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Refugee Camps could not immediately accommodate all the Hungarians who streamed into Austria, seeking freedom. The overflow was housed overnight in any building available. The picture at left shows a church, pews stacked and beds placed ready for weary refugees. At right Dwight Wiebe is taking down vital statistics in a school building in Vienna.

## Mennonites Help Magyars

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — A bleak and cold winter has swept across south-central Europe. And the lives of thousands of people are also bleak and uncertain.

In the wake of war thousands of people from Hungary fled from their homes, places of business, farms, schools, families and friends, apparently in quest of their concept of freedom.

The majority streamed into bordering Austria, where they found a type of freedom and possibly the beginning of a much different life in a new culture and country.

In Austria these people, who are generally well-educated and well-cultured, found themselves termed "refugees". They found acceptance and approval by the Western world.

Although they took practically no temporal possessions in their trek, in Austria they were given basic needs of food, clothing and shelter. Such necessities were largely supplied by organizations—including Mennonite Central Committee—which are concerned with giving fraternal assistance wherever possible.

### Already There

Mennonite Central Committee had a relief operation in Vienna, Austria, at the time Hungarians began to cross into Austria. This operation was quickly adapted to the

new situation and a new six-months emergency program was set up calling for a goal of \$50,000.

Three small centers were established and more workers from other parts of Europe went into Austria to help.

Here the refugees are registered so they can officially be recognized as refugees for immigration to some country. A matron prepares MCC relief food to meet their hunger needs. Male workers handle unit management, recreation and other activities.

Being smaller than some camps, MCC is able to give more personal care—both physically and spiritually. The centers include families with small children and many single men and women.

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### Accepts Missionary Responsibility in Calgary

By C. J. Rempel

Kitchener, Ont.—Farewell services were held in the Mennonite Brethren church here for Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Thielman, who left on Wednesday, January 16, for Calgary, Alta., to assume responsibility of the Mennonite Brethren city mission there. He will work in conjunction with the newly-organized Mennonite Brethren Church there.

During the service the congregation heard a personal testimony from Mrs. Lydia Thielman and a report by Rev. Thielman on God's leading in his life. Rev. Thielman also delivered a farewell message.

The pastor of the church, Rev. J. J. Toews, led the service and expressed the appreciation of the church for the many years of service rendered it by the Thielmans. Rev. I. T. Ewert, moderator of the Ontario M. B. Conference, paid tribute to the work of Rev. Thielman during his many years in Ontario.

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

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Representing the deacons of the local church, C. J. Rempel expressed appreciation for the co-operation which Rev. Thielman had always given to them. The choir of the church sang at the service.

For four years Rev. Thielman has been pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church, following which he served for four years in Japan as the first full-time Mennonite Central Committee worker there. Following his return due to the ill health of their son, he was employed in Kitchener until he accepted the call to serve in Calgary.

### Recognized for Service on Mission Field

Hillsboro, Kans.—Miss Helen L. Warkentin of Winkler, Manitoba, has been a missionary among the Telegu people of India since 1920. That year she began teaching in the Deverakonda mission school. This past November she was recognized for her services during the past 36 years.

The occasion was really the celebration of her 69th birthday. It was her birthday which determined the date for the first reunion of the students who had attended the Deverakonda school since it was founded in 1918. Her birthday celebration was held on November 25; the school reunion on November 24.

Many touching tributes were paid to Miss Warkentin by former

students during the celebration of her birthday. One of her former students who is now a successful teacher in a government school wrote a birthday address. Among other things he said:

"During the tenure of 36 years with us we have esteemed to love you as our own mother and as a true friend. As principal of the school you were not aloof from us and never assumed an air of superiority. Your approach to our problems was always succoring. You were too courteous to offend anyone. Many of our orphan children were dumped into your lap, calling you 'Amma' (mother), and you took them as your pastime."

"But for your color you are bone (Continued on page 4-4)

## EDITORIAL

## DEVOTIONAL

### God Wants Us First

By H. A. Unruh \*

There are many aspects of the Christian life that bring joy to the believer. One that is overlooked by many in this age of materialism is giving unto the Lord. We read in Acts 20:25 that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Yet so few realize this fully.

Among those who have never learned the full joy of giving, the question at times arises, "Isn't there a danger of over-emphasizing giving?" They feel that the church may be harmed rather than edified by a constant stress on giving. A Negro preacher faced with this argument once said, "I hab nebbek known a church killed by too much gibbing to the Lord. If there should be such a church, I should like to know about it. I tell you what I'd do. I'd go down to dat church dis very night and I'd clamber up its moss-covered roof, and I'd sit straddle of its ridge-pole, and I'd cry aloud, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.'"

Though Negro-like, the illustration depicts one of the basic truths in Christianity. Christianity began by giving, for God gave His only Son. Christianity spread over large areas of the world because God's children were willing to give. Actually, all our mission work is based on giving.

What are we to give? God is not concerned primarily with our gifts and sacrifices. This is illustrated in the story of Saul, who, when he disobeyed God, was told by Samuel, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice. . ." (I Sam. 15: 22) God wants much more than some of our possessions. He wants US. The church in Macedonia, we are told, "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (II Cor. 8:5) before they gave anything else. This act is commended by the Apostle Paul, for it meant that they had given their heart, their will, and their talents in willing obedience to God.

If God has been given the person, then it is also easy to give Him our time (I Peter 4:2), for He is then the Lord in our life. How tragic to hear someone say,

stantly increasing. We are presently meeting in a sewing room, but we are praying much that God would give us a house of prayer this year. Please help us pray to this end.

Warm greetings to all with Philippians 4:13.

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"I have more time than money," or "I am just killing time." Do we really have that much time to waste? Moses reminds us in Psalm 90:10, ". . . for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." The brevity of our life is also emphasized by James in chapter 4 verse 14, "It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanished away." It is foolish to waste this time. Rather let us commit it to the Lord.

But God also wants us to give to Him of our possessions. After we have given ourselves and our time to the Lord, then, and then only, will giving money to the Lord be a sweet and natural expression of the heart's devotion.

The question comes to us, "Are we giving Christians?" Are we giving because we love the Lord and are thankful for what He has done for us? Or does the pastor, the missionary, or whoever it might be, have to press the money out of our pockets?

Permit me to relate a final illustration. A city boy who visited a farm took the opportunity to learn to milk. When he returned with the milk the farmer asked him, "How much milk did she give?"

"She did not give any," was the quick reply. "I had to take every drop away from her, and there wasn't much even then."

We as Christians must learn to give out of gratitude towards Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us.

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### Only a Breadwinner?

"I'm a breadwinner, you know," he said. And that is his excuse if the church misses him at prayer-meeting and church business meetings—if the family misses a father when the children need him most—if the neighbours never get to hear his testimony for Christ.

In a day when people want to acquire an automobile, a house and furniture (including TV) in the shortest possible time, this excuse (or variation of it) is being heard more and more. The urge to possess, to have comforts, to enjoy pleasures, is making the "breadwinner" work overtime or take on extra jobs in the evenings. The fault is not his alone, of course, for the family may demand it.

Working on such a schedule there is not much time for the children. When he leaves in the morning they are usually in bed. If he sees them at supper time he is fortunate—he may find them in bed again when he comes home. So he misses out on worship with his children, and they learn to worship his god—materialism. And he has no time to play and work with them—so they play and "work" with the neighbourhood gang. There is no opportunity to make him their confidante, so they look for someone among their friends (and he wonders why they don't trust him with confidences). Yes, he is a "breadwinner", but is he a true father?

Not only the children suffer if the "breadwinner" is at work most of his waking hours. His wife also suffers. She yearns for fellowship—and he is so tired he almost falls asleep while eating supper. She longs for his help in raising the children—but he is driving in nails on the new construction job (possibly his own house). She'd like to ask the Peters over for a little fellowship and discussion of mutual problems—but he is busy in someone else's house. True, he is providing for the family, but is he a real husband?

In the majority of cases where the "breadwinner" is so busy providing ready cash to be translated into comforts and enjoyment, he is also too busy to be a soul-winner. Yet this is the highest calling of the disciple of Christ. It provides the greatest joy. No Christian who is not a soul-winner is living the abundant life that Christ promised. Neither is he living to the glory of God. He may be a "breadwinner", but is he a soul-winner?

The neighbour will also know if he has only a "breadwinner" living beside him. He may possibly hear a "Good morning. Fine day, isn't it?" in passing, but he'll ever find in him a neighbour in the sense that Christ used the term. The "breadwinner" doesn't have time to stop and chat; he is rushing to work. He doesn't have time to invite the neighbour in for a cup of coffee—and a testimony to the reality of Christ in his life. He doesn't have time to mow the lawn when his neighbour is laid up with rheumatism or in the hospital having his appendix out.

Only a "breadwinner"? He should be that, but also much more. The disciple of Christ will also be a husband (his wife will know it then), a father (his children will be his friends), a soul-winner (the angels in heaven will rejoice over that), and a neighbour (the next-door "breadwinner" might come to know Christ as Saviour then).

### OUR READERS SAY

#### Greetings From Austria

Dear Editor and Staff,

We wish you a blessed and prosperous New Year. May the Lord's presence ever go before you during this coming year. We also thank you for the news and for the bond of fellowship we receive through the "Mennonitische Rundschau" and the "Mennonite Observer".

We would like to thank all of our brethren and sisters who constantly remember us before the throne of grace. Only as the Lord's work is supported by prayer can God bless it. Every soul that receives peace

in the Lord Jesus Christ does so as the result of the faithful intercession of God's children.

We would like to thank also for the Christmas packages we have received through the MCC because of your giving. For many children winter would have been very cold—and Christmas too—with these packages. In the name of all recipients I would like to express a hearty thank you. Many will naturally write themselves, too. There is still a lot of need evident among the people here. I would like to warn, however, against the indiscriminate sending of money.

Attendance at our services is con-

## Sunday School Banquet at Dalmeny

By Mrs. Milfred Wall

Dalmeny, Sask. — The banquet for the Sunday school teachers and parents of the M. B. Church here was held on Tuesday evening, January 15, in the basement of the church.

After all had been seated at the tables the program was presented. Every department had chosen one teacher to present their goals for the classes concerned. For example, the speaker for the primary department pointed out they strove to impress upon the pupil a clearer knowledge of God's Word, a consciousness of God's help, an opportunity to accept Christ as his personal Saviour, an attitude of reverence in God's house, and the importance of memorizing God's Word. In addition to these aims, they had specific aims for every

Sunday to coincide with the particular lesson for that day.

Rev. Paul Wiebe, district president of the Sunday school, emphasized the importance of "enlarging the camp". One of our important goals should be "to reach out and bring in those without Christ," he stated. When children have accepted Christ, they should be helped to mature in their Christian life. Rev. Wiebe maintained that if we give His life a chance to live in us, then our Sunday school work will grow.

The informal part of the evening, the supper and a helpful discussion followed the program. The meeting helped to establish the fact that teachers and parents must work together so that God might accomplish His work in the pupil.

residential centres. However, bus service between the main centres of the Fraser Valley has not been interrupted.

According to last reports Victoria and lower Vancouver Island received 9 inches of snow on Sunday, Jan. 20.

### Three Churches Hold Simultaneous Mission Conference

Steinbach, Man. — The three Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba will hold simultaneous services for their second annual missionary conference, to be held from January 27 to February 3.

Missionaries will present personal challenges from the mission field at the various services. Guest speakers are: Rev. Phillip Armstrong, secretary of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade; H. A. Driver, secretary of the Congo Inland Mission; Rev. Vernon Mortenson, assistant general director of the Evangelical Alliance Mission; and Art Janz, missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, Africa.

A highlight of the conference will be the joint men's fellowship supper to be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Steinbach Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church. H. A. Driver will speak to the men from the three churches on Christian stewardship.

Churches participating in the conference are: the Stuartburn Gospel Chapel, the Christian Fellowship Chapel at Winnipeg, and the Steinbach Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, together with the mission stations at St. Vital and Barkfield.

On the concluding Sunday, Feb. 3, there will be a special mission rally in each church.

## Relief Committee Meets at Morris

Altona, Man. — The Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee held its annual meeting in the Evangelical Mennonite church, Morris, Man., on January 19, with sessions at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Guest speakers were Rev. J. J. Thiessen of Saskatoon, Sask., and Harvey Toews of the MCC office in Waterloo, Ont.

Member churches of the committee, including the Blumenort, Bergthal, Rudnerweider, Evangelical Mennonite, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren, and Old Colony Mennonites sent representatives.

On the agenda were reports of the work during the past year, with planning and budgeting for the year 1957. Music was provided by the local group. The noon meal was served in the church basement.

## Snow Blankets Fraser Valley

Abbotsford, B.C. — A total of 11.5 inches of snow blanketed the lower Fraser Valley the weekend of January 13, with 8.4 inches falling late Friday night, January 11. High winds, which sometimes approached gale velocity, drifted the snow rapidly, so that many roads were blocked in the MSA area by Saturday morning. By Wednesday, January 16, the wind had died down considerably and crews were able to open roads that had been blocked for several days.

The blocked roads forced cancellations of many church services on Sunday, January 13, while district schools were closed from Monday to Wednesday, with the exception of four located in heavy



## European Mennonite Bible School

Classes are in progress at the European Mennonite Bible School at its new location at Arisdorf, Switzerland, near Basel, where it was formerly located. The present building was formerly used as a children's home.

Luke S. Martin (New Holland, Pa.), who completed service with Pax Germany and is now attending the school, reports that the student body is international—Germany and Alsace, Switzerland, France, Netherlands and the United States. There is a total enrollment of 45 students.

Martin said many students are from farms and find it more convenient to attend school during the winter. Four former vocational trainees who spent a year in the United States are enrolled. One student lived in Russia until a year ago, he said.

Students attend a devotional service daily at 8:30 a.m. and go to classes at 9:10 a.m. Classes are in session six hours a day and 30 hours a week. Saturdays are cleaning days, he said. On Sundays they attend the two Mennonite churches in Basel which have services on alternate Sundays.

## HE SPOKE THEIR LANGUAGE

By Jacob Bergen

Port Edward, B.C. — For many months a burden has rested on us for the Japanese people in our community. Between 30 and 40 families here have no spiritual care, not even from their own Buddhist priests. Only a few children so far have come to Sunday school and several young people attend our services. Home visitation and distribution of suitable literature have been avenues through which we attempted to reach them. We felt, however, that someone conversant in the Japanese tongue could present a more effective witness. With this in mind we invited Miss Junko Matsuno last summer; however, she was unable to come. Thereupon we inquired about visits from returned missionaries from Japan. Here too, time was limited and the schedule heavy so that up to the present time no one has been able to come.

As we continued to pray, the Lord led us to invite Takashi Niwa, student at the M. B. Bible College, for the Christmas holidays. In the providence of God he came. We realize now that God knows best whom to send and when to send him.

### New Years is Visiting Time

It was an opportune time, for New Years is a time of great joy and much celebration among Japanese people. The fishermen are not away from home then either. On New Years every Japanese home has lots of food prepared for visitors and everyone calls on everyone else. At each call food (and strong drink, of course) is placed before the guests. Regardless of whether you have just eaten or not, it is impolite not to eat something, although it may be good manners to refuse the first time.

So on New Year's Day Brother Takashi and I went calling. And what an experience it was! At most houses men's drinking parties were in progress. We exchanged New Years' wishes and immediately Takashi began talking to them in Japanese. Almost at once contacts were made that were not possible for us to make before. Their interest in his person and why he came here gave Takashi opportunity to tell of his conversion and coming to Canada to study theology. At the same time he invited them to a service in the chapel.

## HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

### Band Organized in Dalmeny

Dalmeny, Sask. — A band was organized in the basement of the M. B. church on Monday night, January 14. The bandmaster is Brother Jake Loewen. All children wishing to join were accompanied by parents for consultation. The turnout was very encouraging.

### Shortage of Men for Male Choir

Dalmeny, Sask. — The organization and practice for the Male Chorus was held on Thursday evening, January 17, in the M. B. church here. The pastor, Rev. George Dick, is the director. He extends a hearty invitation to all men between the ages of 16 and 60 to join the male chorus. Only eight were present at the organization.

### Elected President of Board of Trade

North Clearbrook, B.C. — Nick Braun, a member of the Clearbrook M. B. Church, has been elected president of the Clearbrook Board of Trade at their annual meeting. Other Mennonites were elected as directors, including P. J. Funk, H. Tieszen, J. Janzen, J. Enns and N. B. Enns.

Henry Penner, retiring president, gave a summary of the year's activities, including arrangements for the Clearbrook fire department and engine house.

### Harvey Dyck in Winning Debating Team

Winnipeg, Man. — Harvey Dyck and Miss Corinne Robertson of the University of British Columbia served in the role of giant-killers when they met the debating team from the University of Manitoba in the McGoun cup debate. Through their efforts the University of Manitoba lost the McGoun Cup, emblematic of western university debating supremacy. The Manitobans had won the cup for six consecutive years.

The topic for this year was: Resolved that in the best interests of democracy, governing bodies should be devoid of all powers of censorship. Mr. Dyck and Miss Robertson argued for the negative, stating that government censorship, intelligently exercised, is of benefit to society, and that not only must the government protect people from bodily injury, but also it must protect minds from harmful influences.

The debates are held simultaneously on the campuses of the four western provinces, and both the team at home and the one at the

guest university must win for a overall win. B.C.'s other team lost to the University of Alberta in Vancouver. The McGoun Cup was won by the University of Alberta, whose home team won out over a University of Saskatchewan team.

Harvey Dyck is the son of Mr. I. J. Dyck, principal of the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C.

### Receive Visit By Neighbouring Church

Horndean, Man. — Abe Quiring, M. B. home mission worker here, has two chapels to serve. Therefore he conducts Sunday evening services in Morris and in Horndean (where he is resident) alternately. Mrs. Quiring accompanied him to Morris last Sunday night, Jan. 20. She often assists in the service by presenting a flannelgraph story to the children.

In the absence of Mr. Quiring, a guest pastor challenged the congregation to use willingly its talents for the Lord, even though they be small, as was the little boy's lunch in John 6:5-11. Rev. Loge also reminded us that God supplies and multiplies our talents, when we fully yield them to Him. Before the inspiring message was given, several of Rev. Loge's congregation rendered numbers in song and music.

The chapel auditorium was well filled for this fine service on the Lord's day. Rev. Melvin Loge is the pastor of the Evangelical Free Church in Altona.

### MORE ABOUT

### Mennonites Help Magyars

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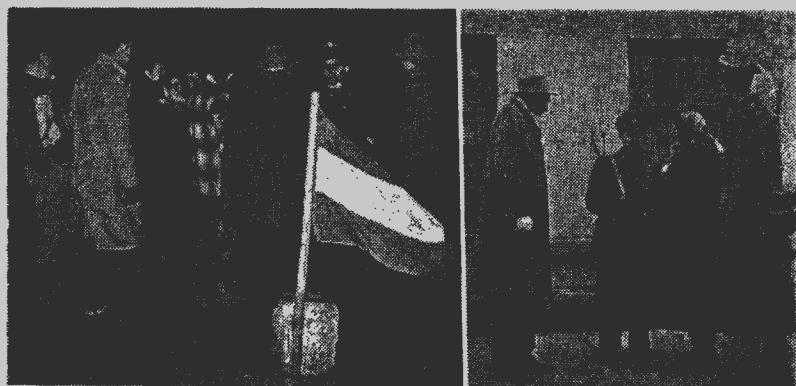
It is no small assignment to keep everyone constructively occupied and happy during their waiting period in these refugee centers. Workers attempt to provide the Scriptures, other Christian literature, pastoral service when possible and other types of services.

#### Other Areas

In addition to the operation in Austria, Mennonites through MCC are offering other types of assistance to the Hungarians.

Groups of Hungarian students immigrating to the Netherlands to study in Dutch universities were housed at the MCC center at Heerewegen, Netherlands.

Expressions of interest in sponsoring immigrants to the United States are being received by MCC from Mennonite families. Church World Service processes all Protestant immigrants and will chan-



In the picture at the left a group of Mennonite Central Committee workers talk with an Austrian guard at the Austria-Hungary border while waiting to talk to the Hungarian guard. The Austrian flag marks the border line. At right MCC workers Dwight Wiebe and Irene Bishop thank Austrian guards for their assistance in a visit to the Austria-Hungary border.

nel refugees through MCC which are recommended by MCC workers in Austria.

#### Turbulent Past

This is not the first time Hungarians have experienced war. Their entire history is blotched with fighting against neighboring countries—including previous encounters with Russia.

The Magyar people compose the greater part of Hungary's population. They are a strong ethnic group which has preserved itself since the ninth century when they invaded and conquered the territory of the present boundary of Hungary.

The Magyars originally stem from the Mongolians, but their physical type has gradually changed. One writer stated, "The Magyars are a strikingly fine-looking and well-developed people. There is today nothing Asiatic or Mongol to be seen." They have also preserved the Magyar language, which was developed during the Renaissance replacing Latin.

The country is predominantly Roman Catholic in religion. Twenty-eight per cent are Protestants, mostly of the Lutheran, Reformed and Baptist confessions.

More than 155,000 persons are estimated to have fled the country since November. The population of the country is listed as 9,600,000. They had well-developed education, agriculture and industry.

#### Previous Assistance

MCC had a previous ministry to Hungarians. Three relief workers—Isaac Baer, Howard Blosser and Delmar Stahly—served in a program of material aid in Budapest, Hungary, in 1947-8 at the time communism began to gain strength.

Once again North American Christians have opportunity to help the Magyars. Financial contributions to feed, clothe, shelter and resettle them will be channeled by MCC to them. Contributions may be sent to respective conference offices marked "Hungary".

### MORE ABOUT

### Recognized for Service on Mission Field

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of our bone and pain of our pain. The main traits of your character are your motherly affection, absolute sincerity and utter humility. You have laid aside your Canadian social armor and have put on Indian social armor and made it fit for the sake of the Lord.

"Your beloved orphan girls and boys are now some hundred in number. Many are still under your care. Some of them are girls whom you have to hand over to their life partners, shedding tears for them as our own Indian mothers do. For some you have shed tears on the cemetery ground."

Miss Warkentin would be reluctant to grant permission to see this tribute published. Asked why she had devoted so much of her life to these people, she would say she had done it in the name of Christ who loved her and gave Himself for her and the whole world.

Miss Warkentin serves in India under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Mennonite Brethren Church. She is a member of the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church.

### MARY TOEWS MANITOBA SPELLING CHAMP

Winnipeg, Man. — Mary Toews, 14-year-old Grade 8 student at Horndean, Man., school, was crowned spelling champion of Manitoba in the finals of the provincial spelling bee held at Young United church on January 22 under the auspices of the Manitoba Trustees Association.

The Horndean schoolgirl, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Toews, on a farm a mile and a half east of Horndean, defeated 12 other finalists to win the province-wide competition.

Miss Toews, who plans eventually to study nursing, spelled Racial to win the gold watch and the title.

# Mexico Missionary's Life a Dangerous One

By Walter Gomez

Today is Navidad (Christmas), and as I look from my hotel window to the street below, the scene is much the same as in some other foreign countries. Donkeys heavily laden with goods for sale walk lazily along while the vendedores (sellers) cry their wares. Occasionally the windows rattle from the explosion of thousands of firecrackers; it sounds as if the town is being bombed. Across the plaza, drunks drift in and out of the "cantina". Back in the North our friends are enjoying Christmas fellowship and dinners, but here the natives pass the day in frolic, dancing and fighting. Sin is on the rampage in Mexico!

Statistics show that in this land of 30 million inhabitants there is only one Protestant among every 390 people and 13 missionaries to every million. We have the true Gospel of salvation to present to these; yet in Mexico, December is Mary's month instead of Christ's. The missionary need here became a burden from the Lord upon our hearts. (Matt. 9:37,38)

### A Mob—Then a Tiger

Eleven years ago the door to Colombia was closed to my wife and I; then the door to dark Mexico was opened to us. To enter into such a land by faith, without a conference or board sending us, was indeed a hard step. But God was leading, so without delay we crossed the border into the land of siesta, fiesta and manjana. With the aid of a native helper we began to look for a center from which to do missionary work. After a long day of preaching and exalting our Lord in one of the Mexican "haciendas", we retired in the evening to a little adobe hotel to rest our bodies. About 1:00 a.m. the hotel-keeper came running, shouting that a mob was after us. Quickly we grabbed our clothes, jumped out of the back door and ran to the car. We made a good get-away, but the rest of the night was not so good. While one slept the other had to keep watch—not only for the Mexicans, but also for a tiger which had been reported seen around the community. Such was life opening the mission field!

### Bandits—But God Victorious

One day later on as the sun peeped over the mountain range, the old Plymouth motored into the village of San Antonio, Coahuila. Stepping out of the car we were thrilled to see 400 people gather round us and stare. "Now we can preach the gospel," we thought. Just then the leader of a bandit gang made a dive toward us. As I backed up to the car I knew something had to be done



These pictures are from the Mexican mission field. The top left picture shows a group of the baptismal candidates at the Monclova station, with Rev. Walter Gomez, president of the Mexican Militant Mission, the third from the right. The picture to the right is a convention scene at Oaxaca, where the Bible school is located. The two pictures below show a contrast. At left is a Mexican in Oaxaca with an idol, while at right are two indigenous missionaries. The bottom picture shows a group of children and their teacher at daily vacation Bible school in one of the villages on the Monclova field.

quickly. When the leader grabbed for me, my hand got hold of his throat and he stopped short. In the Spanish language I yelled out to the mob. The result—they quietened down and we had the privilege of preaching several hours to the entire town. After the service we were treated very royally and one elderly man accepted Christ as Saviour. Because this man continued faithful to the Lord, there were some 50 converts in this village in six weeks. Today in that village as a monument of victory, there stands a little two-room clinic where the gospel is being taught.

### Born on M. B. Mission Field

Monclova, Coahuila, with a population of 40,000, presented still greater opportunities and became the center for our future missionary work on this field. As the work began to grow I often praised the Lord that I had been raised on the mission field. (My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gomez, are working at the Post Oak Indian Mission at Indiahoma, Oklahoma, which is the first mission field of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of North America.) The hunger for the Word manifested itself week after week. Finally the Lord showed us that we needed help; so in April of 1946 we took on another couple to work with us in spreading the gospel. Soon people began to walk for miles and beg for the gospel. What could we do alone in Old Mexico, a heathen country with very few Christians and so few missionaries? The Lord plainly showed us that we needed to train native Christians immediately.

### Organize Mission and Bible School

On April 1, 1947, my wife and I joined the Rio Grande Bible Institute, which is located on the Texas side of the Rio Grande River. Here we set up a curriculum, secured a state permit and together with Rev. M. C. Ehlert began training native students from Mexico. As



time passed we realized that to train our students in Mexico itself would be more effective. This was also the advice of others. Three years ago we resigned from the Institute and with seven missionaries crossed the border back into the foreign field. It was then that the work was incorporated under the name Mexican Militant Mission. Today, instead of seven, there are some 37 of us. The income has had to triple in three years. Regular services are held in 21 villages and part-time work in many others. We have a Bible Institute in the state of Oaxaca, 1,100 miles south of the border, where more than thirty students study the Word of God. Extensive medical work is also being carried on. The expenses are now running over \$100 per day, but the Lord is supplying every need through faithful friends. We are rejoicing in last year's reports of over 600 decisions for Christ.

The life of a missionary in Mexico is still a hazardous one; but when God's people pray the enemy is helpless to stop His work.



From God's Word and from the news of the world we believe the coming of our Lord is very near. Only what's done for Him will last. A word of encouragement would be appreciated. Write our office at Pharr, Texas, Box 636.

Someone has suggested that an interesting and revealing way to test our tithing is to ask ourselves, "Would I be willing to accept as my income next year ten times what I am giving God this year?"

—Selected.

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The Bible is criticized most by those who read it the least.



# THE Young Observers

## Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Last week we discussed the story illustrating that God expects His children to be obedient. Obedience to God and to your parents is the path on which everything goes well.

Many years ago there was a man with a large fruit garden. This garden was surrounded by a high brick wall. This man's sons however did not find it hard to get into the garden. They knew where they could climb over the wall and get into the garden.

One day the father told them that from now on they should use the gate, for the boys from the street would soon start climbing over the walls. From now on they should use a key to get in through the gate.

One time, by mistake, the boys locked the youngest brother in. When little Fred saw that he was alone and locked in, he began to call and to cry, but no one heard him. He could have easily climbed over the wall as he used to, but Father had forbidden it. Finally he sat down and fell asleep, where those looking for him found him. When asked why he did not climb over the wall, he replied, "Father, you told us not to."

This boy grew up to be a great minister in the service of God. He was obedient in the little things and later God could use him.

Boys and girls, let's make our prayer, "Give me an obedient heart." With God's strength we can be obedient.

Aunt Selma.

## The Swimmer

For a whole day the ship had been battling with the mountainous waves of the North Sea. Suddenly it shuddered from bow to stern. The ship had foundered on the reef.

Around the ship the sea boiled as though it were some gigantic cauldron. Spray shot into the air as the waves dashed against the ill-fated ship. At any moment it could fall apart and all men aboard would be engulfed in the foaming and raging sea.

"Swing out the lifeboat," several voices could be heard shouting above the roar of the waves.

"Wait until the command is given," shouted the captain. Calmly he supervised the launching of the first lifeboat. Yet in spite of all the precautions the boat was smashed as a wave crushed it against the side of the ship.

The people on the shore had seen the ship's danger. They tried to launch a boat from shore, but it was impossible to do so in the towering waves. It seemed as if the people aboard ship were doomed.

The captain gathered his men on the after deck. "There is only one way we can be saved," he shouted. "Someone must volunteer to swim ashore with a rope around his waist and thus establish contact with the shore."

The men stood there silently. No one volunteered to try to reach shore by swimming. The captain

looked from one to the other. His eyes stopped when they came to Johnny. "Would you like to try it?" he asked.

"I?" yelled Johnny, and looked at the towering waves and deep valleys. "Never!" And as the captain continued to look at the young man, Johnny burst out defiantly; "You try it, captain."

Already those assembled were beginning to get restless. Suddenly someone stepped forward. "I'll go," he said firmly.

"You?" the captain exclaimed. "No, Herbert, you are still much too young and not nearly strong enough."

"God will help me," Herbert shouted, and he sounded so determined that the captain agreed to it. Herbert stepped aside, and his fellow sailors saw him kneel in prayer. Then he stepped up to the side of the ship. With a thin rope around his waist, he dived into the foaming sea. The men on board the ship hardly dared breathe as the mountainous waves engulfed the small lad, carried him to the peak, and then let him slide into the valley.

"There he is," someone shouted excitedly. "There, there, there," other voices could be heard as they watched the brave swimmer stroking slowly landward. Suddenly someone saw that the roll on which the rope had been rolled up did not turn. Was the rope only slack in the water—or had the swimmer ceased making progress?

Johnny was gripped by a terrible fear. He now had to watch

as Herbert took his place in trying to save those aboard ship. It was very questionable whether the brave lad would reach the shore. Johnny, who had often scoffed and laughed at Herbert because of his piety, now was very quiet. Who can say what went on in his heart?

Suddenly a shout of joy rang out on the ship. The people pointed at the rope, which had become taut again. They could see it being pulled jerkily off the roll—and then it was lifted clear of the waves. The connection to shore was made.

From then on the evacuation of the ship went forward rapidly. Everyone was saved. The last person to leave the ship was the captain.

Yet the people from the ship did not see their rescuer. As he swam through the ocean Herbert had been dashed against one of the rocks, and he had been pulled ashore by some of the people on shore. He was taken to the hospital immediately.

For many days Herbert's life hung in the balance. It was months before he was well enough to receive visitors. But one day Johnny stood at the bedside of the one who had risked his life in his stead. "Can you forgive me?" was his first question. "Have you received God's forgiveness?" Herbert asked. "Yes," came the reply. "I have found my way to God."

From that time on Johnny and Herbert were the best of friends.

### HOW OLD OUGHT I TO BE?

"Dear Mother," said a little maid,  
Please whisper it to me;  
Before I am a Christian,  
How old ought I to be?

How old ought you to be dear child,  
Before you can love me?  
I always loved you, Mummie mine,  
Since I was tiny wee."

I love you now and always will,"  
The little daughter said,  
And on her mother's shoulder hid  
Her golden curly head.

How old my girlie, must you be,  
Before you trust my care?  
O Mother dear, I do, I do,  
I trust you everywhere."

How old ought you to be dear child,  
To do the things I say?  
The little girl looked up and said,  
I can do that today."

Then you can be a Christian, too;  
Don't wait till you are grown,  
Tell Jesus now you come to Him,  
To be His very own."

And so the little maid knelt down  
And said, "Lord, if I may,  
I'd like to be a Christian now."  
He answered, "Yes, today."

## Fascinating Stories

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Peter Mason's life consisted largely of bread and margarine and bitterness, for he lived with his aunt, who neglected him, and had no friends, except Alan Ferguson. At the end Peter not only has friends, but he is converted to Christ—and even something happens to his aunt.

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Meg was so glad to go home after the school year ended. After two years of separation from her father, she would meet him again. But this joy was spoiled somewhat when her father asks Dandaree, who is an orphan, to come also. She and Dandaree are enemies, but make a truce temporarily—until they find the true meaning of forgiveness.

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By Mary St. Heller. 123 pp.

The story of Jack, a Christian who did not always find it easy to be an example to the Brew children. But in the end they found that he had the right stuff in him.

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## The School of God

By Peggy Arbogast

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Meanwhile at home, Ruth's thoughts ran as rapidly through her mind as her hands moved up and down the washboard. Connie's prayer had gripped her. She could not get it out of her mind. It made her feel afraid, glad, and ashamed. She felt afraid of what would happen to Connie's faith should it not be answered. She felt glad that the little one had grown so in the Lord. She felt ashamed that she was not ready to believe like Connie that God was going to supply their need that day.

She was interrupted in her reverie by the sudden sharp ring of the doorbell. She quickly dried her hands upon her apron and darted up the basement stairs. At the same time, Betty, who had been making the beds, hurried down the front stairs. As they turned into the living room from opposite directions, they collided with much force. They could not restrain the giggles as they disentangled themselves and proceeded together to the door. Both of their faces registered amazement as they beheld Bob standing upon the steps. "What could have brought him home so early? He always kept searching and searching for work and never returned home until supper time."

The boy was grinning broadly. He had been peering through the glass and had glimpsed the collision. "You certainly are slow to welcome the man of the house," he greeted them.

"We're not accustomed to the man of the house loafing home in the middle of the morning, sir," returned his twin.

"From now on, loafing is just what I will be doing in the morning," laughed Bob.

"What do you mean," cried Ruth. "You look so happy. You must have found work. But yet if you have a job, how can you spend your mornings loafing at home? It's too much for me, Bob. You'll have to explain to your stupid sister."

By this time they were comfortably seated, waiting to hear his story. Connie, hearing their excited voices ran in from the yard.

"Oh, Bob, you've found a job, haven't you?" she cried in a voice full of confidence.

Bob looked at her with a tender smile. "Yes, honey," he replied. "The Lord answered your prayer this morning."

"Of course He did. I knew He would," was Connie's calm remark.

Bob then turned to Ruth. "I received a position at the second place I applied this morning."

"Do tell us what it is and hurry and enlighten us about this morning loafing business," begged Betty.

Bob grinned again. "I'm night watchman at the new Robert's plant," he explained. "Hours 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Salary, just a few dollars short of what Dad was getting."

"Oh, Bob, that's wonderful," breathed Ruth. Then a frown knit her brows. "But mightn't that be dangerous work?" she questioned with concern.

"Perhaps," was the reply. "But Ruthie, you believe along with me that the Lord gave me this work in answer to Connie's prayer this morning, don't you? Even if it is dangerous, can't He take care of me in the place He has opened for me?"

Ruth nodded. "Of course He can and He will. I'm so slow to learn to trust Him. Connie," she continued, turning to the child by her side, "do you remember when you said you could go to school with me in the School of God? Well, honey, you've learned His lessons so fast and progressed so rapidly that you've left your old sister far behind. You are already several classes ahead of me."

Connie made no reply to this, and Bob again brought up the subject of his new position. "You know, Sis," he said, "We've gotten so accustomed to economizing and living on practically nothing, that we'll be able to pay off all these bills in quick order by continuing to live that way for another few months."

The rest of that day passed very swiftly for all of them. When they gathered about the dinner table that evening, they were merrier than they had been for many days. It was Connie, who suggested that they change the time of their family worship from morning to right after dinner.

Bob looked at her gratefully. He did not wish to appear selfish in asking that they change, but how he had hoped it would come about. Especially on this his first night it would be such a help before he started to work. Although she took no active part, Betty actually joined them on this evening.

What a time of thanksgiving they had as they knelt together

at the Throne of Grace, and poured forth praise from hearts that were full. Connie prayed and asked the Lord to save their father and bring him back home, and then thanked Him that He was going to. They rose from their knees with radiant faces. Their eyes continued to shine as together they cleared the table and washed the dishes.

Suddenly the telephone rang. "For you, Betty," said Bob as he laid it down.

A few minutes later Betty returned to the kitchen. "It never rains but what it pours," she laughed. "The MacArthur's want me to come over and stay with the baby again. You're not the only one working tonight, Brother Bob." Then turning to Ruth, "They said they would probably be late so they want me to stay all night."

Bob looked serious. "I don't like you having to stay here alone with Connie, Ruth," he whispered. "It would be tonight of all Monday nights that Janet isn't coming over."

He did not say what was in his mind, but his sister knew he was thinking of their absent father. "Suppose he should choose tonight to return. Suppose he should be intoxicated when he came."

For a moment terror gripped her, but then she smiled again. "Remember what you told me a little while ago, Bob? The same Lord Who gave you this job and Who can take care of you there, can take care of Connie and me here."

A few minutes later Bob left. Ruth had packed him a lunch including a thermos of hot coffee. Her last words had reassured him, and he whistled as he went down the road.

Betty had already gone, so Ruth and Connie were left alone. It was soon time for the child to retire. Ruth kissed her goodnight and returned to the living room. She picked up a book which the pastor had loaned her, but somehow she could not keep her mind upon it. She felt strangely restless and ill at ease.

Ruth had never been afraid of staying alone before. She could not understand this strange feeling which took possession of her now. For a few moments she sat doing nothing. Then she decided she simply must get something with which to occupy herself. She went to the closet and brought out a sweater she had started to knit for Connie. "Knit three, purl two," this would keep her busy for awhile, she reflected as she again returned to her chair.

How long she worked on the sweater, Ruth could never remember. Suddenly she couldn't explain why, she looked up at the window near which she had sat during the Fellowship on Friday night.

Ruth started back in fear at the sight which met her gaze. There flattened against the window pane was the face of a man. A cruel, evil looking face—and his eyes seemed riveted upon her. The lips parted into a broad, ugly smirk as he noticed the fear upon the girl's face.

Ruth Arnold had never been so frightened in her life. She thought of Connie lying upstairs in bed and this thought probably restrained her from screaming aloud. "Whatever happened, she must not let the child hear anything unusual. But what should she do? She had already betrayed her fear. The man, whoever he was, knew that she was afraid. He probably also knew that she was alone."

With determination she picked up her knitting again. But she only succeeded in dropping stitches and jabbing her finger with the needles when she attempted to continue with it. The face had disappeared from the window, but Ruth continued to tremble. She felt that episode was not closed.

Suddenly she seemed to sense that she was no longer alone. There was someone in the house, and that someone was coming closer. At first she heard no sound, but after a few seconds she heard the dining room floor creak. Ruth jumped to her feet, clutching at the door for support. Her knees knocked beneath her and she could scarcely stand.

Before her, a huge form appeared, coming from the dining room. "Don't make a sound, and don't try to get away," ordered a harsh voice. As the man came nearer, Ruth could smell the liquor on his breath. It was sickening and oppressive to the sensitive girl. "Now, you're just going to answer a few questions. If you answer them right, you'll not be hurt. Where's your father?"

Ruth forced open her parched lips. At first no sound would come forth as she struggled to speak. "I don't know," she finally stammered in a voice which sounded unlike her own.

The man took a step nearer. Ruth shuddered as he towered above her and she felt his breath hot upon her face. "You tell me where he is," he growled. "and where he's got that money he took from me."

"I don't know what you're talking about," cried the girl.

"So you won't talk, eh? The old man's got you well trained. Well, maybe this will make you talk."

Ruth gasped and drew back involuntarily as the man leveled a gun at her.

"Aha, I've got you now. That little test worked. You'll talk now," he exulted.

(To be continued)

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

The establishment of a medical center at Kajiji, Belgian Congo, has been approved by the government. With this approval, the government has appropriated \$46,000 for the construction of this building. The center will adjoin the mission station and be under the supervision and direction of Dr. E. W. Schmidt. It will be near the maternity hospital completed two years ago, also with government help. Construction of the new medical center will be supervised by Arthur Wiebe, who with his family will move to Kajiji. It is expected that building time will be about two years. Building materials must be obtained from Kikwit, which is 270 miles away.

The home office of HCJB radio station has asked that the David Nightingales, now on furlough, be allowed to devote some time to deputation work within the constituency of HCJB here in North America. Brother Nightingale already has visited quite a few Mennonite Brethren Churches under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions under whose auspices the Nightingales labor in Quito, Ecuador.

Rubena Gunther, who just returned to Japan for her second term, writes about the great challenge that again impressed itself upon her with reference to the possibilities and opportunities of laboring among that great people.

Colombian missionaries and the work on that field as well as the national Christians need a great measure of prayer during his year because a renewed effort is being made to petition the Colombian government for religious liberty in that country.

Hundreds of young people have returned to school work on our Belgian Congo field following the December 15 to January 3 vacation. Pray for teachers and students as they instruct and study to find God's place and way in their lives.

In the Brazil work we are glad to report with gratitude to God that the import license for the station wagon to go to Curitiba has been granted. Within a week or two it is hoped the vehicle will be on its way to that country where it is so sorely needed and where the missionaries have been patiently waiting for it for months.

Daniel A. Wirsche, who has been teaching in the Bible classes at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico, during the first semester will be entering upon studies at the Mennomite Brethren Seminary, Fresno, California, for the second semester. Brother Wirsche will then be succeeded by

Dan W. Petker, who has been assigned to that staff for the future. Sister Petker will also be active in work among the women who come to Bible school.

A small piece of land on the Paraguayan mission farm for the Indians has been sold to Blumenthal village. When Blumenthal was settled, the land had not been surveyed and the village was unconsciously placed too close to the land of the mission colony for Indians. A Chulupie Christian village shall be started as soon as there are sufficient Chulupie families who have become Christians and who are willing to change their nomadic life to a resident culture. We praise the Lord that a number of Chulupie men have come to a living faith in Christ. We pray that through this beginning others will come so that very soon a Christian village can be started for the Chulupies, like there was started for the Lengua Christian Indians years ago.

Nine students were graduated from the Kafumba Bible school in

Belgian Congo on December 16. These graduates, who included several men from other missions, had completed the three-year Bible course. These brethren have now been assigned to evangelistic work in their home areas.

**Brother and Sister Herman J. Neufeld** of the Lawton View Mission stopped briefly at the Hillsboro office regarding some matters that pertain to the mission work on the station. The Lord blessed the Christmas season at that station abundantly because many people from the neighborhood came to the programs and in that way received the message of the living Christ who came to Bethlehem.

New school buildings at Kafumba and Matende in Belgian Congo were dedicated early in December. These buildings of permanent materials are for elementary school instruction. The large eight-room building at Kafumba has facilities for 320 students. The Matende building has five classrooms to accommodate the grade school system there. Government subsidies covered 80 per cent of the construction costs of each building.

## Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Bage Mennonite Brethren Church in Brazil is erecting a new Bible school building with quarters for teachers. Plans are for the building to be ready by February in time for the beginning of the local Bible school and the theological courses known as the South American Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute. All expenses and work are provided by the Bage people.

— G. H. Sukkau, Board worker from Yarrow, British Columbia, ministered for a week in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During that time he spoke at a youth meeting attended by 50 young people who eagerly heard the Word of God. The latter part of December he ministered to Mennonite Brethren groups in Uruguay at Colonia, El Ombu and Gartental. During the first two weeks in January he planned to preach and do personal work around Sao Paulo, Brazil. He arrived in Sao Paulo January 3 and preached that same evening in the MCC center. His ministry will include strong efforts to fellowship with the young people.

— Mennonite Brethren members in Uruguay number 86 at present, according to Robert Foth of the Colonia group. Of these 29 live in the capital city of Montevideo.

— Two youth workers' conferences are being held to promote young people's church activities in our South American conference.

in his continued service in his assignment. Although he could easily obtain work with the government or with commercial firms which would pay two or three times as much as what he receives now, he remains at his task. At present he serves for the nominal sum of \$15 per month. This will need to be augmented when the office is set up in Kikwit and he accompanies the legal representative there.

His questions at morning devotions often show depth of spirituality. His mannerism is quiet and submissive.

Pray for this man and his family.

## The Bible Today

"Grass roots ecumenicity" was a phrase that echoed through the recent sessions of the Canadian Council of Churches held in Kitchener, Ontario. There men and women of many denominations, laity in every day dress and clergy in episcopal and moderatorial purple rubbed shoulders.

One of the highlights of the Conference was much soul-searching by these leaders on "wastefulness and competition". The CCC 16-page report presented noted that "the churches are inclined to cooperate only where necessary".

Hailing this conference as a step forward in Christian unity, many reporters forgot to point out that there is an area of Christian cooperation that has been cultivated and proven fruitful for over 150 years. This area is that of evangelistic and missionary enterprise through the circulation of the Scriptures by the Bible Societies. No "wastefulness or competition" exists in this sphere and Christian unity of purpose and service have been tried and proven successful.

For a century and a half thousands of branches of the Bible Society have had their officers drawn from scores of denominations and have contributed to the collective world-wide work of the universal church, and at a fraction of the cost otherwise involved.

Veteran members of the British and Foreign Bible Society staff in England (the pioneer Society) tell of the first fifty years of this supradenominational work during which the Society's meetings could not even be opened with prayer—read or extempore—in case some one would object to the form. This attitude however is a thing of the past today. The Bible has brought Christians together everywhere.

The have to of law finds in Christ the how to of grace.

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Success comes in cans,  
Failure comes in can'ts.

## THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

### Widow Sees Ultimate Victory From Alaskan Experience

After a weary 5000-mile journey back to her former home on Long Island, New York, missionary Vera Kelly reiterated her desire to return to the icy peninsula in Alaska where her husband, Albert, and infant son, Thomas, died in a severe storm. Still recovering from frostbite following the six-day ordeal last November 6, Mrs. Kelly declared: "I'm going back. I feel now is the time to continue the work my husband and I began nearly two years ago."

Mrs. Kelly, affiliated with Central Alaskan Mission, told of the setbacks she and her husband had encountered in their work among the Aleut Indians. "They are all Russian Orthodox," she said, "and their services are conducted in Russian by a lay priest. The people don't understand the language or the significance of the Bible. We set up a Sunday school for the handfuls of families in Ellamar."

She said the school was continued until last Christmas when a Russian Orthodox bishop visited the tiny community and forbade anyone from attending classes under pain of excommunication. The people "were friendly but afraid". "But since the incident the people came to me and put aside their fears. I feel now is the time to continue because now we can reach them," she said. "I'm going back as soon as I can. It's wonderful to be home, but I feel I must go back." (ERA)

### Another Fierce Tribal Fight in Papua Reported

A fierce tribal battle was reported early in January among Papuan tribes in the remote Sepik mountain area of Australian New Guinea even as peace-drums sounded the end of another uprising across the frontier in Dutch New Guinea.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission said the director of Native Affairs in Port Moresby had received word that one of his district officers took a patrol into the Sepik area to put down the tribal warfare.

Fighting, with heavy casualties, was reported from the Telefomin and May River areas in the northwest corner of Eastern New Guinea. (Australia governs the eastern half of the big Pacific Island and the western part is administered by the Netherlands.)

In Canberra, the New Guinea branch of the Australian Territories Department said it had not yet received any report of fighting in the Sepik area, scene of many native killings in the past.

Meanwhile, primitive Papuan tribesmen who massacred a num-

ber of nationals and burned Christian and Missionary Alliance buildings across the border in Dutch New Guinea last November have calmed down and at last were performing "peace dances".

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### Philippines Dedicated to 'Sacred Heart of Jesus'

Under a barrage of protests by the minority religious groups of his country, President Ramon Magasay dedicated the Philippines to the "Sacred Heart of Jesus". Some six million non-Catholic Filipinos consider this action a violation of constitutional guarantees of separation of Church and State.

Prior to the official dedication the press gave wide coverage to the objections of the non-Catholic groups. Many saw in the President's action an attempt to gain Catholic favor and support when he comes up for re-election. (Only two other nations in the world have been officially dedicated to the "Sacred Heart of Jesus". In these, Spain and Ecuador, Protestants have been the target of much official oppression.) (MNS)

## CANADASCOPE

### It Will Cost More to Get Mortgages

An increase in National Housing Act mortgage interest rates to six per cent from 5½ was announced in the Commons by Works Minister Hon. Robert Winters. The rate is the maximum which can be charged on mortgage loans by commercial lenders, guaranteed by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation under the NHA. The increase would mean possibly another \$4 a month or so in interest charges on a \$10,000 house mortgage.

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### Mixed Reactions to Government Culture Plan

The government's plan for pumping public money into the nation's cultural blood stream has met a mixed reception from Commons opposition members.

The Canadian government has proposed legislation to establish a Canada Council to handle a \$100,000 aid-to-culture program. The first step would be to grant \$50,000 in federal funds as an endowment to earn money for bursaries, scholarships and the like to advance the arts, humanities and social sciences, and another \$50,000 for university construction.

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### Travel to Cost More

A spokesman for the Automotive Trades Association has said that

an increase in both fuel oil and gasoline prices can be expected soon as the result of new prices for western Canadian light crude oil. The new price is a reflection of recent advances in United States crude prices.

## THE WORLD TODAY

### Gomulka Receives Vote of Confidence

Polish Communist Party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka, who defied the Soviet Union last fall, won a resounding vote of confidence from his countrymen in Sunday's Polish election. Although old-line Communists and anti-Communists had urged a boycott of the election, the people turned out in very large numbers to cast the ballots. These contained the names of the government supporters at the top, and if they were not crossed out, they were in automatically. Polling booths were not used in many places, since that could indicate a desire to cross off government supporters.

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### Around the Globe Non-Stop

Three B-52 strato-fortresses of the U.S. Air Force have flown non-stop around the world in 45 hours and 19 minutes. Air force officers stated that the flight had been staged to convince U.S. allies and the Soviet Union that the United States has a round-the-world, aerial, hydrogen bomb attack capability, to improve B-52 crew training, and to answer an increasing number of questions about the dependability of the big bomber. Average speed of the flight was 525 miles an hour.

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### They Support Eisenhower

The four Moslem members of the anti-Communist Baghdad Pact

have announced full support of the Eisenhower doctrine on the Middle East. Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan also called on the United Nations to protect the Israel-Arab peace and advocated full freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal.

This was in sharp contrast to the opposition to the Eisenhower doctrine voiced by Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

### Brucellosis Eradication Program

Rt. Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, has announced that a program of area testing and eradication of Brucellosis disease of cattle will be entered into by his Department.

Brucellosis, or Bang's Disease, is a bacterial infection causing abortions and breeding difficulties in cattle. Losses from it are estimated to cost Canadian cattlemen nine million dollars annually. Brucellosis infection in cattle is responsible for undulant fever in humans, both being caused by the same organism.

Procedure will follow the pattern which has been applied successfully in the virtual eradication of tuberculosis from Canadian cattle. An area will be accepted under the program on the recommendation of a provincial department of agriculture. All susceptible cattle in the area will be tested and infected animals will be disposed of, with compensation paid to the owners.

### AUTHOR DIES IN ROSEMARY

Rosemary, Alta. — Rev. P. P. Dueck, author of "Orenburg Am Ural", died on January 23. He was in his late eighties.

Mr. and Mrs. Corney Bergen of Rosemary are in hospital with severe burns as the result of a gas lamp exploding in their home. In the ensuing fire, they lost their home and belongings. Two children were slightly burned.

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## Weddings

### BERGMANN-KLASSEN

Miss Nellie Klassen, only daughter of Mrs. Agnes Klassen of Abbotsford, B.C., and Ronald Bergmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bergmann of Sardis, B.C., were married on January 5 in the Greendale M. B. church, Sardis, B.C. Rev. D. Mantei officiated.

The couple is making their home in Vancouver after a trip south on their honeymoon.



### HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

Groups of Hungarian refugees living in MCC-sponsored centers in Austria try to make this an experience of "family living" as much as possible.

Some have responsibilities about the home, such as helping with cooking or cleaning. They occupy themselves with games, sewing and other activities. They like to sing—hymns, folk songs, gypsy songs and popular songs.

Most of the refugees at the MCC homes have at least one other member of their family with them, but the remainder of the family is still in Hungary. They remain at the refugee center until they can be processed for immigration to another country.

One worker commented, "These Hungarians seem to feel a responsibility for each other. It is amazing how a large group of different people become like a big happy family, many of whom had little in common except their hometown and their flight experience."

New Year's Eve was not an easy celebration for them, but they refused to sit around and pity themselves. One refugee said, "If we don't laugh, we'll cry, so I guess we'd better laugh!"

At midnight they tuned in radio Budapest and became more sober. When the bells began to ring from Budapest they all stood, turned out the lights, sang their national anthem, then turned the lights back on and wished each other a happy new year—not knowing where nor how their new year would be spent.

**Financial contributions to help these Hungarian refugees are being received by MCC through conference offices. The extent of spiritual and temporal care which Mennonite Christians give the Hungarians in Austria is dependent on the amount of financial contributions.**

### PARAGUAY

Only a small number of the Hansen's disease sufferers in southern Paraguay are treated at the Mennonite clinic on the compound at Barrio Grande.

Most of the patients are treated in their own homes. This is known as the ambulatory approach. Patients are encouraged, however, to occasionally visit the clinic where more thorough tests can be made.

The Barrio Grande work among sufferers of Hansen's disease is a project of medical and spiritual ministry carried out chiefly by Paraguay Mennonites. Director of the project is Dr. John R. Schmidt (Newton, Kans.), who is in the United States at the present time. Dr. Joachim Walter, a German-born resident of Paraguay, is responsible for the medical program in Dr. Schmidt's absence.

A total of 278 patients received medical assistance from the Barrio Grande staff in November.

Dr. Walter writes, "With the growing number of patients more contacts can be examined at each visit. On one visit to Caaguazu I found a four-year-old girl with a small macular lesion (flat patch) on her back. The father is an open case and her mother developed some so-called incharacteristic lesions during the past year.

"The disadvantage in the ambulatory way of treatment for Hansen's disease is that we have no means of separation for healthy individuals from infective cases. But

only a few patients are prepared to impose on themselves some kind of local separation from their families."

Thus the ambulatory method is the best way to treat the greatest number of cases. Many Paraguayans still look upon sufferers of Hansen's disease as being social outcasts.

Most members of the staff at Barrio Grande are voluntary service workers from Mennonite settlements who serve from three months to a year. A new cook, Dr. Walter reports, is a cured Hansen's disease patient who volunteered to work at the compound as an expression of her thanks for treatment.

### GERMANY

Orpha Zimmerly of Orville, Ohio, is the new matron at the community center at Kaiserslautern, Germany.

The new building at Kaiserslautern houses offices of European Pax Services and Mennonite Voluntary Service. It also serves as a meeting place for the Mennonite congregation and for a community youth program.

Miss Zimmerly is a former public school teacher at West Liberty, Ohio, and former dean of women at Hesston (Kans.) College. She worked at the Mennonite Publishing House at Scottdale, Pa., prior to this overseas position.

She is a graduate of Goshen (Ind.) College and a member of Crown Hill Mennonite Church at Rittman, Ohio.

## MCC Annual Meeting Highlights

### Foreign Program

Among the plans for the coming year presented by Orie O. Miller were these highlights in the foreign operations:

A six-months emergency program for Hungarian refugees in Austria has been set up. Workers from other parts of Europe have been transferred to Austria to help in the enlarged program. The size of the program is dependent on the amount of contributions.

The big project in Paraguay the next three to five years will be the construction of the Trans-Chaco Road, which is underway.

Other projects in Paraguay for the coming year include the continuation of the medical mission at Barrio Grande; the agricultural experiment farm at Filadelfia; development of a mental health facility; and the possibility of developing a women's program in the colonies.

The housebuilding operation for refugees in Germany by Paxmen is in its fifth year with termination of these projects slated for 1958.

Operations similar to those in 1956 are expected to continue in other parts of Germany, Switzer-

land, France, Netherlands, Greece, Jordan, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Peru.

### Russian Affairs

The Committee approved a plan for future contact with Mennonites in Russia recommended by H. S. Bender and D. B. Wiens following their visit last autumn to Russia.

The plan calls for continuing visits and contacts with Mennonites in Russia and the establishment of an office for Russian affairs in Europe. Close collaboration is to be maintained with the Baptist Church in Russia.

### Peace Section

The Committee gave a favorable nod to a recommendation by the Peace Section to study American race relations and possibly organize a mission of goodwill, fellowship and inquiry to persons involved in the current United States race problem.

The Peace Section will continue to have representatives in Japan and Europe after the terms of present workers are completed.

Presently there are plans for a peace conference of Brethren, Friends and Mennonites in Europe next summer bringing together representatives of these three denominations with representatives of the Baptist Church in Russia.

### Voluntary Service—I-W

The number of long-term participants in Voluntary Service is expected to increase from this point. The voluntary service concept is also being developed in other sectors of the Mennonite brotherhood.

There are approximately 1500 Mennonite and Brethren in Christ I-W's in alternative service at the present time. This number is expected to continue. A steadily increasing number of I-Ws are choosing church-related positions.

### Field Reports

One session of the annual MCC meeting was devoted to informative messages from a number of fields of MCC operations presented by workers recently returned.

Robert Unruh of Bloomfield, Mont., expressed three aspirations for the agricultural experimental station in the Chaco of Paraguay: (1) Development of better farm machinery; (2) Extension work in home economics; (3) An educational program on improving the use of soil.

C. L. Graber of Goshen, Ind., former MCC director in Paraguay, expressed enthusiasm for the Paraguay Trans-Chaco roadway from Asuncion to Filadelfia in the Chaco. He believes Chaco Mennonites will benefit greatly from this ambitious project sponsored by the colonists, MCC and the governments of Paraguay and the United States.

Dr. John R. Schmidt of Newton, Kans., described the needs and opportunities of challenging Christian service among victims of Hansen's disease at Barrio Grande, Paraguay, where Mennonites have a growing project of ambulatory medical service.

D. C. Kauffman of Goshen, Ind., former MCC director in Europe, presented an outlook and review of the European program. H. S. Bender of Goshen, Ind., summarized the visit to Russia.

The challenge of Southeast Asia was presented by Robert Miller of Akron, Pa. He said this area of the world offers a great challenge for Christians to serve in many ways to develop the Church.

### Representatives

Official representatives attending the annual meeting included the following:

Ira Bickwalter of Salunga, Pa., Lancaster Conference; William M. Enns of Winkler, Man., Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee; Andrew Gingerich of Mannsville, N.Y., Conservative Mennonite.

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# COLLEGES

## CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Dr. Otto Piper, professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, and head of the New Testament Department there, was a guest speaker at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College on Saturday and Monday, January 12 and 14.

Dr. Piper, a Presbyterian, is originally from Germany. He has studied theology and philosophy at Jena, Marburg, Paris, Munich, and Goettingen, and has also taught systematic theology and philosophy of religion in four theological institutions.

Dr. Piper, because of his pacifism, was first imprisoned and then, shortly after Hitler's rise to power, had to leave the country. His lectures on the relationship of church and state also met with official opposition.

Since 1937 he has been at Princeton, New Jersey, where he teaches New Testament, emphasizing Biblical realism. He has been an instructor of both Rev. H. Poettcker and Rev. L. I. Friesen, members of our College faculty.

Dr. Piper's lectures on "How to Pray Effectively", and "The Realism of the Bible" presented here at College, made us realize that in spite of denominational differences, he shares with us a true Biblical faith in Christ.

A. Neufeld.

## TABOR COLLEGE

### Announce Details of Bible Conference

In announcing the program for the forty-sixth annual Bible Conference on the campus of Tabor College February 3-10, Dr. Leonard J. Franz, president, extends a cordial invitation to all friends of the college to share the inspiration of the eight-day conference with the college family.

Speakers for the conference are Dr. T. Leonard Lewis, president of Gordon College, Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, and Rev. John B. Toews, deputation secretary of the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Lewis will give two series of lectures, one in the forenoon and the other in the evening. "The Experience of the Christian's Faith" is the general theme of his evening addresses. In the morning he will speak on the subject, "The Glory of the Christian's Calling". Rev. Toews will speak each morning after Dr. Lewis' address, on the general subject, "Paul—a Chosen Vessel".

### Christian Workers' Hour

An added feature of the conference is a Ministers' and Christian Workers' Hour, to be conducted

each weekday afternoon at 2:00, with the two guest speakers and President Franz directing the discussions. Morning sessions of the conference begin at 10:00, with the evening addresses scheduled for 7:30. All sessions will be held in the college auditorium, except for the Sunday morning services, which will be conducted in the Hillsboro M. B. church.

A special committee will handle arrangements for housing out-of-town guests, and all correspondence should be directed to its chairman, Professor Harold Fehderau.

## MENNOMITE BRETHREN BIBLICAL SEMINARY

### Seminary Student, Victor Flaming, Passes

Students coming to class at the M. B. Biblical Seminary on Thursday morning, January 10, were shocked to hear that a fellow-student, Victor Flaming, involved in a car-train accident while going to work early that morning, had been fatally hurt and had passed to be with the Lord.

The funeral was held in the Fresno M. B. Church on Saturday, January 12. President of the Seminary, Rev. B. J. Braun, read vers-

es of comfort from Psalm 90, John 14, and I Cor. 13:12. The Seminary male quartet sang "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say", and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". Pastor Rev. G. Jantzen read verses from Ps. 73: 23-25—verses underlined in Victor's Bible—and spoke words of solace by urging that our reasoning be done in the presence of God. It is not weakness to lean upon God. Pastor Crabtree of a neighboring Baptist church where Victor was serving and in which he had been elected as assistant to the pastor the night before the accident, addressed a few words to the bereaved and closed in prayer.

Brother Flaming, his wife and family of two girls, came to Fresno from Premont, Texas, a year ago. A graduate of Tabor College, he had almost completed his second semester at the Seminary. He was a hard-working student preparing for the ministry and earnestly endeavoring to serve his Master while in preparation. He is now face to face with Him in glory. Students will miss him for he is no longer with their class groups. The sobering message of the brevity of our stay on earth is perhaps but a part of the Lord's message to us who are left behind. The Seminary student body and faculty extend their condolences to the family.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### SWIFT CURRENT BIBLE INSTITUTE

Christmas festivities are over and we are again back in the grind. School commenced the third of January. Two boys have been added to our student body, Laverne Adrian and Abe Neufeld, both in Class 1.

Our opening speaker was Roger Scott, a missionary from India. He was with us two days. The first day he spoke to us on "My Burden for India" and the second day on John 3:16, "God Loved, God Gave, I Believe, and I Have".

The sixth of January the student body went to Schoenfeld to render a program. We presented the Christmas play we brought in the Swift Current church on Dec. 16.

January 13 the quartet assisted the Holiness Movement Mission in broadcasting a radio program.

The twentieth of January the quartet presented a program in Wymark.

Mary Funk.

### EAST CHILLIWACK BIBLE SCHOOL

The Lord has richly blessed us during the first weeks of the new year. On January 11 Leslie Buhler, missionary to India, visited us during morning chapel. With the help of Isaiah 6:1-8, he pointed out the necessity for a vision of Christ,

Nonresistant Relief Organization; George J. Rempel of Meade, Kans., Immanuel Mennonite Church.

Sam J. Schmidt of Marion, S.D., Evangelical Mennonite Brethren; Fred Becker of Moundridge, Kans., as proxy for F. H. Wenger, Church of God in Christ Mennonite; Abe Yoder of Hartville, Ohio; Old Order Amish Mennonite; Merle Zimmerman of Flanagan, Ill., Evangelical Mennonite; Elam L. Kauffman of Ronks, Pa., Beachy Amish.

Members of the executive committee at the meeting were C. N. Hostetter Jr. of Grantham, Pa., Brethren in Christ; H. A. Fast of Newton, Kans., General Conference; Orie O. Miller of Akron, Pa., secretary-treasurer; H. S. Bender of Goshen, Ind., assistant secretary; William T. Snyder of Akron, Pa., associate executive secretary; Waldo Hiebert of Hillsboro, Kans., Mennonite Brethren. They were re-elected for the coming year.

Year-end reports of each section of MCC were presented by section directors from the Akron offices.

## Motorist's Prayer

Grant me a steady hand and a watchful eye  
That no man shall be hurt when I pass by.  
Thou gavest life, and I pray no act of mine  
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.  
Shelter those, Dear Lord, who bear me company  
From evils of fire and all calamity.  
Teach me to use my car for others' need  
Nor miss through love of speed  
The beauties of Thy world; that thus I may  
With joy and courtesy go on my way

## Your 1957

In 1957 you'll sleep, snooze, or toss in bed 2,920 hours. That leaves you 5,840 hours to work, study, have fun, and whatever else you do.

You'll tuck food into your stomach for 780 hours. How many hours will you use for tucking God's Word into your heart?

You'll slave 2,000 hours to earn a living. How many hours will you lay up treasures for yourself in heaven?

Some of your friends will sit 300 hours at the feet of movie stars and TV comedians. How many hours will you devote to more wholesome recreation?

In '57 you'll lose 100 hours waiting for late trains, fuming in a hot coat while "she" powders her nose, reheating the steak for "him". How many hours will you gain by summing patience and ingenuity, twin timesavers in such instances?

—TODAY.

## Oratorical Contest Eliminations

By Mrs. Milfred Wall

**Dalmeny, Sask.** — The local eliminations for the Bryant Oratorical Contest were held in the Dalmeny High School on Friday night, January 18. There were eight speakers for the two groups. The winner for Grades 9 and 10 was Marilyn Sperling, while Arnold Voth was chosen winner of Grade 11 and 12. They will represent Dalmeny in further competition.

Adjudicators for the elimination were Mr. Farrel, instructor of English in the Teacher's College in Saskatoon, and Mr. Boschman, the teacher at the Neuhoffnung School.

"Books Are Friends" was Marilyn's topic. She presented her material in a clear, interesting manner. Her speech centred around the following four questions: 1) Why should we read books? 2) What kind of books should we read? 3) How should we read? 4) When should we read?

Arnold Voth aroused much curiosity when he announced his topic, "What Is a Laugh?" He defined humor as "the quality of being funny". There are different types of humor, he maintained. One is the unrehearsed and wholly unintentional, another is witticism, which is humor with a sting in it,

and a third type is planned humor—jokes.

He stated that it is good to acquire a sense of humor which will enable us to laugh at our own mistakes. There is no set rule on how to be humorous, he declared. Very often a sense of humor has helped to prevent social embarrassment. One of the illustrations used was:

### AMUS TO MEET IN ELMWOOD

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The relation of Christian ethics to business ethics will be the subject of a discussion at the Sunday, January 27, meeting of the Association of Mennonite University Students. The meeting begins at 8:45 in the Elmwood M.B. church, 155 Kelvin St.

Speakers discussing the topic will be Mr. J. H. Unruh, Mr. W. Loewen, and Mr. John Enns, representing business and law. The public speaking contest will be continued, with the ladies also participating.

All Mennonite students are invited to attend and participate.

### FOUR-DAY MISSIONARY CONFERENCE PLANNED

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Two missionaries and a mission executive have already agreed to speak at the four-day missionary conference planned by the Mennonite Brethren Bible College for February 21 to 24.

Rev. A. E. Janzen, executive secretary of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. Dave Nightingale, M.B. missionary broadcaster from HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, will be the featured speakers at this annual event sponsored by the faculty and the student body. Miss Nettie Berg, M.B. missionary to the Belgian Congo now on furlough, will also serve at the sessions. Others are being contacted.

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Dr. Max Desmarais of the Princess Elizabeth Hospital saws through the last of the 30-pound casts Rudy Klassen has worn during the past 2 years.

## "Feels Great" as 30-Pound Cast Off

"Feels great."

And everyone present could see the smile on Rudy Klassen's face as he said this when the 30-pound plaster cast was finally sawed off in the Princess Elizabeth Hospital in Winnipeg.

He was free—but only after two years in a series of 34 casts. Free to walk. Free to sit up after seemingly endless months lying stomach-down on a rolling stretcher arrangement which allowed him to make use of his arms.

Eighteen-year-old Rudy Klassen of Winkler, Manitoba, was attacked by polio 5 years ago. Although his limbs were not seriously affected by the cripple, his spine was curved badly. Then the fight began—with strong support from the Society for Crippled Children and Adults in Manitoba (a March of Dimes aided institution).

His greatest desire after freedom from life in a cast?

"Take a bath . . . in a real bathtub," replied the slender, six-foot, 150-pound youth. He was smiling as he said it, but nobody could really appreciate the endless hours of physical pain, doubts and fears the lad must have endured during the last two years when he was encased in casts which, at times, almost made him look like an Egyptian mummy.

Rudy, who kept up his school work through the guidance and encouragement of Mrs. C. Smith, who teaches in municipal hospitals, is now in Grade 11 and plans to be a veterinarian after attending the University of Manitoba. For months on end he has been forced to do his homework while lying stomach-down on the stretcher.

The great day of freedom for Rudy was Saturday, January 12. It was made greater by the presence of his family, who had driven in from Winkler to see the final cast sawed off.

There is also a footnote to this story as reported in the Winnipeg daily papers, for Rudy gained another type of freedom while in hospital—freedom from the guilt of sin. About two years ago in the Winnipeg General Hospital he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour through the visitation work of Rev. John Schmidt of the Gospel Light Mission.

### Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bergen of Port Edward, B.C., a son, David Jacob, on January 14. Mr. and Mrs. Bergen are missionaries under the Canada Inland Mission of the Canadian M. B. Conference.