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

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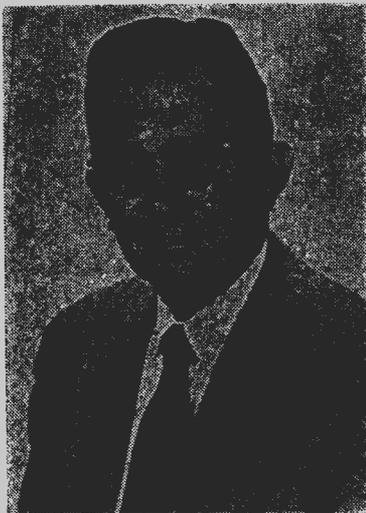
## MDS Moves Step Forward

Another step forward for Mennonite Disaster Service in Manitoba will be marked in the week of January 21, when Harry Martens, North Newton, Kansas, will speak on the subject in a number of communities in this province.

Mr. Martens, who at present is assistant to the president of Bethel College, spent the summer of 1956 visiting communities in the United States in the interests of Mennonite Disaster Service.

He has formerly served with Mennonite Central Committee in Europe and Mexico.

Martens will deliver illustrated inspirational messages in Altona, Winkler, Morris, Steinbach, and Winnipeg, and also be the guest speaker at an organizational meeting in Winnipeg in the afternoon of Thursday, January 24.



Mr. Harry E. Martens

The Manitoba MDS committee, which was formed early in 1956 solicits the interests of all Mennonites of all church groups. Aims are to make Manitoba MDS province-wide with participation of all Mennonite groups.

The basic purpose of Mennonite Disaster Service is to give Mennonite Christians an opportunity to express and witness to the love of Christ in times of disaster, such as flood, fire, storm, etc. and thereby also helping to alleviate suffering.

Members of the present Manitoba MDS committee are Wm. Enns, Winkler, chairman; Corry Loewen, Steinbach, vice-chairman;

and Jake L. Loewen, Rosenort, secretary-treasurer.

In his inspirational messages, which will be illustrated with slides, Martens will present the work of Mennonite Disaster Service teams in the States in such communities where disaster struck in recent years.

The meetings which are open to the public will be held as follows:

January 21—7:30 p.m.—Altona Bergthal Mennonite Church.

January 22—7:30 p.m.—Winkler Bergthal Mennonite Church.

January 23—2:00 p.m.—Steinbach Evangelical Mennonite Church.

January 23—7:30 p.m.—Morris Evangelical Mennonite Church.

January 24—2:00 p.m.—Winnipeg South End Mennonite Church.

January 24—7:30 p.m.—First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg.

A special invitation is being extended to the young people and the men of the churches to attend. Leading ministers are asked to announce this in the churches.

## India Missionary Council Meets

Jadcherla, India. — During the Christmas season the M. B. Missionary Council met at Kalvakurthy for its 83rd session. Brother and Sister H. P. Poetker, our hosts, had planned an inspiring devotional program as well as a good course of meals.

On the evening of Dec. 26 we had our first meeting, a Christmas program. Pre-school as well as the school-age children took part. Brother H. Krahn presented the "Christ of Christmas" to us in a message. Teachers from Kodai-kanal School for missionary children favoured us with a trio. All three are members of the M. B. Church, Winkler, Manitoba.

December 27 was the first day of business meetings. However, first there was a devotional message. The main theme was "Revival". Brother J. H. Lohrenz spoke on "What Is a Revival?" (Hab. 3:1-2) Then Brother P. V. Balzer, our chairman, welcomed the new missionaries, Brother and Sister Krahn and Sister H. Dueck into our fellowship with I Cor. 16:9-12. Brother Lohrenz led a short memorial service for relatives of missionaries and past time missionaries who had passed away in the past year. He based his remarks on Isaiah 40:1-2; 49:3b and 43:1-2.

Other messages included "When Do We Need a Revival?", by Brother A. A. Unruh; "How to Promote a Revival", by Brother

P. V. Balzer; "Prayer and Revival", by Brother J. A. Wiebe.

Friday night was devoted to the dedication of babies, a farewell service and the Lord's Supper. Three girls and one boy were dedicated at this time. It was reported to have been the largest crop of babies in a year and the first four missionary babies to be born at our hospital in Jadcherla. They are: Eileen Joyce Friesen, Feb. 24; Sharon Beth Schmidt, Dec. 4;

## Well-Known Mennonite Choir Leader Passes

Winkler, Man. — Mr. K. H. Neufeld, 64, well-known for his efforts in the field of music, died in the Home for the Aged here on Sunday afternoon, January 13, after a lengthy illness, a victim of cancer. Funeral services were held in the Winkler M. B. church on Thursday, January 17. Rev. J. H. Quiring officiated.

Mr. Neufeld was born in the Ukraine in 1892, the second son of Bishop and Mrs. Herman Neufeld. After completing studies in mechanical engineering at the University of Moscow, he came to Canada in 1923 with his parents and family.

In Canada Mr. Neufeld devoted a large part of his time to the promotion of music. Although he was a pioneer editor here, he is better known for his efforts in the organization of music festivals. He was

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Margaret Louise Froese, Dec. 5; Ronald Wayne Fast, Dec. 11. May the Lord bless these precious little ones, was and is our prayer.

The farewell service was not as happy, since "Scheiden tut weh!" The Schmidt family hope to leave India on January 8 for their first furlough. Brother and Sister J. H. Lohrenz plan to leave in May after 37 years of service in India. In his remarks Brother Lohrenz said that as a missionary couple, they had

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regional representative in the Manitoba Musical Competition festival and organized musical festivals through the years in various Manitoba centers.

He travelled extensively, instructing conductors and teaching instrumental and vocal music in many parts of Canada and the U.S. In addition to his efforts with choirs and conductors, he wrote sacred music including chorals, cantatas and hymns.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Susie, Mrs. D. Penner of Winkler and Annie, Mrs. A. Janzen of Winnipeg; three brothers, Rev. Herman Neufeld of Vancouver, B.C., Dr. A. H. Neufeld of Montreal, and John H. Neufeld of Winnipeg; and one sister, Katharine, Mrs. J. Sawatzky of Winnipeg.

## EDITORIAL

### Shadows of the Past

There is a tendency among young people today to make tradition the scapegoat for many of the weaknesses and flaws in our church and society. Somewhere along the line our fathers erred, the reasoning goes, and this error became part of tradition, making us the unwitting victims. Abolish tradition and start with a clean slate—and everything will be just fine, they advocate. They forget that tradition is but a shadow of the past, and where the sun is brightest the shadows are longest. We are also casting shadows—for the coming generations.

Our efforts must not be directed to abolishing tradition. In a leading article in a recent issue of the *Gospel Herald* John Hostetler points out, "Jesus would not have us fight tradition. He never tried to get the strictest Jews to give up their tradition. He warned them not to have their eyes constantly on their shadows but to focus their attention on God. If our lives are in the sunlight of God, will not the shadows take care of themselves?"

Neither should we become preoccupied with sifting the good from the bad in tradition. Self-analysis and introspection are good to a degree, but they can become an obsession. Group discussion of our weaknesses can lead to much good, but it can also degenerate into "theoretical arithmetic". We must do more than analyze our shadow. We cannot substitute fellowship by self-analysis and self-reflection and expect to grow spiritually. For, as John Hostetler suggests, "Self-analysis, or discussions about our group, our traditions, and ourselves, is a dangerous substitute for sharing 'spiritual gifts'."

The danger in group and individual sessions of introspective self-analysis is to concentrate on negative aspects, rather than on positive values. We can become so preoccupied with the chaff that we miss the wheat. We may fail to see "God's daily care for His children, the daily and ordinary demonstration of God's mercy, the daily goodness of God's forgiveness, the beauty of His creation."

The past has much to teach us as to what to do and what to avoid. But the reality of Christ's presence today is a much more vital factor in our "pressing toward the mark". The apostolic ideal of fellowship is not group introspection, but as the Apostle John writes, "... that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ."

## Are Missionaries Unbalanced?

By Dr. T. Norton Sterrett

Are missionaries unbalanced? Of course they are. I'm one; I ought to know.

A missionary probably began as an ordinary person. He dressed like other people and liked to play tennis and listen to good music.

But even before leaving for the field he became "different". Admired by some and pitied by others, he was known as one who was leaving parents, prospects, and home for—a vision. Well, at least that sounded visionary.

Now that he's come home again he's even more different. To him some things—seemingly big things—just don't seem important. Even the World Series or the Davis Cup matches don't stir him much. And apparently he doesn't see things as other people do. The chance of a lifetime—to meet Toscanini personally—seems to leave him cold. It makes you want to ask where he has been.

Well, where has he been? Where the conflict with evil is open and

intense, a fight, not a fashion. Where clothes don't matter, for there's little time to see them. Where people are dying for help he might give, most of them not even knowing he has the help. Where the sun means 120 in the shade, and he can't spend his time in the shade!

But not only space; time, too, seems to have passed him by. When you talk about jive, he looks puzzled. When you mention Duke Ellington, he asks who he is. You wonder how long he's been away.

All right, how long has he been away? Long enough for thirty million people to go into eternity without Christ, with no chance to hear the Gospel. And some of them went right before his eyes—when that flimsy river boat turned over—when that epidemic of cholera struck—when that Hindu-Moslem riot broke out.

How long has he been gone? Long enough to have two sieges of amoebic dysentery, to nurse his

## DEVOTIONAL

### The Incarnation of Christ

By Herbert Giesbrecht

No one need doubt the historical reality of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. There is sufficient well-attested historical evidence concerning the birth and life of Him who was "without sin", who was divine, to merit our full confidence in it. The inspired Scriptures, moreover, bear even clearer and surer testimony to this fact of the incarnation—testimony that none can ever silence or long ignore. Mankind at large has, from the beginning, given evidence of its ready acceptance of this event as an historical fact by at least setting apart a day, in particular, in memory and commemoration (or is it only "celebration"?) of it.

But what of the fundamental meaning and significance of this historical event, the incarnation of Christ, for mankind? A few have argued—whether sincerely or not, is often difficult to judge—that no moral or spiritual significance can be ascribed to it. Many more have admitted, readily enough, that it does possess some general significance for man—just precisely what that significance may be, of that they are, however, quite uncertain! Only this much seems clear to them: the incarnation is a "divine mystery", and as such it can and does not have a very particular or very profound significance for the individual as such. What an unhappy and tragically distorted view of this great historical and moral event!

For the Christian believer, to be sure, the incarnation of Christ is a "mystery" as well (I Tim. 3: 16), for no more can he, than any believer, explain the inner nature of it. "But, what a 'mystery' it is!" the believer exclaims—and for him there is a world of meaning contained in that exclamation. For him the incarnation is a great and wonderful "mystery", the divine mystery that can make, and has made, all the difference in his present life, and all the difference with respect to his hopes for the future. It is that "mystery" that has made possible the full forgiveness of his many sins and the certain removal of his overwhelming burden of guilt. It is the "mystery", too, that has brought with it a deep and abiding

peace for his otherwise restless and troubled soul. It is the "mystery", also, that has made it possible for him to receive "beauty for ashes and the oil of joy for mourning". Again it is that "mystery" which has brought with it—or all who will have it—power and capacity to live unselfish, chaste, and saintly lives in this present world.

And so the believer cannot but praise God for the incarnation of Christ, mystery though it be. Nor can he refrain from speaking to others of its very real and altogether unique significance for him personally, again, mystery though it be. The incarnation—a mystery! Truly, that it is, but a "mystery" without which the world should not have known the love of God, nor any man experienced its transforming power!

I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe  
Could in the God-head be;  
I only know the Manger Child  
Has brought God's love to me.

I know not how that Calvary's Cross  
A world from sin could free;  
I only know its matchless love  
Has brought God's love to me.

I know not how that Joseph's tomb  
Could solve death's mystery;  
I only know a living Christ,  
Our immortality.

(Farrington)

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wife through repeated attacks of malaria, to get the news of his mother's death before he knew she was sick.

How long? Long enough to see a few outcast men and women turn to Christ, to see them drink in the Bible teaching he gave them. Long enough to struggle and suffer with

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## Receive Aid at Three Centres

Three MCC centers are serving Hungarian refugees in Austria.

The majority of the MCC team in Austria helps in these refugee centers, while others assist in other operations.

In these refugee centers workers help register the Hungarians so they can officially be recognized as refugees to qualify for immigration to other countries. They are given food, clothing, sleeping accommodations, recreation and other activities. Each center is staffed with a matron and four male workers.

Other areas of need are being explored for possible MCC assistance.

J. N. Byler, director of MCC foreign relief and services and now leading the Austrian emergency program, writes of visiting the Austria-Hungary border at Andau:

"We saw many small groups of refugees come in. The village and police station is only a few miles from the border. Austrians go

along the border and pick up refugees during the night.

"At Andau the refugees are given something to eat and some clothing by the British Red Cross. They are taken to a nearby school to sleep. Straw serves as a bed and they cover themselves with blankets, clothing or anything else available (many were really sleeping but others were too excited to sleep).

"Some of the people came across by wading through water knee deep. Some fortunately had rubber boots. Some brought two pairs of shoes and carried the wet ones. Some 150 persons crossed the border while we were there. The next morning the refugees are taken to some refugee camp."

**Financial contributions to help give spiritual and physical care to Hungarian refugees may be sent to MCC through respective conference offices. The extent of this emergency operation is determined by the amount of funds contributed.**

ence will likely be handled through this office.

The philosophy and objectives of a proposed children's broadcast was adopted after its presentation by the chairman of the Children's Broadcasting Committee, Jacob Swartzendruber of Goshen, Ind.

Over 100 stations are now releasing broadcasts produced by Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc. The English Mennonite Hour program leads with over 70 stations carrying the program throughout the United States, Canada and worldwide by powerful short-wave stations.

## TO AID DEVELOPMENT OF ASSOCIATED SEMINARIES

**North Newton, Kans.** — It has been announced by President D. C. Wedel of Bethel College and President S. F. Pannabecker of Mennonite Biblical Seminary that Harry E. Martens will be made available to the seminary in the development program of the Associated Seminaries to be located at Elkhart, Ind.

Mr. Martens, who has been working as assistant to the president of Bethel College, will be made available for short blocks of time during the school year to become assistant to President S. F. Pannabecker of the seminary. Mr. Martens will be in charge of the liquidation of the seminary property in Chicago and of the planning of the development of the new campus at Elkhart, including the first major buildings. It is anticipated that this work will require

his time throughout the summer months.

Mr. Martens joined the Bethel staff in 1937, serving as business manager from 1946 to 1956, when he became assistant to the president. He has been active in various phases of MCC work, including his activity in behalf of the Mennonite Disaster Service during the summer of 1956.

## CFAM to Go on Air on March 12

**Altona, Man.** — Officials of the Southern Manitoba Broadcasting Company have announced that radio station CFAM, Altona, plans to go on the air Tuesday, March 12.

Work at the transmitter site has been completed, except for the erection of the towers, which are expected to be set up this month. The studio building will likely be completed this month, except for the painting. Equipment for the station has begun to arrive from the suppliers and the Canadian Marconi Co. engineers will install it as soon as the studio building is ready.

### Ben Horch is Music Director

Three members of the staff have already been engaged. Dennis Barkman of Steinbach will be the program director, Ben Horch will be the music director, and Rueben Hamm of Saskatoon will be the agricultural director.

Mr. Barkman is well-known in the Steinbach area, where he has directed a band and church choir. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barkman.

Mr. Horch is well-known in Manitoba and across Canada. He is at present music director of radio station KWSO, Shafter, Calif. He started the Winkler Symphony Orchestra in 1943 and has been musical director of the Winkler Bible School and the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

Mr. Hamm is the agricultural announcer on radio station CFQC, Saskatoon. He has been in radio work for about five years. He attended the Rosthern Junior College before moving to Saskatoon.

The Southern Manitoba Broadcasting Company includes 28 shareholders, representing several Mennonite church groups in the province. Executive members are A. J. Thiessen, president; W. E. Kroeker, vice-president; and D. K. Friesen, secretary.

Station CFAM will operate with a power of 1,000 watts at 1290 on the dial.

## PLAY FEATURE OF BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Chilliwack, B.C.** — The members of the East Chilliwack Bible School presented the play, "As We Forgive", as the main feature of their annual Christmas program at the Broadway Ave. M. B. Church here on December 28.

The group consisted of about 25 young people accompanied by Rev. C. Thielman, principal of the school. As the people congregated, the Bible school quartet served in an informal song service, singing several gospel favourites.

"As We Forgive" is the story of Mr. Bolts, a man who lived mostly for liquor. But, through the efforts and forgiving and prayerful spirit of a Christian couple, he finally yielded to the Lord and became a new creature in Christ Jesus. Upon hearing of his change of heart, Mrs. Bolts rejoined her husband and both couples experienced a very happy and blessed Christmas.

The play had a message for every listener. We were challenged to exercise true Christian love in Jesus' Name.

## CHOIR ACTIVE DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

**Vauxhall, Alta.** — The choir of the Mennonite Brethren Church here has been rather active during the Christmas season, having several opportunities to serve the Lord in song.

The first opportunity presented itself on December 14, when the choir participated in the Vauxhall Community Carol Festival. Later, on December 19, the choir sang at the Taber Carol Festival. A night of caroling on December 23 proved most enjoyable, as many homes heard the Christmas message in song. The choir social on December 27 was enjoyed by all singers.

On December 29 the Vauxhall M. B. Church young people had the privilege of singing in the hospital at Taber, Alta.

## To Increase National Broadcasts Overseas

**Harrisonburg, Va.** — Not content with broadcasts in English, Spanish, Navaho and Japanese, the board of Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc. has approved the beginning of broadcasts in Italian, Russian and Hindi as funds are available. It has also agreed to collaborate with a French broadcast, "Parole de Vie (Word of Life)", now broadcasting over the powerful Radio Luxembourg and two other radio stations covering much of Europe.

The board also approved the opening of a European office where the production of the Italian and Russian broadcasts could take place. Radio listener correspond-

## J. Wedels Celebrate Diamond Wedding

**Abbotsford, B.C.** — Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Wedel, residents of this district since 1940, observed their diamond wedding anniversary at the Menno Home on Saturday and Sunday, January 5 and 6.

Rev. Wedel, who is 83, and Mrs. Wedel, 80, were married in Samara province in Russia on January 5, 1897. They came to Canada in 1926 and settled in Saskatchewan. Before moving to the coast in 1940, they also resided in Alberta and Manitoba. For ten years, Rev. Wedel, who farmed for a living, was minister and leader of a small Mennonite Brethren Church at Margaret, Manitoba. He taught school for 20 years in Russia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wedel received congratulations of family and

friends at a quiet reception at the Menno Home on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 5. Present were four of their married children and five grandchildren. Children attending were Mrs. John Suderman of North Clearbrook, Mrs. Henry Ratzlaff of Yarrow, John Wedel of Vancouver, and Henry Wedel of Abbotsford. Unable to be present were Jacob Wedel of Steinbach, Man., and Mrs. Jacob Unrau of Margaret, Manitoba.

During the half hour anniversary service on Sunday, Jan. 6, Rev. J. J. Stobbe of the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church, where the couple worshipped and served since 1940, spoke briefly, and vocal selections were heard from the couple's four grandchildren, and children of Mr. and Mrs. John Suderman.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Call Hugo Scheffler as Leader

Abbotsford, B.C. — The Clearbrook Mennonite Church has called Rev. Hugo Scheffler of Ritzville, Wash., to serve as church leader. Rev. Scheffler earlier served at the Black Creek Mennonite Church.

Rev. A. I. Loewen, present leader, will serve until Rev. Scheffler arrives. John Derksen, proprietor of Derksen's Christian Supplies, was chosen as assistant leader. J. Martens has been chosen leader of youth work, with F. Derksen elected as superintendent of the Sunday school.

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### Leadership Changes at Port Rowan

Port Rowan, Ont. — Peter Reimer has been named new leader of the Mennonite Brethren Church here, succeeding Jacob A. Penner, who has served as church leader at Port Rowan for 22 years and in an M. B. Church in Manitoba for nine years.

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### New Church Leader at Boissevain

Boissevain, Man. — Rev. A. J. Froese has been elected church leader of the Mennonite Brethren Church here following the resignation of Rev. D. D. Derksen, who has served the church many years as leader.

Rev. Froese has pioneered in city mission work in Brandon and has been youth leader of the M. B. Church in Manitoba for a number of years. He has also served as secretary-treasurer for the youth committee of the M. B. Church in Canada for several years.

All church correspondence should be addressed to Rev. A. J. Froese, Box 343, Boissevain, Manitoba.

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### Kelowna Starts Mission Work Among Indians

Kelowna, B.C. — In recent weeks members of the Kelowna M. B. Church have begun missionary work among the Indians on the Indian reservation just across Okanagan Lake from Kelowna. Work is being done more on the basis of house visitations. Whole families of Indians gather every Sunday afternoon to sing and hear the stories of the Bible in their own homes.

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### J. F. Redekop Speaks at Kelowna

Kelowna, B.C. — During the first week of the year Brother J. F. Redekop lectured to the Sunday school teachers of Kelowna. Brother Redekop of the M. B. Bible Institute at North Clearbrook had just been at Black Creek on a

similar mission when he came here just before the close of the year. During the mornings he lectured on the Plan of God and in the evenings he presented the work of the Sunday school. The audience was so interested that on several occasions they asked him to speak in the afternoons as well.

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### Returns for More Study

Rev. H. A. Epp, formerly of Waterloo, Ont., and son of Rev. H. M. Epp of Mt. Lehman, B.C., has returned from South America to resume studies at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago. During his four years in South America he served for three years as MCC representative there and for one year as member of the faculty at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Montevideo, Uruguay.

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### Baptize 30 Indians at Menno Colony

Thirty Indians, including 22 men and eight women, were baptized upon their confession of faith by missionary Joh. M. Funk in fall.

The mission among the Indians was begun three years ago.

The baptismal service was attended by about 400 Mennonites and 378 Indians. Speakers at the baptism included missionary D. Lepp, Rev. C. W. Friesen and Bishop Martin C. Friesen.

### Dr. Unruh Visits Mission Chapel

By Cleopatra Heinrichs

Horndean, Man. — Special blessings came to the M.B. Mission Chapel congregation on Sunday, January 13, when Dr. A. H. Unruh and a quartet from the M.B. Bible College visited us.

At the morning service Dr. Unruh chose Ezekiel 11:17-20 as his text. He spoke of the great "heart operation that God performs in men, namely, 'I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and will give them an heart of flesh.'" Before the message the male quartet sang several songs.

The congregation re-assembled for another service at 2 p.m. A member of the quartet, George Block, directed special attention to the children by telling them a story. Again the quartet served with songs. During his afternoon message, Dr. Unruh exhorted the Christians to purify themselves and to love one another, as the Apostle John writes in I John 3. Both of his messages were a spiritual feast for the child of God. The chapel auditorium was well-filled for both services.

The day came to an end with the regular monthly Christian Endeavor meeting. Again a good attendance was recorded. A special feature of the program was a chalk talk by Miss Selma Stoesz illustrating the importance of "Let the Lower Lights be Burning". Mr. Cornelius Harder of Rosefarm expounded the theme, "The Gifts of the Spirit", according to I Corinthians 12:7-11.

### GOOD ATTENDANCE AT PRAYER WEEK

By Cleopatra Heinrichs

Horndean, Man. — Prayer week was observed in the Horndean M.B. Mission chapel during the first full week of January, beginning Jan. 7. It was a joy to see many parents and young people regularly attending each service.

Pastor Abe Quiring followed the

given outline for prayer week and delivered short messages of exhortation. The interest of the people was evidenced by the fact that almost all of them had their Bibles along. In view of this, the pastor had prepared many scriptural references for the congregation to search and read.

Just before the group went into prayer, the different requests, as mentioned in the outline, were stated, in addition to the local requests. The pastor then went into the basement room with the young people and children, while the parents remained in the main auditorium for prayer.

The final service on Friday, January 11, culminated in a period of testimony. Many reported on the great blessing received in united prayer, as well as a greater burden for the lost. It was indeed a wonderful week of the new year.

## Dedication and Baptism at Matende

By Ernest Dyck

Matende, Belgian Congo. — Greetings from the Congo with Isa. 43:19, "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth, shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." This portion of God's Word gives us new courage and joy to go forward in faith in this New Year of 1957. Our unchanging Lord, Who made a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert in 1956, will continue to do the same in 1957.

We shall touch only upon the highlights of the last months to keep you informed and so you can praise the Lord with us.

In August the construction of a primary school of permanent materials was begun at Matende. Brother Abe Esau was in charge of this work. There are four large classrooms and an office. This school was dedicated on Friday, January 11. Praise the Lord with us for these new facilities, which will be a real asset to the work of the Lord at Matende.

### Record Enrollment

In E.P.A. (teacher training) we had an enrollment of 62 students last September, the highest number of students we have ever had in our teacher training school at one time. However, many of these did not come well enough prepared for the studies required, so after Christmas there were only 45 left who may continue their work in the new year. Thus far the spirit in the school has been good. Pray with us that the graduating class that is completing its studies in June might become burdened for their people in such a way that they would be fit vessels for the Master's use. Also continue to pray that we might be able to purchase sufficient

manic weekly. Last semester I have sometimes had to spend up to two afternoons a week searching for manioc so the students would have something to eat.

We spent an enjoyable, though busy, Christmas. On Christmas morning we as a family went to one of our outposts. This is some 25  
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been privileged to serve longer than any other couple of our conference! The J. J. Dick family also plan to leave in May for their third furlough. The evening was climaxed with a communion service led by Brother J. J. Dick. Here we were again reminded of our Saviour's love for lost mankind. If He had not given His all for us we, as well as the heathen about us, would be eternally lost. Therefore we should work hard and tell others of salvation full and free through the shed blood of the Lamb.

In the business sessions we also felt the leading of the Lord. Many important decisions had to be made, vacancies created by furloughs had to be filled and the work for another half year was planned. A new constitution was accepted. It was decided that in future the Christmas Conference should be more devotional in nature and the June Conference should take care of most of the business matters, including such things, as selections of officers and committees.

Report sent in by G. J. Froese, Jachherla, Deccan, India, as requested by the Missionary Council.

# A VACATION WITH SPIRITUAL DIVIDENDS

By Jack Neufeld

(Nowadays professional people plan their vacation early. We hope this feature will help stimulate interest among young people to spend their vacation as counselors and staff at one of the many Bible camps located in every province west of Ontario. Every year there is a real shortage of camp personnel. —Ed.)

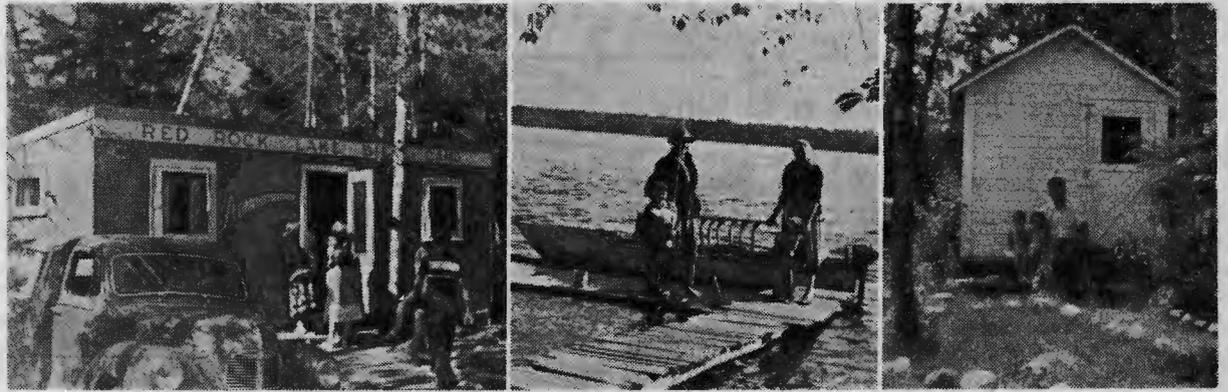
When God created the world He already yearned for fellowship with His children. In preparation He founded the Garden of Eden, where He wanted to walk and talk with man. But in His omniscience He knew man would fall and be scattered over the whole world. Therefore He created beautiful retreats like Red Rock Lake, Man. He made it a wonderful setting: sheer cliffs rise at the edge of a basin-like lake, while huge spruce trees keep the outline on the horizon consistent. Here God could again resume that special fellowship-in-nature with Adam's seed.

Isolated by straight pines, seated on the ever-present rock foundation, boys and girls at Red Rock Lake Bible Camp have often come face to face with their Creator. The presence of water seems to have a soothing effect on them—aiding them in their effort to become quiet before God. Here in the quiet, unprejudiced, they have been given a chance to think clearly about their lives. For many this experience has been a turning point in their lives—a place of surrender.

Obedient to divine guidance, planners, donors, and prayer-warriors brought about the formation of the interdenominational Mennonite Red Rock Bible Camp in 1947. After 10 summers we can look back with deep thanksgiving to a decade of rich harvests in souls. The summer of 1956 was especially blessed by the Lord.

### Departure for Camp

The bus loaded very slowly at Steinbach, Man. Eager boys and



These are pictures from the Red Rock Lake Bible Camp in Manitoba. To the left is the administration building. In the centre Camp Director Peters and his family are going for an "early" morning cruise. At the right is the camp speaker's hut. This was the tenth year of operation for the camp.

girls became restless. Parents, who at first felt tugs at their heartstrings, wished the departure were over. At the last minute a chauffeur received his license and we were rolling. The baggage and grocery trucks followed.

Singing along the way on the No. 2 highway, we soon arrived at Rennie, where we left the highway to enter the Whiteshell/Forest Reserve. At first everyone felt the majesty of the place and we were quiet. Then as we turned the last corner and entered the rock yard of the camp, the children burst out with "I'm on the rock, Hallelujah". A wonderful fragrance testified that the staff from the youth camp was still there. Soon we were all seated around tables on plank benches. Efficient waitresses supplied our first camp meal.

By the time everyone had been assigned to his particular group and cabin, it was nearly bed-time. Each "worker" with his or her group of children had devotions—and once again the tumult so foreign to this beauty-spot died down and silence reigned undisputed.

### Workers Gather Early

At the workers' devotions next morning (7 a.m.), we were given our schedule. "Your life out here is run by bells," our friendly director told us. Already before the first bell a number of the young

"veterans" were at the beach for their morning dip. One group of boys "volunteered" to miss the dip since they had been too noisy the night before.

At 7:45 each worker and camper found a lonely place—often out on the rocks—to be alone with God in preparation for the day ahead. And sometimes it was right here that the re-union of the prodigal with the Father once again gave the angels in heaven cause for rejoicing.

After a rather quiet breakfast (considering that there were over 100 people in one dining-room), each group was assigned its gratis work for the day. As the camp is always short of help the children have to pitch in (and usually enjoy it).

### Morning Devoted to Study

At chapel time there is usually an item from the campers, a story by a lady worker, while one of the young men teaches a lesson. The general singing is always wonderful. Maybe it is because the chapel is built on the rocks and resonates all the tones, giving them special physical impetus as well as spiritual—heavenward.

Then come the Bible study classes. Memory verses, Bible stories, prayer meetings, testimonies, and counselling give these morning hours variety. The campers love to go apart with their own

counsellor, sometimes to "Echo Valley", "Turtle Island", "The Caves", or some such romantic spot.

During the afternoon the counsellors are given a time of rest. The recreational director and his assistant take over. Closely-matched tournaments as well as a round-table of volley-ball, dodgeball, and baseball are spiced with blueberry pickings and interesting exploration hikes, until the sun is hot enough. Then comes the swimming and boat-riding. The new diving platform adds to the enjoyment. This is "camp".

Friday night is wiener-roast night. Seated in a crescent, 90 young hearts beat as one as the staff unites to present a challenging program. Beside the still waters, under starry skies, away from the world, God certainly has spoken clearly to many hearts. After the long sing-song and devotions, with everyone reluctant to go, the director dismisses the meeting and slumber takes over.

The second-last day of camp is really the farewell. Teachers give prizes, children go for the last boat-rides, and take pictures to re-awaken beautiful memories later on.

### Dedication Program Last Evening

This is dedication evening. Each camp speaker directed it differently. (Continued on page 8-3)



These scenes show some of the activity at the Red Rock Lake Bible Camp. At left is a scene from the Friday night wiener roast, with Turtle Island in the background. Jack Neufeld is playing the violin. The caption for the centre picture could be, "Enough for dinner?" A lesson in concentration is at right.

## THE *Young Observers*

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever tried to run away or hide when Mother wanted you to do something which you don't always like to do? Sometimes when Mother calls you to do an errand you have tried to run away so you wouldn't have to do it, haven't you?

There is a story in the Bible about a man who tried to run away and hide because he did not want to do what God told him to do.

"Jonah," said God, "I want you to go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people that if they do not change their ways I will destroy the city."

Now Jonah, who was a prophet, did not want to go to that city. He didn't like the people there, so he decided to run away. At a seaport he got into a boat and sailed away. During the night a great storm arose and the waves threw the ship back and forth. The seamen on the boat were frightened and tried everything to keep the boat afloat. Meanwhile Jonah was fast asleep down below in the hold. The sailors called him out so he, too, could call on his God to help them.

Jonah then told the sailors that it was his fault that they were having such a storm.

"Throw me overboard," he told the men.

"No," said the sailors—but the storm increased until they finally listened to Jonah and threw him into the sea. At once the sea was calm.

God had prepared a fish, who swallowed Jonah as he was thrown into the sea. For three days and nights Jonah was inside the fish. When the three days were over, the fish ejected Jonah onto the land. Now Jonah was willing to go and tell the people of Nineveh to repent.

Boys and girls, God has called you who have let the Lord Jesus into your hearts to shine as lights in this world. You are to tell others of God and His love—but also that if they sin God must punish them. Are you letting your light shine, obeying the Lord Jesus Christ in that way? Or are you running away and trying to hide by keeping quiet and acting as though you did not know the Lord Jesus? Let us never be ashamed of Him, for He did so much for us.

Aunt Selma.

### Mother's Vacation

"I heard Mother tell Father, 'I can't go anyway. I must stay with the children,'" Helmut told his sisters in a half-whisper. A conference of strategy seemed in progress in the bedroom.

"She cannot go because of us?" Lillie asked. "That's silly. We can take care of the house for two weeks."

"Especially since Mother's health is not very good. She needs a rest," Katie added. "When she has a chance to get away she doesn't want to go."

"It would do her a lot of good to go to Uncle Albert's farm," Helmut said. "It's wonderful to be on a farm during the spring. We've got to find a way to make Mother accept the invitation." He paused for a moment. "We'll talk to Father about it," he stated emphatically. "Men are always more sensible anyway."

Supper was a jelly meal at all times. But this time there seemed to be an air of expectancy.

"Don't gobble your food like that," Mother admonished Helmut.

"You have lots of time to finish supper."

Helmut winked at father, who pushed away his plate and cleared his throat.

"I think we better talk about it now," he said. "It's about you, Mother."

"Me?" asked Mother.

"Yes, you. The children think it would be a very good idea to accept Albert's invitation. They met me at the office this afternoon and we discussed it on the way home. We'll get along fine without you for two weeks. I'll take Hildegard to kindergarten every morning; Helmut will look after the garden; Lillie will cook the meals; and Katie will do the shopping. Cleaning up can be done by the girls together. And if we need help, we can always get Mrs. Schmidt."

Mother put down her fork. "But that won't work anyway. No, it would never do," she said.

"Listen, Mother," said Helmut. "I'm 14 already—and the girls are not as dumb as they look."

A kick hit him on the shin under the table. It was Lillie. Yet

she grinned at him, "It's not so hard to cook. I can make hamburgers . . . and potato and onion soup . . . and bean soup—and all kinds of other things. It will really be fun cooking."

"Okay, if you think you can manage," Mother said. "But I've got to sleep over it first."

"Nonsense," snorted Father. "We'll get along just fine, and you need the vacation so very much. No need to sleep over it. Just say yes now."

All eyes were upon Mother. She looked at the turned up faces of her children: Hildegard, Helmut, Lillie, Katie. She laughed. "Yes, I'll go."

"Yippee!" yelled Lillie.

They stood at the railway station.

"And make sure that you dust under the beds," Mother said in her last minute instructions. "And the basement door must be kept closed at all times."

"Yes, yes, we know all that," Lillie declared. "You've written out a whole program for us: Butter only on Sundays. Save as much coal as possible. Polish the door-handles on Saturday with the polish in the third drawer . . . and so on." Lillie laughed.

"Sh-h-h. Everyone is turning to look at us," Father whispered.

"The train is going to leave soon. Look, the porters are already standing at the doors," Helmut announced.

"Write soon," Father said, "and have a good holiday."

"Mama," called Hildegard—and Helmut held her high so she could see the last of Mother as she disappeared into the train.

Lillie stood at the range and stirred the milk. She had Mother's apron on because it made her look more like a housewife than her own.

"Katie, how much rice do you need for this soup?" Lillie shouted into the next room. There Katie was busily pushing the dust mop around.

"I don't know," came the reply. "Look it up in the cook book."

Lillie sighed. It wasn't so easy to cook for a whole family as she had thought it would be. She looked around for the cook book. Shoving aside some wrappings and string left lying after the last shopping expedition, she finally found it. Opening it, she was soon engrossed in looking at all the wonderful recipes, when suddenly she screamed. She dashed for the milk on the range, which had boiled over the top and was hissing and spitting on the range element. At least it hadn't burned yet!

How did Mother ever get so much done! Shopping, cleaning, cooking, washing clothes. Why,

the three of them didn't even seem to be able to catch up with all the work that needed to be done. Finally Lillie found the recipe for rice soup. And half an hour later supper was on the table. Even Helmut had received his usual stern reprimand in Mother's severest tones, "Wash your hands before you eat!" Lillie could say that exactly as Mother did.

"Mother has written," yelled Helmut, running through the house and waving a card.

"Give it to me."

"I want to see it."

Everyone tried to grab it from him, but Helmut held it behind himself and said, "No, I'll read it to you."

When everyone was settled he began, "Dear Alfred and children. I arrived safely at Uncle Albert's place. The weather is just wonderful. Everyone is spoiling me here. It seems so strange to have nothing to do. I often think of you. Lillie, don't forget to take your pills before meals. There is no more room on this card. Write soon. Love, Mother."

"Good," said Katie in a tone of real satisfaction. "Now she's having a real vacation. But I just can't imagine Mother sitting in an easy chair and going for walks all day."

"We'll have no more speeches now," interrupted Helmut. "The important thing is that she doesn't find this house in a mess when she comes back. Dust is collecting in heaps under my bed, for instance."

"So what! Who has forgotten to hoe the garden, and whose job was it to water the lettuce? My dear brother's of course," Katie said sarcastically.

"No time to quarrel now," broke in Lillie. "If you get busy now you'll have your work done by the time Father comes home."

Soon Katie and Lillie were moving from room to room with dust-mop and polish. With kerchiefs tied firmly around their head, they looked very business-like. But when Mother and Father came home, the house was spic and span. Even the garden had been looked after—and a vase full of flowers greeted the parents as they entered the living-room.

Do you know the names of Christ's disciples? If you can unscramble these words you will learn them. If you have any trouble read Matthew 10.

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| 1. Treep       | 7. Moshat     |
| 2. Rendwa      | 8. Mawhtet    |
| 3. Samje       | 9. Easmj      |
| 4. Honj        | 10. Mison     |
| 5. Hiilpp      | 11. Dashaetud |
| 6. Warblemooth | 12. Saduj     |

## The School of God By Peggy Arbogast

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(24th Installment)

Ruth, although still feeling very much in the dumps, was a charming hostess and succeeded in making everyone feel at home before the meeting started. She wondered where Keith was. Perhaps his message tonight would contain some note of hope or comfort for her.

Ruth had been hurrying so fast that she felt very warm and gratefully slipped into a vacant chair by an open window, just as they began to sing. Her mind was not upon the meeting, but kept returning to the troubles in which she and her sisters and brother seemed to be engulfed. She thought too, of Connie's fright and wondered if anything would come of it. She would have been even more alarmed had she glimpsed the leering face which suddenly peered through the open window behind her. Her back was towards the window, however, and the hearty singing prevented her from hearing the cruel voice mutter, "He'd better show up by Monday with that money or he'll be sorry."

The pastor had not yet arrived when it was time for the testimonies. Just as they ended, Ted Blake came in and introduced a guest speaker. He explained that Keith had been suddenly called away. The guest speaker would remain and fill the pulpit during his absence on the Lord's Day.

Janet and Ted lingered a few moments after the others left. "Keith received a telegram, informing him of his sister's death, just as he was ready to come to the meeting," said Ted as the three returned to the living room and sat down. Connie was in bed, Bob had gone with Kitty, and Betty had not returned from the MacArthur's.

"Oh, what a shame," cried Ruth in quick sympathy, forgetting temporarily her own worries.

"Not at all," answered Ted calmly. "Rather it is a great blessing. Keith said that I might tell you two about it. Virginia was a few years older than Keith. They were raised in a Christian home, but there was always difficulty in making ends meet. Their father died when they were quite young. Virginia professed faith in Christ while yet a child. In her first year at college, however, she was carried away by the attentions of a wealthy classmate. He persuaded her that she would make it much easier for her family if she mar-

ried him and let him take care of the expense. He was an unbeliever. Virginia had been taught that she should not unite in wedlock with such, but the thought that she could help her family by making such a sacrifice took possession of her."

"Foolish girl," murmured Ruth, yet more sympathetically than harshly.

Ted nodded as he went on. "Yes, she soon realized her mistake. But she had disobeyed a definite command of her Lord and she has had nothing but trouble since. Mrs. Stuart was never very strong, and Virginia's marriage was a blow too hard for her frail constitution. She only lasted a few months."

Tears of sympathy flowed down Ruth's cheeks as she listened to the difficult lessons her school-mate had received. Her own troubles seemed momentarily lighter as she thought of the one she loved and the hardships he had endured.

"Virginia lived in wealth for a few years," continued Ted. "Meanwhile Keith went on to the Institute to prepare for Tennessee. He graduated and was almost ready to leave for the field. He wanted to see his sister once more first, so he made his way to the town where she lived, and hunted up the large estate. He was dismayed to see the grass overgrown, the doors and windows barred. His sister had not written for many months, so he did not know that she had moved. It took him several days before he could locate her. Finally he found her, deserted and alone in a small, filthy room in the slums. Her baby was about to be born."

"Keith rushed for a doctor, but it was too late for him to do much. The poor girl should have been under the doctor's care for months. She pitifully told her brother her story. She had awakened to the fact that she had sinned against her Saviour and had spoken to her husband about his sin and of his need of being born again. He had cruelly abused her. He did not want a child and when she told him of the little one that was on the way, he had cast her out practically penniless. Pride had kept her from writing to Keith; she did not want him to know."

"The child was stillborn. Virginia's sanity broke under the strain. At first the doctor thought it would only be temporary, but she never recovered. Instead of going to Tennessee, Keith had to

accept a call to a church which paid him enough that he could keep his sister in a small private sanatorium. It's been awfully hard on him. He wouldn't have minded so much if she had been herself. He would have sacrificed anything for her. But instead, he had to lay aside his hopes for all these years, in order to support one who did not even recognize him. He stayed in a church close by at first, but as it did no good to visit Virginia, he accepted the call here at Briarwood. Now that Virginia has gone home, the obstacle has been removed. Keith is now free to go to the mission field, so you see why I said that her death was a blessing."

Ruth and Janet nodded. "But, her husband?" questioned Janet. "Has he never been found? Couldn't he have been forced in some way to support her?"

"He has never been found. Keith didn't search very hard, I imagine. He felt that the Lord had given him this responsibility and that He would remove it in His own time."

Later as Ruth prepared for bed, many thoughts raced through her mind. "I should be so glad for Keith," she thought. "But I'm not —altogether. I don't want him to go to Tennessee—not without me. I want to go with him but I can't. My obstacle is just getting bigger, and his is completely removed. Oh, how silly I am. Why can't we fall in love at will instead of the way we do? Perhaps he doesn't even care for me at all, and oh, I care so much."

As she knelt to pray, some words that Bob had said to her before dinner returned to her mind. "We're just having some more night classes in the School of God." An audible sigh escaped from the girl's lips. "Oh, Father," she cried, "I'm such a stupid pupil in Thy School. Thou hast had to bring me back to night school again and give me repeated lessons. Please teach me to trust Thee. Help me to believe that Thou art working all things together for good, and that in Thine own time Thou wilt clear things up for me as Thou hast done for Keith."

### CHAPTER XIX

Ruth and Bob were still feeling dejected as they gathered after breakfast for their morning devotions on Monday. Connie, however, came into the living room with a happy smiling face. The very room seemed to grow brighter as this sunny dispositioned child entered. Ruth found that it was not quite so difficult to smile as she thought, when Connie snuggled up to her.

Bob slowly opened the Book to the page where the marker lay. "We finish Philippians today," he stated before he began to read. Then in a low, steady voice he

read the words of the Apostle Paul. When he reached the nineteenth verse, he paused as the truth of its words brought comfort to their worried minds and hearts. Connie wriggled with excitement as she listened to the thrilling words, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

"That means us, doesn't it?" she cried. "Bob needs a job. We need food and coal, and oh so many things. But God's going to give them all to us, isn't He? It says so, right there in His Word."

Ruth was so awed by the simple faith of her sister that she had no answer. Bob began to read the rest of the chapter in a voice which trembled slightly.

When they knelt to pray a few moments later, Connie opened in a voice filled with confidence and thanksgiving. "Dear God, Bob needs a job. You've promised to give us our needs. We thank You that You're going to give him a job today."

Ruth gasped as she listened to the child. She had been taught that she should thank the Lord for the answers to her prayers before they came. That wasn't new to her. But to thank God that Bob was going to secure a position that very day! Suppose he didn't? What effect would that have upon Connie's faith? Should she speak to the child about it, sort of prepare her? "No," she told herself. "He has told us to make our requests known—that means asking for definite things like Connie has. I guess that the best thing to do is to just wait and see what happens."

Betty was never very far away when her sisters and brother met for prayer, although she had never as yet joined them. Often she listened just outside the door, but the others did not know this. When she heard Connie's prayer this morning, she shrugged her shoulders. "No wonder some people say that Ruth and her crowd are fanatics," she thought. "They'll have the child just like them if they keep on. Why, she sounds half crazy this morning."

Bob left the house a few moments later, with a new determination in his heart. He simply had to find a job today. Strangely enough, his thoughts were not upon the many unpaid debts, the rapidly decreasing food supply, nor the desire to encourage and strengthen Connie's faith. He simply must not let anything happen to harm it.

A few hours later, the personnel manager of a new plant noted this quiet determination and was secretly pleased. He knew how to read men, and although Bob was young in years, he saw character in him which he failed to find in many who were more mature.

(To be continued)

## The Mennonite Church in Indonesia

By Suhadi Djojodihardjo

The Muria churches are located at the north coast of middle Java, one of the islands in the republic of Indonesia. They have grown out of the work of a European Mennonite mission.

Besides the Reformed, Calvinistic and other communions in Indonesia, there is also a Mennonite brotherhood. The full name is "The Christian Javanese Church around the Muria Mountain".

In order not to emphasize the differences with other Javanese churches we purposely do not use the adjective "Mennonite". The designation "around the Muria mountain" reminds us of the origin of our brotherhood.

### Location and Character

This brotherhood is a small Christian church whose members are scattered around the Muria mountain, living in the midst of a large non-Christian population.

Ninety per cent of this Christian brotherhood is composed of small farmers. And yet this church of Christ has received the same task from the Lord as the large churches of the world.

### Unite With Other Churches?

Consolidation of the small Muria brotherhood with the much larger Middle Javanese Calvinistic churches was once considered. However, the 1949 church Synod decided not to dissolve the church.

The Synod felt called along with the other Christian churches to take the responsibility of fulfilling the Lord's commandment, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (KJV)

### The Past and Present

The mission previously served country people. So several Christian settlements originated with churches, schools and hospitals in rural areas.

These settlements suffered greatly during the Japanese invasion and occupation during World War II. Churches, hospitals and schools were burned and the people persecuted until Indonesia became independent in 1949.

During past years many people—especially youth—left the villages for the cities. Christian settlements also are suffering from his loss. Thus we had to give more attention to city churches, which in the beginning were very small but are now becoming larger.

This movement to large cities also has many problems. Churches

had to be built. Burned village churches had to be rebuilt. Three new churches have been built and five enlarged. Three are in the process of being built and plans are underway for the construction of more new church buildings.

Now and then support has been received from churches in other nations. However, there has not yet been very much of this type of assistance.

### Christian Education

The problem of Christian education for our youth asks for great attention. Islam is taught in public schools. Therefore we need Christian schools. In addition Christian schools are a very important instrument for mission work among youth.

Presently, we have Christian high schools in Pati, Margorejo, Kudus and Japara. Plans call for other schools to open at Kelet, Kedungpenjalin and Bareng. A Christian teachers' training school is to be opened at Pati.

We regret that we do not have school buildings in the cities. In this regard it is clear that we have to face many deep problems. We are sincerely thankful and happy for the considerably large amount of money promised for the teachers' training school by mission organizations.

### Medical Work

The mission formerly had hospitals as well as schools. We have also finally given attention to this branch of church work. Last year we founded a committee for this purpose known as "Jajasan Kesehatan" (Foundation for the Health of the People).

This work presents many problems, but also many blessings. Even if it be in a very modest way, this small Christian church is thus trying to fulfill the assignment which the Lord has given her.

### Other Mennonite Churches

It is clear that without the help of churches in other countries of the world this assignment would be too big for this small synod.

Aid has been given in the form of workers who have a very important share in our work. Our small brotherhood has to grow into a vital church and therefore needs leadership and education.

Their work is to serve the Christian churches in education and guidance. They write handbooks and other literature for Sunday schools and Bible classes, organize courses, preach and do other work. Their further help, leadership and work is very important to our future.

### Christ, Our Life and Future

Evangelization is still in need of profound attention. Indonesia is in great movement. Many lost their hold (war and revolution have shaken tradition and religion). Jesus Christ is the answer!

He yields not nor wavers. Are we, the small brotherhood, able to interpret Jesus Christ to Indonesians so that they may learn to love Him? This is the task and the future of our brotherhood.

The Mennonite mission started to bring the gospel of Christ here. This task has not come to an end. It really has only begun. The Javanese brotherhood around Muria mountain will have to be mobilized for this task.

The people of the Muria churches themselves have to put the hand to the plow, but they still need education and guidance. While learning and working, the Muria brotherhood will form the future.

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ently. The most beautiful one I remember comes back to me like this:

The program group was out on the platform, about 30 feet from shore. The campers were all on the beach, where a beautiful sunset kept them occupied. God was certainly making the background perfect. Across the still waters songs echoed from the group to the shore. We were all reminded of Christ teaching the multitudes from a boat. The public address system attracted some of our neighbours to their docks, there to sit quietly in their boats along the waterfront.

After the program a fire was lit on the beach. Then each camper, as he was led to do so, took a stick and added it to the fire. A short testimony supplemented this symbolic act of giving up something which the Holy Spirit had, during camp, showed them to leave. It was wonderful to see the young, unsoiled hearts of the youngsters so truthful, hopeful and full of faith. Their rays seemed to go out and light up the older, more tired lights with new inspiration.

The next day came packing and farewell. Once more the bus was filled; last farewells were said, and the precious cargo left the camp. Later in the day a new group arrived, challenging us all to continue in the work.

### Workers Needed

This is camp life! Challenging, invigorating, purposeful, restful

and so satisfying. Red Rock Bible Camp needs more workers this year: kitchen help, recreation workers, handymen, and trained counsellors are urgently needed, for it is a growing camp. The active camp committee is making many plans for enlargement and expansion. This is a work that starts with life in the bud, and needs our prayers.

If your children need Christian training, lasting lessons, and a good time this summer, send them to Bible camp. What the child is taught when it is young, will determine whether its life will be spent for God or for itself.

### MORE ABOUT

#### Are Missionaries Unbalanced

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them through the persecution that developed from non-Christian relatives—to see them grow into a stable band of believers conducting their own worship—to see this group develop into an indigenous church that is telling on the community.

Yes, he's been away a long time. So he's different. But unnecessarily so, it seems. At least, since he's in this country now, he could pay more attention to his clothes, to what's going on around the country, to recreation, to social life. Of course, he could.

But he can't forget—at least most of the time—that the price of a new suit would buy 3200 Gospels; that while an American spends one day in business 5000 Indians or Chinese go into eternity without Christ.

So, when a missionary comes to your church or your chapel, remember that he is likely to be different. If he stumbles for a word now and then, he may have been speaking a foreign tongue almost exclusively for seven years, and possibly is fluent in it. If he isn't in the orator class, he may not have had a chance to speak English from a pulpit for a while. He may be eloquent on the street of an Indian bazaar.

If he doesn't seem to warm up as quickly as you want, if he seems less approachable than the youth evangelist or the college professor you had last week, remember he's been under a radically different social system since before you started at high school, college, or business. Maybe he just forgot to bone up on Emily Post.

Sure, the missionary is unbalanced. But by whose scale? Yours, or God's?

The Christian Witness.

Our Christian life created in God cannot be divorced from the life of the church.

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Evangelical Magazine To Be Launched

In India, the first All-India evangelical magazine will be launched during the coming year under the sponsorship of the Evangelical Literature Fellowship. The 16-page **Kiran** will be produced in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil and Marathi. Each of the four language editions will have a circulation of 5,000 copies and it is hoped that at least two more editions will be added later. (MNS)

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### Salvation Army in Rome

In Rome, the Salvation Army has opened a men's hostel in one of the city's poorest districts. The hostel has a 125-room dormitory and is equipped with a lounge and a restaurant open to the public. It was built at a cost of \$250,000, mostly with Canadian contributions. (ERA)

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### Protestants Seek Rights in Austria

In Austria, the Protestant Church is negotiating with the government to secure "complete freedom and equal rights" for Protestants in that country. Church leaders have been seeking a legal settlement for the past 26 years. They are asking that Protestant churches be put on the same basis as welfare organizations and thus get advantage of the same tax concessions. The Protestants are also asking for assurances that they will have equal rights in every sphere of public life. (HAW)

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### Merger in India

In India the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has voted to dissolve its three Missions in order that their work may be merged with the United Church of Northern India. American personnel will continue to serve as "fraternal workers" with the Indian Church. The Board took similar action on the West Africa Mission for the same reason. (ERA)

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### New German Version of Bible

In Germany, a new version of the New Testament is being printed by the German Bible societies. It represents an attempt to render the famous Luther translation according to modern language usage. The Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany has approved the text for printing. (ERA)

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### Strange Complaint

In Scotland, the future moderator of the Church of Scotland has a complaint. The Rev. George McLeod is disturbed because the Billy Graham type of evangelistic campaign seems to have stimulated

in religious folk a growing desire for personal holiness. He said he considers the great Biblical conception of holiness to do with righteousness, politics and public affairs and shouldn't be watered down as mere personal piety. (HAW)

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## CANADASCOPE

### Pearson Advocates Patrolling of Arab-Israeli Borders

Hon. L. B. Pearson, minister of external affairs, has suggested that the United Nations Emergency Force patrol all Israeli-Arab borders and that it be placed on a more permanent basis.

Mr. Pearson said that the climate in the Middle East is not yet conducive to settlement. Passions must be given time to recede. The UN Emergency Force was required as a stabilizing influence until a settlement was reached.

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### Strike Ended By Truce

The CPR trains began rolling again last week when the union and the company agreed to a truce on Friday. A three-man royal commission of judges is to have

hearings on the strike issue—whether firemen are needed on diesels.

The strike idled about 70,000 men. It cost about \$10,000,000 in lost production, with CPR revenue losses estimated at \$14,000,000 and company employee salary losses at some \$7,500,000.

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### Gordon Commission Reports

The Gordon commission on Canada's economic prospects has made public an interim report. Its main recommendations include the setting up of an authority to regulate the export of power, the application of marketing quotas to control wheat surplus, and a reduction of foreign control of Canadian industries.

The commission forecasts that Canada's population in 1980 will be 26,650,000. Weekly work hours in agriculture will be down from an average of 55.3 to 43.75 and in business from 41.3 to 34.3.

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### Drew Retires From Public Life

Hon. George Drew, former leader of the Progressive Conservative party, has formally resigned from the House of Commons. It was reported that his doctors had strongly advised him to stay away from parliament, at least until he has made a complete recovery.

Successor to Eden is Harold Macmillan, who was chancellor of the exchequer, the government's key financial post. In picking his cabinet, he has retained 12 ministers from the Eden government, including Selwyn Lloyd as foreign minister.

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### Italian Communists Lose Members

The Italian Communist party, the world's largest outside of the Soviet bloc, has lost 800,000 members since the high point of four years ago. Present membership is about 1,500,000, whereas four years ago membership was about 2,300,000.

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### 155 On Trial in South Africa

One hundred and fifty-five persons are on trial in Johannesburg, South Africa, accused of treason. Altogether, 102 Africans, 23 whites, 22 Indians and eight persons of mixed blood are before the court. Many of the accused are prominent opponents of the South African government's policy of racial segregation.

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### Yemen Receives Russian Aid

Yemen, embroiled in clashes with Britain along the Aden Protectorate border, has joined the parade of Arab nations getting arms from the Soviet bloc, Czech arms have already reached the little country, with more to come.

## MORE ABOUT DEDICATION AND BAPTISM AT MATENDE

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miles from the station. We have six schools in this area. Not all the children were present for the program, but there were 105 children and 9 teachers presenting the program. We enjoyed it and praised the Lord for what He has done in this area during the past year. Some 250 to 300 people, men, women and children, were present to hear the Christmas message brought in song, Bible verses, dialogue and in a message.

### Baptismal Service Held

For a number of weeks the church had the joy of listening to the testimonies of a large number of baptismal candidates. On Sunday, January 13, we hope to have a baptismal service. Not all who gave their testimonies gave evidence of a genuine conversion and some had to be advised to wait until the fruits of a Spirit-filled life appear. However, we praise the Lord for those who through word and life have given evidence of knowing Christ as Saviour. After all the candidates have been heard, there could be about 20 believers added to the church. Praise God with us, but do not forget to pray for them, that they might not fall into sin but continue to grow in the Lord. The Congo needs a living church where the members make Christ known. So often after Christians have received baptism, they do not grow the way they should, but become slack in their Christian life and witness.

### New Vehicles Purchased

We also want you to praise God with us for supplying better transportation for the missionaries and the work. On December 28 our mission purchased two 1956 Ford Ranch Wagons. One of these vehicles has come to Matende. This is the first new vehicle to come to this station in years and it will be a real asset to the work. We praise the Lord for those of you who have been faithfully giving of your tithes into the foreign missions treasury, so that the purchase could be made here on the field. The vehicle is so arranged that if in doing village work one is stranded on the road, one can fold the second seat forward and so stretch out for a good sleep.

Then we are also looking forward to seeing some of you this year, the Lord willing. Our furlough is due this coming summer, and unless some unforeseen circumstances bar the way, we are planning to share personally with you God's leading and undertaking in our lives during the years that we have spent here in the Congo.

(This report was taken from the Ernest Dyck's prayer letter. —Ed.)

## Weddings

### KORNELSON—SCHMIDT

Miss Heidi Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Schmidt of Coaldale, Alta, and Rudy Kornelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kornelson, Coaldale, were married on December 28 in the M. B. church at Coaldale, Alta. Rev. B. B. Janz performed the ceremony.

Special speaker for the occasion was Rev. P. Dick, who spoke in English. Music was provided by Mr. J. Dueck's choir and soloist Rudy Wiebe, who sang "A Wedding Prayer".

The couple left immediately after the wedding for Stanford University in California, where the groom is doing post-graduate work.

### BOULTER—DYCK

Lorna Dyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dyck of Abbotsford, B.C., and Thomas Boulter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Boulter of Prince Rupert, B.C., were married on December 29 in the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. R. C. Standerwick officiated.

The bridesmaid was Alice Bartsch and the best man Harvey Dyck, brother to the bride. Ushers were Alfred Siemens and Edwin Hintz. During the signing of the register, John Ratzlaff sang "O Lord Most Holy" and "O Perfect Love". Pianist was Mrs. R. Klassen.

## Obituaries

### MR. ABRAM J. FROESE

Mr. Abram J. Froese of Petaigan, Sask., passed away in the University Hospital at Saskatoon, Sask., on December 31. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, although the deceased has had several strokes previously.

Funeral services were held on January 5, 1957, in the Rudnerweider Mennonite church at Hague, Sask.

He is survived by wife, Mrs. Anna Froese; three brothers, Henry, in Alberta, Jake in Manitoba, and Peter, in Mexico; two sisters, Mrs. J. Peters in Manitoba and Mrs. Heide in Mexico; five sons, Abe, Jake, Peter, John and Diedrich; two daughters, Anna (Mrs. Walter Schewchuch) and Elizabeth; and three grandchildren.



### URUGUAY

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Becker of Burrton, Kans., have gone to Montevideo, Uruguay, as workers in

the Mennonite center to replace Mr. and Mrs. Peter Epp of Wheatley, Ont.

The Mennonite center in Montevideo serves as a hostel for Mennonites who travel from the rural colonies to the city. It is also a place for fellowship for Mennonite employed persons in the city.

The center is located adjacent to the Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Approximately 1000 Mennonites reside in Uruguay. There are presently two other MCC workers in the country—Maria Dueck and Gertrud Unruh, both of Filadelfia in the Chaco, who serve as nurses in the Mennonite settlements.

Becker has had experience in farming, agricultural extension, teaching and manufacturing. He is a graduate of Bethel College at North Newton, Kans., and is the son of Mrs. John J. Becker of Mountain Lake, Minn.

Mrs. Becker attended Bethel College and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Randall of Burrton. The Beckers are members of Hebron Mennonite Church at Buhler, Kans.

### PRAIRIE VIEW HOSPITAL

A new patient activities building is to be constructed at Prairie View Hospital at Newton, Kans., according to action by Mennonite Mental Health Services and MCC.

The new structure is expected to cost approximately \$60,000 and will house a day-patient lounge, a gymnasium-auditorium and several shops for various types of occupational therapy. Total floor space will be 9400 square feet.

Construction is expected to begin this spring with partial occupancy scheduled for this autumn.

Plans for financing the project are being developed. The initial funds will come from a Ford Foundation grant made to the hospital a year ago.

### BERLIN

Approximately 500 persons daily cross from East Germany into West Berlin to stay in refugee camps while awaiting for acceptance as legal refugees.

Two Paxmen—Herb Wiebe (Abbotsford, B.C.) and Wayne Epp (Hampton, Nebr.)—are serving as helpers in one of these refugee centers where approximately 2000 refugees live temporarily.

Refugees stay at the camp from three weeks to a year. During this time they are not allowed to find employment (except small jobs in the camp) and children are not allowed to attend school.

Wiebe organized a boys' club to help occupy the time of some of the refugee lads 13 and 14 years old who had no organized activities. He has a program of sports

in the club. In addition he shows cultural films.

Wiebe writes, "While here in Berlin I have also had the opportunity to acquaint myself with the city of Berlin. Even though a great deal of West Berlin has been rebuilt, one can still see the ravages of the war.

"The cultural activities of the city are redeveloped to a great extent.

"Even though the war is over and ten years behind us there are still many people who have nothing. Those of us who live in North America may find this unbelievable since a great deal of relief supplies have been shipped into Berlin after the war.

"However, these people coming from East Germany have just barely been able to earn enough money to keep living."

### Bigger - But Better?

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

There are two words in our English language which often are confused one with the other. They are frequently used as if they were synonyms.

Both words are composed of six letters. Both begin with the letter "b". Both end with the same two letters, "er". But there the similarity ends. There is where it is meant to end.

The first of these two words is "bigger", and the other is "better". And it is vainly imagined that what is "bigger" is always "better". Never is that vanity fraught with greater consequence than when carried into the realm of the Lord's work.

Someone has said that Americans have a mania for bigness. An observation of certain business affairs and public endeavors certainly gives the impression that there is a passionate worship of the great god "Big". A passion for magnitude, for an overwhelming of former things, for the wide spread and the loud noise has taken hold of us. We are told that America's vastness is what made her great. Because we have the most of the best we are sitting on top of the world heap.

However, a great deal of bitterness exists beneath the boom of bigness. Bigness has not lessened the scourge of crime nor obliterated the host of sorrows and tragedies which are evident everywhere.

When the Lord's people join the world in its worship of the great god "Big", something is wrong. In many organizations everything done for the Lord must be on a "giant" scale, and this very thing has become a searching measure of our true smallness. To the Old Testament question, "Who hath despised the day of small things?"

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## COLLEGES

### MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

On December 21 east and west parted from their meeting-place at the MBBC to meet no more in 1956. A bus full left for the awesome Rocky Mountains and merely a handful for the fair province of Ontario. Both parties seem to have brought showers of blessing with them, though only in southern Ontario did it turn to snow in time for Christmas. The B.C.'ers were not granted their wish for a white Christmas. Nevertheless, both have returned, seemingly happier and as well rested as home activities and the journey permitted. The Lord held His protecting hand over the travellers and all returned—others in our land were not as fortunate.

The "orphans", whose homes were beyond their reach practically (or financially), numbered approximately 15 this Christmas. According to reports, they, too, had a very blessed time at their second home, the MBBC.

Were there no deeper spiritual significance at the root of Christmas, we should have but a fading memory of the past season. As it is, we can rejoice anew in the faith that was potentially given us at the birth of Christ, many centuries ago, and which we may even now claim as our own.

While the old year was closed off possibly with regret for frequent failure, the new year was begun with a bright beam of hope, and a prayer for grace to be more completely consecrated to Him and His service.

Since lectures resumed on January 7, the Lord has blessed wonderfully, and we look to Him for even greater blessing this year.

Henry Warkentin

### CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

CMBC, the recipient of many gifts during the festive season, is grateful to every individual who has endeavoured to make our Christmas a more blessed one. Among the gifts received were a vacuum cleaner, from Mr. and Mrs. A. Neufeld, a piano from the George Wiebes, vegetables etc. The many Christmas greetings extending their sincere wishes were also greatly appreciated.

Seventeen new students representing all five provinces joined our college family in the winter term. On Friday, January 4, Student Reception was held. This is a social function presented at the beginning of a term, where through informal introductions, students, as well as students and teachers, become acquainted.

The week closed with our Saturday night prayer meeting. We were glad to see not only our student body but also numerous students from the nearby Normal School in attendance. A challenging address on "Fighting the Good Fight of Faith in the New Year" by Rev. I. I. Friesen, gave rise to a spirit-moved session of prayer.

### GOSHEN COLLEGE

The fifth annual School for Ministers is scheduled for January 29 to February 15. Throughout the three-week session classes will meet four days each week—Tuesday through Friday. Instructors for this year's school are Lawrence Burkholder, Milton Brackbill, C. Norman Kraus, John C. Wenger, S. C. Yoder, John W. Miller, and J. D. Graber. Paul M. Miller will serve as director. Pastors throughout the church are welcomed to share in these weeks of fellowship and study.

#### L-M Numbers Slated

The Lecture-Music series features two musical numbers in the coming month—the Detroit Symphony under the direction of Paul Paray on January 28 and pianist Dame Myra Hess on February 5.

Founded in 1914 and reorganized in 1951 under a new plan of community financial support, the Detroit Symphony is now hailed as one of the world's greatest.

French-born Paul Paray is the man who developed the re-born Symphony, leading it to its present

fame. Leopold Stokowsky says of the Detroit Symphony, "This is one of the truly great orchestras of the world. In Paul Paray Detroit has one of the world's five greatest living conductors."

Dame Myra Hess, a native of London, first made her debut in Queens Hall, London, at the age of seventeen. Then followed more recitals and tours in England and other parts of Europe, until eventually she appeared in most of the important European music centers.

Since her visit to the United States and Canada in 1922, Miss Hess has made an annual North American tour except for the years of World War II. With each successive tour her popularity has grown, making her one of the most popular and widely known musicians before the American public.

#### Speech Contest Held

First place in the annual freshman women's speech contest held January 4 went to Kathleen Harley, Telford, Pa. In her speech, entitled "May We Go to School Here Please?", Miss Harley presented the need for better educational opportunities among the migrant workers of our country. Ruth Stieglitz, Milford, Ind., and Mary Jean Yoder, Goshen, placed second and third respectively. The three top contestants were awarded cash prizes. Other students participating in the contest included Doris Brunk and Marilyn Hostetler of Goshen, Kathleen Imhoff, Washington, Ill., and Elfrum Eggert, Baden, Germany.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### EAST CHILLIWACK BIBLE SCHOOL

A short play, "As We Forgive", was presented by eight students of the school at the Laidlaw Community Hall on Sunday evening, January 6. It had previously been presented in East Chilliwack on December 16 and at Chilliwack on December 28. Both the male and ladies' quartet accompanied the members of the cast and served in song.

Classes began after a two-week holiday on January 7. We were sorry that Mr. Kasdorf was unable to be with us the first two days because of illness. Term work is being completed and preparation for exams has begun.

On Wed., January 9, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Edwardson, former pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Chilliwack, visited us during the chapel period. They recently returned from a world tour, during which they visited the mission fields of their church. Mrs. Edwardson reported on how eagerly the Bible school students of Thailand are bringing

the Gospel to their native brethren. She also stated that, having visited numerous Bible schools on their tour, they had both become convinced that the future of the Church of Jesus Christ lies in the training of young people in our Bible schools.

Rev. Edwardson stressed the aggressive efforts of the native Christians in Vietnam. Briefly mentioning the other countries they had visited, he pointed out the tremendous need for the preaching of the Gospel now and reported on the overwhelming response to it.

Their reports were followed by a season of prayer, in which many expressed their gratitude to God for our privileges, asking God for a willing heart to follow where He leads.

### MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY

#### Inter-Semester Bible Conference

Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter and Rev. F. C. Peters will be the guest speakers who will serve at a Bible Conference in the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary and Pacific Bible Institute and Christian College on Jan. 17—Feb. 1.

Dr. Baxter, known and appreciated by the community because of his ministry here in 1950, has been pastor of Charlotte Baptist Church in Edinburgh, Scotland, for more than twenty years. Books he has written include **Mark These Men** and a six-volume work, **Explore the Book**. Dr. Baxter will follow two series of thought in his messages: "Deeper Wonders of the Bible" and "Fullness of the Blessing." Rev. Frank C. Peters, former Tabor College President, will serve with expositions on the book of James and with a variety of topical messages.

#### Yearbook To Be Completed By Easter

Dave Plett, editor of the first annual to be published by the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, announces that prospects are favorable for the completion of the annual by Easter. The yearbook is expected to sell readily since the price is only a dollar per copy. Orders may be placed by writing the yearbook staff at the Seminary, 4814 E. Butler, Fresno.

#### Exchange Visit

##### By Immanuel Academy

A group from Immanuel Academy, ably serving in instrumental ensemble and vocal selections, were guests at the morning chapel period on Tuesday, January 8. The music was under the direction of Mr. Hamm. Principal Art Wiebe accompanied the Reedley group. Seminarians took the visiting students for a tour of the building. Earlier in the semester the Seminary quartet had visited the Academy.

#### Second Semester Registration

The Dean of Instruction, Dr. G. W. Peters, announces that registration dates at the Seminary for the second semester will be January 25-26. Classes will begin on Feb. 5. The Dean observes that there are prospects for several more students. A new instructor added to the faculty as part-time instructor is Dr. Banes Anderson of Fresno. He will teach a course in Modern Denominations. Courses will also be offered in the fields of Old and New Testament, Theology, Missions, History and Homiletics.

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More than 15 applications are filed for the Nurses Training Course this coming semester. A field trip to the Immanuel Hospital was arranged by the dean of education for January 18, for the prospective students.

Miss Huldah Myers, the Institute librarian, resigned her position recently to assume duties as a missionary teacher in an evangelical school operated for the Colombian nationals in Bogota,

Colombia. She left Omaha, Nebraska, on Sunday afternoon, January 13, for Miami, Florida, where she will continue her flight to Bogota on Monday arriving on the same day at her destination.

A Navigators conference is scheduled for January 19-21 at the Grace Bible Institute auditorium. Leroy Eims, Navigator representative in Omaha, will preside at the three-day conference sessions. Douglas Sparks, who has served in Formosa and Africa under the Navigator organization, will be one of the main speakers.

**EDEN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
VIRGIL, ONTARIO**

We had our first literary program of the school year on Nov. 3. The program centered on the theme: "Freedom". The presentation of the play, "Roger Williams", which brought out the real meaning of freedom and religious liberty, was the climax of the program.

Christmas exams were written during the days Dec. 14-19. Students were roaming about the school with textbooks and notes trying to obtain as much knowledge as possible before they were given an opportunity to write. Neverthe-

less, the Christmas spirit was not lacking among teachers and students.

This year, as customary, the Grade Twelves prepared the Christmas banquet. After a hearty meal in the basement of the school, all assembled in the auditorium to enjoy the presentation of the Christmas story which was enacted by the grade twelve students.

On Dec. 21, students of Eden rendered a Christmas program consisting of familiar Christmas songs presented by the senior choir, and selections from the cantata "There's a Star in the Sky" by the junior choir. Both choirs were under the direction of Mr. J. M. Thiessen.

The highlight of each year at Eden is the Bible Emphasis Week. This year we were fortunate to have as guest speaker Rev. John Baerg, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, with us during the week of Jan. 7-11. God worked mightily in our midst as we assembled every morning from 11-12 o'clock to hear the messages. Mr. Baerg spoke on the following topics: The Meaning of Sin, The Way of Cleansing, Practical Sanctification, and How to Know God's Will for Our Lives. A number of students received Christ as personal Saviour. Others made deeper spiritual experiences. It was a joy to hear the many public testimonies and confessions of the students.

Preparations for the annual drama are underway. "The Carpenter" is to be presented this year. Much practicing is also being done for the choral concert to be presented in the near future.

Helen Fast.

**MORE ABOUT**

**Bigger - But Better?**

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there are some embarrassing answers in these latter days. The intense itch to be up to date has produced a bad rash, and spiritually hungry people who are looking for the deeper, quieter things of the Spirit are left on the sidelines disappointed over the shallowness. They are confused and bewildered by those of the Christian company who imagine that the blessings must be served by jet propulsion.

We profess, of course, to follow the old-fashioned gospel. We claim that nothing has really changed in this old world. Sin is still sin; speeded up a bit no doubt, but sin nevertheless. We claim that the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth and that its message alone can meet the need of every heart. But if we verily believed this, would we not have greater effectiveness than we do in transmitting His message, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord" (Isa. 1: 18)?

Think of the impact the Early Church made upon the people of its time. They had none of the equipment, publicity and size which we feel are so important. But their comparative smallness lacked nothing in spiritual largeness, which we seem to be missing. A careful restudy of the Book of Acts will furnish many practical and convicting lessons.

The question for us in the work of the Lord is "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And we may well add, "and how wilt Thou have me to do it?"

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