly that she had not been able to protest against Aunt Sally's generosity. Although the other girls had not suspected it, Ruth knew that the reason for the breakfast gathering had not merely been for the enjoyment of the group from the Bible Institute but in order that she would be freed from the responsibility of three guests at breakfast in the midst of such a trying time.

Discovering that Connie had dozed off again, Ruth sped to the den—her trysting place—for she suddenly remembered that she had not begun the day as was her custom, alone with her Lord. Dropping upon her knees before the large chair, and burying her aching head in her arms, Ruth prayed, "Oh, Father, Thou hast sent me a new and difficult lesson. It's all so strange. I can't understand it. But Father, Thou hast promised to instruct me in the way that I should go. Oh, show me the first step. Teach me what Thou would have me to learn through this. It's so hard. But Thou knowest best. Be with little Connie. Don't let her be very sick. She belongs to Thee now. Make her well quickly if it is Thy Will. And oh, be with our father wherever he is. Take care of him and bring him home safely and—" Ruth's prayer stopped abruptly as the tired muscles relaxed and there on her knees Ruth slept more soundly than she had at any time during that long and trying night.

CHAPTER 11

Ruth was still sleeping at nine o'clock, when Aunt Sally came across the lawn carrying a tray daintily arranged with an appetizing breakfast. Just as she was about to open the door, the doctor's car pulled up at the curb, and a tall slender young man untangled him-

self from behind the steering wheel.

"Miss Arnold?" he questioned as Aunt Sally held open the door for him to enter.

The woman smiled. "No, I am Mrs. Smith, a neighbor," she replied. "But Ruth will be waiting for you. I was just bringing her a bite of breakfast. She has had much more to face than the sickness of her sister in the last twelve hours, and I knew she wouldn't bother to get herself any."

"I'd say you were a very good neighbor," smiled the doctor.

Aunt Sally softly called "Ruth," but there was no response. After she called the second time, Connie answered, "Aunt Sally, is that you? Come on up." The woman started up the stairs motioning the doctor to follow.

"Where's Ruth, honey?" she asked as she entered Connie's room.

"I don't know," was the child's response. "I was asleep and when I woke up, I started to get up to look for her, but I felt so funny I had to get back in bed."

"Mrs. Smith, could this be Ruth?" suddenly asked the doctor as he pointed down the hall, where Ruth could be seen still asleep upon her knees.

Aunt Sally smiled. "It certainly is," she replied. "The poor child probably didn't get a wink of sleep last night."

"Well, we won't disturb her just yet, not until we've examined the patient," laughed the doctor.

He hastily became serious again, however, as Connie began to cough. "Hm," he murmured. "How long has this been going on?"

"Just this morning," breathed Connie weakly when the paroxysm had ceased. A tear trickled down her cheek. "Oh, it's Sunday, and Ruth promised me I could always go to Sunday School and Church with her and now I can't. Do you think Jesus will be angry? I want to go so badly, but I do feel too sick."

"Of course He won't be angry," was the doctor's gentle reply.

"He knows just how you feel and Connie, He's right here with you. You can talk to Him here, and He'll help you not to mind the pain so much."

Connie smiled. "You're a nice doctor," she said.

Soon the doctor had written a prescription and had given Aunt Sally many other written instructions to be passed on to Ruth. "Are you going to stay here awhile?" he asked Mrs. Smith.

"Yes," nodded the woman. "Ruth needs some rest. Also, she is very inexperienced in taking care of the sick, and I can help her with Connie."

"Good," said Dr. Blake. "Since you are going to stay here, suppose we see if we can't get Miss Arnold in to a more comfortable position for sleeping." (To be continued)

The Way to Cut Up

What do you do with energetic little boys who persist in destroying property?

That question has a 1-W answer — to be found in the efforts of Robert Lapham of Ann Arbor, Mich., a relief worker in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan serving as a Mennonite Central Committee volunteer on loan to the Near East Christian Council.

A rather serious problem arose in his town of Irbid with a group of boys who seemed to like to destroy property and annoy foreigners. The ripe fruit of three almond trees in the Lapham yard didn't douse their interest either.

Catching the worst offenders (such as the one who broke a window with a rock) and taking them to their father only seemed to ease the situation a few days. Threats of calling the police got nowhere.

He tried organizing football games but the fellows couldn't play together without resorting to fighting among themselves or throwing stones at the almonds in the trees.

A fellow worker told Lapham that these were "just bad boys and

the only solution was to have a policeman come and chase them away."

One Saturday when nine of the most troublesome lads appeared, Lapham decided to see how they would react to an offer to try carpentry work (even though he had previously considered such a proposal a reward for good behavior).

The boys were eager and surprised. In Jordan troublemakers expect a stick, rocks or a policeman. They became keenly interested in carpentry and many show a good aptitude for the work, Lapham reports. Their attitudes and actions have changed.

They use coping saws and files to construct simple designs. In addition they have recreational activities. These fellows now occasionally play with some of the other non-troublemakers in Lapham's classes, not before possible.

He commented, "In this carpentry project I see a good example of our belief and that hostility can best be met by kindness and outright sincere offers of good will."

The I-W Mirror.

MORE ABOUT

A Little Boost Does It

(Continued from page 2-2)

In the Junior Department one girl upon request of the committee had read one of the new books. In the words of an eleven-year-old she had written down her impressions of this book. In front of the group she read it with the same ease she does her reading in elementary school, I am sure. Here again a few remarks were made about the books in their age group.

The Intermediate Department received an unique boost. Two lads fourteen years of age were asked questions by their teachers. They knew what the questions would be. However, the answers were their own reactions to reading. I shall always remember the answer one of them gave to the question, "What do missionary stories help you to know and understand?" He said, "People who do not know Jesus Christ are not happy." This lad read over fifty books from the library in one year. Another question asked the other boy was, "Has your reading books from the Sunday School Library helped you in your Christian life?" He answered, "Yes, they have shown me that other people have trials too, and have overcome them. It has encouraged me in my Christian life." They were asked eleven questions. Their answers came straight from the hearts of fourteen-year-old lads. They each took three books they had read and talked about them. Incidentally, these boys have been

working as librarians for over two years. They were trained young.

The Youth Department was visited during review period by one of their own group. Here highlights of several books were displayed and discussed. The books were adaptable to their own age, and included doctrinal, inspirational, Christian ideals, and fiction.

The mothers of the nursery group attend adult classes. So these two departments were combined and taken care of by the chairman of the committee, a local high school teacher. Here too, the books advocated were doctrinal, inspirational, Bible study helps, and Christian ideals, and especially those pertaining to parenthood and the home.

What was the result of these pep talks? Did it pay? Was it worth while, the time and effort spent? The librarians were swamped. People of all ages were there: little tots pulling their mothers by the hand; and boys dashing and pushing to get in line. No, it did not end with that Sunday. In fact, there was not much letup until the summer months. In the fall it started again. Small children who cannot read came to the library for books. Yet they could tell you which books had been read to them. In the children's section we have two copies of a number of books because they are so much in demand. Boys can tell you very graphically about the book they have just read.

The library is open from nine-thirty until ten in the morning and again after twelve. Usually two librarians are needed before Sun-

day school, to take care of the youngsters; and three following the eleven o'clock service. The circulation has greatly increased and the library has gained new members.

The project proved so worthwhile that the committee held another Special Library Day in February, 1955, when more new books were added. The same young man painted another challenging poster. The committee members again visited the different departments with their display of new books. The same interest was shown in the older departments; while the children were even more enthusiastic than the previous year.

The boys and girls really enjoy it. Can you picture an eight-year-old boy approaching one librarian with, "Hey, when are we going to have another library day?" When told it would be after Christmas, he walked away and in disappointment said, "Ah, do we have to wait that long?" Just recently a nine-year-old girl asked the librarian, "When can I start helping in the library?"

The visible results showed 737 books were read in 1954, an increase of 210 over those read in 1953. Eternity alone will reveal the impressions and lasting effects on the readers, especially the dear children. A Special Library Day is an excellent boost.

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WILMER QUIRING AT LAIRD THANKSGIVING

By Linda Dyck

Laird, Sask. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here observed their annual Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, September 30. At the service in the forenoon Rev. Nick Janz, the pastor, and Rev. Art Martens of Saskatoon stressed thanksgiving and home missions.

The afternoon service was devoted to foreign missions, with Rev. Martens speaking again and Missionary Wilmer Quiring, home on furlough from Colombia, also addressing the congregation. The songs by the choir added a blessing to both services.

We were glad to have many guests with us, as well as to see some people who recently left us. Miss Erica Dyck was passing through from North Clearbrook, B.C., on her way to the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg. Miss Tina Dyck of Winnipeg also joined us that day.

The Lord had rich blessings for us that day and we trust that as a result we will be more faithful in giving thanks and in fulfilling our Master's command to spread the Gospel in whatever way He has commanded us to do so.

MISSIONARY GUEST SPEAKER AT THANKSGIVING

By J. H. Kehler

Foam Lake, Sask. — The M. B. group here experienced a day of joy and great blessings from the Lord on October 14. Many people had come from the surrounding district to join us in honoring our Maker for the countless blessings received this year.

Brother Arthur Krause, one of our young brethren, led in the prayer-meeting, at which several expressed their thankfulness to God for the bountiful harvest, both material and spiritual.

Rev. Nick Janz of Laird, Sask., who at one time was the local pastor, was a very welcome guest and speaker. God blessed His Word to our hearts through his ministry. Rev. Janz spoke on thankfulness in the morning and on "God's Missionary Program" in the afternoon.

Missionary Art Redekop from Nigeria, Africa, challenged us to keep our vows made to God. In the afternoon he spoke on "Missions" and in the evening he showed through slides some of the conditions on their field, where people live without God.

The local choir served with four songs and the missionary and his wife with six.

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THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Changing Trend in Mexico Seen By Missionary Observers

Missionary observers have been noting recent political developments in Mexico. The party in power has been making overtures to the Catholic Church and the opposition party, which is Catholic-controlled. Last September the Mexico City newspaper *Ovaciones* published an account of an interview between the president of the Revolutionary Institutional Party, General Augustin Olachea, and the archbishop primate of Mexico, Dr. Miguel Dario Miranda. The Revolutionary Institutional Party, backed by the government and known as the "official" party, has been characterized by absolute religious liberty and has maintained an attitude of indifference toward the Roman Catholic Church. Since General Olachea has taken over the party's leadership this attitude seems to be changing. There are those who feel that his technique of appealing to "all Mexicans regardless of creed" will eventually result in the discontinuance of the Roman Catholic party "National Action" which has been opposing the government-sponsored party.

During the recent months the Roman Church has revealed another facet of its program by granting diplomas to future newspaper reporters, undoubtedly a move to influence or control the press — which control the Church in Mexico has not had for many years.

The governor of the State of Puebla, General Manuel Avila Camacho, has opened a campaign against the evangelical minority, basing his efforts on "protection of public peace." The governor was formerly the director of the Military College. In the little town of Juan N. Mendez, Sr. Benjamin Crispin was arrested for having disturbed the public peace by holding evangelical meetings in his home. He was later released after paying a heavy fine. In another town, Domingo Arenas, Sr. Lorenzo Juarez requested permission to build an evangelical church in the town. The reply to his petition was, "There already exist two temples of the Roman Catholic Apostolic faith in this place and it is the opinion of the government that in order to conserve public peace and order we cannot give permission for the construction of an evangelical chapel in this place." Thus many evangelical congregations continue to meet secretly.

(Among the Huixteco Indians in the city of Huistan, the evangelicals have been isolated from both missionaries and fellow-believers for the past few months. Last July 16th a group of evangelicals went with other men to help in the building of

a bridge for the town. On their way to work they were forcibly taken to the town hall where an angry mob accused them of "bringing division" to their land by accepting the "devil's religion." They were beaten and then taken to the Church, where the police stood by while the priest told them that if they continued in the evangelical faith they would be killed—and if anyone came to teach them more they would be killed too. Since that day the Huixtecos, constantly being watched, have been afraid to contact the missionaries or even to stop on the trail to talk with evangelicals from other places.)

(MNS)

CANADASCOPE

Rocket to Help Weather Forecasting

The first scientific rocket launched in Canada swooshed into the air at Fort Churchill, Man., on October 20. It roared from an almost vertical launching rail into the upper atmosphere to measure density, temperature and pressure.

Scientists say the launching of the rocket marks a new era of precise, long-range weather forecasting. It is the first of 78 rockets to be launched during the next year and a half. These rockets go up into the great and powerful tides of weather that are sweeping through the upper atmosphere in an area where the weather conditions for half of the world north of the equator are created.

The data from the instruments in the rocket was broadcast over 15 separate radio channels at the rate of 312 recordings a second on each channel during 200 seconds of operation. "It will probably take us a year to analyse that 200 seconds of recordings," a scientist said.

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Grants to Universities May Be Doubled

Prime Minister L. S. St. Laurent said in Ottawa on October 22 that federal grants to Canadian universities will be doubled even if Quebec institutions refuse to accept them. He told reporters that the federal grant of \$8,000,000 would be raised to \$16,000,000 if the national conference of Canadian universities would accept his proposal that it distribute the money.

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To build Up Home Village With Fortune

Harnam Singh Hari, 72, left Calgary on October 20 for his homeland, India, and his native village in India's Punjab. Once there he is to give the \$290,000 fortune he made in Southern Alberta to con-

vert the village where he was born into a model settlement.

Mr. Hari left his homeland 45 years ago. During that time he has cashed in on real estate investment earnings at Calgary and built up a large farm in Glenmore, Alberta. His own home is still without plumbing and electricity, but he intends that his native town of Ranike should have every convenience.

THE WORLD TODAY

Upheaval in Poland

A political upheaval in Poland during the last week has ousted Field Marshal Rokossovsky from the Polish Communist party's politburo and has reinstated Wladyslaw Gomulka, who was ousted four years ago for his Titoist policies. Rokossovsky was sent to Poland by Stalin, while Gomulka is a Stalin-hater.

Other reports indicate that there is a movement of Russian tanks toward Warsaw, while a Yugoslav newspaper reports that troop move-

ments in Poland have resulted in "clashes" that killed and wounded several persons.

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Jordan Votes Against West

With 35 of the 40 seats in Jordan's parliament counted from elections on October 21, candidates opposed to Jordan's traditional alliance with Britain had gained a majority. The sweeping gains of the anti-British candidates left only some of the 12 independents and two members of the Constitutional party elected in favor of a more moderate policy in the new parliament.

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Need New Lifeboat, Researchers Say

A British research body last week condemned the traditional ships lifeboat as an unsafe means of escaping a sinking vessel and urged scientists to tackle the task of re-designing them. The body said new lifeboats should be so constructed that a tired man wearing a standard life jacket could get into them unaided. The lifeboats of the future should be capable of being manned and launched regardless of the weather and the angle of the ship, it went on.

Home Base Needed, Pastor States

By Marjorie Wiens

Hepburn, Sask. — With harvesting over and the "crops in" from the fields and gardens, many thankful people came to the Hepburn M. B. church to participate in the annual harvest and thanksgiving festival, Sunday October 21.

The choir struck an appropriate opening note for the services with the anthem, "Break Forth into Joy."

Rev. Walter Wiebe, local pastor, spoke on, "The Basis of Foreign Mission Work—the Home Church", using Acts 13:1-4 as his basis. "Our modern mission work is like the launching of a great transoceanic liner... there has to be a home base and a landing field," he stated. He pointed out that the home base has been neglected by the glamorization of the foreign mission field and by the greater reward concept of foreign missions. He stressed the necessity of sustaining the home base because it is needed as a spiritual force that can produce workers. "We want to 'look unto the field'," he said, but establish a strong home base so we can support the great work of foreign missions.

Rev. F. F. Kroeker, assistant pastor of the Brotherhood M. B. Church was one of the guest speakers. In his theme on, "True Biblical Thinking", Rev. Kroeker pointed out that it was necessary (1) to think about God our Creator, (2) to think about our neighbors and others, (3) to think about our

end and eternity. "Thinking is the basis of thanking," he maintained.

In his message in the German language in the afternoon, Rev. Kroeker spoke on the words of Christ in John 17:18, "So sende ich sie auch in die Welt."

The other speaker, Rev. Lawrence Redekopp, city missionary from Saskatoon, delivered a message on Acts 9:1-6, emphasizing the need for consecrated young people and the urgency of spreading the Gospel message both at home and abroad.

GEORGE BRUNK FLIES IN TO PLAN CAMPAIGN

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bina, N.D., in his own plane, has indicated.

After a three-week campaign in Winkler, there will be a week of rest before the next series of services begin at Altona. The Winnipeg campaign, which will be held in or near the city, is likely to begin in early September.

The preparatory committee appointed in July consists of David Schultz, Rev. J. H. Quiring, Rev. J. H. Friesen, Rev. P. J. Schaefer and Rev. J. M. Pauls. They represent the Berghthaler Mennonite, Mennonite Brethren, Blumenort Mennonite and Rudnerweider Mennonite Church groups.

A huge tent, capable of seating as many as 5,000 people, will be the center of services in the two areas. Probable locations for the tent are the respective agricultural and fair grounds.

Weddings

LERCH — PENNER

Calvary Church, St. Catharines, Ontario, was the setting for a wedding on Saturday afternoon, Octo-



ber 6, when Miss Catharine Penner became the bride of John Meyer Lerch. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Katharine Penner and the

late Peter P. Penner of Vineland, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lerch of Wooster, Ohio.

The church was decorated for the occasion with baskets of chrysanthemums and gladioli, interspersed with potted ferns. The Rev. Peter Penner, of Thornhill, Manitoba, a brother of the bride, officiated at the candlelight ceremony, and Miss Marianne Penner a sister, presided at the organ. The soloist was also a sister, Mrs. Edward Reimer. Mr. Abram J. Friesen, a brother-in-law, gave the bride in marriage.

Miss Elizabeth Penner of Inman, Kansas, an intimate friend of the bride, was the bride's only attendant, while Mr. Corney Penner, the bride's brother and Mr. Edward Reimer, assisted as ushers. Mr. Robert Lerch, brother of the groom, who teaches at Freeman, South Dakota, was best man.

Following the reception in the church hall the young couple left on a trip to Ottawa. They will reside in Smithville, Ohio. Out of town guests attending the wedding included many friends and relatives from Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

Craig (Ont.) Boys Farm to be used for additions and improvements to the plant. It was granted by a special order-in-council by the Ontario Cabinet.

Alden Bohn (Pandora, Ohio) has been named acting director of the Farm. He began service there last June as a social worker.

Katie Toews of Leamington, Ont., is a new secretary and bookkeeper at the Farm. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Toews and a member of Essex County United Mennonite Church at Leamington. She was trained at Leamington Business College and Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

DENVER CHAPLAINCY

Christian literature is being distributed to patients in the Colorado Medical Center in Denver as part of the ministry of Chaplain Glenn Martin.

Printed meditations "The Friendly Word" are prepared by the chaplain weekly and given to all patients each Sunday morning. Meditations for mothers in the maternity ward are prepared and given by Naomi Schellenberg (Newton, Kansas), the chaplain's assistant.

A patients' religious library is also being compiled. A book cart is to be built to distribute religious literature and books to patients. Members of the Denver voluntary service unit assist in this phase of the ministry.

BROOK LANE FARM

The new dining room-kitchen building is now occupied at Brook Lane Farm at Hagerstown, Md.

Eastern area congregations continue to raise funds to furnish the building and pay expenses incurred thus far. Women's groups of various conferences are supplying equipment. Projects for additional needed furnishings are still open.

Mrs. Virginia Harshman of Smithsburg, Md., is the dietitian. She was trained at Western Maryland College and the University of Maryland. She is a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

New on the staff is Edwin H. Christ of Elizabethtown, Pa. He is a member of the United Zion Church.

KINGS VIEW HOMES

George and Susan Penner of Plum Coulee, Man., are new workers at Kings View Homes at Reedley, Calif. He is a psychiatric aide and she serves in the kitchen. They are members of the Rudnerweide Mennonite Church at Plum Coulee.

PRAIRIE VIEW HOSPITAL

James Hean of Ann Arbor, Mich., is the new patient activities director at Prairie View Hospital at Newton, Kans. He was director of recreational therapy the past three years at Ypsilanti (Mich.) State Hospital. He is a graduate of Bethel

College and the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

GERMAN CHILDRENS HOME

Amy Hunsberger of Baden, Ont., left for a period of service with the Home for Children at Bad Duerkheim, Germany.



Miss Amy Hunsberger

She is formerly an assistant to the dean of women at Goshen College where she also earned a B.A. degree in sociology.

She is a member of Shantz Mennonite Church and the daughter of Mrs. Mary Hunsberger.

BERLIN

J. K. Klassen (Gretna, Man.) in Berlin reports he has been providing some food to the German Red Cross for distribution to aged and sick persons in East Germany.

Refugees receiving food at Kreuzberg were especially thankful for butter, a precious commodity to them.

Obituaries

MR. JACOB DYCK

Mr. Jacob Dyck, 79, of Warman, Sask., passed away in the Saskatoon City Hospital on Tuesday, October 16. The funeral services were held from the Mennonite Brethren church at Warman, Sask.

Mr. Dyck was born in 1877 in Greenfield, South Russia, and emigrated to Canada in 1901, settling in Manitoba. In 1903 he moved to Langham, Sask., where he lived until seven years before his death. He has been living in Warman during the last seven years.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, four sons, and five step-children.



INDONESIA

Apparently the medical clinic at Kudus, Java, sometimes has its hands full and then some. One day last month patients from a nearby village went to the clinic in truckloads!

The truck made four trips to transport them to and from the clinic. The first load arrived at 3. a.m. and the second at 7:15 a.m.

The medical team has initiated a new method of examining pa-

tients, reports Ruth Kennel (Atglen, Pa.):

A nurse now sees all patients and refers the very sick ones to the physician who has an office on the rear porch of the clinic. This speeds up calls and gives the physician more time to spend with those who need him.

Treatments for trachoma (eye disease) continue in public schools. They visit four or five schools for a period of four months then move into different schools. They have examined 1700 children since January and treated 471 for trachoma and other eye diseases.

JORDAN

Four more Arab boys have found a home at the Mennonite Home for Boys directed by twins Ada and Ida Stoltzfus (Elverson, Pa.).

One of the boy's father went to South America and has not been heard from for a number of years. The mother has five children and was unable to properly care for them.

Another newcomer was all smiles when he was given a pair of pajamas to wear. He had to be shown how to get between the sheets in his bed. He seems to like everything that is given him.

The Stoltzfus twins distributed clothing and butter oil in three border villages. These people were happy for the gifts as they had not received distributions for some time.

AILSA CRAIG BOYS FARM

The Ontario Department of Child Welfare allocated \$13,964 to Ailsa

The Chaos of Cults
By J. K. Van Baalen. 384 pp.

This is a study of present-day isms and cults in the religious world. Used in many schools as a textbook for the study of false cults, it objectively considers the many deviations from Scripture truth evident in the teachings of these groups. The author deals with Spiritism, Theosophy, Rosicrucianism, Christian Science, the unity school of Christianity, Baha'ism, Mormonism, Anglo-Israelism, Seventh-Day Adventism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Buchmanism, Unitarianism. He also outlines the approach to use when contacting these people.....\$3.00

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Handbook of Denominations
By Frank S. Mead. 255 pp.

This book deals with denominations in the United States, although it occasionally makes references to Canadian wings of a denomination represented in the U.S.A. The book includes data on 266 religious bodies, and therefore is rather brief in its description. The author deals with the history, doctrine, organization and present status of the denominations.\$2.95

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COLLEGES

MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLE COLLEGE

Three weeks and the opening of the M.B.B.C. are past, and the students are quite "orientated" in their new home. During the first weeks the word was used so frequently that one student finally commented to another, "I hate that word—orientation—almost as if we were to get lost in China or something". But orientation, if we like the word or not, has done its slow work and now the students know what to expect from which lecturer — in which classes to be sure to have a full pen and several sheets of paper, or in which a controversial topic will have to be reckoned with.

In the Bible, the breaking of bread together is often used to signify spiritual fellowship and certainly this is so at the college tables. Sixty-five of the 108 students eat together, and the laughter, pranks, and discussion at the tables is heartening and barrier-removing, especially for the numerous first-year students. Here the formality of the classroom is forgotten and ideas ranging from the value of selfishness to original sin are expounded upon. Be the subjects superficial or profound, they are all examined thoroughly.

The new library building, with its lovely reading room and great auditorium, presents another aspect of college life. Of an evening, up to 70 students will be studying in the library together, searching their Bibles and textbooks for further knowledge concerning God's Kingdom. To those who have recently come from secular schools, this concentration on study to promote spiritual growth is a new experience. The whole philosophy of learning here is different from other institutions. In public school, high school, and even more especially in university, the emphasis is on, "Learn that you may know for yourself". The quest for knowledge is supreme. Here at MBBC that is far subordinated to, "Learn that you may help another"—help him to know the Lord Jesus. As Mr. Orie Miller, executive secretary of the MCC, said in his talk to us on October 11, practical Christianity—constant discipleship—has been a distinguishing mark of all Anabaptists and the Mennonites that came from them. Each day here reveals some new facet of true discipleship.

College life is often one of great spiritual blessing and successes. For this reason the chapel service of October 19 was especially significant, for that morning Rev. Falk of the North Kildonan M. B. Church stated that "in the wonder about our success in our spiritual life, the tendency towards unfaithful-

ness is that much stronger". Therefore Rev. 2:10 rings with deeper meaning for us: "Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life."

—By Rudy Wiebe.

MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLICAL SEMINARY,

Seven Canadians Attend Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary

The registrar of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary of Fresno, California, Dr. A. G. Willems, announced that the student enrollment of the Seminary in its second year of operation stands at 26, seven of whom are Canadians. Almost the entire last year's student body has returned, augmented by a freshman enrollment of 8 together with a few special students.

The Canadian students represent 3 provinces: Saskatchewan—Rev. Nick Willems, Alfred Schmidt, Elmer Martens and Elmer Schmidt; British Columbia—Walter Friesen, Nick Rempel; and Ontario—Walter Heinrichs.

A further breakdown of the students reveals that four denominations are represented in the student body: Mennonite Brethren 20, Baptist 4, Independent Church 1, Reformed Presbyterian 1. Other regions represented are California, 15; Oregon, Texas and Kansas, one each.

Nine students are enrolled in the standard B.D. course; seven are registered in the non-language B.D. course; and six are working toward the Master of Arts degree in Missions. Four are special students. The Seminary is served by five full-time and two part-time faculty members.

Seminary chapel speakers since the beginning of the term, other than faculty members, have been Dr. H. H. Janzen, moderator of the Mennonite Brethren General Conference; Evangelist Walter Lepp; Mr. Arthur Jost of the MCC; and Edna Thiessen, missionary to Mexico.

Students report their appreciation of the absence of traffic noise at the new campus. The restful surroundings and the spacious accommodations are conducive to intensive study. All anticipate an exceedingly blessed and profitable school year.

Peters to Meet with Billy Graham

Dr. G. W. Peters will seek a conference with Billy Graham on October 27 in Louisville to discuss possibilities of a campaign in Fresno in 1958. Dr. Peters is chairman of the Central California Evangelistic Committee, which has been working toward this campaign for over a year.

During his trip east Dr. Peters will also be present at the meeting of the Accrediting Association of

Bible Colleges and Bible Institutes in Chicago, and will attend the Board of Foreign Missions session in Hillsboro.

President Braun Serves in B.C.

President B. J. Braun has just returned from a series of Bible readings and evangelistic meetings in the Abbotsford M.B. Church. While there he participated in the Bible Conference of the M.B. Bible Institute. He served at the Northern California choir festival in Lodi on October 14.

Dr. P. R. Lange held services in Rosedale church during the second week in October.

—By Elmer A. Martens.

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Registration day for the beginning of the new school year at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College took place on Oct. 2. At present 67 students have been registered, of whom 34 are women and 33 are men. This includes 12 married men and 2 women. According to provinces the registration is as follows: 15 from British Columbia, 3 from Alberta, 18 from Saskatchewan, 24 from Manitoba, and 7 from Ontario. Fifteen of the students this year are teachers and 7 are registered nurses.

On Oct. 5, the teachers of the College presented a social at which time both students and faculty had the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with one another.

On Oct. 13, our Saturday prayer meetings began, on which occasion both students and faculty members are in attendance. This meeting is always a great inspiration to all that attend.

As a result of the College Board meeting on Oct. 14, we were informed that it is the intention of the Board to provide new dormitories for student's use which will be available for the fall term of 1957. We know that this is a great undertaking and needs the prayerful consideration of every member of our Conference.

TABOR COLLEGE

Canadian Mennonite Leader Speaks to Tabor Women

Girls living in the women's residence quadrangle at Tabor College heard an informal talk by Rev. B. B. Janz of Coaldale, Alberta, at a recent inter-dorm meeting.

Rev. Janz, a leading figure in the Mennonite Brethren Conference in Canada, spoke about some of the experiences which he had had on three continents in his work in the interest of the Mennonite Church.

Rev. Janz' life has been a varied and colorful one, often full of danger and hardship. He has done perhaps as much as any other man to

facilitate the vast movement of Mennonite emigrants from Eastern Europe to North and South America since the 1917 revolution in Russia.

He told of the many times he had stood before the Red Russian officials in Moscow, seeking permission for his people to leave. After permission for their emigration was granted, he spent many months negotiating their entry into Canada and other parts of the Western Hemisphere. In later years Rev. Janz was instrumental in uniting the Mennonite Brethren churches of South America more closely.

Rev. Janz was accompanied by Mr. C. A. DeFehr of Winnipeg, Manitoba and Mr. Otto Reimer of Reedley, California. The three are members of the Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare which met in Hillsboro.

Six from Canada Study at Tabor

Six students from Canada are among the 262 students attending Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas.

They are: Jacob Froese, senior from Calgary, Alberta; John B. Toews, senior from Coaldale, Alberta; Jacob Geddert, senior from Chilliwack, British Columbia; Mrs. Mary Geddert, freshman, also from Chilliwack; Don Neuman, sophomore from Vancouver, British Columbia; and Walter Sawatzky, senior from Yarrow, British Columbia.

HIGH SCHOOLS

SHARON MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Enrollment at the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate, Yarrow, B.C., has reached 100 for this school year, with six teachers active in grades 6 to 13. The opening program was held on October 14 and featured the play, "Was bedeutet dir das Kreuz?" The senior choir, junior choir, male chorus and orchestra served with suitable selections.

The Sharon Alumnae scholarship of \$50 was presented to Leonard Neufeldt at the opening program. Leonard, a grade 13 student, received an average of 88.6% in grade 12 government exams. The presentation of the scholarship was made by Frank Friesen, alumnae president. After expressing his thanks, Leonard dramatically turned the whole sum over to Mr. Rudy Boschman, music director, for use in the school's music department. The guest speaker, Rev. G. Thielman of East Chilliwack, spoke on "Was bedeutet dir das Kreuz?"

The whole school had a wiener roast at the Sunday school picnic grounds on Stuart Creek recently. The area was lit up by four huge bonfires. Suitable games began the

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SHARON MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

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evening, followed by a wiener roast, sing-song, and a short message.

Mr. David Nightingale, home on furlough from his work at radio station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, spoke to the school on the theme, "Present Your Bodies a Living Sacrifice" at a morning devotion period. Rev. J. B. Toews, deputa- tion secretary of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, also visited the school, speaking to the student body on, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth".

The Saturday German school of the M.B. Church has been transferred to the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate from the Bible school buildings because of better facilities at the collegiate.

The auditorium at the school is being made available to the community for sports activities three evenings a week. Monday night the Men's Badminton Club use it, Thursday is girls' night, and Friday it is boy's night, with a variety of activities each evening.

Youth Rally at Winkler

Winkler, Manitoba. — Mennonite Brethren young people here are expecting the largest influx of youth in a long time when the Youth Rally of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Manitoba will begin on Saturday afternoon, October 27. More are expected to come for the Sunday afternoon and evening services.

Rev. Frank C. Peters, past-president of Tabor College, will be the featured speaker at this two-day rally sponsored by the Youth Committee of the Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Conference. Rev. Peters will speak on the Christian's stability in a changing world, touching on consecration, sanctification, and various other aspects of the Christian life. Pastor of the Kitchener, Ont., M.B. Church for a number of years, Rev. Peters has a thorough understanding of youth's problems

and is well qualified to provide inspiration and challenge.

Other features at the rally include singing by the M.B. Collegiate Institute choir, the Gospel Light Hour choir, well-known Mennonite soloists, and other special groups.

Board and lodging is being supplied by the local Mennonite Brethren Church.

Services begin at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

To Give Illustrated Lecture

North Clearbrook, B.C. — An illustrated account of their travels will be given by John Redekop and Harvey Dyck in the Mennonite Educational Institute auditorium on Saturday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The two students were both awarded scholarships at the University of British Columbia a year ago for studies in Germany. Redekop studied at Heidelberg, while Dyck was in Hamburg. They spent considerable time touring the West European countries and also took a motorcycle trip around the Mediterranean.

In their report Redekop and Dyck will put special emphasis on their impressions and observations of the situation in the Near East. They had many interesting and unique experiences on this tour and the audience should find the reports highly interesting and educational. Their talk will be illustrated with some of the 1,600 slides they took on this trip.

The MEI Alumni, of which both are members, is sponsoring the evening. A special effort is being made to get all the young people out for this occasion.

ORATORIO CHOIR BEGINS REHEARSALS

Winnipeg, Man. — The Oratorio Choir of the M.B. Bible College began rehearsals on Tuesday night, October 23.

With rehearsals scheduled for Tuesday of every week in the new

auditorium, it is expected that quite a few will take this opportunity to join in singing some of the greatest music man has written. Singers from the churches in and around Winnipeg are invited to join the choir, states Mr. H. Voth, the director. Rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m.

AUCA FILM SHOWN AT CARMAN

Carman, Man. — A film depicting the unsuccessful attempt to establish a missionary beachhead among the Aucas in Ecuador, which cost the lives of five young men, was shown in the Memorial Hall here by Rev. Splinter of Winnipeg on Monday, October 22.

On the Horizon

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. 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.

October 29 — The annual meeting of the Mennonite Collegiate Institute supporting constituency, beginning at 10 a.m. in Gretna, Man. Guest speaker will be Bishop P. L. Friesen of Morris.

November 2 — The annual meeting of members and friends of the Assiniboine Mennonite Mission Camp will be held in the Altona Bergthaler church beginning at 2 p.m.

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 2 to 4 — The annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Ontario at Virgil.

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.

November 17 — Annual conference of the Ontario Historic Peace Churches.

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