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"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:8.

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Non-Resistance Not Hindering Missions

Winnipeg, Man. — "Non-resistance is not an adjunct to the Christian faith," asserted Rev. Andrew Shelly in his series of messages on peace and non-resistance given in Mennonite churches and the two Mennonite colleges in Winnipeg. Speaking during the day and at evening services from March 25 to 28, he maintained, "Non-resistance is an integral part of Christ's teachings. Properly understood, the entire Bible teaches the doctrine of non-resistance."

On Monday and Tuesday Rev. Shelly addressed the students and faculty at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College and on Wednesday and Thursday he spoke to students and faculty at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College on the themes: "Biblical Foundations for Non-Resistance" and "Practical Questions People Ask." At evening services he addressed audiences at the South End M. B. church, the First Mennonite church, the North Kildonan M. B. church and Bethel Mennonite church.

"Non-resistance did not come up during the late 16th century. It was merely a rediscovery of what the early church held and of what is taught in all of Scripture," Rev. Shelly declared. Discussing the argument that only a minority of Christians hold to the doctrine of non-resistance and that so many

evangelical Christians cannot be wrong, he stated, "Truth is not determined by the number of people holding to it. Even in the natural world reforms had to be begun by minorities who were right. Whether we are right or wrong has nothing to do with percentages."

Rev. Shelly maintained that many evangelicals today are seriously considering the Christian's participation in war. For the first time in modern evangelical history an evangelical magazine, the NAE's organ, **United Evangelical Action**, has carried an article by C. N. Hostetter, Jr., on the peace position of Mennonites. Other evangelical leaders have declared that Christians must seriously consider the peace position of non-resistant denominations.

The doctrine of non-resistance is not hindering Mennonite missions, Rev. Shelly maintained. Although there is only one Mennonite for every 220 church members in North America, one out of every 17 missionaries is a Mennonite.

New frontiers for Mennonites outlined by Rev. Shelly were:

1. To balance doctrine and conduct.
2. To continually apply the doctrine of non-resistance to all people in our generation.

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Bible Conference at Springstein

Springstein, Man. — There are two Mennonite churches in Springstein, one Mennonite Brethren and one General Conference. Both churches have had a tremendous influence on the community in the 30-year-old history of Springstein.

God has poured out His blessings upon both churches, especially in the last two weeks, when each church held a Bible conference, one week apart. The topic under discussion was the same in each case, **The Second Coming of Christ**.

The M. B. Bible conference consisted of five sermons delivered on the last three days of March by 77-year-old Rev. D. D. Derksen

from Boissevain. The brave old soldier of the cross was an inspiration to us. He spoke from experience and with deep conviction.

Rev. Derksen warned that false doctrines encompass us like a horde of disease-carrying insects, and we should look **through** these doctrines, not **at** them. The most deadly doctrine, he cautioned, is that in which truth and error is blended in an interesting, appealing way. He advised us to read the Bible to understand the Bible, for the Bible is self-explanatory.

Rev. Derksen was constructive and practical in his treatment of the subject. He stressed the holy

life of the Christian. The Christian should live every day as if it were the last day. The time, which belongs to God, is short, he declared, and precious, and we should work, for the night is coming when it will be too late. He appealed to the youth especially to use their God-given talent for Him.

We die as we have lived; death does not change us. Only those will enter Heaven who will like it there, Rev. Derksen stated. He challenged us to consider the purpose of life, to work out, through prayer, study of God's Word, and thought, a Christ-centered philosophy of life. He exhorted us to train our seeing, hearing and feeling. Only who see Jesus here on earth, figuratively speaking, will see Jesus in Heaven.

Rev. Derksen gave several reasons for Christ's coming: to save His people from persecution and sor-

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Special Services at Namaka

Namaka, Alta. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here has been blessed recently through a series of messages on Revelation delivered by Rev. Kornelson of Coaldale, Alta. Attendance at the meetings was good and the interest keen. Often those attending the services were astonished at how self-explanatory the book is when read in the light of other Bible passages.

Shortly after Rev. Kornelson's visit, Rev. Peter Goertz from Lindbrook and Rev. B. W. Sawatzky from Coaldale visited the church. Rev. Sawatzky brought a series of messages on the first chapter of Ephesians, emphasizing the spiritual blessings which are the Christian's in Christ Jesus, while Rev. Goertz expounded the Gospel of John, pointing out the struggle between darkness and light.

Good Attendance at Saskatoon Convention

Saskatoon, Sask. — The 2nd annual District Sunday School Convention of the M. B. Church of Northern Saskatchewan began March 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Saskatoon with a full auditorium of enthusiastic Sunday school workers and friends of the Sunday school. An eager, receptive congregation and a large attendance marked every session.

Main speakers for this year's convention were Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church, Winnipeg, and Rev. H. R. Baerg, instructor, M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

Rev. Geo. Braun, pastor of the host church welcomed the congregation and led in the opening devotional exercise. This was followed by a short address by F. J. Gathercole, Superintendent of Public Schools for Saskatoon, on appreciation of the work of the Sunday school in the education of the child.

Letters From Government Leaders

Continuing in this line of thought, Rev. H. R. Baerg in his first message, "Bringing the Child into the Sunday School", noted

how conventions such as this one have two important aspects, that of informing the workers and also of arousing new enthusiasm and interest in the work of the Sunday school. An interesting highlight of his message were letters received by him from various civic leaders, including Mayor McAskill of Saskatoon, and Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan testifying to the great need and importance of bringing the child into the Sunday school.

The inspirational message on Saturday evening brought by Rev. I. W. Redekopp was based on John 21. He dealt with the topic, "Teaching the Child in the Sunday School", under three headings: Motives for teaching, techniques in teaching, and spiritual equipment needed for the task.

Children Can Be Saved

"We wonder if a child can be saved," stated Rev. Redekopp in his second address, "Leading the Child to Christ". This should never be questioned for Christ said that unless we become as little children we shall never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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EDITORIAL

DEVOTIONAL

Is Your Faith Growing Weak?

By Rev. A. J. Block *

A Step In The Right Direction

This newspaper has frequently referred to the problems arising out of the shifting occupational and residential patterns of Mennonite community life. We have also upon occasion pointed out the effects this has upon church life. Family life especially is being victimized and harassed by shift-work, long hours and an over-abundance of activity.

No one will deny that there is a rapidly shifting pattern of residential living. Whereas Winnipeg, for instance, did not contain many Mennonites 30 years ago, it today contains more than half of all Mennonite Brethren in Manitoba, for example. Many others are moving into towns and villages where the pattern of living closely approximates that of the city. No longer is the family an isolated unit on the wide prairie. Today a man's front yard may be the playground for the neighbourhood children, if he speaks loudly he will probably be heard by his neighbour in his living room next door.

Occupationally the trend has changed. No more do the farmer's sons automatically settle on a quarter of land nearby to carry on the traditional way of life. His sons and daughters may be doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers, salesmen, office workers, businessmen, labourers and factory workers. No doubt the large outlay of capital needed to start a farm, the easier eight-hour shift, compensation and security in other jobs contribute to this trend.

The adjustment in family and church life is great. Yet the churches have offered but little assistance, except such as can be done in a casual way. If, however, we want to stop the trend to materialism and to a life of ease and comfort in order to increase spirituality, we will have to make a much greater effort.

A step in the right direction has been taken by the (Old) Mennonites in Pennsylvania. They called a weekend Conference on Christian Relations to focus attention on the problems and try to find solutions. Under discussion by competent men and in open sessions were topics such as Attitudes Toward Industrialization, Opportunities and Responsibilities of Small Businesses, Urbanization and Our Witness, Vocational Guidance of Youth, Holding to the Faith in a Changing Culture, and The Christian Church in Tomorrow's World. It would seem that a similar conference in major Mennonite centres would be extremely valuable for today's Christians. Unless we take the initiative now in this field we will lose still more ground than has already been lost.

For young people the venture in Toronto holds special interest. There, at Menno House, a group of young people will study problems related to industrialization in the evenings after the day's work has been done—after they have come into close contact in real living with the problems. Other cities where Mennonites work might follow suit.

It is true that some churches are making a real effort to meet the needs of today's Christians in an urban environment. But not nearly all are making this effort—and it seems as if some are afraid to come to grips with the problem. The Word of God still has the answers for all of life's problems—but we need to make a concentrated effort, not only as individuals, not only as local churches, but also as provincial and Canadian conferences.

Rules For A Successful Marriage

Judge Joseph Sabath, an outstanding figure in the Court of Domestic Relations, has had a long and varied experience with the affairs of broken homes and wrecked marriages. He has presided for twenty years over what he calls "the nightmare world of divorce courts". He says:

"Ninety thousand people, who have come to the parting of the ways through bitter recriminations, have stood before me to tes-

tify of broken homes, sordid betrayals, and the unbelievable rancor which causes separations.

"Out of my fifty years of married life and my twenty years as a divorce jurist, I have framed a decalogue for those who are married or are contemplating it, which I think would prevent at least ninety per cent of the marital smash-ups.

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The child of God has many and varied experiences in this world since he is only a pilgrim here. Among these experiences are those that could be termed faith-experiences.

The Bible places great emphasis on faith, while the people of this world make much of human achievement. The world's emphasis is extremely one-sided, being weighted in favour of mental and physical abilities. A teacher's education is sought, the minister's talents are bought, and the athlete's abilities are applauded. The life of faith is, however, not popular unless it becomes exceptionally outstanding. And yet, in the sight of God, the experiences of faith count most.

In spite of the emphasis that Scripture places on faith, many Christians today would have to be placed in the group chided by the Master, "O ye of little faith." Thus it is of vital importance that we consider some of the factors that tend to weaken faith. The experiences of Abraham point up several factors that even today help to weaken faith in Christians.

Abraham was 75 years old when he received the promise of a descendent (Gen. 12:4). He probably expected God's promise to be fulfilled shortly, not knowing that it would take a minimum of 24 years before it would be realized. Neither did he know why it would take so long. All the while he was very conscious that both he and Sarah were growing older, and that the moment was approaching when the fulfillment of the promise would be impossible. The time factor involved in the period of waiting must certainly have tended to weaken Abraham's faith.

My dear fellow Christian, have you ever waited impatiently for the realization of God's promise? Weeks may stretch into years—and yet God's promise remains unfulfilled. But can you wait? Or will the time factor weaken your faith?

Again we look at the story of Abraham. He had received anew the assurance from God that He would give Palestine to the seed of Abraham. God had promised him: "Unto thy seed will I give this land" (Gen. 12:27). In spite of this promise Abraham went down to Egypt when a famine began. His urge for self-preservation seems to have weakened his faith.

This factor also entered in when he sensed personal danger because of Sarah's beauty. In that moment he lost sight of the promise and the assurance he had received from God and asked Sarah to identify herself as his sister. He

little realized the difficulties and dangers involved in such false identification, nor did he see what his efforts at self-preservation would bring upon him.

Many Christians have fallen into the same snare. Instead of trusting God in child-like faith they resorted to their own methods to protect themselves. The apparent need for self-preservation weakens their faith. Yet Christ says, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world, shall keep it unto life eternal."

Friend, is your mind occupied primarily with the problem of self-preservation and is your faith weak because of that?

The entrance of reason into our life's problems also tends to weaken faith. The life of Abraham once more serves as our illustration. The years were passing one by one and there was absolutely no indication that the promise of a son would be fulfilled. With the passing of ten years Abraham and Sarah reconsidered their position. He was now 85 and she was 76. When they considered their own bodies it seemed that time was running out without the promise being fulfilled. So they took matters into their own hands to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise (Gen. 16:1-4).

Human reason found its own way, and the result was Ishmael, the blasphemer. How little did Abraham realize the far-reaching effects of that seemingly reason-

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A New Home for European Mennonite Bible School

By Cornelius Wall
MCC Switzerland

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — "Bienenberg" occupies the thinking of every friend of the European Mennonite Bible School. Hotel Bienenberg was recently purchased by the committee of the EMBS to serve in the future as its permanent home.

We look upon this development as an answer to our prayers. The now well-known Starenstrasse location in Basel, where the school started in 1951, did not offer sufficient room for the future. Arisdorf, where classes were conducted the past year, was only a temporary solution.

No one would have believed that by the end of our present school term we would have a new home. But God directs in a wonderful way. Even though our efforts to find a suitable place always went awry, we did not stop trusting God. We knew He had something better for us and that He would provide it in His time.

Committee Decides

Since Christmas Hotel Bienenberg, in the vicinity of Liestal-Basel, suffered setbacks and went bankrupt. This was called to the attention of the Swiss brethren. They inquired and learned the hotel was to be sold at a favorable price.

The transaction had to be made rapidly to avoid competition. The committee was quickly called together and the purchase was made on the last day of school.

The contract was signed February 15 in the presence of sev-

eral competitors who had the cash in their hands but came only a few minutes late. Pupils and workers of the school prayed while the committee met and during the period of anxiety about its purchase.

Financial Needs

On February 26 the creditors conclusively granted Bienenberg to the Bible school at a price of 415,000 Swiss Francs (\$96,652). The greatest part of the purchase price is covered through mortgage. The transfer of title is set for April 15.

All who are connected with the school are thankful to God for His wonderful gift. The financial obligations naturally cause anxiety, but the school cannot hope to find anything more favorable in price in this size and situation. So we want to continue to trust God who hitherto has so wonderfully directed our steps.

During our short visit in Canada and the United States in 1955, we mentioned a building fund which should be raised for the Bible school and prepared you for future requests. We told you about the possibility of one day having to ask for financial help in order to purchase or build a new home for the school. The time for such a call has come.

'57 Term Closes

Please help us place our Bible school "upon its own feet". We know that you are interested in this branch of work in God's vineyard. Contributions may be sent to your conference treasurer or MCC in Akron, Pa., or Waterloo, Ont., designated EMBS.

miles north to Campbell River, where the group boarded the Quadra Ferry. At the island the group was welcomed by the permanent workers from Homewood, who transported the men to the camp.

On our arrival we were taken on a tour of the camp. We were especially amazed at the wharf, which was built by hand, with the total expense being the cost of the cement, \$4.50. If the construction had been let out on contract this wharf would have cost the mission several thousand dollars.

After we had admired the scenic location of the camp, we were divided into smaller working groups. Some poured concrete, while others constructed forms for concrete walls. Another group tore down an old fence and built a new one on a newly surveyed line. Still another party of men cleared land for a proposed new road.

Lunch was served on a rock bluff towering 50 feet above the work-

ing area. After an enjoyable meal we continued our work until five p.m. The group was then given a ride back to Campbell River on the "Go Forth", the camp's 36-foot cruiser.

CELEBRATES 97th BIRTHDAY

By Abe Dyck, Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — For the ninety-seventh time Rev. Abram Peters has celebrated his birthday. These have been ninety-seven eventful years, during which time Rev. Peters has been a teacher, a minister and a personal worker. Even today, when he speaks, one cannot help but see Christ and His grace.

Again this year, at the Newton M. B. church, Rev. Peters' birthday was celebrated. Many guests were present from Newton Siding, Winnipeg and Margaret. Among the guests were Dr. A. H. Unruh, Brother C. A. DeFehr and Rev. I. W. Redekopp. It was a joy to see Dr. Unruh and Rev. Peters, two elderly men of God, shaking hands and wishing each other God's further blessings. One sees such a contrast between these two men, Dr. Unruh a tall, stately old gentleman, and Brother Peters, small and bent. Yet the two together presented a true picture of the power of God in the lives of those who are willing to serve Him.

A number of songs and recitations were presented at the service in honor of Brother Peters, who later said that he felt so small and insignificant in the eyes of God; yet his faith was grounded firmly in Christ Jesus, whose grace was sufficient for him.

For the younger Christians, Brother Peters read Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." He stated that what comes between the beginning and the end we must leave to Him, and trust Him completely.

Rev. Peters is a living symbol of what God can do in our lives if we are but willing to let Him work in us. We will not remember Brother Peters so much for what he has said, but for what he has done and is still doing.

Dedication Set For New Church

By Victor Guenther

Clearbrook, B.C. — Dedication services for the new Mennonite Brethren church here have been set for Sunday, April 14, Dr. A. H. Unruh, well-known Bible teacher, will be the guest speaker.

The new church building of the Mennonite Brethren Church here has been built near the old church,



Ten Brazilian believers were baptized upon confession of their faith at Curitiba, Brazil, on January 27. Pictured here as he baptized one of the Christians is Peter Huebert, pastor of the Brazilian Mennonite Brethren Church. The group included six adults and four young people.

which had been enlarged in 1950 to accommodate the rapidly increasing membership. Located near the Mennonite Educational Institute and the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute, it will provide a beautiful worship center for the membership of 440, largest of the M. B. churches in the central Fraser Valley.

Increasing membership in 1952 made the building of a new church the only logical alternative to enlarging the already several times enlarged church building. Thus with a view to the future funds began to be gathered in 1952. For the last five years one offering a month has been appropriated to the building fund. The actual planning for the new structure began in December of 1955, with construction getting under way in the spring of 1956. Much planning had to be done and many things had to be re-arranged, yet it was always done in complete harmony and with the fullest co-operation of all members. Mr. H. Hiebert, a member of the Abbotsford M. B. Church, was the contractor. The Lord undertook in the construction of the church and we are exceedingly thankful that no accidents occurred and only a very few interruptions were experienced.

Seating capacity will be doubled in the new church, with the new church quite comfortably seating 1,000. It is 56 by 116 feet, with 23 modern rooms ready for the large Sunday school.

We are certainly grateful to God for the way He has led and undertaken for the Clearbrook congregation in the past several years, especially in enabling us to construct a house in which His name shall always be revered and honored.

Mennonite Men Help Build Up Camp

By John Falk

Black Creek, B.C. — Fifteen men responded to a call for volunteers to spend Saturday, March 16, working on improvements at the Homewood Camp on Quadra Island.

Quadra Island lies approximately two miles off the inner coast of Vancouver Island. Homewood Camp is operated by a Christian couple, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Baines. Besides holding summer camp periods for boys and girls, they conduct daily vacation Bible school and do regular mission work. James Poetker, an M. B. Bible Institute graduate from Aldergrove, B.C., is teaching at the school there and helping along in the Sunday school.

Volunteers for the work project gathered at the Black Creek M. B. church with hammers, saws and power tools. We journeyed 20

Something for Everyone at Vineland

By Martha Janzen

Vineland, Ont. — We, as young people, cannot justly complain of boredom in our church life. The term, "There is nothing doing," does not apply, for the very opposite is the case. Let's take a typical week, for instance, the week from Sunday, March 24, to Sunday, March 31, in the life of the M. B. Church of Vineland.

The Virgil "Jugendverein" visited us with a program on Sunday evening, March 24. As is usually done in our Ontario churches, the junior choir served on this evening. In songs, trio, recitation, children's story and sermonette we were made to see God's mercy and judgment to man during the period before the deluge.

Monday night the children of our church demonstrated their German reading and writing ability to us. During the winter months they received instruction every Friday night. The teachers were Mr. Jacob Reimer, John Janzen, and Mrs. Ernie Reimer.

Tuesday night was Young People's. During the winter months this is also the evening the Willing Helpers Sewing Circle meets.

Our two home missionaries, John Epp and John Unger, came on Wednesday to report on their work. We were greatly strengthened in faith to hear of promising results in the Coldwater and Hamilton areas.

The Young Married Couples group met on Thursday evening.

Saturday evening the church was again filled, for all had come to hear the M. B. Bible School present its annual program. We were not disappointed. The first part of the program consisted of an interesting play. "Friedesucher", a young man in search of peace for his soul, receives a tract on the street. He makes a mistake in going to a modern theologian for advice, who advises him to put aside thoughts of death and eternity and to live while he may. He finds peace for his soul when Jesus Christ is presented to him in an evangelical church, but great trials assail him at his place of employment and he loses his job. His brethren in Christ, the young people of the evangelical church, the same ones who distributed the tracts, stand by him and comfort him and also help him to a better job.

We were admonished to speak for the Lord, presenting Christ to the seeking souls of the world. The "Resurrection Story", by Carrie B. Adams, was then presented to us. John Wall, as conductor, and the twenty-one students did a very good job. The soprano and alto solos were sung by Helga Kutz, tenor by Menno Kroeker, and baritone by Ed Hamm. It was a very worthwhile evening. We are thankful for our Bible school.

Sunday morning, March 31, Rev. I. Ewert, Bible school teacher, spoke to us, using Luke 22:31-34, 54-62 as his text. In the evening the Bethesda Home rendered a program.

So we see there is always something doing and no one need feel excluded. The children, young people and adults, all have a part in our church program. All our activity is useless however, if Christ is not the centre of it all.

BIBLE CONFERENCE AT SPRINGSTEIN

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row; to glorify His people; to take His people where He is; to glorify His name through and in His people and to present His faithful children to His Father.

Rev. Derksen also enumerated some of the signs of Christ's coming. These signs he said were given by God mainly as a warning and that others may come to Christ as they see the fulfillment of the prophecies.

Let me end this article by quoting Rev. 22:20: "Surely I come quickly." Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

NON-RESISTANCE NOT HINDERING MISSIONS

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3. To learn to live anew the simple Christian life in this present generation. (Rev. Shelly maintained that today we accept as normal that which is abnormal. As Christians we must continually examine ourselves on our standard of living. In respect to stewardship he said, "I believe it should be a normal expectation that Christian people should give as much to the church as a combination of what the worldly man gives to drinking, smoking and worldly pleasures. In my surveys I find we are doing only half that.")

4. To increase unity. ("As we get closer to the Lord we get closer to one another.")

5. To gain practical, everyday piety and kindness.

Ladies' Choir In Program at Morden

Morden, Man. — A unique program was presented by the ladies' choir of the Morden M. B. Church on Sunday evening, March 31. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. F. Friesen. "Der Segen in den Führungen Gottes" served as the topic for the program.

Some of the songs by the choir were, "Herr, führe du", "The Lord Is My Shepherd", "Lenk mein

Schiff", "Lead Me, Lord". Other songs were by a double trio and a soloist. In addition there were several brief testimonies and a story for the children. A biography of Fanny Crosby, the blind poet, and the origin of her song, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me", was presented with piano accompaniment in the background. Brother W. J. Wiebe of Morden delivered a message on Psalm 23.

The program proved a blessing to all present.

Spiritual Refreshing for S. S. Teachers

Vineland, Ont. — A time of spiritual refreshing was provided for the Sunday school teachers of the Vineland M.B. church on Saturday, March 23.

Rev. A. Block of St. Catharines presented a series of lectures in six sessions to those assembled. The first part of the morning, afternoon and evening was given to answering the question: What does teaching mean to a Christian Sunday school teacher?

The first lecture dealt with the body, that is, the mentality of the child. In secular education this is all-important. Not so in Sunday school. Here it is only our first step, our first point of contact. We were told that the modern child of today is so filled with knowledge of facts by means of radio and television that their teachers must strive to keep up with them. The only thing the children lack is the knowledge of how to live and behave. The other two lectures concerning this question showed us that teaching means to reach the personality (soul) and the spirit of the child.

Other lectures presented were more of a devotional character. In the morning we heard of four circumstances which can cause us to suffer defeat in our life of faith. They are as follows: forgetting God's promises to us; the rise of doubts—we expect to see instant results; the element of reason, as happens when we try to hurry God's promises; the element of personal weaknesses; and the dread of having to sacrifice oneself.

Later in the day we were shown by means of a chart the correct terms to use, and their correlated places in the plan of salvation.

Child evangelism was the theme for the evening message. We were warned not to use human pressure, but to allow the Spirit to reign. We would wish to be vessels used in the Master's hand.

On Sunday morning Rev. Block placed a child in our midst, figuratively speaking, as found in Matt. 18:1-11. In the child of today lies our hope for the future, for it is our church and our nation of tomorrow.

With prayerful hearts we had begun our Sunday school teachers course, and with prayerful hearts we turned homeward again, conscious of our shortcomings and praying for God's guidance.

—M. J.

Yarrow Visited by Bible School

Yarrow, B.C. — On March 31 the Yarrow M. B. church was favored with a program by the 24 students and staff of the East Chilliwack Bible School.

Before the service began the school male quartet sang a number of songs. One of the highlights of the program was a panel discussion on the topic: "Are Bible Schools Necessary?" The members of the panel were unanimously in favor of Bible schools because these train Sunday school teachers and lead to a firm and practical Christian life. They offer a greater knowledge of the greatest Book, which has a copyright that is never outdated. A ladies quartet also rendered several numbers in song.

A dialogue entitled "House Cleaning" was presented, interspersed with songs by the school choir. Mr. Jake Friesen, principal, gave a short message emphasizing peace in the world and the individual, to be obtained only through the Lord Jesus Christ. The evening concluded with the school choir singing The Lord's Prayer.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Sixty-two students are enrolled in the Bage Bible School in Brazil, according to a recent report by the principal, Brother G. H. Sukkau. Of these, 17 are in the advanced theological course with several more expected to enroll. These students from Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay are preparing themselves to be ministers and Christian workers in the South American Mennonite Brethren Churches.

— The Bage Mennonite Brethren Church planned a harvest-mission festival, according to Brother Sukkau. The wheat crop was good as was the price; however, the farmers have not been receiving payment for their grain. Dry weather prevails in the area now and the corn apparently will not yield too well. Health conditions among the people seem to be generally good.

— The Mennonite Brethren Bible School in Friesland Colony, Paraguay, is under way with 14 students in four classes. Willy Janz writes: "The Lord is blessing the work and the staff enjoys teaching."

BERLIN: An Unusual City Today

By Herb Wiebe

(Writer Herb Wiebe is from Abbotsford, B.C., and is a member of MCC European Pax Services serving East German refugees in Berlin with the Red Cross.)

Berlin to me is one of the most interesting and unusual cities in the world. My reason for saying this could be summed up in an introductory paragraph from Peter Orton's book **Outpost Berlin**:

"Imagine a city like London partitioned by the Thames, Paris halved along the Seine or New York divided east and west of Broadway. Then fence one of the two sectors hermetically, not only from the other half, but also from all its surroundings on which its population depends for its supplies, and you begin to approach the problem that is West Berlin."

Continually large transports and railway cars carry every drop of milk, every ton of coal, every pound of potatoes and everything else required by the 2½ million inhabitants of the "island" of West Berlin, through the hostile and forbidden zone of Soviet Germany.

The "iron curtain" separating East and West Berlin runs across the middle of the same streets dividing electrical and sewage systems, which were originally planned to operate for one unified community.

Unemployment

Berlin is interesting and unusual also because it must solve extraordinary problems in the field of social work.



This boy fled from East Germany and now waits to be officially recognized as a refugee. Herb Wiebe, MCC worker, helps his desolate days by providing recreational, cultural and spiritual projects.

Of West Berlin's population only 900,000 are employed while approximately 800,000 acquire income from social insurance, old age pensions, public welfare, youth aid

and restitution payments from the war aftermath's aid.

The unemployment figure in West Berlin is four and a half times as high as in the federal republic. This is an improvement from the time the city was divided when approximately every third Berliner capable of working was unemployed. American and West German grants have created 200,000 new jobs since 1950.

Refugee Problems

Berlin's most pressing social problem presently is the political refugee situation. Since the flood of refugees in 1953 (53,000 refugees arrived in March alone) an endless stream of refugees were recorded in numbers averaging 15,000 to 18,000 a month.

Of the 900,000 refugees who entered Berlin, approximately 40,000 stayed as non-recognized refugees because they failed to meet requirements of the Emergency Reception Law.

These families are maintained through public welfare funds and some draw additional income from sources not under official control. In principle non-recognized refugees must not be flown out of the federal territory.

However due to several joint relief actions between Berlin and the republic they have succeeded in securing employment for thousands in the federal republic.

Added to the unemployment situation and the refugee situation, Berlin must cope with an unusually large old-age population, bad health conditions and a juvenile delinquency problem stemming from long periods of starvation.

Wholesome Recreation

Needless to say the efforts of many West Berlin social workers are directed toward solving many of these problems.

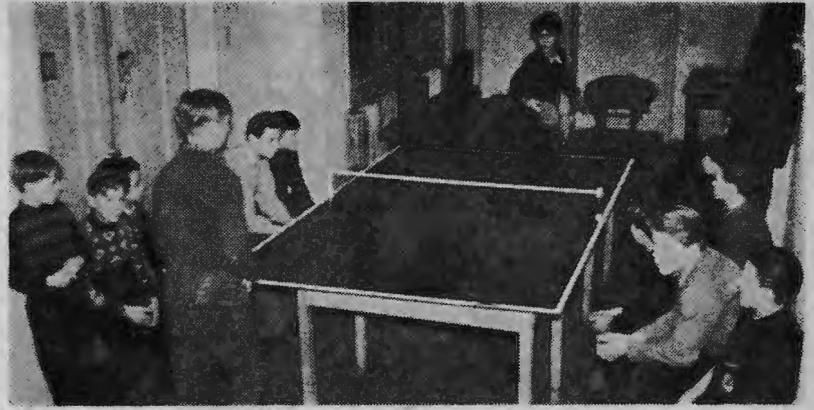
In my work I try to offer to boys and girls sports and cultural activities to keep their minds occupied with something useful and helpful. I have a wonderful opportunity to show them Christian love.

A Berlin sports instructor and I organized a weekly swimming program. Transportation and entrance costs are paid by the city.

I take the group away from the refugee center to special events, such as to an ice review, which was an exciting event for the boys.

The pingpong table which I procured is a major interest of many boys and grownups. Some teenage boys show a lively interest in woodworking and many do good work.

I show religious films each week. Approximately 200-250 persons at-



Recreation is being provided for refugee children in Berlin by H. Wiebe. In the top picture they are playing table tennis, which he taught them. It is a favorite game with them. The bottom picture shows a group of East German refugee boys living in a Berlin camp who enjoyed a day at a youth retreat arranged by MCC worker Herb Wiebe and a Berlin sports instructor. They received three good meals and had a great time in pleasant surroundings.



tend each time to see the film and listen to a short follow-up sermon.

The past three months in Berlin have brought new and exciting experiences to me. The future is challenging because of the possibility of leaving a witness of Christian love with people who have rarely or never experienced it.

May we with greater effort strive to fulfill God's command in Isaiah 43:10: "Ye are witnesses saith the Lord and my servants whom I have chosen."

The Bible Today

At Tangier, as elsewhere, the Book of a Thousand Tongues continues to speak to the nations.

A queer twist was found there the other day in connection with its distribution. The Bible Society's booth was opened personally by the "Mendoub", the Sultan's official representative. He showed interest in the books in Arabic, picked up a portion in Moroccan Colloquial and examined a Bible in the classical language.

To sell the Scriptures in such places requires a good variety of Bibles, Testaments and portions as well as a multilingual team of workers. Local Missionaries of different denominations who could

read and speak a number of languages assisted.

People of all nations passed by. Copies were sold in Spanish, French, English, Arabic, Italian, Hungarian, Czech and even one in Amharic was bought by a Moroccan professor who had studied Semitic languages for 16 years in Prague.

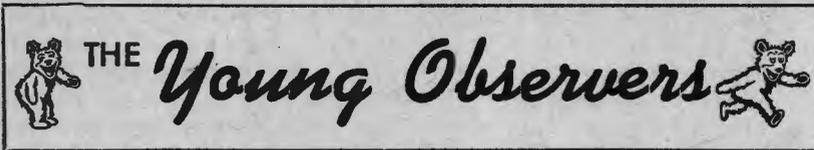
A young Arab looked at the books, and indicating one of the Gospels said, "It is a year since I received that into my heart." A tiny Arab girl stood for awhile reading from the Book of Psalms to her illiterate father and mother before they bought the Book.

The booth was set up by the North Africa Agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

IT IS NOT EASY—

BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS!

- To apologize.
- To begin over.
- To admit error.
- To take advice.
- To be unselfish.
- To be considerate.
- To endure success.
- To keep on trying.
- To avoid mistakes.
- To forgive and forget.
- To make the most of little.
- To maintain a high standard.
- To shoulder a deserved blame.



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Today, boys and girls, we want to look carefully at two things which are often used in the house. From these two things we can see whether we are being the right kind of Christians.

One of these things is a funnel. A funnel has a wide opening at the top and a small opening at the bottom. Much can be poured through the top but only a little can go through at one time.

Boys and girls, are we like a funnel? Do we receive many blessings and keep them for ourselves? Do we only share a little of these blessings as we can?

The other thing we want to look at is a sponge. A sponge when placed in water will soak up as much as it can hold. When it is squeezed dry it can soak up more water. A sponge once it is full of water cannot take anymore until the water in it has been pressed out.

When we go to church and Sunday school we can be like sponges by taking in all the wonderful blessings God has for us. Then when we have been filled let us go out and share all these blessings with others. The more we share with others, the more we will receive. Just think, boys and girls, how happy you will make others then.

What are you doing with all that God has done for you?

Aunt Selma

God Cares For Kittens

Thelma Bresler

Tommy Brown was helping his father clear away the mess left by the recent flood. Half-hidden beneath a toppled chicken coop he saw a little black tail waving frantically, accompanied by a frightened whimper.

"Look, Daddy, it is a little puppy!" Tommy felt again the sick feeling in his stomach as he looked at the little dog who so reminded him of his own lost kitten, Tiger. "Can I keep the puppy, Daddy? Please, can I keep him?" He looked eagerly at his father, who leaned against the pitchfork and smiled at the boy.

"You will have to ask Mother," was the man's reply. "It is Mother who must put up with pets in the house, you know. Go in and ask her for some milk for this little fellow. He is probably half-starved."

Tommy caught up the shivering little dog and ran to the house. "Mother, see what I found! May I keep him, Mother, please? Daddy said to ask you." He looked pleadingly at his mother.

Mrs. Brown looked pityingly at the bit of dog. "Your father probably told you to ask for some milk, didn't he? Well, get some, Tommy, you know where it is. Put it in Tiger's dish. You haven't found Tiger yet, have you?"

Tommy's face lengthened. "No, I haven't, Mother. Tiger has been gone for two days. Do—do you suppose she was drowned in the flood?" Big tears welled in the

boy's eyes.

Mrs. Brown patted his shoulder. "I hope not, son. But aren't you forgetting something? What do we always do when we are troubled about something?"

Tommy's blue eyes brightened. "Why, we always pray, Mother! But do you think God would care about a little kitten? That doesn't seem important to Him, does it?"

Mrs. Brown looked tenderly at her son. "Tommy, you are one of God's children, and any problem that you have is important to Him. God understands the heartaches and joys of the little ones just as He does those of the grown-ups. Now, if I were you, I would just go to my room and tell my Heavenly Father about it. And as for the puppy—well, perhaps he belongs to a little boy or girl. I think we will ask Daddy to go to the village in the morning and put an advertisement in the paper for the kitten and also advertise the little dog."

The next day Tommy and his father walked to the village to place the advertisements. The little puppy frisked along beside the boy, enjoying every skip of the way.

"Daddy," said Tommy, hesitantly, "do you think God will answer my prayers about Tiger?"

Farmer Brown looked at his son. "Tommy, you just keep on believing, and I am sure He will answer you somehow. That is His promise to us."

The next day Tommy and the little black dog were having a game of tag in the living room when a knock sounded at the door. Tommy hurried to the door to admit the young man who stood there. Before the man could say a word, the little puppy hurled himself at him, barking frantically.

"Well, Blackie!" The puppy was gathered into the man's arms. "How did you get so far from Jimmy and Sue?" Tommy stood staring, as shouts of glee came from the old car standing in front of the house. The two youngsters were shouting, "Blackie, Blackie!" In a few minutes they were gone, and Tommy stood looking longingly down the road. "I'm glad we advertised, Mother, but I do miss the puppy already. I—I hope God sends Tiger home soon."

The next evening Tommy did his chores in a half-hearted way. He helped his father bring in the milk, averting his eyes from Tiger's empty dish. He brought in an extra load of wood for the fireplace, then sat down with his spelling book.

"Mee-ow!" The plaintive little cry came to Tommy's ears even before the rap on the door. Tommy ran to the door almost before the cry stopped. "Tiger! Tiger!"

A girl stood there, smiling at Tommy and cuddling the kitten in her arms. "Is this your kitten? Where do you think I found her? She was curled in an old wash tub that floated right past my front door! I heard her crying and reached out and caught her before the tub sailed past. Then when I read the advertisement in the paper I was sure she must be your pet."

Tommy was holding the kitten against his neck, stroking her lovingly. "Yes, this is my Tiger. Now I know that God answers a little boy's prayers, just as He does grown-up's prayers!"

The girl looked startled, then said, "Why, I suppose He would. I just never thought that God would be interested in such little things."

Tommy nodded wisely, repeating the lesson he had just learned, "When we belong to God, there aren't any things too little for Him! He wants us to tell Him 'bout everything, 'cause He is taking care of lilies, and sparrows and—and kittens, just as He does folks!"

From Darkness To Light

In a dark dirty alley stood an old tumble-down house. It was worse than the rest, and poverty, sin and death had all been there. Three little ragged children rolled on the dirty sidewalk. Inside the house a girl, who was not more

than fifteen years old, was getting a meal. In one corner sat her father, drunk. He drank most of the time, and his sin showed on his face.

Five years before, all had been different. The mother was there then, and Christ was there. But the mother was called away to her heavenly home, then the father took to drink; and so now the family was poor and living in sin.

One day Mary, who had to be mother, father, and sister to the other children, went out to beg. Yes, she must either beg or get a hard beating when she came home. A kind lady saw her standing so lonely and sad looking, at the corner of the street. She gently talked to her, and at last Mary told her their story of suffering. The lady took Mary home to her house, and gave her something to eat. While she was eating, the kind lady told her of Christ and His suffering for her. Mary listened with wide open eyes, and at last said, "But will He save Father and the children, and—me, too?" The friend told her that He would; and when Mary left she gave her a basket filled with provisions; and tucked into a corner was a little Bible.

When Mary went home, she began to read the Bible aloud to her sister. Father was not quite so drunk now, for he had been asleep and the sleep had sobered him up. He listened as Mary read, and he thought of his dead wife; and once more he heard the voice of conscience to which he had not listened for so long. Then he broke down and cried. He gathered his children around him and prayed to God to forgive him his many sins.

Today that house stands in that dark alley, not as a home of sin, but a place where Christ's love is known. It is a star shining far and near in the night. The father, a very changed man, sits at the table with his children around him, with a little Bible spread out before him, the same Bible that the kind lady tucked into the basket two years before.

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WHO'S AFRAID?

A little boy, looking very puzzled, came to his father and asked, "Father, is Satan bigger than I am?"

"Yes, my boy," said the father. "Is he bigger than you, Father?" "Yes, son, he's bigger than I am."

The boy looked surprised, but thought again and asked, "Is he bigger than Jesus?"

"No, my boy," answered the father. "Jesus is bigger than he is."

The little fellow, as he turned away, said with a smile, "Then I am not afraid of him."

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(4th Installment)

When she lowered her head, her eyes caught a terrifying sight. The straw to her right was on fire. She tried to put it out, but realized she could not succeed without the Margenau fire department. It consisted of a bucket brigade, and there was no siren. Getting to a fire was a slow process. Liesbeth's eyes began to fill with tears. Should she scream? That would give her away. There was only one thing to do, to pray.

Quickly she backed up a few feet, knelt down and, with her eyes on the burning straw, said, "God, if you will quickly right now put out this awful fire, I'll be a pious Mennonite of the Brethren type the rest of my life and I'll be—and if you want me to, I'll—marry one of those Mennonites—with—wh—" She stopped. The fire had gone out.

It would be foolish to promise more than was necessary, she mused. That was a close shave. It certainly was true that God answered prayer.

As she sought to extinguish the last glowing blades of straw with her bare hands she noticed that it was damp. She touched the straw around the hole in the roof. It, too, was wet and even smelled like rain. Then she made a decision. It was the showers during the night that had put the fire out! God had nothing to do with it! She smiled. That let her out of her promise. Then, on second thought, she realized she would have to keep it. Her face took on a serious mien. Did not God at times answer prayers before the requests were made? That was what the Bible taught. Then here was a clear-cut case of such an occasion. God had sent the rain during the previous night, knowing that the next morning she would start a fire and pray to have it extinguished. Therefore, she really was bound by her promise, after all.

In her mind sadly Liesbeth repeated the promise that she had made—to be a devout Mennonite of the Brethren type during her entire life. "Wasn't it lucky," she chuckled to herself, "that I didn't finish promising to marry an old man with whiskers?" The next moment she was engaged in serious contemplation. A Mennonite's word was as good as a bond or an oath. His promise had to be kept, even if it were not written on

paper and no one had heard it. She would keep it, too. But how? That was a serious question for future consideration. Right then she had another job to do, she must get rid of that unused cigarette stub, destroy the telltale black evidence and return the matches to the kitchen.

Carefully, with her fingers, she collected all the blackened bits of straw and the ashes that she could find. Those and the stub she decided to take with her to the summerhouse ash pile. The matches were safe in her apron pocket, to be returned to the kitchen at the earliest possible moment. With the black ashes in her left hand, she put a new layer of straw over the ill-fated corner of the garret with her right hand, making sure that all evidence of her mishap was completely obliterated.

A few minutes later, she threw the stub and ashes in the unfinished summerhouse and returned the matches to the kitchen just as her mother entered it from the Kleine Stube. To Liesbeth's dismay Mutter remarked, "This room smells like tobacco smoke!"

Liesbeth sniffed critically. "Yes, it surely does. Don't you remember that Shubb—that the salesman was smoking here this morning? That was only a few minutes ago."

Mutter nodded her head, but Liesbeth did not like the peculiar half-twinkle, half-frown expression on Mutter's face and went out to avoid any further complications.

She returned to the poymotti tree just as a black swallow flew in a circle a few feet above, then darted upward, catching a small insect and swallowing it, without stopping. "I wish I could soar up like that bird, 'from here to the pinnacle,'" Liesbeth thought. "But it looks as though I'll have to fly low, near the ground, for a long, long time to come."

She was not interested in Chiffchaff and her egg then. She had less pleasant business on her mind. Forever and ever she would be trapped in the fence of unreasonable, far-reaching Mennonite Brethren traditions. Sitting in the tree above the street walk gave her a feeling of partial escape. "While there's life there's hope," is still my motto," she said to Chiffchaff, as that bird warbled a few encouraging chiff-chaffs in Liesbeth's direction. The following Sunday in the meetinghouse she would listen very carefully to everything that

might be said. Perhaps the minister, in his sermon, or Vater, who was the village Sunday school teacher, in his lesson, would give her an idea that might help her to fulfill her ambitions and, at the same time, keep her promise in an interesting manner.

CHAPTER II

A CRIME

Saturday was always a busy time in Liesbeth's house. It was the day when Vater's patrons called for the suits, coats, vests or trousers that had been promised for that weekend. Before the customers could get the clothing, the basting threads had to be pulled out; that was Liesbeth's job. Vater pressed the clothing, and Anna sewed on the buttons. Finally, the remnant had to be tied up and the bill figured out; that was Vater's responsibility.

After school, which on Saturdays closed at noon, David chopped and raked the weeds in the front and back yards and the driveway. Liesbeth swept a good part of the front yard and sprinkled gravel over a few mud holes that had refused to dry after the rain earlier in the week.

The week before Palm Sunday, Mutter and the children had covered the outside and inside walls of the whole house with "weisse Erde" or white earth, from the pits near Hierschau. They had painted the red and yellow fence along the street and along both sides of the driveway. During the same week Vater had whitewashed the trunks of the poymotti and krushki trees along the street and of the cherry, pear, apricot and apple trees along his side of the street. Everything inside and outside of the house had received a thorough Easter cleaning. It had to be done before Palm Sunday because the week following it was Holy Week with a prayer service on Ash Wednesday, fasting, communion and feet-washing services on Green Thursday and solemn services on Good Friday. The latter day was especially significant. The Mennonites called it Silent Friday. On that day, all work ceased. The children were not permitted to play baseball or other boisterous games. There was no visiting with neighbors and little talking. If the children were too noisy, they were quieted down.

Toward Saturday evening, the rush was over. The two tailors, Vater and Anna, had completed their work, and Mutter had moved into the shop with a broom, dustpan and cloth. She rearranged the tables and sewing machines in such a manner that the room ceased to resemble a workshop and looked very much like the Grosze Stube of any other village home. However, there was one big difference; that Grosze Stube had a dirt floor. All three rooms in the house

had dirt floors. The only exception was the section of the kitchen that lay above the cellar. That eight-foot-wide segment, which extended from one side of the house to the other, between the barn wall and the open kitchen, had an unpainted rough board floor. It had already received a thorough scrubbing earlier in the afternoon. when Mutter finished sweeping the dirt floor of the Grosze Stube, rearranging the furniture and cleaning and dusting, the air smelled clean and fresh. She sprinkled a few handfuls of snow-white sand over the floor. That was the signal for the members of the family to put aside the chores of the week and get ready for a quiet, peaceful weekend. There would be good food, meditation and harmless games. Once in a while this included walks to the cemetery, the forest or the reservoir at the Apanlee on the other side of a rolling hill south of Margenau. Again they might go to the black hole. The black hole was a place from which, during the winter, ice was hauled to refill the little, low ice cellar across the street from the meetinghouse.

Saturday night everyone took a bath in the circular enamel wash-tub in the wash space of the barn. Each one polished his own shoes to the highest gloss and washed his hair. Without qualm, on Saturday nights, David put his schoolbooks away for the weekends. His lessons had been completed long before that time. After finishing his daily chores, Vater straightened the manure pile behind the shed and put a layer of chaff straw over it.

As a result of the Easter cleaning and painting and the Saturday scouring and cleansing, Liesbeth's home, yard and garden conveyed the idea that Sunday was going to be a satisfying day. In Margenau and in the other fifty-eight villages of the Molotschna colony no one except the servants worked on Sundays and holidays. They, too, were excused from work Sunday afternoons. Not even the women and older girls needed to do much work on Saturdays or the days before holidays.

(To be continued)

The Young Church in Action By J. B. Phillips.

This is a new translation of the book of Acts by the translator of "Letters to Young Churches" and "The Gospels". In this translation Luke's work is rendered into contemporary English for new readers, for lovers of the Bible, and also for those who have given up reading their Bible because its familiarity dimmed its meaning.

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Give Your Summer To God

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Are you searching for a good way to spend the coming summer? You would like to spend it in Christian service, but bills must be paid too.

Then perhaps the Summer Service program of Mennonite Central Committee has a good suggestion for you in both voluntary and paying positions. Take a look at the opportunities.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota. — Ten psychiatric aides may serve in this 1900-patient State Hospital in 1100 acres of northwest Minnesota lake country from July 1 to August 31 at \$199 a month.

Institute of Logopedics, Wichita, Kansas. — Eight persons are needed in recreational, classroom and relief duty to serve children with speech and hearing defects at this nationally-known institution. Dates are June 10 to August 24 at \$15 a month.

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. — Twenty healthy men and women as normal controls may join this unit for research studies in cancer, cardiac diseases, arthritis and mental health. Studies are not hazardous and go from June 13 to September 1 at \$100 a month.

Santa Clara Valley, California. — Three mature men and women may join ecumenical units in ministering to migrant workers. Dates are June 24 to August 19 at \$15 a month.

Hastings, Minnesota. — Ten persons as psychiatric aides may join the unit to serve mentally ill patients in the State Hospital located about 20 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Dates are July 1 through August 31 at \$100 a month.

New York State. — Sixteen men and women are needed to teach crafts, lead recreation and Christian education in migrant labor camps in Hamilton and Waterville July 1 to August 24 at \$15 a month.

Camp Paivika, Crestline, California. — A mountain camp providing recreational activities for 600 crippled children in five two-week sessions needs ten men and women with two years of college training as counselors. Camps go from June 21 to August 30 with wages totaling \$160 for the summer.

Fairlee Manor, Chestertown, Maryland. — This rustic camp beside Chesapeake Bay offers camping experience for crippled children June 31 to August 31. Counselors with two years of college training receive \$75 a month.

Mexico workcamp and tour. — Valuable experience in service plus two hours of college credit may be earned by participating in the

workcamp (July 4 to August 3 costing \$50) and tour (August 4-21 costing \$185) to Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, led by Dr. Willard Smith of Goshen College. Twelve persons may join the workcamp and 17 additional persons may join the tour.

Canada. — Workers are needed in mental hospitals, tuberculosis sanatoria and a farm for underprivileged boys. Wages range from \$15 to \$145 a month (write to MCC, 10 Union Street E., Waterloo, Ont.).

Room and board is provided at all projects. **Your inquiries will be welcomed by MCC Summer Service, Akron, Pa.**

MORE ABOUT

S. S. Convention at Saskatoon

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"What happens when children come to Christ?" queried Mr. Redekopp. The hand of Christ is placed upon their young lives, and the blessing of God rests upon them, he stated in reply. As adults we are in danger of becoming a stumbling block to these little ones by teaching them that Christianity is a "thing", an experience, and not a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. We each have our own individual pattern for conversion which we expect children to adopt. We are also stumbling blocks to children when our testimony is not in agreement with our lives. "It costs so little to become a Sunday school teacher. It costs so much to stay one," challenged Mr. Redekopp.

Twenty-Four Workshops

In his final address of the convention, "Training the Child for Christian Service", Rev. Baerg stressed the need of sound leadership in our Sunday school movement. We must develop the attitude in the minds of the children while they are young that they will be serving when they grow older. The church has failed in this field of its responsibility to train leaders. "The Sunday school is the training area for the church," he stated.

18 Churches Represented

Twenty-four workshops covering all departments were conducted during the course of the convention by picked, qualified workers of the district. The choice of subject material was practical: "Scripture Memorization Through the Sunday School", "The Discussion Method in the Sunday School", etc. The workshops were well-attended and the response from the workers was very enthusiastic as they commented on them between sessions. Workshop outlines were available in folder form.

Workers from over eighteen

churches and mission stations of the Northern M. B. district, including also the Dalmeny and Langham E.M.B. churches and Salem K.M.B. church were represented at the convention. Some churches reported 100% attendance of its Sunday school personnel at all sessions.

An interesting feature of the Sunday evening service was the brief reports given by the superintendents of the various Sunday schools. According to statistics submitted by these superintendents on enrollment, close to 2,500 children will soon feel the spiritual impact of messages and workshops as relayed through the workers. One superintendent didn't like the statistics of the Sunday school he represented. He refrained from quoting them! The value of canvassing for students was pointed out by still another superintendent. With the help of another church in the area, the entire district had been canvassed and they were now able to say that only eight children in the community were not enrolled in a Sunday school.

Enthusiasm Revealed

A special word of commendation must be given the convention personnel for their untiring efforts in the work of preparation for the convention. Many weeks of planning preceded these two days of meetings. The convention committee consisted of Rev. P. J. Wiebe, Hepburn; Ed Buller, Wes Willems, Jake Warkentin, Saskatoon; Alec Schultz, Waldheim; Henry Bartsch, Dalmeny.

In his closing remarks Rev. P. J. Wiebe pointed out that this is a work that must be done with hands joined. The enthusiastic manner and wholehearted way in which the pastors, superintendents, workers, the host church, and interested friends had taken hold of the task seemed to prove his statement.

Special musical items were brought by church choirs, trios, girls' choir, and musical groups from the churches represented. The warm, friendly hospitality of the host church was appreciated by all.

RULES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

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"Here, to me, are the rules of a successful marriage:

1. Bear and forbear.
2. Work together, play together, and grow up together.
3. Avoid the little quarrels, and the big ones will take care of themselves.
4. Compromise (give and take). It is the anti-toxin of divorce.
5. Practice sympathy, good humor and mutual understanding.

6. Don't grouch before breakfast or after it.

7. Respect your "inlaws", but don't criticize them or take criticism from them.

8. Establish your own home, even in a one-room flat.

9. Fight for each other, but not with each other.

10. Build your home on religious faith, with love and forgiveness as the watchwords.

"The Lord's Word, through the Apostle Paul, to saved wives and husbands is: 'Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them' (Colossians 3:18-19)."

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IS YOUR FAITH GROWING WEAK?

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able act. History still witnesses to the tragic results, for both Israel and Ishmael are still in the promised land.

Even today it is true that in matters of faith reason must be made the servant, not the dictator. In Hebrews 11:2 we read: "For by it (faith) the elders obtained a good report." Upon what is your Christian report based? Has your faith been weakened because you had to wait, or because you thought you were in danger, or because you thought you had to take matters into your own hands? Or are you known because of your staunch faith?

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Pastor Resigns at Greendale

Sardis, B.C. — Rev. H. Unger, pastor of the Greendale M. B. Church for the past two years, has resigned. Rev. J. B. Harder was elected acting leader until a permanent solution is found.

International Youth Conference Planned

Frankfurt am Main, Germany — An International Mennonite Youth Conference is being planned in conjunction with the Sixth Mennonite World Conference. This will be held in Karlsruhe, Germany, from August 17 to 19, and it is designed to create understanding and goodwill between European and North American young people.

Suggestions for the nature of this youth meet and notification of planned attendance should be mailed as soon as possible to: Adalbert Goertz, Weidenbornstrasse 45, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Methodist Mission Leader Sees Oriental Challenge

A dramatic resurgence of the Hindu, Buddhist and Islamic faiths is making them look upon the United States as a primary target for missionary and evangelistic work, Dr. Eugene L. Smith, Methodist foreign missions executive, told a recent gathering in Chicago.

"We were born into a world where Christianity moved out to challenge rival faiths," he said. "Today those rivals are moving into the heartlands of Christianity. Asia is determined to win not only political but also religious initiative away from the West."

"Nationalistic passions" have stirred the Oriental religions, Dr. Smith declared. He said that in the past 50 years Islam has grown from 175 to 300 million followers and that Buddhism has again begun to seek converts. "Even Hinduism is moving into mission work in Africa, Europe and America," he declared, adding a warning against "militant communism committed to the destruction of all religion".

Christian missions must maintain "at least the men and money required to keep morale high and to continue its rate of expansion," he urged.

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Ambassador Says Half of China's Christians Defy Reds

Half the Christians in China have refused to obey communist government directives and are conducting their worship services in secret, Ambassador Hollington K. Tong of Nationalist China declared. In a dinner speech in Washington, D.C., the ambassador from Free China said that the Chinese Chris-

tians who are permitted to communicate with the West are members of "show case" churches that the communists maintain for propaganda purposes. He said that most Christian groups in Communist China continue to feel severe persecution. By way of contrast, he said that Christian missions are thriving in Formosa. The number of Christians on the Nationalist-held island has multiplied six times since World War II, he declared, and now totals more than a quarter million out of a population of ten million.

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American Negro Evangelist Draws Big Crowds in Africa

An American Negro has been drawing large crowds since he arrived in West Africa in mid-January. The Rev. Howard O. Jones, pastor of Smoot Memorial church, Cleveland, Ohio, went to Africa for a four-month evangelistic campaign at the invitation of the Sudan Interior Mission. Accompanying him on his tour of Liberia, Gold Coast, and Nigeria is "Willie" Quimby, an American Negro vocalist and song leader.

In Liberia, Mr. Jones was entertained at a State banquet by President William V. Tubman, who thanked him for the spiritual help he had given the Negro republic. Later in Gold Coast the evangelist met and talked to students in the colleges and made a big "hit" with them. At present he is preaching in Nigeria. Newspapers and radio stations have given favorable publicity to his meetings. He said he hoped his campaigns would help to break down prejudice against American Negroes going to Africa as missionaries.

of the heart are concerned. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8), remains as the One "Saviour with the satisfying solution. "Entrance" into Christ (II Corinthians 5: 17) is the proven "exit" from the tensions and torments and tragedies of today's world, and they who believe otherwise are not blessed by that which is their imagined comfort. There needs to be an awakening of the requirement of personal relationship with the Lord, and the insufficiency of all else.

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Railways Inaugurate Special Rates

A carload incentive plan—which provides for rates that may be as much as 50 per cent lower than present rates—has been adopted by Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways to attract more traffic to railways in the west.

The lower rates, which went into effect on April 4, apply to traffic between distributing and manufacturing centres in the west.

The rates will apply to consumer goods such as butter, cheese and other groceries, dry goods, hardware, canned goods, and larger items such as agricultural implements, chemicals, paints, composition roofing, tractors and reinforcing steel.

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Second Pulp Mill For Saskatchewan

A second multi-million dollar pulp mill operating in northern Saskatchewan, opening up 12,000 square miles of virgin timberland in the Meadow Lake area, 150 miles north of Prince Albert, is to get under way this spring. The mill will provide work for about 1,500 men.

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Winnipeg Revenue Building Guttled

Fire raging out of control on Monday, April 1, gutted the Revenue building in Winnipeg, but firemen managed to save the adjoining School of Arts building. Almost all the records in the building were saved by employees, but thousands of dollars worth of testing equipment for the motor vehicles branch of the city was heavily damaged.

Visited By Fresno Choir

By George Konrad

Vancouver, B.C. — The president and choir of the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, Calif., served at the morning worship service of the Fraserview M. B. Church on Sunday, March 31. The program pro-

vided an interesting change as well as a spiritual challenge.

Rev. B. J. Braun, president of the M. B. Biblical Seminary, Mr. Dietrich Friesen, choir director, and Miss Schumacher, organist and faculty member of the Institute, accompanied the 36-voice choir.

Under the able direction of Mr. Friesen, the choir challenged the audience with selections like "Blessed Art Thou, O Israel" and "Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting". Gospel songs sung by a ladies sextet, a male quartet, and a ladies quartet included "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" and "Beautiful Saviour". Donald Pauls, tenor soloist, sang "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth", an aria from the Oratorio "Elijah". This German presentation pleased the Canadian listeners!

In a short message Rev. Braun directed our attention to Jesus Christ, the author of our peace with God, from God, and with one another. He based his message on Ps. 119:165 and Is. 57:20.

Following the service the group was served with a fellowship meal after which they left for the Fraser Valley, where an afternoon and evening meeting had been scheduled.

Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the Fraserview M. B. Church, expressed his gratitude on behalf of the congregation for the service rendered. The listeners experienced a spiritual refreshment and a revived interest in the work of "our" schools in the U.S.

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By Edwin Raymond Anderson

Intelligence reports from Paris indicate a planned revival of the Cominform, the dreaded nerve-center of international Communism. However a new and different name is planned with the resumption of operations.

Change of name . . . then what? Here is the most "change-less" of changes for nothing is changed; the product in the package carries on as before. There is evidence of much name-changing in today's news, underlining the itch after newness. For example, the "undertaker" has now changed into the "mortician". But alas, he is still dealing with the dead.

This should be underscored in the realm of things spiritual. Men and women are trampled down by themselves, seeking and searching for a happy way marked "exit", indicating relief and release. Much that carries the name of religion has served up many an old dish under some new name, but the problem has not been solved. "Exit" seems further away, and little wonder that many are turning away in disillusionment and disgust.

The Word of God must be taken into more vital account. The change-less victory indicated in the volume cannot be written out of the picture, for there has been no basic change where the issues



Road Project Moving Ahead

The Trans-Chaco road is projecting several miles northward from the Paraguay River toward the Chaco.

Meanwhile engineers and colony leaders have determined the point of entry into the three Chaco colonies. The bush is being cleared for surveyors.

An International Cooperation Administration engineer said the road project should have no major problems from the terrain between the Paraguay River and the Chaco.

He explained there were few swamps and only a few rivers requiring bridges, which probably will be constructed of wood. He said dirt could be moved to areas where water stands during the rainy season.

Seven MCC men and four Chaco men are working on the project as operators, mechanics and instructors. Foreman of the group is Harry Harder (Mountain Lake, Minn.).

The project is a joint operation of the Paraguayan government, providing workers and equipment; the United States government, furnishing engineers; and MCC and the colonies, providing some workmen.

Korean Children Thankful

Mennonites have been referred to by a Korean boy as "Samaritans on the way to Jericho offering Jesus-love."

Choi Dong Yoon, who lives in an orphanage regularly supplied with food and clothing by MCC, in a letter thanks Mennonites for the help given homeless children—particularly through Mennonite representative Harry Harms (Sardis, B.C.).

He explained that Korean boys have been impressed by not only the gifts, but also by his life and "higher activity".

In fact Dong Yoon wrote, "All of us call out to follow Mr. Harry Harms and some of us are growing to be 'small Harry Harms'."

Bibles Distributed in Greece

Robert Lambright (Lagrange, Ind.) has distributed Bibles to supplement his work in agricultural rehabilitation in western Greece. Villagers were thankful and are reading the Bibles, he said.

Lambright reports gradual improvements in his projects of hog raising, food preservation, soil conservation and other projects. He gives weekly lectures on soil

erosion, poultry raising, gardening, bee keeping, 4-H clubs and other topics.

An additional project has been that of starting the construction of a village church. The village work of Lambright and Ira Zook (Latour, Mo.) at Ioannina, Greece, is sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

California Migrants

Voluntary service workers at Huron, Calif., explain there are several kinds of migrant camps—irrigators', tractor drivers' and cotton pickers' camps.

Workers visit these camps to minister to the spiritual and social needs of the migrants. One such camp is No. 27, an irrigators' camp, where the residents are more permanent than in some camps.

The camps have many children, so much of the service by the MCC workers is styled for them. "There is no problem in announcing our arrival," say the workers. "The minute the children see the familiar station wagon they run to meet it asking what game they can play."

On some occasions workers take some of the youngsters into the Coalinga Hills for a hike. Workers declare, "It is our hope that by playing with these children and teaching them Bible stories they will experience the love of Christ."

Make Exploratory Trip

Two workers from the medical project in Java of Indonesia are making an exploratory visit to the Indonesian island of Halmahera where possible medical and agricultural assistance could be given.

Glenn Hoffman (Maytown, Pa.) and Christian Yoder (Warwick, Va.) are visiting the town of Tobelo where the only organized hospital of the island is located. Agricultural assistance has been requested on coconut plantations owned and operated by the indigenous church.

Their visit is made at the invitation of the self-supporting but struggling Evangelical Christian Church of Halmahera whose 32,000 members comprise half the population of the island. It was established in 1949 and stems from European missions.

Newfoundland Recruit

Rachel Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Miller of Manheim, Pa., has begun service as a nurse in Notre Dame Bay Hospital at Twillingate, Newfoundland, where she joins a ten-member voluntary service unit. She is a member of Erisman's Mennonite Church at Manheim.

New Pax Pastor

Noah Good of Lancaster, Pa., dean of Lancaster Mennonite School, will replace John P. Duerk-

sen (Hesston, Kans.) as European Pax Services pastor.

He is on sabbatical leave from LMS and has been commissioned to also serve part-time as counselor for the Luxembourg and France missions with the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities.

The Goods will serve one year and will reside in Kaiserslautern. They expect to begin responsibilities by July 1. The Duerksens, now completing two years of service, plan to remain in Europe.

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

Wednesday, March 20, saw a prayer and fast day in College. Instead of the usual routine of classes and meals, all those things usually considered necessities were forgotten as students and faculty concentrated on the things of God. After private devotions, the college family gathered in chapel to hear Rev. D. Ewert's message on, "Refreshing From the Lord". We need to realize our own need, for our hearts are naturally wayward. To experience refreshing we must desire it with all our being, and then fulfill the requirements, be quiet before God, search our hearts about very concrete issues in our life, and not merely gloss over matters generally.

After the service, each one went to his room or to a secluded place, and for six hours we concentrated upon our relationship to God. The experiences, as the testimonies later revealed, were varied, but all showed that in quietness and the forgetting of worldly routine, God can probe down to the very nerve of one's being. Work often overwhelms; thus it is imperative to consider God alone, and, above all, let Him part the rationalistic veil we carefully hang about most of our actions so that He can show them for what they really are. It always brings a time of repentance, humility, and then fuller joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

For two days this week we were privileged to have Rev. Andrew Shelly of the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chicago, give us lectures on the "Biblical Principles of Non-Resistance". Some far-reaching principles were expounded: We do not believe in non-resistance because war is terrible, or because in so doing we are free for relief work. We believe in it because the complete Bible—which is wholly inspired—teaches it. Jesus Christ expects more from his followers than from the world. Non-resistance is a matter of love and the greatest expression of love is forgiveness. We do not love in response to something, but because love is essentially in us and we cannot help it.

This latter point was elaborated very well, showing that the way

we treat the sales clerk or the man who accidentally jostles us on the street says more about our love than trumpeting it to all the earth in time of war. In some matters, love requires us not to be human, but superhuman through Christ.

The conference revealed that there is still much uncertainty about the matter of non-resistance. Though Rev. Shelly clarified much, there are still many practical and theoretical phases which must be solved by the individual. As one student rather pointedly asked another after the first lecture: "Are you non-resistant? If so, how long?"

Have you ever thought through all it can mean? Can you answer the question? Rudy Wiebe.

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BIBLE INSTITUTES

Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute, Clearbrook, B.C.

This last week of school was one of much mental stress and strain for the students in our institute. They wrote their final examinations March 15-21.

Then on Friday morning, March 22, Mr. John Redekop, the son of Rev. J. F. Redekop, instructor in our institute, visited us in a chapel period. Since Friday was the last day of classes, he challenged the students with 2 Timothy 2:15, to remember that they now were accountable for all the knowledge they had acquired. "You have studied the Bible but now it is essential that you also proclaim and rightly divide the Word," he insisted.

His armchair travelogue, which took us through North Africa and the Holy Land via slides and comments, provided us with a background of present-day Palestine for our studies in Life of Christ. Mr. Redekop was certain that if we would send all the infidels, agnostics and atheists to Palestine they would be convinced of the fact that there was a real and living God.

Saturday evening, March 23, students, teachers, graduates and parents of the graduates attended the graduation banquet in the beautifully decorated auditorium. The third class were the hosts and Dave Friesen was the master of ceremonies for the evening. The fellowship began with a sing song led by Richard Ratzlaff. The class three students had prepared a very delicious dinner. The entertainment for the evening consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers and a one-act play entitled "Empty Hands". This play dramatized the work of several missionaries labouring in India. It presented an extremely touching and challenging message.

Rev. George Konrad, a former student and graduate of the institute, delivered the evening message. Speaking on the text from Matthew 5:13-17, he stressed the necessity and importance of "letting your light shine before men". This, incidentally, was also the theme for the evening and served as a very appropriate challenge to the 1957 graduates of our institute. In recognition and appreciation of the many sacrificial efforts made by the teachers, the graduating class presented each teacher with a gift, a picture of the graduates. The closing remarks were made by the principal, Rev. A. H. Wieler.

The three-day Bible Conference of March 24-26 was doubtless one of the salient mountain peaks of our studies at the institute. A series of six services were conducted in

the Mennonite Educational Institute auditorium. Rev. David Ewert, instructor at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg, was the visiting speaker. On Sunday afternoon and Monday and Tuesday mornings Rev. Ewert delivered a series of exegetical messages on Paul's private letter to Philemon. He spoke on: "Der freundliche Brief des Seelsorgers" (1-7); "Die freundliche Ermahnung des Seelsorgers" (8-14); and then Tuesday morning he concluded the study of Philemon, speaking on "Das freundliche Gesuch des Seelsorgers" (15-25).

The evening services were in the English language. Rev. Ewert's three messages were: "The Response of the Soul to the Grace of God" (Romans 12:1-2); "Christian Liberty" (Galatians 5:13-25); and at the graduation exercises, "A Commencement Prayer" (Ps. 143:10). Abe Wiebe, a class three student, delivered the farewell speech and Victor Guenther was the valedictorian.

For 14 students this evening meant the culmination of a four-year religious education and training course. They received two diplomas: one from the Bible Institute and the other from the Evangelical Teachers Training Association. These diplomas are recognized in over 100 other schools both in Canada and the United States.

Grace Bible Institute Omaha, Nebraska

Fourteenth Annual Missionary Conference

Directed by the Holy Spirit and drawn from rich missionary experiences were the messages of the Annual Missionary Conference, March 18-22, at Grace Bible Institute. Numerous challenges from a variety of mission fields were presented.

On three evenings Dr. G. Christian Weiss, director of missions at the Back to the Bible Broadcast, spoke, imparting from his wealth of missionary knowledge. Spiritual and practical qualifications for missionaries and the need on the field for both general and specialized missionaries were the themes of Mr. Harvey A. Driver's messages. Mr. Driver, the executive secretary of the Congo Inland Mission, has traveled extensively in Africa and spoke as one who knows the field as it is.

Of great interest were the presentations of the Rev. J. Richard Reed, program director of Radio Station ELWA in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. As a member of the first small group of Wheaton College students who met to pray about a radio station in Africa, he could trace the work from its beginning to its completion about three years ago and now to its

tremendous missionary outreach. The film showing the development of the station enhanced his lectures.

The Rev. Philip E. Armstrong, executive secretary of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, made his messages vivid with illustrations from missionary life on the field. The spiritual qualifications of a missionary were the main emphasis of his messages.

That young people might know and follow the will of God implicitly was the burden of Rev. Sylvester Dirks' heart. As a pioneer missionary to the jungles of Peru, he related practical and interesting experiences from the field, showing the need for intercessory prayer in behalf of missionaries in lonely and difficult places.

The deputation secretary of the Orinoco River Mission and a former missionary to Venezuela, South America, the Rev. Richard C. Steward presented the needs, the people, and the life of Venezuela.

The Macedonian Missionary Fellowship project of the week was a missionary offering of \$2,500. The goal was exceeded—a total offering of \$3,242.59.

A fitting close to the conference was the Friday evening service

when missionaries appeared in costume. Dr. Weiss directed the symposium in which questions of interest to future missionaries were discussed. Five missionary candidates gave their personal testimonies.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3).

East Chilliwack Bible School

Change Date of Anniversary Service

The tenth anniversary celebration of the East Chilliwack Bible School has been changed from April 14 to Monday, April 22, it has been announced.

The students and staff have been visiting a number of Fraser Valley churches in recent weeks. They have presented programs in the East Chilliwack, Chilliwack, Greendale and Strawberry Hill M. B. churches. Preparations are being made to visit the Yarrow and Vancouver M. B. churches.

The ladies' quartet of the Bible school served at the closing conference of the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute at Clearbrook, B.C., on Sunday, March 24.

COLLEGES

Tabor College

Choirs to Tour at Easter

Tabor's musicians are expecting a busy Easter season, with both major choral groups planning tours during the holidays. The college choir's itinerary will take a major choral group from Tabor into the Pacific Northwest for the first time.

This choir, under the direction of Professor Herbert C. Richert, will give its first program in South Dakota April 11. After singing in several K.M.B. churches in that state, the singers will travel to Mennonite Brethren churches and schools in Montana, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, making a total of 13 appearances by April 24. The 35-voice group will be accompanied by a speaker, Rev. Marvin Hein, assistant professor of Bible.

Work Days Will Aid Student Center Development

The goal for this year's sixth annual Student Work Days, April 5 and 6, has been set for \$2,500, with all proceeds from the earnings going into the Student Center Building Fund. Work days the past two years plus special student fees have swelled the Fund to \$10,582 to date.

If this year's work days live up to previous ones, students and faculty will scatter over a wide radius to perform a variety of jobs

provided by friends of the college. In past years they have worked in such far-flung points as Oklahoma, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota.

Two Win State Oratory Contests

Two Tabor College orators were declared winners in state oratory contests held recently. Jona Baltzer, sophomore from Peabody, Kansas, took first prize in the Kansas Anti-Alcohol Oratory Contest held on the campus of McPherson College March 13. His speech was entitled "The Lawful Outlaw", and carried with it a prize of \$50, awarded by the sponsor of the event, the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Dalton Reimer, Reedley, California, sophomore, placed first in the Kansas Intercollegiate Peace Speech Association's oratory contest at Bethel College March 16. His winning speech, "Hopeful Endeavors" also brought him a cash award.

As a result of these wins, Tabor men will be the Kansas representatives in the forthcoming national contests of both of these organizations.

One Church a Day Started

Springfield, Missouri. — The Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God announces that 769 new Assemblies of God churches have been started in the 26-month period, January 1, 1955, to March 1, 1957, making an average of one a day.

Open Letter from Harvey Toews

To Mennonite Brethren Young People

Dear friends:

In recent months I have been reflecting on the essential mission of the Church. We often hear about missions and our minds create an imaginary picture of a man wearing a sun helmet talking to a group of coloured people, presenting the Word of Life to them.

I wonder if we could not say that the Church has a mission, and that this includes not only the verbal witness in a foreign or home field, but also a witness of service and work in which our attitudes, dedication and love are demonstrated in every area of human need.

Sometimes I wonder if you know

that your Conference is operating an institution that represents a very important witness in an area of need that was very close to your Lord's heart when He walked among men. An interesting study would be to read the Gospel accounts and make a notation of each instance where Christ healed the sick and those possessed by devils. I think you will be surprised what a large percentage of the three years of his service was spent at this work.

At the Bethesda Home in Vine-

land you would have the opportunity in a small way to minister to the same needs that Jesus thought so important. Your church has said that this is an important area of need and has invested thousands of dollars to back up this conviction. Now they are asking for the help of young people so that their regular staff may take a well-earned vacation during the summer months. They are even willing to pay you \$75.00 per month to make it possible for you to come.

I will be watching the mails for letters of inquiry from you. Address inquiries to Harvey Toews, Mennonite Central Committee, 10 Union St. East, Waterloo, Ont.

Recovers After Operation

Grassy Lake, Alta. — Miss Katie Dyck, who has undergone an operation for the removal of some malignant tissue, is at home again, having made a splendid recovery.

On the Horizon

April 7 — The North Kildonan M. B. Church choir will sing the Easter section of the cantata, "Jesus Nazarene", by Bruno Leibold.

April 7. — The Fraserview M. B. Church choir will sing the Oratorio, "The Crucifixion", by John Stainer, both in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Peter Koslowsky from Niverville, Man., will be the tenor soloist and Mr. Ken Smith, Vancouver, the bass soloist.

April 14. — The choir of the Elmwood M. B. Church will present a program of thematic Easter music and the third part of the "Messiah" at the evening song program.

April 14. — Dedication services for the new Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren church. Dr. A. H. Unruh will be the guest speaker.

April 14. — The Christian Endeavour of the Fraserview M. B. Church will present the drama, "Thou That Judgest", written by Rev. Hugo Jantz.

April 14 to 16. — These are the closing conference days at the Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask., with graduation exercises slated for April 16. The institute now has its thirtieth anniversary yearbook on sale.

April 22. — The East Chilliwack Bible School plans to observe the tenth anniversary of the operation of the Bible school.

April 22 to 26 — A Conductors' Course will be held at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

April 26 to 28. — National Sunday School Convention of the M. B. Church in Canada, to be held at Herbert, Sask. Dr. Paul Lederach of Scottdale, Pennsylvania and Rev. Arthur Flaming of California will be guest speakers.

April 28 to May 5. — Rev. H. G. Thielman, city missionary at Calgary and formerly from Kitchener, Ont., will serve at evangelistic meetings in the Calgary M. B. church.

June 7 and 8. — The Mennonite Brethren Church in Manitoba will have its annual conference in the Winkler M. B. church.

July 6-11. — The Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church will meet in Herbert, Sask., for its annual sessions.

October 19. — The General Conference of the M. B. Church in North America will begin its triennial sessions in British Columbia.

Special Lenten Services for Men

By F. F. Froese

Lucky Lake, Sask. — The word Lent has a variety of meanings for different people. For some it only means that they have to forego some of the lusts of the flesh for a time, only to make up for it later on; for others it means another opportunity to store up a little more merit before God to counter-balance their shortcomings; to us, however, it is a time where we pause in the rush of modern life to remind ourselves that Christ, the Son of God, died for our offences

and rose again for our justification.

In conjunction with the other two Protestant churches in our little town we have again embarked upon the special lenten services for men. These services are conducted every Thursday noon from 12:15 to 1:15, and consist of a half-hour service in one of the participating churches, and a fellowship meal served by the ladies of the church in charge. The services rotate between the participating churches and the pastor in whose church they take place is in charge.

The idea, introduced by the Anglican minister last year, was very favorably received by the men of the community. The main purpose of these meetings is to draw the men, who normally (or abnormally) do not attend any church services, into the church. The attendance has been very gratifying. Though the meal, for which they pay, no doubt is the main drawing card to these meetings, yet they present a wonderful opportunity to give these men a Gospel message.

March 28 was our turn to take charge of the lenten service; Rev. J. S. Adrian, general director of the Saskatchewan M. B. Mission, was our guest speaker. Fifty-eight men and high school young men were in attendance. The Lord spoke to us through His servant on the subject of Gethsemane. Once more we saw our blessed Saviour battle alone under the load of our sin; we saw Him conquer the forces of darkness by His humble submission to the Father's will; we saw Him calmly and fearlessly identify Himself to his enemies.

Brother Adrian stayed with us for a general service in the church that evening. His brief report on the work of the mission in our other stations and his message from the Word of God on Paul's prayer for the Colossians again was a real blessing to all present.

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