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

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The Wm. Baerg family, above, M. B. missionaries to the Belgian Congo, is residing at Morden, Man., for the time being. In the bottom picture Rev. F. Friesen is seen handing the key to Rev. Baerg at a house-warming held for the Baergs by the Morden M. B. Church, which supplied the furnishings for the house. The Baergs returned to seek medical help for their daughter, whose condition is improving rapidly. (Photos by Morden Photo Studio)



Fine Attendance and Cooperation at Steinbach

Steinbach, Man. — "I would say that the outstanding thing about this campaign has been the splendid cooperation of the pastors of the 20 churches participating in it," declared Rev. George Brunk when interviewed about the tent campaign now in progress here. "Attendance has also been much beyond my expectations. We've never had a campaign where the attendance has been so steady during the week and on the weekends. This is especially remarkable in view of the poor weather."

The Brunk Tent Revival sponsored by the Mennonite churches in

Steinbach and area is in its third week. Beginning on Sunday, June 2, it has set records in attendance, especially on weekends. Attendance during week nights has averaged about 1,800, with the crowd swelling to about 2,200 on Monday, June 10, and to a record 2,500 or more on Sunday night, June 16. All the seats were taken in the tent and extra chairs had to be set up.

Results during the services are in keeping with the good attendance. Everywhere people and pastors are witnessing to a stirring among the Christians. Sinners are

Reunion in Japan

By Kikuko (Terry) Tsuda

(This report of the arrival and ministry of Rev. Toews, Rev. Kliever and Mr. DeFehr in Japan was written by Miss Tsuda at the request of Mr. DeFehr. The other Japanese M. B. Bible College graduate serving the Lord in Japan is Miss Junko Matsuno, who returned last year.)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ.

How happy we are to have the three men of God, Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. J. P. Kliever, and Mr. C. A. DeFehr here in Japan! It was quite some time ago when we first heard that the mission board was going to send them to Japan. We were so thankful for this opportunity to meet them. We prayed for them and for ourselves, that God might prepare both them and us to receive great blessings through our mutual fellowship with Christ when we met each other. The brethren were introduced in our Japanese M. B. paper called "Eiwo Geppo", both by a picture and through a brief description of their position and work back at home in the United States and Canada.

Arrive On June 8

They arrived at Itami airport at 5:00 p.m. on June 8. Several M. B.

finding the Saviour right along. Testimonies at the meetings are heart-stirring.

Night after night this tall, six foot four evangelist from Virginia continues to preach the simple gospel in a dynamic and forceful way. Topics taken at random include: The Most Terrible Thing in the World; The Judgment; What a Christian Is; Christian Assurance; The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer; How to Be Filled With the Holy Spirit.

We firmly believe that Steinbach and district is experiencing a spiritual revival such as it has not had in a long time.

The next stop for the tent campaign is Winkler, where services will start in the tent on July 3.

Church members were there to welcome them. All three brethren were invited to speak in three different M. B. churches in Osaka on Sunday, June 9. Rev. Toews spoke at Ishibashi church, where the Harry Friesens are serving. Mr. DeFehr spoke at Nagase, where the David Balzers are ministering, and Rev. Kliever addressed the congregation at Kasugade, where the Jonathan Bartels are labouring for the Lord.

Since I attended the services at Ishibashi, I will give you a brief description of them. The service opened as usual at 10:00 a.m., with the church well-filled with people. After a short introduction, Rev. J. B. Toews spoke with the aid of the interpreter, Mr. Goto. Rev. Toews' message was based in John 10:1-18 and was centred on "The Good Shepherd". Once again God showed us our great responsibility

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Mission Personnel Changes Approved

Hepburn, Sask. — The opening of two new mission fields and the changes in personnel highlighted the provincial Mennonite Brethren conference here on June 7. Rev. G. B. Dyck served as moderator.

Since the usual conference work is carried on by the two district conferences in the province, the provincial conference dealt mainly with matters pertaining to the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan. Reports were given by the director, Rev. J. S. Adrian, and the ten workers.

Significant developments included the opening of a new field at Carrot River, with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Nickel being transferred there from Hague Ferry. A new field is also to be opened at Meadow Lake, with Compass, the present mission station, being served as an outstation. Rev. and Mrs. David Nickel have resigned from the Compass field to attend the M. B. Bible College next winter. Mr. and Mrs. Arno Fast of Lucky Lake are under appointment to this field.

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EDITORIAL

The Goal of Mission Work

To be successful mission work must have a definite goal. For some this is the salvation of sinners. Others would add the baptism of converts. The biblical position goes even farther than this and envisions the formation of churches.

The translation of this biblical ideal into mission practice is hampered in Mennonite circles by fears that we will thus compromise our doctrinal position and lose our traditional manner of life, including the use of the German language. That the Saskatchewan and Manitoba provincial M. B. conferences have overcome these difficulties and accepted mission churches into their conferences proves that it can be done, however.

Until now the Manitoba position had remained theoretical, expressed in the resolution passed in 1947: "Such groups of believers shall be called Mennonite Brethren mission churches, and shall be led by the home missionary. . . . When such a group is able to support itself by a sufficient membership, it is to be considered eligible for independent status within the Mennonite Brethren conference." On Saturday, June 8, the first mission church to meet the standards set up in 1947, the Gospel Light Mission Church in Winnipeg, was accepted into the conference, demonstrating that the resolution had been written in good faith.

That the Gospel Light Mission Church should be the first one accepted into the Manitoba provincial M. B. conference upon the above basis is significant, insofar as membership is concerned. When the city mission work was taken over by Rev. John M. Schmidt in 1952 a definite effort was made to reach those outside of Mennonite circles who needed the gospel. This included the people living in the area surrounding the church, which is located in one of the poorest sections in the city. Persistent efforts in visitation, tract distribution outside the church door by college students, and the Gospel Light Hour brought in people of many nationalities and several colors.

When the Gospel Light Mission Church was organized one and a half years ago it was a diverse group, including the Mennonite Brethren workers active in the church, Mennonites of various groups that had come to know Christ through the mission, and a number of people with a non-Mennonite background, some of them with Indian blood in their veins. By conference time a total of 41 were active members in the church, 20 of whom had been baptized and received into the church since its organization. Eleven of these have a non-Mennonite background. Although some cannot speak or understand German, they have studied the doctrinal position of the M. B. Church and have accepted it as their position. With the acceptance of this church into the conference they are no longer only brothers and sisters in Christ, but they are also members of the Mennonite brotherhood. We should remember to treat them as such.

It is to be hoped that more mission efforts will achieve the same results. We must not be satisfied with merely sending out home missionaries to save souls. Born-again believers need the fellowship and nurture of a church, of the conference. They need to have a body that will channel their work and their financial offerings for the Lord into projects in all the world. Every conference sending out missionaries and every missionary going out should "look for the day when an evangelical church will come into being" (which has been stated by Rev. J. S. Adrian as the aim of the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan, even when DVBS is undertaken).

Kitchen Cathedral

Circles or Spirals?

By Dorothy C. Haskin

Mary Jordan stood at the front door of her home in the small Midwest community and watched her oldest boy Ted hurry his little sister Alicia down the street. Off to school for another year!

Each year the first day of school brought mingled feelings to Mary. Relief, in that the house would be

quiet for a few hours and that she would get something done. But sadness, too, because each time the children went to school they went farther and farther from her.

She walked slowly back into the kitchen and began gathering the dishes off the breakfast table, tak-

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DEVOTIONAL

In Times of Affliction

By Rev. A. H. Wieler *

"Is any among you afflicted, let him pray" (James 5:13).

The "affliction" of our text may include bodily illness, but it is certainly not confined to it; it rather means "adversity", or "suffering hardship". It is the affliction of difficult and disturbing circumstances so frequently the lot of God's children.

What is our reaction when such experiences come our way? The reaction of people to hardship is varied. Some people "go to pieces", physically and need medical attention. Others meet trouble with an outburst of rage. Still others grumble and complain like Israel in the wilderness. A few go as far as to blame God for being unloving. But God cannot be unloving!

"He chose this path for thee
No feeble chance, no hard, relentless fate
Hath placed thy footsteps here!
He knew the way was rough and desolate
Knew how thy heart would often quake with fear.
Yet tenderly He whispered, 'Child,
I see
This path is best for thee.'"

Now what should I do when in the very depth of adverse circumstances? Our text says "pray". I am not to complain, grumble or be disheartened. Pray, for every adversity is a call to prayer. Very often God sends the affliction in order to bring us closer to Himself. We must admit that such experiences have a way of making the heart humble, contrite, yielded, and more dependent upon God. When the "great Shepherd" sees that we are not living as close to Him as He would want us, then He has to employ afflictions of various kinds as a means of bringing us closer to Him. Let us see the hand of God in the moment of adversity and then flee to Him in prayer.

Think back for a moment to Hezekiah, king of Judah. One day he received a blasphemous letter from Sennacherib, which troubled him exceedingly. Having read it, he went straight up into the house of the Lord and "spread it before the Lord" (2 Kings 19:14). Before another sun had risen, God's angel had smitten 185,000 Assyrians. Such was the result of fleeing to God in prayer when trouble comes.

Sometimes God sends afflictions to prevent us from going in a wrong direction. Jonah is a good example. When Jonah was in the whale's belly, in the "bowels of hell", he cried to God. God forgave His erring child and gave him another opportunity to serve Him in Niniveh. My dear Christian friend, if you

have been straying from God, turn to Him in your affliction. Or, perhaps if affliction has not yet come, your turning to Him in prayer may mean deliverance from it.

Often we are so prone to neglect prayer in the darker hours. The bent of the natural mind is to seek help elsewhere before turning to God. But we cannot find help outside of God in times of stress. Prayer in time of stress is an unmistakable mark of a Christian.

If we are to pray in adverse circumstances, just exactly what is it we are to pray for? For one thing, I would like to warn against being too sure that we ought to pray for the removal of that difficulty. God might want to use it to teach us more of the sufficiency of His grace (2 Cor. 12:7-10).

Let us pray for wisdom in such hours that we might not do or say the wrong thing. God promises us wisdom (James 1:5). Such wisdom is based on the Word. David wrote: "Thou through Thine commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies" (Ps. 119:98). Therefore let us meditate on the Word.

In closing, let us not forget to pray that God might sustain us as we bear the burden. God is able to remove the affliction, but He is also gloriously able to cause us to rise above the affliction. Whatever it be that He chooses for us, let us look into His face and pray, "Precious Lord, take my hand."

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Coaldale Program Heard Over Dawson Creek

Coaldale, Alta. — Northern areas in Alberta and British Columbia are now hearing the "Gospel Bells Radio Program", a broadcast prepared by the young people of the Coaldale M. B. Church.

The first broadcast in the north was aired over CJDC, Dawson Creek, B.C., on Easter Sunday, and came as a direct answer to prayer. For some time the radio group had been planning to proclaim the gospel by means of radio in an area where people have heard but very little of the true gospel. It was felt that the northern area was most in need of the gospel, so efforts were made to gain time on CJDC, Dawson Creek, B.C. The Lord had prepared the way, so that no difficulty was experienced in gaining time. Thus the "Gospel Bells Radio Program" is now heard in southern Alberta over CJOC, Lethbridge, and in northern Alberta over CJDC, Dawson Creek.

Began in 1952

The beginning of the program goes back to October, 1952, when broadcasting began on CHAT, Medicine Hat, Alta., with Rev. Wm. Schmidt as speaker. Rev. A. G. Warkentin served as announcer

and choir leader. After two years of broadcasting the persistent efforts to gain time on CJOC, Lethbridge, were rewarded and the program was transferred to Lethbridge, since this station also blankets the Medicine Hat area.

The third year of broadcasting over CJOC finds the personnel changed to a large extent, but the same gospel is being preached. Rev. Wm. Schmidt was succeeded by Rev. A. P. Regier when the former left to continue his studies. At the present time Rev. Abram Konrad is serving as speaker and Mr. P. Martens is directing the choir, which numbers about 15. The program is recorded in Coaldale on Tuesday and the tape sent to the stations.

The secretary of the broadcast writes, "We owe many thanks to those who have stood behind us so faithfully with their prayers and gifts. We would also like to ask you to continue your support, especially since we have taken on a new station. We need your prayers more than ever. We would also like to ask those within listening distance of our program to tune in —and then write the broadcast."

of Mennonite Brethren churches to visit and fellowship with the North American brotherhood.

His first visit will be to the Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church, which meets at Herbert, Sask., from July 6 to 10. Following that he will travel through the district conferences in Canada and United States, and then attend the General Conference in British Columbia in October near the end of his stay in North America.

Rev. Balzer, who is 61 years old, arrived in Paraguay from Russia in 1930. He was one of the earliest settlers and thus is fully aware of pioneering experiences and the church situation. His wife passed away last October, while his son Andreas and family attended Tabor and Goshen Colleges some time ago.

Attendance at the Canadian conference of the M. B. Church will be particularly meaningful for Rev. Balzer, since the sessions are in the German language. After the conference he will visit western Canadian churches and his children in British Columbia during the remainder of July. He will also visit several churches in each of the Pacific, Southern and Central Districts during August and visit other Mennonite groups and interests under MCC direction from August 26 to 29. From September 1 to the General Conference in British Columbia in October he will continue visiting churches in Canada.

In addition to his position as leading minister at Filadelfia, Rev.

Balzer is vice-chairman of the South American Conference of Mennonite Brethren churches, whose membership totals 2,000. He is chairman of the Conference Reference and Counsel Committee, member of the Conference mission committee, chairman of the "Komitee für kirchliche Angelegenheiten", an inter-Mennonite committee responsible for promoting the spiritual life in Fernheim Colony.

Funds for his traveling have been advanced by the Board of Trustees from the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren churches treasury. Churches are being requested to receive offerings to pay expenses and send these contributions to the conference treasurer, clearly designating their purpose.

New Feature For Youth Retreat

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. H. Baerg has announced that a new feature has been added to the Youth Retreat at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man., scheduled for June 28 to July 1.

This year each person at the Youth Retreat will have an opportunity for personal counselling with one of the pastors that are slated to attend the retreat. In this way young people with problems can gain counselling from men with years of experience in counselling.

Speakers and themes for the four-day retreat have also been announced. Delivering messages on the general theme, "A Closer Walk With God", will be Rev. Henry Baerg, teacher at the M. B. Bible College and former pastor at Henderson, Neb., Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church, and Leslie Stobbe, editor of the *Mennonite Observer* and provincial youth leader for Manitoba.

Subjects to be discussed include: The Basis for a Closer Walk With

God; A Better Knowledge of God for a Closer Walk with Him; Steps Toward a Closer Walk with God; Old Paths for the New Walk; The Separated Walk; and The Fruitful Walk.

Young people who do not have their applications in yet should send them immediately to: Rev. Henry Baerg, 170 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5, Man.

Extension Efforts Planned by the EMB Church

Omaha, Neb. — The nearly 250 delegates attending the 63rd annual convention of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church approved the proposal of the commission on churches that concentrated efforts be made to establish new churches in the southern Manitoba area. Rev. William Peters, interim pastor at Steinbach EMB Church, is to direct the program.

Meeting on the campus of the Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb., from June 5 to 9, the convention attracted delegates from various parts of the United States and western Canada. Dr. John R. Dick, dean of the Grace Bible Institute, served as moderator.

Addressing the inspirational sessions of the conference were Rev. Reinmiller, vice-president of the Gospel Missionary Union, Rev. Sherman Williams, member of the staff of Scripture Press, and Peter Deyneka, director of the Slavic Gospel Mission.

It was revealed at the convention that seven members of the EMB Church are going out as missionaries during the next year. They are: the Misses Susie Schmidt and Margaret Friesen of Abbotsford, B.C., going to the Belgian Congo under the Congo Inland Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Friesen of Dallas, Ore.,

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One Dead As Car Overturns

Herbert, Sask. — Cornelius Klassen, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Klassen, died on June 3 as the result of a car accident.

The youth apparently became drowsy while driving home at 2:30 a.m. from an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Conference and the car went out of control, overturning in a ditch. He was found the same morning at 6:30 by Ben Redekopp and rushed to the hospital, where he passed away an hour later.

Cornelius Klassen and four friends had attended the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship conference at Qu'Appelle, Sask. The accident happened after he had brought all of his friends home and was proceeding home alone.

Funeral services were held from the Herbert Gospel Tabernacle on June 7.

He leaves to mourn his parents, ten brothers and three sisters.

Paraguay Mennonite Leader to Visit Canada

Hillsboro, Kans. — Rev. Gerhard Balzer, leading minister of the 500-member M. B. Church at Filadelfia, Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, will leave on July 1 from Asuncion, Paraguay, for his several-month visit to North America. Rev. Balzer is coming as a representative of the South American Conference

1,000 Christian Endeavor Programs

By Mrs. Ernest Block

Main Centre, Sask. — The Young People's Christian Endeavor of the Mennonite Brethren Church here presented its one thousandth program on Sunday, June 9. The church was filled with both old and young for this anniversary program.

Many of the "old timers" of the district attended the program and participated in it. Even the old organ, which has not been used for many years, was brought up from the basement. The organist who used to play it, Miss Ann Schroeder, came and played it once more. The people seemed to have forgotten that the old organ could bring forth such wonderful music.

One of the church's early choir leaders, Mr. Isaac Schroeder of Herbert, Sask., led the congregation

in some hearty singing. Other singing was by some of the older folks of the district who are now retired and living in Herbert. Participating were Mr. J. P. Wiebe, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Schroeder, Mrs. Jahnke and Mrs. Frank Redekopp.

Mr. Henry Redekopp recited a poem that he had recited at a Christian Endeavor meeting about 37 years ago.

Rev. John Goertzen presented a report on the history of the Young People's Christian Endeavor. He stated that the organizational meeting took place in September of 1908. The late Rev. J. P. Wiebe was the first president. Another interesting fact was that in the early years two or three messages at one program were the usual thing.

All in all, the evening's program was enjoyed by everyone.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Wirshes on Furlough

Brother and Sister David Wirsche, their two children and three children of the late John A. Dycks arrived from Colombia in Wichita, Kans., on June 4. Wirshes have come home on furlough and will spend a good part of it on the West Coast. Sister Wirsche's parents live at Linden, Washington, and are members of the Blaine Mennonite Brethren Church.

First Graduation in Mexico

At Nuevo Ideal, Mexico, the first students were graduated on May 26 from the four-year Bible course program. These graduates are the first workers trained in Mexico for the work of the Lord under our Board. It is a matter of gratitude to the Heavenly Father that this has been possible. It is sincerely hoped that this also marks the beginning of a profitable ministry for these national workers who will go to numerous remote villages and places where the light of the Gospel is needed.

Mission to Spanish-Speaking People

At Lawton View in Oklahoma Brother and Sister Walter Pastre conducted Summer Bible school classes and services among the Spanish-speaking Americans. After this work they traveled to California to begin some work among Spanish-American people at Parlier under the direction of the Reedley Church. After June 10 Lawton View Mission conducted several weeks of summer Bible school in another part of the city similar to last year which proved successful and made the Gospel known to many children who do not hear it in any other way.

Construction Begins at Linz

Construction of the church building in Linz, Austria, was to begin the last week in May, according to a communication from Brother A. J. Neufeld. Groundbreaking was planned for May 26 and excavation was to begin the next morning. The Lord appears to be leading so that work on the basement, foundation and first floor can proceed at this time.

Gary, youngest son of Brother and Sister Abr. J. Neufeld, Linz, Austria, has been suffering from a physical difficulty. He is undergoing treatment and the parents trust the Lord to undertake for him. Prayer for his recovery is invited.

Relocation of Cemetery

At Post Oak Mission in Oklahoma the relocating of the large cemetery has begun. The old graves are being opened and the remains are being put into a new wooden box which is properly identified, labeled and then taken to the new location to be placed into a new

Post Oak Mission Cemetery adjacent to the town of Indianoma.

Graduation in Congo

Lusemvu school in Belgian Congo is to observe graduation exercises on June 19, according to a report by Sister Martha Willems. School opened in September with more than 200 pupils, which enrollment dropped considerably during the course of the school year. "It has been a joy to work with these youngsters as well as the teachers," Sister Willems says, "but we are fighting a continuous battle with Satan and his host." Pray that the seed sown during the school year may spring up into fruits of eternal life.

Prayer Guide Information

Several missionaries have inadvertently been omitted from the 1957-58 Prayer Guide. Among them are Brother and Sister Ivan T. Elrich, teaching at Matende, and Sister Nettie Berg, serving as nurse at Matende. Readers may wish to insert their names, with the other missionaries on page 25 of the English edition and page 27 of the German edition. Sister Mathilda Wall should be added to the list of missionaries at Kipungu on page 23 in the English edition and page 25 in the German edition. She was originally listed on page 33 while in preparation in Europe.

MORE ABOUT

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Mr. Fast is a graduate of '55 at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

The Saskatoon West Side mission has been organized as an M. B. church, with 18 charter members. Rev. L. A. Redekopp is the city missionary. The next day this church was accepted into the district conference. At Pierceland, the northernmost station, plans are going ahead to build a new church, while a better residence is to be acquired for the worker at Lucky Lake.

The resignation of Rev. and Mrs. Norman Fehr of Warman, Sask., was accepted and the decision made to transfer Rev. and Mrs. Frank Froese to this station.

A motion was also passed to set aside funds for the establishment of a lending library to be used by the field workers. Additional books are to be added each year.

A budget of \$27,600 was accepted for the work of the M. B. mission of Saskatchewan for the coming year.

Rev. Nick Willems of Woodrow was elected chairman for the year 1957-58, with Rev. G. B. Dyck of Dalmeny as assistant and Rev. J. D. Goertzen as recording secretary.

Colombian School Graduation

The school for Colombian national children at LaCumbre closed on May 26 and graduated eight students. Sister Lillian Schafer is in charge of the school at present and directs the national teachers who do the instructing. She writes that it was her privilege to lead several of the children to the Lord during the school year. She further writes that it is a delight to hear these babes in Christ testify to their joy in the Lord and the peace that forgiveness of sins brings to the human heart.

Friesens To Return

Brother and Sister Harry Friesen and family are to leave Japan for furlough on Monday, July 1, and arrive in San Francisco at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 2. After spending some time on the West Coast, they will travel to Hillsboro in August.

Vacation for Jantzes

From Quito, Ecuador, Brother Hugo Jantz writes that HCJB is allowing them to take a vacation of several weeks which they plan to spend in Colombia visiting our mission field.

Twins Arrive

Brother and Sister David H. Balzer, Nagase, Japan, are the parents of twin baby daughters—Elizabeth and Esther—born April 20.

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ing them to the sink. "Some day they'll graduate. They'll be through school. They'll have learned their lessons, while I . . ." She glanced away from her work, out of the window. "Lord, don't I ever learn? It seems as if I go through the same lessons over and over again."

This past summer there had been the horrible polio scare when she had hugged her children close to her heart and prayed in frantic half-sentences. It seemed as if she had been more upset than the year before when the polio scare had hit the community. And there had been the night when her husband had helped a neighbor with his broken-down car without phoning her. She had prayed—that is, until the last half hour before Fred came home. That half hour she had worried. She wondered, "Lord, will I ever learn? I just seem to go in circles."

Not only Mary Jordan, but also many other Christians feel as if they go in circles. Even as far back as the exodus of the children of Israel there were those who felt that they went in circles.

When they went out from Egypt, they were eleven days' journey

from Kadesh-Barnea, the entrance to the promised land. The first time they arrived at Kadesh-barnea was about the fifth month of the second year. There they received the discouraging reports from ten of the spies whom they sent into the promised land. They had not yet learned the lesson of faith, and so they continued wandering around in circles. The next time they reached Kadesh-barnea they were in the fortieth year of their journeying, but this time they went into the land of Canaan. They had learned the lesson of faith.

All of us have a Kadesh-barnea in our lives, a place where we have to learn to trust God regardless of the circumstances in our lives. All too often when we reach this place we pray to get out of it, instead of praying to learn the lessons of the place.

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Florence had recurring attacks of sinus. Each time they came, her cry was for healing that she might live for the glory of God. But God neither healed her nor showed her a way to be healed. Therefore, it was obvious that patience with sinus was the lesson she must learn to the glory of God.

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Patricia has the numb sorrow of being married to a man who is unresponsive to her interests. Once they separated. But while Patricia enjoyed the freedom, she knew it was not God's way. So they were reunited. And now when the marriage seems too confining, Patricia prays, "Teach me to live rightly within it." The marriage still lacks unity, but Patricia does face conditions with greater wisdom. Patricia has learned the lesson.

We don't necessarily walk in circles. Christians walk in spirals. We keep meeting the problem time after time until we learn to face it in His peace and joy, and then we find ourselves at the top of the spiral. (Copr. ERA, 1957)

Anyone Going to Brazil?

St. Catharines, Ont. — Miss Mary Rempel of here is planning to leave for Brazil as soon after July 20 as her papers are ready. She would like to know if there are others planning a trip to Brazil at about the same time, since she would prefer travelling in company with someone else.

Anyone wishing to contact Miss Rempel should write to her, R.R. 4, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wiebe of Main Centre, Sask., a daughter, Lois Vivian.

Teaching Attracts Mennonites



The Manitoba Provincial Normal School, Tuxedo, Man.

By Frank Froese

When nearly one-fifth of the student population at a provincial teacher training institution is Mennonite, it is easy to see that they will play a large part in the life of the school—and make a significant contribution to the educational efforts in the province.

Of the 448 students surveyed at the Manitoba Provincial Normal School 91 are Mennonites, of which half are men. About 96% of these come from outside Winnipeg, at least originally. Thirty of the Mennonite students have at one time or another graduated from the Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, twenty from Winkler Collegiate Institute, eight from the M. B. Collegiate Institute, and seven from the Steinbach Collegiate. About half of last year's graduating class at MCI and Winkler Collegiate found their way to Normal School.

Former School for Deaf

The Manitoba Provincial Normal School, which was originally the School for the Deaf and Blind, is located on University Boulevard in Tuxedo, near the Assiniboine Park ("City Park"). Many of the staff of 22 teachers, half of whom are women, are well-known Manitoba educators, leaders and experts in their subject field. They are an example and inspiration to the teachers-in-training in many ways. At present the academic entrance requirements are a complete grade 11 and at least two subjects in grade 12. It is planned to raise the entrance requirements and to extend the time of training with time.

With 16 subjects to cover (and many projects in each), with five weeks of hectic, exciting and profitable practice teaching in city and rural schools, and with many extra-curricular activities, conferences and options, the bewildered teachers-to-be obtain training that will stand them in good stead later on.

The environment is conducive to learning. The monastic, stately school built of stone provides a mysterious, yet dignified and quietly meditative atmosphere. The big elms lining the streets give a cheerful, sweeping dignity to the school grounds.

The student body consists of a great variety of denominations. There are 128 United Church members (117 are women), 92 Roman Catholics (78 are women), 91 Mennonites (46 women), 36 Greek Catholics, 25 Anglicans, 25 Lutherans, 16 Greek Orthodox adherents and 11 Baptist members. Among the men the dominating group is the Mennonite representation, since as a whole the women outnumber the men heavily.

Mennonites Play Major Role

The Mennonites played a major role in those school activities in which they could conscientiously take part. They dominated the religious and musical fields. The Teachers' Christian Fellowship, about 60 in number, was nearly exclusively Mennonite. It met every Thursday evening, with John Pauls, who comes from Coaldale, Alta., serving very capably as president and Miss Martha Block as secretary. Others on the committee were Abe Peters, Leonard Epp and Sylvia Rieger. Special features during the year included guest speakers, testimony night and "fast" day, films, exchange programs with neighboring Canadian Mennonite Bible College, outdoor hikes, a tobogganing party and wiener roast. In addition to attendance at the weekly programs, students in residence met once every week for prayer meetings. All members received a blessing through these various activities.

Mennonites Prominent in Various Fields

Some talented Mennonite singers attended the Normal School, among them John Pauls, who gave voice lessons to about eight stud-

ents, Helmut Janzen, Abe Peters and Peter Zacharias. Other Mennonites who distinguished themselves were: Peter Dick of Rapid City, who was vice-president of the Students' Council; Elmer Bartel, who was vice-president of the local Manitoba Teachers' Society; Lincoln Lautermilch, who was one of the two elected representatives to attend the Western Canada Educational Conference in Saskatoon; Anita Warkentin, who against stiff competition was chosen valedictorian at the graduation; and Leonard Epp, who was chairman and director of the Drama Festival. It seems reasonable to conclude that Mennonites played their part in the school activities.

As Christians we have come to the realization that teaching is a tremendous opportunity, a great responsibility and a big challenge.

In Retrospect After One Term in Congo

By Katy Penner

Swift Current, Sask. — "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Such has been my repeated experience during the last five years. In August of 1952 the Lord opened the door for me to go to Belgium and then on to the mission field in the Belgium Congo. His mercy and strength was new to us every morning, also in the battle with heathendom on the field.

When I was suddenly laid aside on the sick-bed last November, He again answered your many prayers. He has raised me up, though as yet I am not fully recovered. I am looking to Him for a complete restoration so that I will again be able to take up the work on the field, to which He called me and which I love. I want to thank all of you who have remembered me in prayer, particularly during my illness. God has answered!

Many Come to Christ

During these years we have seen many coming from darkness to light. It was a special joy for me to note how God worked among our patients during the past years. At first the response was very slow. Many did not want to hear the gospel. Now most of them are quite ready to come when the bell rings for the morning service with the sick. The Lord heard our prayer for an evangelist among the sick. We feel many have come to know Him because of Jean's faithful witness.

Several weeks before I left the Belgian Congo, I asked him how he was enjoying his work. He said that he was happy to see the hunger for the Word among the older people. At first he had felt it was a demotion for him to leave nursing to do only evangelistic work. "But," he said, "the Lord has given me a vision for my work and I enjoy it." Pray for him that he might

not lose that vision and that in discouraging times he may take new courage from the Lord.

Farewell to Congo

At the end of May came the parting and the farewells. I hated to leave my home in the Congo and the work and people who have become dear to me during the past years. Many greetings and farewells were given from the Word of God. Then came the long trip by carry-all to Kikwit. On May 24 Sister Susie Brucks and I left by plane for Leopoldville. Here we made final arrangements. At 9:30 p.m. on May 27 we left the airport for New York. We had lovely flying weather and a very smooth trip. I joined my parents on May 29 in Regina. The Lord gave grace and strength for the trip and we wish to praise Him for His upholding arm.

It will be a joy for me to meet many of you in person, you who have so faithfully supported us with your prayers and gifts. May we be strengthened as we shall have opportunity to fellowship together.

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Stirring Stories About Crusade Results

By George Burnham, News Editor, Christianity Today Magazine

NEW YORK CITY. — "This is like all the Christmases I have ever known rolled up into one."

The expressive statement was made by a New York minister during the Billy Graham Crusade now under way at Madison Square Garden. He was stirred night after night as he watched the spiritual impact reach into the hearts of businessmen, show people, teenagers, society matrons and derelicts.

Another minister, evidently in deep thought, sat in the Garden one night long after the benediction had been pronounced. There had not been enough regular counselors to meet the need of the hundreds who had surged forward at the invitation, and he had volunteered his services in helping one to find Christ. It was a rich experience. As the lights flickered out all over the Garden, he sat off by himself—still thinking about it. And big tears ran from his eyes.

One clergyman, before the campaign began, determined that he was going to put everything he had into it and trust God for the blessings in his church. He organized a special bus every night and rejoiced each time on the return trip because some of the people who left

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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Summer vacations! What a wonderful thought! For some vacation has already started and for others it will start in a few days. Most of you are already thinking of the exciting times which lie ahead of you. For some it will mean going to camp; others will be going on a trip, and some of you will be enjoying yourselves at home.

Much of your time will be spent out of doors and you won't have time to do those things which you have been doing during the winter. Often you forget to do those things which you should do even during the summertime.

Boys and girls, reading God's Word and talking to God should be done in summertime, too. Your lights, which should be shining, will soon grow dim if you forget to read the Bible. Often you cannot enjoy yourselves as much as you should because you have been unkind or disobedient to someone. God's Word and talking to God is like the sunshine outside. Just as the sunshine helps you to grow strong and healthy, so God's Word helps you to become a strong and healthy Christian.

May the summertime be a happy vacation for you and a time where you get to know the Lord Jesus better and help others to get to know Him.

Aunt Selma.

Victory on the Mission Field

Darkness had settled over the little clearing far up the Congo river, but the heat of the day still lay heavily upon the little mission station located near a large native village.

In the door of his hut the missionary, Oscar Johnson, was busily writing. The yellow light of the lantern cast a feeble glow over the shadowy form of the missionary. Suddenly the missionary felt as though he were in the grip of an icy hand. Startled, he looked up—and met two glowing eyes, which seemed like the eyes of a wild animal. Oscar Johnson felt the hot breath and heard the rustling of the animal—and, then the apparition was gone. Puzzled, the missionary shut the door, shaking his head. Strange, where had he seen these eyes before? Finally he went to bed and asked God to take care of him.

Oscar Johnson had been at the coast for several weeks to meet his young wife. It had all gone smoothly, but had taken longer than expected. When they arrived at the mission station there had been a tumultuous welcome. Only one person had not participated. Standing a little apart from the group had been Yamboli, the medicine man, his eyes filled with venomous hatred and his short, sparse beard quivering in anger. Oscar's wife, Solveig, still shivered when she thought of it. Only when Oscar reminded her of their Father in heaven could he calm her fears.

Up until now the missionary had been too busy to worry much about

the territory around the village. However, one afternoon he set out to walk through the neighboring forest. Occasionally he had to chop down some underbrush to clear a path. Quite unexpectedly he stumbled onto a small hut. Smoke was curling from the roof! Hesitantly he stepped up to the door and asked, "Is anyone at home?" When no answer came, he entered the hut. In the semi-dark room stood jugs of various sizes with some kind of mixture in them. On one side lay many leaves, carefully sorted and piled.

Beside the wood fire stood a kettle, which obviously had been hastily taken from the fire. Choking steam arose from the mixture in the kettle and filled the little hut. When Oscar's eyes became more accustomed to the darkness, he noticed a small shrine in one corner, complete with a type of idol altar.

"Aha, the kitchen of the medicine man," said Oscar to himself. With a great deal of interest he looked about him. Above the shrine a knife was stuck into the pole. Its blade was long and bent, and very rusty. He wondered what that symbolized. Only later did he find out that this was the symbol of the gods. The superstitious people believed that he who touched it must die. Unknown of this at the time, Oscar reached out to take the knife, which was deeply imbedded in the wood. With some effort he pulled out the knife, looked at it and returned it to its place. At that moment an arrow sank into the wood beside his hand.



Who wouldn't like to do what this boy is doing? He certainly seems to be enjoying himself, judging by the smile on his face. He reminds us of the little boy who had five loaves and two fishes when Jesus wanted to feed five thousand people, doesn't he? Do you think this boy was able to bring home a fish or two for supper? If he did, I hope he was thankful that God not only gave us animals, but that he also gave us fish.

(EP Photo)

It was obviously a poison arrow intended for his hand.

Some time later the missionary told Pekwa, the chief, his experiences. Pekwa was dumbfounded. He paled visibly, but said nothing. When he saw this, Oscar decided not to tell his wife Solveig of this experience.

For a while nothing happened, so that Oscar began to believe that the hate of the medicine man had been overcome. Did not the missionary heal the sick? Yet Oscar had to admit that exactly this was the reason why Yamboli hated him, for it deprived the medicine man of his ill-gained income and it decreased his influence with the village people. Oscar was friendly to the medicine man, however, wherever he met him. There was never any response from Yamboli.

One night the villagers heard a strange whistling and hissing from the forest. Startled, the people gathered around the campfire jumped to their feet. Quietly, with head bowed, they left. Next morning the most faithful student at the mission school was found dead. Yesterday he showed no signs of being ill. This repeated itself several times, at intervals of about a week. Oscar never was able to discover the cause of death. Only now and then he found a small scratch looking like the bite of an insect on the person who died.

The fear of death entered the village. Less and less people attended the services of the mission-

ary, who was deeply disturbed by the events of the last weeks. Was all his work to be in vain? Many times he could be found on his knees in prayer. Finally he sent his wife to the coast. But the chain of deaths continued. Soon men were found killed in broad daylight, their faces horribly mutilated, as though torn by a wild animal.

"O God, now show who is stronger," the missionary prayed. Only a very few still stuck it out with him. For how long? One night the missionary himself barely escaped the flames that razed his hut.

After much prayer Oscar worked out a plan for a counter-attack. He told only Zangabai and Baka, the two native boys that had saved his life in the forest at one time. They were not Christians yet, but they were "almost persuaded". He was hoping they would be the first baptismal candidates. They promised to help him now.

The plan remained the secret of these three men. But one morning the news flew through the village, "Yamboli, the medicine man is ill." Oscar acted as though it were none of his business. After two or three days it became known, "He is dying." In great haste Pekwa, the chief, came to Oscar: "Mondele, Master, go to him and save him."

"Why?" asked the missionary dryly. "Did Yamboli send for me?"

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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(15th Installment)

She buried Rose near an acacia tree between the mulberry bushes and the olive clumps and piled considerable dirt over her so that her grave could always be recognized. Then she picked another chick as her pet and several others after that, but she could not forget her wonderful white-black-yellow Rose and the fact that she was killed by her best friend.

"The fox house is finished," David announced, and disclosed that they would leave for the hunt immediately after lunch.

Liesbeth ran to the kitchen to see if she could speed up lunch a little. Mutter was making pancakes, and that was something that not even eager Liesbeth wanted to see speeded up. Pancakes were not served often and they were not ordinary ones. Everyone wanted to enjoy them for as long as possible.

After lunch, the children took several large empty sacks, old wrapping paper, a spade and a box of matches. They cut across the Penner yard, walked through the dry river-bed and soon disappeared in the forest. David knew of a number of hollow logs and trees that might be fox dens. However, all that they contained was an old barn owl with a white valentine-shaped head and a prickly porcupine. As the children reached the western boundary of the forest, they sat down on the grass and weeds to figure out what to do next.

About a hundred yards away, near the cemetery, they could see clay pits. They knew that the excavations in those pits were treacherous and that several people had lost their lives there. David decided to keep away.

Far off in the distance, on the south bank of the river, on the road to Rueckenau, they could see a bare clay ledge. There might be animal dens there, David thought.

While Liesbeth plodded along the river bottom that was covered with tall, tough grass, David and Franz walked along the bare south bank of the river-bed. Frequently David stopped to examine suspicious-looking holes. He had almost given up hope of accomplishing anything when Liesbeth stumbled and fell down.

When she examined the grass around her, she shouted, "Come and see what I have found!"

David ran toward her. "It's only a crow with its neck broken," he said. Then he added, "But that gives me a good hint. A dead crow about a quarter of a verst from the woods gives me an idea." Carefully he examined the grass and brush surrounding the crow. Under a low bush he found a dead quail. Then he walked up the riverbank. He thought he could smell a strong wild-animal odor, the fox's scent. Yes, there it was, a den with three entrances. That complicated the situation. They would have to have Franz help them. He was less than three years old, but he would have to do a man's job.

Franz was given an empty bur-lap sack, which was several times his size, and was placed in front of the farthest of the three holes. David put dirt on the sack and had Franz hold it so that its opening coincided with the aperture of the den.

Liesbeth held a sack in front of the center opening. David took his position near the third hole. He had never done anything like that before and, although he told no one, he actually did not know what to do in case of a three-hole den. So far as he knew, the openings might represent two or three different dens.

Liesbeth could tell that he was not sure of himself. He seemed slightly frightened. "Here we go! Let's be quiet and not say a word from now on," he said, putting a match to a wad of crumpled, old wrapping paper that he held in front of the hole before him.

David realized that in general it was considered unsportsman-like to smoke foxes out of their dens; but he had no hunting dogs or guns, and he knew the farmers had been unsuccessful with every other method.

A second or two after the paper was ignited, Liesbeth and David heard a thumping noise. When they glanced in Franz's direction, he and his sack were gyrating on the ground and rolling down the riverbank, Franz intently holding onto the sack. His cap, too, was rolling downhill. David reached him just as he righted himself and stood erect. When the boys looked in the sack, they both laughed.

"Why didn't you call us?" David asked, fumbling in his pockets for string.

"You told me not to talk!" Franz answered sulkily.

Liesbeth, too, looked into the sack. "It's a darling cub!" she cried joyfully.

David took Liesbeth's sack and held it for her. In another minute or two, there was a fox in it. He tied the sack with string and made sure that burning wad was extinguished.

"Aren't you going to get the hen killers, the big ones?" Liesbeth asked.

"They are not in there. If they had been there, they never would have permitted the cubs to come out so soon."

The cubs were little and light. Liesbeth carried one of the sacks, and David carried the other and the spade. On the way home, they expressed a great deal of praise for Franz who had hung onto his catch so bravely.

At home, the children carefully placed the two foxes in the new cub house and bolted its door. They also put water, a few dead insects and dried fruit in the cage. The cubs appeared to be perfectly contented in their new surroundings and were as quiet and well behaved as kittens. Liesbeth was surprised to find that the little foxes had solid red fur. She had expected them to look like the picture in David's reader. They were prettier than the picture.

"We got our pets," David said, "but the biggest hurdle is still ahead of us."

"You mean learning how to feed them?" Liesbeth asked.

"No, I mean getting Vater's approval." They decided to leave the cage in the shed overnight. The next morning they would find a better location for it.

As they walked through the animal barn to the kitchen, they noticed Vater feeding the cow. No one said anything, but David and Liesbeth had evil forebodings about things to come.

While Vater was eating his breakfast early the next morning, David and Liesbeth went to the shed with a meal for the cubs. There was no need for the food. The door to the cage was unlatched and wide open, and the foxes were gone. The big double door of the shed was ajar. "More pets gone," Liesbeth said. "We should be used to it by now."

David was uncertain as to whether Vater had released the cubs or whether the parent foxes had set them free. He knew that adult foxes could carry their young in their mouths for many versts. He reasoned that the parent foxes must have entered the shed during the night and rescued their cubs. "On the other hand," he figured,

"this may be another of Vater's reprimands."

"He must have thought we were interfering with nature's ways," Liesbeth reflected. "It may be a good idea in the future merely to be friends with nature's creatures and birds, without keeping them as pets."

CHAPTER SEVEN OVER THE HILL

Liesbeth and the other members of the family were never beset with the problem of what to do next. For several weeks they had planned to walk to Alexanderwohl. That was one of seven or eight villages on the banks of the Begemtschuk Creek, a tributary of the big Molotschna River that had furnished the name for the colony of fifty-nine Mennonite villages north of the Black Sea. A friend had told David about a kurgan near Alexanderwohl. David and Franz shared Liesbeth's ever-present curiosity and her appreciation of history and of nature's wonderland. All three were astir with excitement since at last the expedition was in sight.

With knives in their pockets, and a few Zwieback in a box, David, Franz and Liesbeth crossed the Penner yard adjacent to the Kasdorfs'. When a neighbor saw the children tramp toward the woods he asked, "Which place is it this time?"

"Alexanderwohl," David shouted.

"That's going to be quite a walk for that little chap," the neighbor said, as he glanced at Franz.

"He's a tough fellow," David declared proudly. "He is used to long hikes."

With Vater and Mutter's permission for the long walks safely tucked in their minds, the little explorers felt free to survey all interesting places they might encounter. They were bent on seeing the world around them and the heavens above. All the while they were gathering inner resources with which to build their present and future lives.

They followed the wide road that stretched from the Margenau church and cemetery to Alexanderwohl and Gnadenheim, two villages which were about as close to each other as any two communities could be without actually merging. The road led into a long low hill that separated the Margenau group of villages from the Alexanderwohl group. All hills of the Molotschna were rolling hills; slightly elevated stretches of countryside. The low places between the hills were characterized by creeks or rivers—the Molotschna River and its tributaries—along which the hamlets of the colony were situated.

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Summer Service

Many Challenging Opportunities

By Mary Block

The Pas, Man. — Beside a crystal clear lake in northern Manitoba a T.B. sanatorium provides many opportunities to show the love of Christ. The sanatorium also provides a unique experience for six Summer Service MCC workers this year.

Summer Service workers placed here this year by the Mennonite Central Committee come from three directions: east, west and south. Lorene Epp from Kansas and Justina Neufeld from Minnesota represent the United States (both R.N.'s), Verna Trussler and Betty Schwarzentruer hail from Ontario, while blond Barbara Savale comes from the far west (British Columbia) and I come from Saskatchewan. Here we are, six of us, thrown together at work to show forth the love of Christ.

Beautiful Setting

Nature has certainly received her share of beauty up here. The sanatorium lies beside Clearwater Lake, or Lake Alikameg, as the Indians call it, on the airport. Planes come and go all day.

We are about 20 miles from The Pas, which can be reached on a good gravelled highway that is to be partially paved. Trees on either side of the highway form a natural alley. Pine, tamarack, birch and poplar are quite prevalent, although they do not grow to the same height as farther south. Saskatoons and cherries are in full bloom now.

Since Clearwater Lake is teeming with fish, many tourists are attracted to it. All around the lake there are privately-owned tourist cabins. There are also a fair number of camping grounds, complete with outdoor kitchen, tables, benches and fire-places. On the west end of the lake the government is making a beach. Bath houses have already been set up. The lake itself is lined with large colored rocks, with the bottom of gravel. The majority of the tourists are from the United States.

There are about 100 patients in the Clearwater Lake Sanatorium: Eskimos, Indians, half-breeds and the occasional white person. Many of the Indians and Eskimos must first learn English. Since my work has been limited to the children's ward, I shall try to tell you something about them.

Hunger For Affection

The first thing that struck me when I came on the wards was the natural affection of these children. They are so hungry for love that they hold out their arms to you as you come in. The danger of contacting T.B. is often forgotten by nurses and aides when these open arms stretch out for a hug. One

cannot refrain from giving them an occasional hug. They respond so readily to any sign of love.

Have you ever tried to take care of 35 boys in one room—boys who are not ill enough to want to stay in bed and yet who are supposed to be in bed because they have T.B.? If not, come with me to Ward P.

In this ward seven boys are ready to be discharged. They may get up during recreation period, and they take full advantage of it. Running and racing down the aisles of the ward, playing horse, cowboy and Indian is enjoyed by all. Those who have to stay in bed during this time watch with envy and longing. When no nurse or aide is present they, too, will sneak out of bed sometimes and take one joyous, forbidden gallop down the aisle—until they are caught and carried back to bed. Oh, the joy of being healthy and being able to enjoy its freedom!

Smart Little Indian Lad

There is little Baptiste, for instance, our deaf and dumb Indian boy. He is nine years old, very smart and full of energy. When he just came here the doctors did not expect him to live three days. He was put into an iron lung, where he fought for his life for several weeks. After nine months he is ready for anything—or so he thinks. He is one of those who is still supposed to stay in bed. Most of the time he behaves, but occasionally he will sneak out when he thinks that he can get away with it. Since he cannot talk, the boys thought they could use him as a scape-goat by blaming him for everything. But he is smart enough to know when they are talking about him—and also what they are talking about. He has his own way of telling us that he is innocent and that the other one is guilty. They cannot get away with anything when he is around.

Eskimos Also

Kovik, an Eskimo, was ready to be discharged. However, several boys developed chicken pox and all discharges were cancelled. Today he stood at the window with tears in his eyes as 11 Eskimo women and two men left for Churchill to be with their families once more. Kovik is a bright-eyed youngster who could pass as a white person at any time.

The boys that are permitted to get up help with passing trays, bottles and bed-pans. They also help to make beds. For them it is a great privilege to help a nurse or an aide whom they love.

The girls are about as full of mischief as the boys, and have to be

kept in straight jackets to keep them in bed. There are also three babies in this hospital: Clarisse, seven months; Charlie, ten months, and Paneeloo, an Eskimo baby over a year old. Paneeloo has spinal meningitis and was not expected to live, but she is improving. She is beginning to smile at you when you talk to her and feed her. Charlie is the darling of the hospital: chubby and rosy-cheeked. He has a smile for everyone.

Agatha is the Indian girl who winked at Governor-General Vincent Massey when he visited the sanatorium.

Because of a lack of staff, the practical nurses have to be supervisors of wards and do all the work of an R.N. At present there are six R.N.'s, which is double the number that were here a month ago. The rest of the workers are aides

—without training. Many of them are Indian girls. Since these are not trained they do not know what to do, and stand around and read comics. This means that there is more work to do for the rest of the already over-worked staff.

The kitchen help and cleaning staff consists of Indian girls. They have never been taught to work and are baffled by the amount of work to be done. Because they do not know what to do, nor how to do it, they move as slowly as possible. It takes a cleaning girl all morning to sweep one ward and all afternoon to wash it.

There is certainly a great field here for loving hands and hearts—to minister to the body first and then to the heart. Pray that in the three months that we will be here we may be a real blessing to all with whom we come in contact.

First Wedding at Curitiba Mission

By Mrs. Erven A. Thiesen

Curitiba, Brazil. — We have had many "first this", "first that" and "the first" of another thing, but this time it is the first wedding at Lar das Crianças in Curitiba, Brazil. On March 23, Olga Pries from Alexander, Manitoba, Canada, and Jacob Dueck from Port Alegre, Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil, were united in holy wedlock by Rev. C. C. Peters from Yarrow, British Columbia, Canada.

The interesting part of this first is that the wedding united one of our staff members here on the station with a young man who emigrated from Europe, spent some time in Paraguay and Uruguay, and studied in one of the southern-most states of Brazil.

Excitedly, yet firmly, Olga made the preparations and called for the help of those who were able to spare any minutes to sew, prepare the pin-on flowers, cakes, songs, and the like for the great event. All the little girls were dressed in their finest clothes (which Linda Banman brought along from Canada). Two of the youngest were dressed in long dresses with little bonnet-type headpieces to match that of the bride's. These two flower girls were lovely to behold! They did their job beautifully too!

Yes, the days before and that very same day were packed with excitement and work—we were to have our first wedding. Everything had to be spic and span! The church was decorated exceptionally well with many flowers and greenery. The veranda of the school served as the reception hall for all the guests. Tables in a U-shape allowed everyone to see a lovely sight of the bride and groom behind the beautifully-decorated cake made by a member of the church.

At 3 o'clock on this Saturday afternoon, after the guests had filled

the little church to capacity, the bride in her lovely self-designed and sewed white gown, plus the floor-length embroidered veil attached to the crown of cloth-sewn flowers, entered with her husband-to-be to the strains of "Beneath the Cross of Jesus". After a few German songs, German sermon and the wedding ceremony by Rev. C. C. Peters, the church choir sang a selection and the director of the language school, where our missionaries attended, gave a short message in Portuguese. The entire program was tape-recorded for the benefit of the family of the bride.

After the ceremony in the church, the group enjoyed the reception together with the fine Christian fellowship of the invited guests, who numbered around 250. During the entire time, one had to wonder just what all this was about because it was something new for us. But it was Olga's wedding, the first wedding at Lar das Crianças!

Extension Efforts Planned

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going out under the Sudan Interior Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Unrau of Abbotsford, B.C., who will proceed to Italy under the Gospel Missionary Union; and Mr. and Mrs. Leander Penner, who are going to Austria under the Greater Europe Mission.

In other action the conference recognized Rev. Art Martens, recently installed as pastor of the EMB Church at Dalmeny, Sask., as an ordained minister of the EMB conference. The conference also agreed to convene at Winnipeg, Man., for the yearly workshop and at Meade, Kans., for the next annual conference.

The total conference budget, covering both foreign and home missions work, is \$110,000 for the coming year.



Round-Up of

World-Wide**RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS****Link Established Between Good Farming and Stewardship**

The editor of a publication put out by Rural Seminary and the Bible College of Missouri says he's found a definite relationship between Christian stewardship and the proper use of the land by farmers. Every year the University of Missouri's agricultural extension service announces district winners in its "balanced farming" program, which requires the best possible use of farm land.

Harold F. Reisch, editor of *New Horizons*, polled the 1957 winners to determine their religious interests and activities. And he found that all 19 winners and their families belong to some church and at-

tend regularly. He found that 15 of the 19 farmers were officials in their church. And this, Reisch concluded, seems to "indicate a definite relationship between Christian stewardship and proper use of farm land."

Personal Work Gains Converts

A missionary reports many conversions in the Roman Catholic mission territories of Colombia where he is working. He says that for the past year all Protestant meetings have been prohibited in his area. Nevertheless, his personal work has resulted in 198 professions of faith in Christ during the month of April.

first official business will be attending the Prime Ministers' Conference in London.

Three Die As Brakes Fail

Three St. Boniface teenagers were drowned on June 15 when the car in which they and three others were riding crashed through a guard chain on the Aubigny, Man., ferry and plunged into the Red River. The driver of the car said that both the emergency and the foot brakes had been on at the top of the hill leading to the ferry ramp, but that the car suddenly began rolling down the hill to the ramp. The brakes had been known to fail before.

Dead are Rene Pantel, 18; Maurice Canade, 19; and Elaine Komosky, 16.

New Fast Film for X-rays

The inventor responsible for the polaroid-land camera has perfected a polaroid film for medical use that provides a finished picture within 60 seconds.

Jacob Enns, radiological technician of Winnipeg General Hospital, said in a prepared report at the second international convention of x-ray technicians in Washington, that while it is unlikely the new film will ever replace conventional type x-ray film, it is becoming popular in the medical field.

A picture can be taken during an operation. The film is developed and handed to the surgeon within 60 seconds, enabling him to make immediate use of it.

Lutherans Challenged To Gain Immigrants

The immigration of Germans to Canada opens up a new field for the ministry of the Lutheran Church, the president of the Canada synod of the United Lutheran Church in America said in his report to the 95th annual convention of the Canada synod. Rev. A. G. Jacobi called upon Lutheran pastors to accelerate their ministry among new Canadians arriving from Germany.

"This is a field that belongs primarily to the Lutheran Church," he told the 200 lay and clerical delegates of the convention at Kitchener, where Canadians of German descent are concentrated.

More than 26,000 immigrants arrived in Canada from Germany last year and 35,000 are expected in 1957.

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with him returned with a new joy in their faces. Another bus had to be added when the first became overcrowded.

A Chicago business leader picked up the telephone after Graham's second nationwide telecast and called New York.

"I watched the service in my living room, along with six of my business associates," he said. "While people were walking forward in Madison Square Garden to make decisions for Christ, I knelt before my friends and did the same thing. It was a hard thing to do but I'm glad that I had the courage. Tonight the real values of life fell into their proper perspective for me."

The great great granddaughter of Jonathan Edwards, a religious leader of many years ago, wrote, "You seemed to talk directly to me on television." She made the same decision as thousands of others.

It was because of such unusual responses that the New York Executive Committee decided to extend the nationwide telecasts each Saturday night until the close of the meeting on July 21.

Graham was talking about the adulteress in Samaria who was forgiven by Christ.

Sitting way back in a balcony seat was an attractive young girl of 20. She looked innocent and clean to others nearby, but the words from the platform were stabbing into her heart.

Marriage had been postponed when her fiancée went overseas, but they decided their love was too great to forsake the liberties involved. She vowed to remain faithful to him, but after he had been gone a few months she was teasing and tempting a married man in the office where she worked. Others followed.

A girl friend invited her to attend the Billy Graham services at Madison Square Garden. She declined at first, but then went out of curiosity.

Graham said that Christ would forgive and forget, no matter how vile the sin. He asked those who wanted a new life to come forward.

The girl hesitated. She wanted to go, but was afraid it would be embarrassing. Then courage came to leave the seat.

"For the first time in my life I didn't feel lonely," she said. "I had never felt such inward joy."

Back in the office, she told her friends she was going to live for Christ. Some laughed, but two of them accepted her invitations to visit the Garden.

After the second telecast her grandmother decided that she wanted to become a Christian.

The chain continued to unwind a few nights later. The mother went to the Garden and found the answer to the things her daughter had been talking about.

"Our family was beginning to fall apart," said the girl.

Things are different now.

God's Word
IN MAN'S WORLD

**Healthy Fright**

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

A news journal has recently set forth an interesting thought relative to today's atomic "rat race to ruin", suggesting that it may have produced a "healthy fright" amongst the nations involved. Alarm has been raised at the "advance" of these deadly demons that a hoped-for deterrent may have been produced. Nations, the journal remarks, are so frightened, they dread to dream of the forced use of these monsters.

It is an interesting thought. The words, "healthy fright", are suggestive when underscored of spiritual application. If men could only fathom the full extent of Christless living, it might provide that decisive deterrent which would force the spiritual halt, and the happy "about face" of repentance and faith (Acts 20:21) onto salvation ground. And if by any means to save some, to follow the apostolic pattern, would bring the desired result, then one would do well to set about "fanning flames of spiritual fright".

But to utilize such tactics would bring the old charge of "scaring people to death". However, it would be more proper to refer to such service as "scaring people into life!" After all, the main matter is the personal possession of that which the Bible identifies as Eternal Life (John 17:3), in the living wonder of the new creation (II Corinthians 5:17).

A phrase from Ecclesiastes illuminates the modern attitude toward spiritual realities: "Sorrow is better than laughter" (Ecclesiastes 7:3). Far too many have only light laughter for the eternal verities of the Gospel, where sorrow after a repentant sort would be more valued. "For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool" (Ecclesiastes 7:6), fits far too many like a fatal glove. Men give millions to comedians and not a mite of currency of sober thinking to the clarions of the Cross; our times are written large with the tragedy of such distorted sense of value and proportion.

Time for "healthy fright" where eternal things are at stake. A people that has sunk to the level of "laughing it off" needs more than aught else, the faggot of spiritual fright whipped across the cords of the heart.

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CANADASCOPE**Conservatives To Form Government**

In a series of swiftly moving events on June 17, Prime Minister St. Laurent handed in his resignation to Governor-General Vincent Massey, who in turn called upon John Diefenbaker, leader of the Progressive Conservative party, to form a government. Mr. Diefenbaker was due to be installed as Prime Minister today, June 21. His

Weddings

Hiebert—Neufeld

Rosie Neufeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Neufeld, Horn-dean, Man., and William Hiebert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Hiebert, Plum Coulee, Man., were married on June 9 in the Grossweide M. B. church. Rev. J. J. Neufeld officiated, while Mr. John B. Wiebe delivered a message in English. Mr. Albert Karlenzig was soloist.

Miss Esther Neufeld, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Bill Schroeder was best man. Ushers were Mr. Jake Neufeld and Mr. Cornie Hiebert.

The newlyweds will reside on a farm at Plum Coulee.

Rempel—Unruh

Elizabeth Unruh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Unruh, Vauxhall, Alta., and Henry Rempel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Rempel of Gem, Alta., were married on June 8 in the Vauxhall M. B. church. Rev. Ben Epp of Vauxhall officiated. Rev. P. Doerksen of Gem delivered a German message.

The couple will make their home in Calgary.

Silver Wedding for Henry Bergens

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bergen of Arnaud, Man., celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in the Arnaud Mennonite church on Saturday, June 9.

Rev. J. Poetker made the opening remarks. Guest speaker was Rev. Abram Warkentin of Altona. The English message was given by Rev. Edwin Klippenstein, a nephew to the anniversary couple.

John and Marge Bergen each recited a poem, while the singing was supplied by the local choir and a group from Winkler. In closing, Miss Annie Neudorf recited a very appropriate poem.

A reception followed in the church basement.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary for John Pauls

Mr. and Mrs. John Pauls of Arnaud, Man., celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 2, in the Arnaud Mennonite Brethren church.

Rev. David Thiessen made the opening remarks. Rev. David Nightingale, brother to Mrs. Pauls, delivered an English message on the theme, "All His Thoughts Are Thoughts of Peace." Rev. H. P. Toews of Winnipeg and Rev. Isaac served with messages in the German language.

A male quartet consisting of David Duerksen, John Pauls (neph-

ew to Mr. Pauls), Ernest Pauls and Ferdinand Pauls sang several songs. Other items on the program were a solo by John Pauls and a duet by David Duerksen and John Pauls. A dialogue written especially for this occasion by David Nightingale was presented by the son and daughter, Werner and Ann Pauls.

In a short testimony Mr. Pauls pointed out the many blessings that they had received during their 25 years of married life.

A reception was held in the church basement.

Obituaries

Infant Daughter Passes

Vineland, Ont. — "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." These words were spoken many years ago by Job, during his time of trial. Recently they were also spoken by a young couple of the M. B. Church of Vineland, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Wall. Mrs. Wall is the former Martha Dyck.

On May 12 a baby girl was born to them. Great was the concern of all friends and relatives, however, for the baby was very tiny and needed special attention. The young mother was also gravely ill. Much prayer ascended to our heavenly Father on their behalf. As the days went on we were all rejoicing at the fact that mother and daughter were doing well. On May 22 the short life of the baby, little Shirley Ann was abruptly terminated.

A short funeral service was held at the funeral chapel in Campden, where many friends and relatives were present to comfort the grief-stricken father.

Mrs. Wall is well on her way to recovery; God's name be praised! The Lord has spoken to the Vineland M. B. Church through this incident.



110 in Voluntary Summer Service

More than 110 persons are participating in the 11 projects of the 13th annual summer service program of MCC which is getting under way in June in the United States.

This number represents approximately 25 more persons than began a year ago and does not include Canadian volunteers who are serving in ten units. Gerhard Reimer (Giroux, Man.) directs the American program.

First projects to open were Camp Paivika, Calif.; National Institutes of Health near Washington; Governor Bacon Health Center, Del.; and Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kans.

According to an early unofficial tabulation, there are approximately 30 General Conference Mennonites, 25 (Old) Mennonites and nine representing the Mennonite Brethren.

One Canadian To Go To Camp Paivika

The first of six summer camps for crippled children has begun at Camp Paivika at Crestline, Calif., where ten MCC counselors will serve this summer.

Camp Paivika is sponsored by the Los Angeles Society for Crippled Children. Leader for the MCC counselors is Ronald D. Leppke of Dinuba, Calif., member of the Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church.

Others include Neal S. Ratzlaff of Henderson, Nebr., Bethesda Mennonite Church; Verlyn Jane Fast of Freeman, S.D., Silver Lake Mennonite Brethren Church; Noreen Kawaski of Chicago, Evangelical and Reformed Church; Norma Lee Kroker of Reedley, Mennonite Brethren Church; JoAnne Hiebert of Mountain Lake, Minn., Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church.

Beginning June 24 are Carol Ger- ing of Mountain Lake, Minn., Bethel Mennonite Church; Erlean Rhea Petersen of Fresno, Calif., Lutheran Church; and Rosemary Van Dyke of Eureka, Ill., Roanoke Mennonite Church. Helena Braun of Sardis, B.C., a Mennonite Brethren, will serve in August.

30 Normal Control Volunteers

A unit of about 30 persons this summer will do their bit toward eliminating many diseases—such as heart disease, mental illness, neurological diseases and others.

They are members of the MCC summer service unit at the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md., (suburb of Washington, D.C.) who as normal control volunteers are participating in medical research tests designed to eliminate prevalent diseases.

Leader of the summer unit is C. Spurgeon Lady of Hannover, Pa., a member of the Brethren in Christ Church. Members of the unit are:

Norma Bender of Palmyra, Mo., Pea Ridge Mennonite Church; Jacqueline Berry of Bluffton, Ohio, Methodist Church; Betty Bloomquist of Harvey, N.D., Mennonite Brethren; Bessie Bourn of East Peoria, Pleasant Hill Mennonite; Shirley Burry of Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church;

Lois Jean Dirks of Burrton, Kans., Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church; Sylvia Downey of Humboldt, Tenn., Baptist Church; Bettie Durst of Springs, Pa., Springs Mennonite Church; Irma Flickner of

Kingman, Kans., Bethany Mennonite Church;

Shirley Fuller of Schoolcraft, Mich., Presbyterian; Gail Harrison of Arlington, Va., Episcopal Church; Ann Hilty of Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church; Marjorie Hostetter of Apple Creek, Ohio, Kidron Mennonite Church;

Midori Mae Iwamoto of Los Angeles, Christian Church; Charles B. Johnson of Monrovia, Liberia, Presbyterian Church; Elizabeth Johnston of Oakland, Calif., Presbyterian Church; Betty Kulp of Blooming Glen, Pa., Perkasie Mennonite Church;

Elaine Landes of Lansdale, Pa., Blooming Glen Mennonite Church; Margaret Jane Litwiller of Wooster, Ohio, Oak Grove Mennonite Church; Elizabeth Penner, of Inman, Kans., Bethel Mennonite Church; Dorothy Ellen Rice of South Bend, Ind., North Goshen Mennonite Church;

Frances and Elizabeth Schmidt of Canton, Kans., Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church; Edna Schmidt of Mount Carmel, Ill., Evangelical and Reformed Church; Edith Shantz of Preston, Ont., Preston Mennonite Church; Audrey Springer of Minier, Ill., Hopedale Mennonite Church; and Janice Ann Waltner of McPherson, Kans., Eden Mennonite Church.

Governor Bacon Health Center

Camping experience is being made possible for emotionally-mal-adjusted children of the Atlantic coast area at Governor Bacon Health Center at Delaware City, Del.

Among the counselors at the center are six members of the MCC summer service program. Their leader is John M. Zook of Heston, Kans.

Others are Velma Joy Anderson of Castle Rock, Colo., Methodist; Petrea Bruun of Freeman, S.D., Bethany Mennonite Church; Anna Isaac of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., United Mennonite Church; Rosemary Stieglitz of Milford, Ind., Apostolic Christian Church; and Rita Ann Wetzel of Lakewood, Ohio, Presbyterian.

Institute of Logopedics

Children who have speech and hearing defects will receive guidance this summer from seven MCC summer service workers at the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kans.

The workers are Shirley Mae Dick of Turpin, Okla., Friendsfeld Mennonite Church; Louise Entz of Whitewater, Kans., Emmaus Mennonite Church; Elsie and Mary K. Miller of Smithville, Ohio, Oak Grove Mennonite Church;

Shirley Ann Schmidt of Goessel, Kans., Goessel Mennonite Church; Lavera Ann Sommers of Louisville, Ohio, Beech Mennonite Church; and Vonnie Sue Willies of Hope, Ark., Baptist Church.

COLLEGES

Canadian Mennonite Bible College

Rev. G. Lohrenz left for Newton, Kansas, for a Historical Committee meeting on June 8. The day previous to this he attended three sessions at the Cultural Conference which meets every two years, with representatives from the various Colleges present. The general theme under discussion during this day was "The Cultural Change Among American Mennonites".

On May 31, the Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the CMBC chapel. The theme was "Servants Unto All", and the decorations were in accordance with this idea. Guest speaker for the evening was Victor Adrian, principal at MBCI.

Anne Neufeld

Goshen College

Enrollment for the June 4 to August 2 summer session has reached an all-time high of 268. The previous record enrollment was 266 in 1955. Two three-week sessions, running from May 13-31 and June 4-21 respectively, report an enrollment of ten persons each.

President Paul Mininger awarded a total of 187 degrees at the 59th Annual Commencement on June 3. Requirements for 68 more degrees will be completed by August 2.

Degrees awarded on June 3 included 10 Associate in Arts degrees, 42 Bachelor of Science in Education, 58 Bachelor of Arts, 2 Bachelor of Religious Education, 5 Bachelor of Divinity and 2 Master of Religious Education.

Included in the 68 August graduates are 22 nursing students who will complete their course and receive the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at that time.

Appointed to Edmonton

The eleven members of this year's Seminary graduating class will during the summer months and early fall enter the service of the church in this country, Canada, and abroad. In addition seven non-graduating seminary students are either returning to their fields of service or entering new work.

Howard Snider, Guernsey, Saskatchewan, one of the five graduates entering pastoral work, has been appointed pastor of the newly organized congregation in Edmonton, Alberta. His wife, Marie, also a member of the graduating class, will join her husband in the work at Edmonton.

Charles Shenk, Biglerville, Pa., has been appointed to the Japan Mission field. Sailing in August with the Lee Kanagy family, Shenk's will enter language school in Tokyo. Also appointed to foreign service is James Gingerich, Lowville, New York, who will serve

for a two-year MCC term in Amsterdam, Holland. The Gingerichs are sailing in early July.

Non-graduates returning to the mission field after spending one or more semesters in the Seminary are Nathan and Arlene Hege to Ethiopia, Lee Kanagy to Japan, and John Driver to Puerto Rico.

John Litwiller, missionary to Uruguay, will continue his study next year at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn.

Takio Tanase, Tokyo, Japan, plans to return in August to his home country and will serve in the Mennonite Church there. Also returning to his home is Ernst Fuhrman, Homburg-Bruchhof, Saar, Germany.

Merlin Swartz, Au Gres, Mich., a second year student in the Seminary, has accepted a two-year MCC assignment in Jordan.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Mennonite Brethren Bible School, Kitchener, Ont.

The school year of 1956-57 has drawn to a close for us at the Ontario M. B. Bible Institute. It is a saddening thought, for we do not like to see the time spent here end. However, with each end comes a new beginning. This awakens new hope within us, and we look forward with anticipation to what God has for us.

On Friday evening, May 31, the first class prepared a banquet for the graduates, their parents and the committee. To us as graduates the evening was a great challenge. The motto which they had chosen for us was "Thrust in Thy Sickle" (Rev. 14:15). Throughout the evening we were repeatedly reminded in word and song of our responsibility to reap God's waiting harvest. No one left the banquet without being greatly moved and challenged.

The school year came to a grand climax when Rev. W. Hiebert from Hillsboro, Kansas, challenged us at our Missionary Conference with "Discipleship". His services, beginning Saturday morning, June 8, followed until Sunday evening, when he gave the graduation message. The following topics were discussed: 1) Discipleship as related to the Church (Eph. 4:1-16); 2) Discipleship as related to the world (Eph. 4:17-32); 3) We will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:14-22); and 4) Dedication to discipleship (Luke 9:57-62).

The encouraging graduation message was taken from 1 John 3:2: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be"; but we know that, 1) We are now the sons of God, 2) We shall be like Him.

This gives each one of us a goal for which we must strive, and when by God's grace we reach this goal, we will be rewarded.

They Build Homes

Organize For Fellowship and Discussion

By Peter and Jessie Penner

Thornhill, Man. — Last November the young married couples of the Morden M. B. Church organized a cohesive group for the purpose of Christian fellowship and discussion of their particular problems. They invited the young married couples of the Lindal Mission Church to join them. All couples not above the approximate age of forty and whose children were still all in grade school were invited to become the society's charter members. In February the group chose as its name, "The Christian Homebuilders".

The impetus leading to the formation of this group came from some who felt that there was a definite need in Morden for such an organization. They had noticed that some couples withdrew within themselves, some withdrew into smaller cliques and some limited their social activities, to the immediate family. What was needed was an organization for Christian fellowship on an informal basis and a forum in which to discuss the problems peculiar to this group, they agreed.

Met Once a Month

Those who had been members of such groups in other churches suggested that these needs could best be met by having one meeting every month. At such gatherings an outside speaker could be invited to deal with some pertinent topic, members of the group could form panels to achieve a similar purpose, or a film could be procured (only if it met a specific purpose). Since fellowship is more enjoyable and more informal at tables, a light lunch could be served at each meeting, which should be limited to two varieties of food outside of the cup of coffee. Each couple could contribute 50c per meeting to remunerate outside speakers and to cover the rental of films.

At the first meeting an executive committee was elected which should give guidance to the society as such and should select the revolving committees for each meeting. The first executive consisted of Peter Penner, chairman; Art Heppner, vice-chairman, and Frank J. Friesen, secretary-treasurer. The wives of these members were considered members of the executive committee.

Discuss Christian Schools

During the course of the winter and early spring the Christian Homebuilders met seven times. Each program was prepared by a committee of three couples appointed by the executive.

The December meeting featured a film, "A Boy and His Bible", as well as a discussion of the question: "How Should a Christian Family

Spend Christmas?" For the January meeting the committee in charge had engaged Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church, Winnipeg, who spoke to us on: "Family Life and Child Nurture in Spiritual Things". He introduced Christian literature for the young family and also heartily endorsed the formation of such a society within the local church. At the February meeting two of the members of the committee in charge discussed the "Advantages and Disadvantages of Government and Church-Sponsored Schools for Children of Christians".

Television Under Discussion

During March two meetings were held. The first gathering featured a panel made up of the three couples in charge. It discussed the whole question of television and the Christian's attitude towards it. At the second meeting Dr. G. D. Huebert, principal of the Winkler Bible School, discussed the "Scriptural Basis for Non-Resistance" with the group. In April, the committee showed the film: "Missionary to Walker's Garage", because its theme for the evening was the Christian's responsibility of witnessing to his fellowmen.

The May meeting was chosen as the final one for the first season. It was decided to make the executive responsible and to finish the season with a banquet. As featured speaker the executive engaged Mr. Ben Horch, music director of CFAM, Altona, to speak to us on music. He gave us a Bible-based talk on the therapeutic, pragmatic and artistic values of music for the Christian.

First Season Reveals Values

How successful has the first season been? We began by inviting about 24 couples that were eligible according to our rule. By the end of the season it was apparent that we could count only on about 16 couples and any newlyweds as regular members. Those who have supported the meetings by their attendance and their willingness to work together with other couples (with whom they may never have had anything to do in the way of active friendship) in order to plan and prepare programs have benefitted personally by the Christian fellowship, by the discussion of mutual problems and by making new friends.

A new executive was chosen at the banquet for the second season to commence this fall. As chairman the group elected Peter G. Loewen, high school teacher in the Lindal School. His wife automatically became "first lady". The A. J. Riedigers and the Albert Heppners were chosen to assist the Peter Loewens.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Members of the Mennonite Brethren congregation in Montevideo, Uruguay, are assuming greater financial support for operation of the Mennonite Brethren center in that city. Recently they purchased furniture and equipment for the mission home which serves as a residence for persons working in the city and a meeting place for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. The response of this group is encouraging and it is hoped the time will soon come when they are able to assume all financial obligations.

— Miss Anne Voth of Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church, Winnipeg, finds good opportunity for Christian witness in the Voluntary Service program. She is a school teacher on Twillingate island near Newfoundland. On Sunday she has a Sunday school class of young people from 15 to 21 years of age. The group of 40 pupils has limited Bible knowledge. To improve the teaching situation, she made curtains with Christmas gift money to enclose the balcony classroom.

— Brother Gerhard Wall, Fernheim, Paraguay, has received a call from the Bage Mennonite Brethren Church in Brazil to serve the congregation as a youth worker and teacher in the Bible school.

— Brother C. C. Peters, Board worker in South America from Yarrow, British Columbia, was invited to minister to the Curitiba Mennonite Brethren Church in Brazil for nearly a week of services. Beginning with a youth meet-

ing on June 7 and continuing through June 13, he was to serve the congregation with messages from the Word, expositions of the Scriptures and in Holy Communion. Following these meetings, Brother and Sister Peters planned to depart for Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, where he will instruct in the Conference Bible Institute. The Bage Mennonite Brethren Church in Brazil had a farewell service for Brother and Sister Peters on May 26. There were many expressions of gratitude for their services and requests for them to continue their ministry in South America.

— A baptism and reception of new members into the Mennonite Brethren Church, Montevideo, Uruguay, was planned for June 2.

— The Bible Institute of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of South America was to begin its second semester early in June in Filadelfia, Paraguay, in connection with the opening of the Fernheim Bible School. Approximately a dozen students from Bage and Curitiba, Brazil, were going to Filadelfia to continue the second semester work of the Institute.

New Addition Dedicated

Yarrow, B.C. — After one month of renovations the Mennonite Brethren Church here held their first service in the enlarged edifice on Sunday, June 16.

In a short ceremony the church dedicated the new section to the service of the Lord. The new addition and the renovations in the basement cost a total of \$18,000, plus free labour. At the service on June 16 an offering totalling \$2,400 was received, with more pledged.

Redberry Camp Dates Announced

Hepburn, Sask. — Preparations are being made for a bigger and better Bible camp this year at Redberry Bible Camp, conducted by the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan. This Bible camp serves the northern area, while the West Bank Bible

Camp near Swift Current, Sask., serves the southern district.

Redberry Bible Camp dates are: boys' camp (up to 14 years old), July 14-21; girls' camp (up to 14 years old), July 21-28; mixed young people's camp, 14 and up, July 28 to August 4.

This camp is situated on beautiful Redberry Lake, with an excellent sandy beach and a fine grove of trees. There are good recreational facilities and a well-planned Bible study course, both under the supervision of consecrated leadership, teachers and counsellors.

West Bank Bible Camp is also conducted by the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan. It has the same course and similar recreational facilities. It is located on the banks of the Swift Current creek, noted for its clear, fresh-flowing water.

MORE ABOUT Reunion in Japan

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to God and toward the lost world. Rev. Toews stressed the word "must" in a special way, as found in verse 16: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd." It is not a question of whether we will bring them in, nor of whether they can be brought in. They MUST be brought in. Yes, friends, we must bring them in. Let us work together to bring others to Christ, here in Japan and there in the United States and Canada.

Large Tent Meeting

A large tent meeting was held at 2:30 at the M. B. mission yard in Ishibashi. Six churches cooperated in the service. Special singing was by the students of the M. B. Bible school, led by Rev. David Balzer. All the Mennonite Brethren missionaries were present, in addition to Rev. Toews, Rev. Kliever and Mr. DeFehr. Rev. Harry Friesen introduced each one of the latter and they in turn conveyed your greetings to us, also giving a short testimony. Rev. Kitano welcomed them and told the brethren of how very difficult it is to do evangelism here in Japan. Yes, dear friends, there are many foreigners coming to Japan these days to admire the beauty of this country, but it is a really hard place to work, for the missionaries and for us. We want to ask you to pray in a special way for your missionaries here in Japan.

Rev. Toews was the speaker at this afternoon service. He spoke on the Spirit of power, love and a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7). Since it was Pentecost Sunday it was such a suitable message. Again and again we were reminded what a joy it is to have such a wonderful Saviour in our heart and to live for Him from moment to moment.

May God grant that we would be obedient and walk with Him and serve Him as His Spirit leads.

After the service Rev. Jonathan Bartel took a picture of the group. Throughout the meeting there was such a warmth and oneness in Spirit. At one time Rev. Toews mentioned, "It has already been said that my interpreter and I look alike outwardly as well." They do look alike, but more important than the similarity in appearance is the oneness in Christ.

While we were waiting for the evening service to start (at 5:30 p.m.) the ladies of the Ishibashi church served tea and cookies. At the evening service Rev. J. P. Kliever was to speak. Since, however, I had to leave for Kyoto, I am unable to report on that service. I am sure that God used His vessel and made him a blessing.

Please pray for the brethren as they serve Him on their missionary tour. They are in Japan until June 23.

Let me mention yet how happy I personally was to meet these brethren. Three years ago I graduated from the M. B. Bible College. At that time Rev. J. B. Toews was the special speaker. I just recalled that occasion today. Then when Mr. DeFehr came up to me I saw his eyes filled with tears. Yes, it was a great joy to meet them and shake hands.

When I left Canada I thought it was time to bid them all farewell in this world, but God granted it that I could meet some of them here in Japan, my homeland. For this I am very thankful to our great God.

On the Horizon

June 28 to July 15. — British Columbia Mennonite youth will have their retreat at Clayburn camp near Abbotsford, B.C.

June 29 to July 3. — The Conference of Mennonites in Canada will meet at Winkler, Man., for its annual sessions.

July 3 to 21. — Tent evangelism by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Winkler, Man.

July 6-10. — The Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church will meet in Herbert, Sask., for its annual sessions.

July 25 to August 11. — Tent meetings by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Altona, Man.

August 16 to 26. — Mennonite World Conference, Karlsruhe, Germany.

August 18 to September 1. — Evangelistic meetings in a tent by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Winnipeg.

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

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