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

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This large mural depicted the conference theme. Each province west of Ontario is represented by one scene. Artist was Rev. Abe Goertz of Main Centre, Sask.

Missions Giving Up One-Third

Herbert, Sask. — Wiping beads of perspiration from their brow, or using the latest committee reports as fan, 280 delegates representing over 13,000 members and 80 churches met here from July 6 to 10 for the 47th conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Canada.

Although the Canadian conference budget was only \$60,000 last year, the statistical report of financial contributions to the church's work revealed that almost one and a quarter million dollars, or over \$94 per member, had been given by members of the conference. This included church administration, building projects, schools, relief, missions on the home and foreign field, and other local projects. Over \$274,000 of this had been given for foreign missions, a new record. In addition, home missions and schools received \$383,000. Giving toward church construction totaled \$219,517.

Committees Roomed in 1 Building

Sessions of the conference were held in the large M. B. Auditorium on the Bible school grounds, some distance from the town of Herbert. The school and dormitory provided accommodation for committee members, thus facilitating the meeting of committees, and the former boys' dormitory had been renovated to provide two large dining rooms, which could seat all the delegates at one time.

Highlights at the conference included the conference message by the moderator, Rev. D. Pankratz of Coaldale, Alta., the inspirational morning messages on the over-all theme, "The Word of God as Guide in the Church", and the evening services. These were led by the M. B. Bible College, the youth and

song committees, the foreign missions board, the Canada Inland Mission, and other branches of conference activity.

Two Churches Accepted

Two city mission churches previously accepted into provincial M. B. conferences were received into the Canadian M. B. Conference on Saturday morning, July 6. This was the first day of sessions, although the committees had met in

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Ninety in Canadian Summer Service

Waterloo, Ont. (MCC) — More than 90 persons are participating in the ten summer service units in Canada. They represent more than a half dozen Mennonite groups and five Canadian provinces and the United States.

The Canadian program is administered from the MCC regional office at Waterloo, Ont. Responsible are Harvey Toews, associate director of the office, and Hedwig Sawadsky, assistant.

The students-in-industry project in Toronto is the newest project in the Canadian program, designed for participants to "learn, earn and witness."

The 12 persons in the project are employed in industries of the city. In turn they share their experiences through group discussions and guest lectures while living together at the Mennonite Student Center, Victor Fast of Chortitz, Man., is leader.

Harold Dyck of Winkler, Man., is leader of the 23-member unit at Hospital for Mental Diseases at

Community Campaign at Niagara

By Harold Jantz

Virgil, Ont. — Eden Christian College was the scene of an evangelistic campaign from June 22 to 28. For the second year in succession such a series of services was inaugurated to reach residents of Niagara Township. Rev. J. H. Epp of Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask., served as evangelist.

During the course of the evenings Rev. Epp addressed Christians and unsaved alike. In his first message he stressed the Christian's responsibility toward the unsaved, especially in respect to intercession for the unbelievers. In succeeding evenings the visitors were shown the awfulness of sin, the certainty of death and judgment, the consequences of being let go by God, the righteousness found in Christ Jesus, and Christ, the hope of salvation.

It is rather difficult to assess the results of such a campaign. For

Brandon, Man. Helen Isaak of Springstein, Man., is co-leader.

Sixteen persons work at the School for Mental Defectives at Portage la Prairie, Man. John Kroeker of Lowe Farm, Man., is leader, Marie Wall of Taber, Alberta, is co-leader.

The Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Ninette, Man., has ten workers in the MCC unit. Leader is Helen Fast of Chortitz, Man.

Justina Neufeld of Butterfield, Minn., is leader of the six-member unit at Clearwater Lake Sanatorium at The Pas, Man.

Eleven workers serve at the Municipal Hospital in Winnipeg. Kathleen Janzen of Arnaud, Man., serves as leader.

Ontario Mental Hospital at London has Rhoda Winger of St. Anns, Ont., for the MCC unit leader. Six persons comprise the unit.

Lydia Boese of Tofield, Alta., serves as leader for the trio of workers at Bethesda Home at Vineland, Ont.

Three Mennonites serve at the Hebrew Mission Camp at Kearney, Ont., and two summer workers are at Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ont.

the souls that were saved we praise God; for the blessing received through hearing the Word of God clearly presented we thank God; and for the spiritual growth experienced by those who actively worked to further the campaign, whether through singing, prayer, personal work or ushering, we also praise the Lord.

The Virgil M. B. Church and the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel co-sponsored the meetings, with the leadership coming mostly from the youth organization of both churches.

Large Rally of DVBS Workers

Chilliwack, B.C. — About 100 workers, both past and present, turned out for a rally of daily vacation Bible school workers sponsored by the West Coast Children's Mission at Peace Arch Park on Sunday afternoon, July 7.

The rally was held shortly before the majority of this year's workers went out for their two-week daily vacation Bible schools in various parts of British Columbia. Also present were the Kindergarten workers that served during May and June at Oliver, Queensborough and Lillooet, B.C.

Instead of the former practice of concentrating DVBS in August, the West Coast Children's Mission is conducting schools during all of July and August, with the first schools starting on July 2. Rev. John Reimer, the field director of the mission, reported that there were now the equivalent of 105 workers for the summer, considering each worker's period as two weeks of instruction. There is, however, still a call for more workers.

The afternoon rally, the first to be held in a park, was generally regarded as a success. The weather was favourable. Included in the program were a sing-song, a testimony meeting, a message by Rev. H. Classen, city missionary in Vancouver, and a lunch. Rev. Classen challenged those present with the need of soul winning.

Both workers and churches are praying that this summer's work will lead to the salvation of souls and the strengthening of Christians.

EDITORIAL

A Necessity - Not a Luxury

A modern tendency is to assess the importance of a committee's work in terms of its budget. Yet a committee without a budget delivered one of the most stimulating and far-reaching reports at the Conference of the M.B. Church in Canada.

At last year's conference a neutral study commission was elected to study the co-ordination of the work done by Mennonite Brethren educational institutions in Canada. This commission presented a 2,500-word summary of their findings and recommendations to the conference.

The commission did not restrict its investigations to formal educational institutions, but also had some thought-provoking suggestions for Bible teaching in the home. It expressed regret that homes with a regular family altar are decreasing and declared that a real effort must be made to have a family altar in each home. The commission also emphasized the value of systematic Bible reading and study in the home, stating that devotional literature can never replace teaching of the Bible in the home.

There is a greater unity in the German and religious instruction in Mennonite high schools than the commission had anticipated. There is, however, still room for improvement, and the commission suggested a course of studies in Bible, ethics, doctrine and church and Mennonite history that could serve as a guide.

Although Bible schools in the provinces are designed to meet the needs of the churches and communities they serve, there should be a greater co-ordination in the objectives and course of studies, the commission stated. It declared that the primary objective of Bible schools should be the training of lay people for effective Christian living and for service in the church. Specialized training for full-time, or "professional" church workers should be reserved for the Bible college and the seminary.

The teaching program of some Bible schools has been determined by individual teachers, the commission found, with great differences between the course of studies in Bible schools as a result. Although most Bible schools follow the course outlined by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, there is a great variety in "optional" subjects. Teaching of the "whole counsel of God" must be the aim of all Bible schools, in spite of the limitations of time.

Differences in the length of the school year add to the difficulties in co-ordinating the teaching program of the various Bible schools. The commission believes that two years of the longer 7½ to 8½ month term of some schools could be made the equivalent of three years of the shorter 5 to 6 month term of some schools. Bible schools with more than a three-year course should exercise caution not to enter the teaching field of the Bible college, the commission's report stated.

In its survey of educational needs, the commission received many queries from young people respecting a liberal arts college in Canada. Because of the apparent need for such an institution, the commission felt that further studies should be made in this respect.

The efforts to co-ordinate the teaching program of the Bible schools and the Bible College depend largely upon the Bible schools. Because the college must meet the standards of the accrediting association, a definite policy has been outlined by the college for transfer of credits. The commission outlined this policy in its report.

The need for an M.B. Seminary in Canada does not seem to be very great at the present time, judging by the little demand for it, the commission stated. Since much remains to be done in giving the average church member a thorough biblical training, the commission did not believe it would be wise to offer specialized training at high cost to only a few. Instead, greater efforts should be made to increase the number of those attending Bible school and Bible college, where at the present time only 3% of the M.B. church members are receiving biblical training.

It is to be hoped that the present plans of the enlarged commission to enter into consultation with Mennonite high schools and Bible schools to effect greater co-ordination will result in real achievements. Co-ordination in the teaching program of a denomination is a necessity and not a luxury.

DEVOTIONAL

Sending Jesus Away!

By A. J. Konrad*

"And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw Him, they besought him that He would depart out of their coasts" (Matth. 8:34).

Compared to the devilishness of the betrayal, the injustice, slander and cruelty of the trial, and the excruciating pain, horror and shame of the crucifixion, the treatment given Jesus by the Gergesenes seems gentle and refined.

Jesus had come to their land east of the Sea of Galilee. There He had met with two of their notorious citizens, well-known because of their demoniacal power and fierceness. These Jesus had healed — and in the process a fine herd of swine had been lost in the sea. Upon hearing what had happened, the people came out to meet Him. And then kindly, politely, yet firmly, they asked Jesus to depart. Yes, they sent Jesus away. Can words be more tragic and sad than these: "They besought Him that He would depart out of their coasts"?

Why did these people ask Jesus to leave?

Perhaps it was because they failed to see the greatness of what Jesus had done. After all, who cared for those two men otherwise than to wish that some way could be found to rid society of their evil presence. This was, in all probability, only a temporary healing which would lose its effect in a few days. They failed to see that these men had been saved physically, spiritually, eternally. They did not realize that two immortal souls had been snatched from the clutches of satan and transformed into sons of God. And so they sent Jesus away.

Perhaps, upon seeing the change wrought in these men, others realized the change that would have to take place in their own lives if they invited the Saviour into their city, their homes, their hearts. Although not literally possessed by demons, they were nevertheless doing the works of the wicked one. They may have realized that those ties would have to be broken. Yet they were not willing to pay the price. This was the crucial point. Some had already lost much because these two were saved. There might be much more to give up, clean up, and maybe burn up. Just to play safe, they rather asked Jesus to leave. But they were the losers; had they only known it. They were actually sending away the greatest blessing that could come to them. How tragic and sad! "They besought Him that He would depart out of their coasts." They misused their only opportunity of salvation and true happiness.

And yet, there are many in our day who do the very same thing. So many are not willing to pay the

price. The desire to have peace, forgiveness, a clean conscience, a place in heaven, is there. But to take Jesus into heart, home, business, recreation, yes, into every phase of life is asking too much. To give Him the keys of every area of life — to give Him not only first place but every place, that is too costly. And that is why many send Jesus away. Not always rudely or openly, but clearly and firmly nonetheless. Some do it in order to continue to live a life of sin. They have never accepted the Saviour into their lives. They continue to send Him away each time that He knocks at the door of their hearts. The final consequences will be tragic indeed.

But there are many others who profess to be His own and yet they treat Jesus in a similar way. They permit Jesus to come so far and no further. When He desires to look into the secret chambers of the heart, the doors are fast barred. He is not permitted entrance. There are too many who are not willing to pay the price of full surrender. And so they send Jesus away. Have you and I been guilty of such ingratitude? Will not the Master be filled with sorrow and finally walk away?

To send Jesus away is always a mistake. It means to inflict upon oneself a great loss. Jesus comes only to heal, to help, to bless. Let us receive him into our hearts and make Him Lord of our lives!

*Condensed from a radio message given on the Gospel Bells radio program, Lethbridge and Dawson Creek.

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Guests Sponsor S.S. Picnic

By Jack Neufeld

Carman, Man. — The mission building of the Gospel Light Mission here remained dull and drab on Sunday morning, July 7. Usually sparks of fellowship and the flame of the Spirit drove away the grayness, but on this Sunday there was no one present in the building.

A dozen or so cars wound through the Graysville wilderness, an unusual sight on a Sunday morning. The cattle around Sterling School had just settled down to the peace and quiet of school holidays, when a different "army" invaded, to send them into a hasty retreat.

This Sunday school picnic was unique in that the guests were the sponsors. The Carman Gospel Light Mission decided to have an annual picnic together with the Sterling afternoon Sunday school. We were there first. Then our hosts began to arrive. Wiebe and Klassen mingled with McCutcheon and Adams (Sterling Sunday school has only English pupils).

It was a beautiful day, in spite of the pessimistic CFAM radio voice. The older folks and children gathered under the trees. The young people's choir gathered outside the school windows so as to be near the piano. It seemed so easy to worship out in the open. God seemed so very real and close. Mr. Peter Martens spoke of having joy in the Lord. We were all drawn closer to our Creator as the beautiful songs wafted along the breeze and the message seemed to re-echo from a nature in agreement.

After a wonderful lunch the young people organized two ball teams and enjoyed a really good game of ball. The various other games were followed by races and ice cream.

As we drove home we thought again about having joy in the Lord. How thankful we were to be able to fellowship and have enjoyment with a carefree mind and a clear conscience, aware that in the Lord we discovered the deepest and most real joy.

Yarrow Bids Missionaries Farewell

By P. C. Tilitzky

Yarrow, B. C. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here gathered on Sunday night, June 30, to bid Walter and Irene Sawatsky farewell and send them forth with the laying on of hands and prayer to their work with missionaries' children in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

Rev. J. A. Harder, member of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, and assistant church leader, opened the service with Acts 20:32. He drew their and our attention to the great task before them and to the God who is able to help and guide.

The Sawatskys will be "parents", teachers and friends to the children of the Mennonite Brethren missionaries in the Belgian Congo, so that these can carry on their work on the fields unhindered.

Main speaker at the evening's service was Rev. G. H. Thielman, assistant moderator of the British Columbia provincial M.B. conference. He read Genesis 3:31 and 12:8, elaborating on "The Divine Call". The message moved and challenged not only the missionary couple, but us all.

Rev. Herman Lenzman, the pastor, then committed the couple to God. He and Rev. Thielman performed the laying on of hands, leading out in prayer for the consecrated couple.

After this the Sawatskys were given time to tell the congregation how the Lord had led them into the great field of missions. Both testified that the Holy Spirit had been active in their lives from earliest youth and prepared them for this task. They declared that they were confident in the Lord and requested prayer in behalf of themselves, their son Terry, and the children in the school at Ecole Belle Vue, Belgian Congo.

After the Canadian M.B. Conference at Herbert the Sawatskys left for Hillsboro. Their sailing date is July 27.

Reach Town Children at Boissevain

Boissevain, Man. — For the first time in the four-year history of the daily vacation Bible school sponsored by the young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church here, the attendance was weighted in favour of town children. Up until this year the attendance had been mostly from the church's Sunday school.

From 55 to 65 children filled the church with activity every morning during the first two weeks in July. One factor in the good attendance by the town children is the splendid coverage given to the school by the local paper. For the last two years it let one of the M.B. Church members write an editorial just before daily vacation Bible school was to begin. They also supply advertising space at a very low rate. Another factor contributing to preponderance of town children at DVBS is that many M.B. children went to the Winkler Bible Camp during that time.

The closing program was held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12. Since most of the teachers were taking part in the choir practices of the western district choirs in preparation for the song festival, the afternoon was chosen. Not many men attended the demonstration program, but most of the mothers took

Missionaries at Canadian Conference



Sixteen foreign missionaries attended the Canadian Mennonite Brethren conference at Herbert, Sask. The 15 posing for this picture are: front row from left, Miss Susie Brucks, Mrs. Wm. Baerg, and Mrs. A. A. Janzen, Africa, Mrs. Daniel Wirsche, Colombia; second row, Mrs. Walter Sawatsky (her husband is behind her), Africa, Mrs. and Rev. J. H. Lohrenz, India, Rev. David Nightingale, Ecuador, Rev. A. A. Janzen, Africa, and Rev. Daniel Wirsche, Colombia; third row, next to Walter Sawatsky is Rev. Ernest Dyck, Africa, then Rev. Ernest Schmidt, India, Rev. Henry Derksen and Rev. Wm. Baerg, Africa. (Photo by C. J. Rempel)

Youth and Song Festival at Lena

Lena, Man. — The annual youth and song festival of the Mennonite Brethren churches of western Manitoba was held here on Sunday, July 14.

Rev. J. A. Toews of Winnipeg served as guest speaker at both the morning and afternoon service. Rev. Henry Derksen, missionary home on furlough from the Belgian Congo, also spoke at the morning service. In the afternoon he was presented with a gift by the five western Manitoba M.B. churches.

Mr. Corny Balzer of Winnipeg rehearsed the songs with the choir and led them at the program.

Fifteen Baptized at Yarrow

Yarrow, B.C. — A baptismal service was held in the Mennonite Brethren church here on June 30, with 15 believers taking this step of obedience.

At the morning service Rev. John A. Harder spoke on the biblical principles for the Christian life that an M.B. Church member agrees to adhere to when he joins the church. He emphasized that God and the Bible are the last authority in all that we do.

Rev. Goertz delivered the message at the baptismal service. Rev. H. Lenzman officiated at the baptism of the candidates. The church choir sang a number of songs. The

this opportunity to come and hear what the children had learned.

A special feature at the closing program was a talk by Rev. Henry Derksen on the work among the children in the Belgian Congo, Africa. Rev. Derksen returned two weeks ago from the mission field.

baptism was followed by the candidates' acceptance into the church and the partaking of communion.

The baptismal candidates were: Velores Derksen, Betty Derksen, Leona Giesbrecht, Lorna Froese, Ruth Loewen, Norma Klassen, Helen Konrad, Anne Rempel, Ben Loewen, Walter Goertz, Jake Dyck, Ronald Neufeldt, Roland Neufeldt, and John Regehr.

Sisters Return from Mission Work

Steinbach, Man. — After an absence of five years, spent on the mission field, the Misses Sara and Elizabeth Koop returned in June to their home here. Both served under the New Tribes Mission in Brazil.



During their stay in Brazil they worked with both the Indians and the Brazilians, finding open doors among both groups. The work with the Brazilians is particularly promising, while the Indian work is progressing, with hundreds of believers in some areas.

The two sisters served as personal workers and teachers, meanwhile engaging in language study. They will be home for a year on furlough. Another brother, Abe, is also a missionary in Brazil. One sister is serving the Lord in Japan.

MORE ABOUT Conference Mission Giving

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session on July 5 already. The report by the Board of Welfare revealed the far-reaching effects of the South American Bible school program supported by Canadian and American churches. A personal greeting from South American M. B. churches was conveyed by the moderator of that conference, Rev. G. Balzer, who is in North America until the General Conference of the M. B. Church. He especially thanked the North American churches for their constant support in helping to build up the Mennonite Brethren churches in South America.

The committee supervising the operation of the Bethesda Mental Home reported that the Lord had again blessed the operation of the home. At present the staff include a matron with psychiatric experience, Miss Gertrude Harder, R.N., a psychiatric male nurse, Mr. Jacob Penner, supervisor of the male ward, and his wife, a registered nurse with psychiatric training. Other members of the staff have trained in Europe. The conference agreed an adequate laundry room is needed and authorized a special offering across Canada for that purpose. Of special interest was the high discharge rate at the mental home, which is approximately three times as high as in government institutions.

New Sunday School Editor

Another all-Canada Sunday School Convention was authorized by the conference. This is to supplement training on a local church level, for which three alternative plans were suggested by the Sunday School Committee. The Sunday School Instructor will now be published quarterly, with Rev. Paul J. Wiebe of Hepburn appointed as editor and Miss Nettie Kroeker of Winnipeg appointed as assistant editor.

A milestone was reached in the struggle to attain uniformity in lesson material for Sunday schools. The conference agreed to the suggestion of the committee that the Canadian M. B. Conference buy the English material now under joint preparation by the (Old) Mennonites and the General Conference of Mennonites. An edition with the imprint of the Canadian M. B. conference was sanctioned. On this basis an editor is to be appointed to examine the material before publication for suggested changes in content wherever Mennonite Brethren principles and doctrines may not be clear or neglected. The cost for any changes not acceptable to the sponsoring churches would be met by the M. B. Church in Canada. It is hoped that Mennonite Brethren Sunday schools in the United States will also join this project.

Another historic step was the sanction by the conference of a proposal to make the chairman of the peace committee a member of the proposed All-Mennonite Peace Committee for Canada. The conference also agreed that the chairman of the peace committee should represent the conference in the Advice and Control Board of Voluntary Service of MCC. It also appropriated enough money to support either one Mennonite Brethren Voluntary Service worker, or a husband and wife team. These would have to be suggested by the provinces and approved by the peace committee.

Since mission stations of the Canada Inland Mission cannot be supervised effectively by an all-Canada committee, the conference accepted the suggestion of the committee that studies be initiated in the churches and the provincial mission committees as to the feasibility of transferring the supervision and administration of the present three stations to the provincial mission boards. Under this arrangement the Canada Inland Mission would act as a consultative and co-ordination committee between the provinces. It would also appropriate the funds necessary to continue the operation of the present stations and the opening of new fields. The committee received an appropriation of \$3,000 for extension work and part-time workers. It reported that the possibility of opening new fields in Montreal and Toronto is being studied.

The Mennonite Brethren Bible College administration building heating unit is to undergo extensive renovation. Nearly \$5,000 was appropriated for this project. This sum was added to the debt of \$50,000 still outstanding on the new library building.

Education Committee Reports

In a 2,500-word report the education committee of the conference described its findings after a year of study aimed at closer co-ordination between the various private schools of the conference. The conference added a British Columbia representative and gave the committee its support in further studies, suggesting that by next year some concrete proposals be presented.

Another choir conductors' course, such as was given this Easter at the M. B. Bible College, was approved by the conference. The conference also approved the institution of programs by choirs, with the offering at such a time to go toward the purchase of a piano for the Bethesda Home.

Youth Worker Increases Service

In the publication field the conference agreed to increase the number of issues of the Youth Worker from six to ten. The editor of the

Youth Worker, a paper that provides inspiration and material for youth workers, is also to gather the best material published during the first five years of publication and then present the manuscript to the publications committee for its approval of the publication of a handbook of this material. The publications committee is also to proceed with the publication of Rev. John A. Toews's thesis on conscientious objectors in Canada during the Second World War, if permission can be gained from the labor department of the Canadian government for some of the material in the thesis.

Purchase of The Christian Press, Ltd., by the Canadian M. B. Conference was also recommended by the Committee of Reference and Counsel. During the next year The Christian Press Ltd. shareholders will be asked to state their reaction to this proposal. Before the next conference the Board of Trustees will present a definite plan of action to the churches, if the shareholders' reaction is positive. The conference also approved in principle the founding of a conference family weekly newspaper in English. Inauguration of publication was delayed until the final disposition of The Christian Press Ltd. will be determined at the next year's conference. In the meantime, publication of the *Konferenz-Jugendblatt* will cease until the family weekly will be begun. The conference in the resolution respecting this move put its moral support behind the Mennonite Observer, although no financial support was appropriated for its publishers, The Christian Press, Ltd.

Total budget accepted for Canadian conference projects was \$80,000. This includes only such projects to which the conference makes a direct financial contribution from the conference treasury.

Next Conference at Winnipeg

The next year's Canadian M. B. conference will be in Winnipeg, Man., at the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. J. A. Toews was elected conference moderator, while Rev. D. J. Pankratz will serve as assistant moderator. Rev. Pankratz's two-year term as moderator terminated this year, and according to the constitution he could not be re-elected for another term now.

Guests at the conference included 13 M. B. missionaries on furlough and two prospective missionaries (see picture). Future MCC director for Europe, Rev. Peter J. Dyck, and his wife were at the conference on Monday, at which time he outlined his duties in Europe. The conference pledged him their prayer-support. Dr. Cornelius Unruh, son of J. H. Unruh, Winnipeg, who is going to South America under the MCC, also attended the conference sessions and was introduced to the delegates.

Missionary Reports on Conditions in Colombia

By Abe Dyck Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — Those following missionary and world affairs know that the country of Colombia in South America has been in the news spotlight for several years. It was thus not surprising that the M. B. church here was full of people on June 30 for the report by Rev. Daniel Wirsche, who has been working as a missionary in Colombia for ten years.

Rev. D. A. Dyck, leading minister, opened the service, reading from II Corinthians 5:17-21. He especially stressed the fact that each Christian must be an ambassador for Christ.

To provide a Scriptural basis for his message and report, Rev. Wirsche read Matthew 9:36-38. He stated that Christ today has compassion for lost sinners and that today, as in the days when He lived on earth, Christ will stop and help a soul in search of peace. Applying this to Colombia, he stated that the people there are searching for the light of salvation, which the Catholic Church has tried to keep hidden from the people. When Christ saw the multitudes in his day, he turned to His disciples and said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Rev. Wirsche declared that today the harvest is far greater than it was at the time of Christ. Therefore we must pray for each missionary who is yet to be called into service for the Lord, as well as for those already active in mission work.

Rev. Wirsche reported on his work and the conditions under which the work is being carried on. Beginning with his recent Bible school work in Mexico, he related what occasioned his transfer to Mexico in June of 1956. Since the Mexico Bible school needed a Spanish-speaking teacher, he was asked to help along after returning home on furlough from Colombia. He reported that there were many blessings in the work in Mexico and that the work there is growing. Later in the evening he also showed some slides from the work there and in Colombia.

In his report Rev. Wirsche stated that Colombia has had three changes of government during the last six years. Two dictators backed by the Roman Catholic church ruled until the last one was replaced by a military committee of five men. Both dictators were deposed because of the dissatisfaction of the common people, especially the students and merchants, with the dictatorial and cruel methods used by them. Now free elections have been promised, although whether they will actually be held is still in doubt.

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Henry Derksens Welcomed Home

Boissevain, Man. — A happy reunion between Rev. and Mrs. Henry Derksen and their home church took place on Saturday evening, July 13, in the M.B. church here.

Rev. A. J. Froese, leading minister of the church, served as chairman at the service. He mentioned that after several disappointments, the church could finally welcome its missionaries home. Rev. D. D. Derksen, father of Rev. Henry Derksen, expressed his thankfulness to God for permitting him to see his children again. He was also happy to see his grandsons, whom he had not yet seen. Rev. D. D. Derksen stated that the Christian parent's greatest joy was to have children in the service of the Lord.

Rev. Henry Derksen introduced two of his sons to the congregation and expressed the family's joy at seeing their relatives and friends once more. He stated that often they felt unworthy of the trust placed in them by the church, but that without that trust and support it would be impossible to do constructive work on the mission field.

Rev. J. A. Toews, moderator of the Manitoba and the Canada M.B. conferences, said that Rev. and Mrs. Henry Derksen did not belong exclusively to the home church, but to the whole brotherhood. It was natural, however, that not every local church could have close ties with the many missionaries in the conference and it was, therefore, necessary that each local church be especially attached to the missionaries that have gone out from their midst.

Old acquaintances were renewed during the light lunch after the service.

Graham Speaks on Marriage

Excerpts from Reports by George Burnham

New York, N.Y. — Christian girls thinking about marrying non-Christian boys, or vice versa, should "drop them like a hot potato", Billy Graham said in an address at Madison Square Garden.

In speaking to an overflow Sunday crowd of 19,000, with hundreds unable to gain admittance, he warned prospective brides and grooms:

"The Bible teaches that every sinner is a child of the devil. You may have trouble with your father-in-law. You won't pull him up. He will pull you down."

Graham said, "Marriage is more than just a legal contract, it is a divine act instituted by God. People take it too lightly. One out of every four marriages in America is headed for the divorce courts and

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Personalities at the Canadian M. B. Conference at Herbert, Saskatchewan

"We're only a small conference, but we'll do our best to provide hospitality for all." And they did! These three men, ministers all, shook hands, carried chairs, made phone calls, set up beds—and much more—to make delegates at the Canadian M.B. Conference comfortable. On the picture are Rev. John D. Goertzen, Main Centre; Rev. Ed. Lautermilch, conference moderator in South Saskatchewan; and Rev. Rudy Janzen, Herbert pastor. Another active man not shown is Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, Herbert Bible School teacher.



Brother and sister meet once more. Rev. and Mrs. Peter Dyck (left) of Moundridge, Kans., addressed the conference on Monday. They are on their way to Europe, where Rev. Dyck will serve as MCC director and also strive to facilitate the reunion of families now separated by the Iron Curtain. At the right is Mr. H. F. Klassen, managing director of The Christian Press, Ltd., who is a brother to Mrs. Peter Dyck.



This quartet attended the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg, but did not graduate at the same time. All are active in the work of the church. At left is Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, who taught at the Herbert Bible School last year. The sun is too bright for Rev. Rudy Janzen, pastor of the Herbert M.B. Church. The tallest in the group is Rev. Peter Penner, home mission worker at Lindal, Man., who will teach at the East Chilwack Bible School next year. At the extreme right is Rev. George Braun, pastor of the Saskatoon M.B. Church.



Businessman, evangelist, pastor and editor all have something in common at the conference. Seen at extreme left is Mr. A. A. DeFehr, North Kildonan, Man., manufacturer. Rev. C. N. Hiebert is probably the most widely known man, having ministered in North and South America and Europe. Third from the left is Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M.B. Church, Winnipeg, and executive secretary of the Canadian M.B. Sunday school committee. The man with the camera is obviously the editor, Rev. Orlando Harms. He edits "The Christian Leader" and is manager of the M.B. Publishing House, Hillsboro.



A friendly smile is always bound to win friends, as former pupils of Rev. J. A. Toews (centre), president of the M.B. Bible College, will testify. At the left is Mr. Henry Voth, director of the music department at the M.B. Bible College. And we'd say that the gentleman at the right is Rev. Jakob Dueck, Coaldale, Alta. Rev. J. A. Toews was elected conference moderator for the coming year. He is also moderator of the Manitoba provincial M.B. conference.

(Photos by C. J. Rempel)





THE Young Observers



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

The last week has been quite hot in many parts of Canada. Most of us were glad if there was a little wind to cool us off. I'm sure you didn't even like to play outside when the sun shone down so warmly in the afternoon.

Now supposing the sun would come closer to the earth than it does now. What would happen then? It seems to me that it would be so hot that the trees would just dry up, and we would think we were in a bake oven. If it came close enough everything would burn up.

All of you know that the earth moves around the sun in a big circle. Why doesn't the circle become smaller and bring us so close to the sun that everything would burn up? There is no pole to keep us apart. Nor is there a ring around the sun on which the earth moves. And yet they stay just as far apart year in and year out. Why?

Some of your science teachers would give you some very complicated explanations why this is so. But no one can tell you exactly what happened to start the earth rotating around the sun exactly as far away as it is now. Only the Bible tells us the answer. We read that God made it so. Of course, we do not know how He made it so, but we do know that He did it. For thousands of years the earth has now been moving around the sun at exactly the same distance according to the laws He put in the universe. We certainly have a great God, do we not?

Yes, God put very definite laws in the universe, but He also has very definite principles that we as people need to count with. For instance, God says that the "soul that sinneth, it shall die." Everyone who sins will be judged by God some day. But He also says that, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." This means that we can escape God's judgment, death, by confessing our sins to God and trusting Him. These are "laws" that are just as lasting as the laws in the universe.

Have you received the forgiveness for your sins? If so, then you are a child of God and do not need to be afraid of death.

Aunt Selma.

Arthur and His Canary

A minister of the Gospel tells how he was sent for to see a boy who was very ill with heart disease and hardly expected to live until the next morning.

"I suppose, Arthur," said the gentleman, "you feel quite ill and sometimes wonder whether you are likely to get over this illness?"

"Yes," he replied, "they tell me that I may not live through it; but I don't much mind, because I've never been a bad boy, and feel sure somehow, if I should die, it will be all right."

Over the boy's head hung a cage with a little canary. And he was asked, "Is that your little bird, Arthur?"

"Yes," he answered, with a proud look, "and I'm very fond of it."

"Ah, it must be very nice to have such a companion. I suppose you talk a good deal together, and tell it all your troubles, and get lots of good advice and help from it; and altogether you find it a delightful little brother and friend."

Arthur's eyes opened with a big stare, and he said, "Why, no of

course it can't talk to me or understand me. All it can do is to sing a little, but we can't have any closer companionship."

"But why shouldn't it be able to talk to you as your father and mother and sisters do?"

"Why, of course, because it's only a bird. It would need to have a mind like mine and to be human to be able to do what you say."

"Now, suppose, Arthur, that you should die and go to heaven, as you expect to do, and find yourself in the presence of God and the angels and holy men and women, you would be just like that canary. You would not understand anything around you, you would not be able to enter into the thoughts and pleasures of the people there, or speak their language, or take part in their company. You would be a stranger in a strange land. Just as that little bird would need to have a human heart and mind to understand you and belong to your family, so you need to have a new heart before you could enter heaven or be happy there."

With a quick look of deep anxiety, Arthur turned to his friend and cried out, "What shall I do, because all this may very soon be real to me? What must I do to be prepared to enter heaven?"

It was now easy to tell him about Jesus Christ, who had come from heaven just for the purpose of bringing us this new heart, this gift of eternal life, this new power to become children of God, and to know God and enjoy Him for ever. Very gently the servant of the Gospel repeated to Arthur the verse, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." (John 1:12).

The boy listened with a strange light of desire and hope on his pale face. Kneeling beside him his friend told the Lord Jesus as simply as possible of Arthur's deep need, of his strong desire to come to Him, and asked Him to give him that moment the new heart and eternal life which He came to bring.

There was a moment's hush, and then the faint lips opened and the dying boy breathed out his first true prayer, as the tears started from his eyes, and there came into his face a new light, and his friend knew that a soul had passed from death to life. There was a little more happy conversation, and then he left Arthur with his newly-found Saviour.

Early next morning the minister returned to Arthur's home. The boy's father met him in the passage and said, "Arthur is gone, but he's gone to heaven. After you left last night I lay down in the next room for a little rest. On awakening an hour or so later, I heard him speaking as to someone close by whom he knew and loved. He was praying, and I hurried in, but he was just breathing his last, with such a light on his face as I can never forget."

Are YOU prepared to enter heaven?

What the Spider Teaches

I wonder if any of you are fond of spiders? No doubt you like watching them, for it is so interesting to see the clever way they make their webs. Do you think they teach us any lessons? Let us find out what the Bible tells us about them. The spider is only mentioned three times, once in Job, once in Isaiah, and once in Proverbs.

In Job 8:14, we are told that the hypocrite's hope and trust is like the spider's web. Now do you think any of you would trust yourself to a spider web? I am sure you would not. But I want you to think if your hope is like this one. I daresay you hope for a great many things, but what hope have you of going to heaven? What hope have you of knowing your sins are forgiven? If you are trusting in the Lord Jesus, then you have a sure foundation for your hope, because "His blood clean-

seth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). If not, then your hope is like a spider's web.

The second lesson the spider teaches us is in Isaiah 59:5-6. The beginning of the chapter tells us how God's people had separated themselves from Him by their sins, and then they were weaving garments of works like spider's webs to cover themselves. Did you ever think that the naughty things which you have done will separate you from God for ever, unless you ask Him to forgive you because the Lord Jesus died for you? It is no use to try and cover up your sins, as anything you may do to cover them is like a spider's web in God's sight, and you know how easily you can see through that.

The third lesson the spider teaches us is a very bright one. We shall find it in Proverbs 30:28. We should not be surprised to find plenty of spiders in our gardens, and in dusty cupboards and places. Fancy a spider finding a place for itself in a king's palace! It seems to speak to us of little children finding a home in the palace of the King of kings. You will know who is spoken of in the Bible as the King of kings? It is the Lord Jesus, and He has a place prepared, a mansion ready for every one who loves and trusts in Him. Perhaps you would like to find the verse in one of the Gospels which tells us about the many mansions!

SCRIPTURE ALPHABET

"All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6a).

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

"Despise not prophesyings" (I Thess. 5:20).

"Even a child is known by his doings" (Prov. 20:11).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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CHAPTER VIII THE LOOSE SCREW

The loose screw, which in walking and running gave Liesbeth a ticking sensation in her head, proved to be a tough problem to unravel.

Anna looked upon Liesbeth's tale as the result of wild imagination.

David said, with a mischievous expression in his eyes, "Liesbeth must have slept with the full moon shining on her head. When a person is asleep, the moon accentuates his eccentricities or causes insanity, you know."

Mutter showed considerable concern over the matter. She said that no one could possibly imagine such an unusual thing; and she had never heard of the moon causing anything like ticking in the head. She believed Liesbeth's story, but she was not convinced that the ticking was in the center of her head. She thought it might possibly be in her ears or in her neck.

Painstakingly Mutter felt all over Liesbeth's head, pressing it gently—the skull, the face and even the neck; but there was no sensitive spot anywhere. "You may have over-exerted yourself on the long hike," she opined. "Since the ticking started after the strenuous climb of the steep riverbank at the end of a long walk, I am inclined to think that it was overfatigue that caused your trouble." She expressed the hope that a good night's rest would stop the ticking.

Just before retiring, when Liesbeth passed through the Große Stube, she noticed that Vater's eyes were glued on a full-page picture of a cross-section of the head in his big medical book. "Good old Vater and Mutter; I can always count on getting their sympathetic understanding, even if others may doubt my word," she reflected.

The next morning, when she climbed out of her Schlafbank, or davenport-like wooden night bed and day bench, and took a few steps, she said in disgust, "I am still ticking!" Her mother was disappointed. Liesbeth always had been a sickly child. She had been a premature baby, weighing barely two pounds at birth. Even at the age of almost eight she only weighed slightly more than thirty-seven pounds. The ticking might not be serious, but it was unhealthy, and even the smallest illness would add an extra burden to the tender child. Liesbeth, too, was disappointed,

but she brushed it off as just another bit of illness. She could not remember ever having felt absolutely well, but none of her troubles had been too severe.

Mutter and other members of the family were quite disturbed. At breakfast the ticking was the subject of a noisy discussion. Vater poured himself a cup of coffee and joined the others. His place at the head of the table was always reserved for him; no one ever occupied it at any time, not even Mutter. His presence at the breakfast table at that late hour was unusual. In fact, it was the first time Liesbeth could remember seeing him with his family at the breakfast table on a weekday.

"What shall we do about Liesbeth?" Mutter asked.

"Take her to the doctor in Muntau," Anna suggested. He was one of the best-known and best-trained physicians in the Muntau Hospital with which he was connected. It probably was the largest one in the entire Molotschna colony. If there was a spot where Liesbeth could be helped, Muntau was that place, Anna maintained.

"There's also the Ohrloff Hospital," David reminded.

"They are so far away," Mutter contended. "I don't know whether they would admit us. Furthermore, they charge a fee."

"How about Mr. Dietrich Wiebe in Lichtfelde?" David asked. "His Neunerlei Oel or Wieben oil might be what Liesbeth needs."

She looked at him questioningly. A year before David had been taken to Lichtfelde to have his leg set. He had claimed that it was broken. He and Mutter had gone to Mr. Wiebe early one Friday. Since he could admit only a limited number of patients, they were given a number as they appeared. David had drawn a high number that day. During several hours of waiting his turn, he heard moans and groans of some of the other patients. When he had entered Mr. Wiebe's office, David had forgotten which leg was broken. At home that night Liesbeth had teased him by saying that he was afraid to have his bone set for fear it would hurt him.

When David suggested Mr. Wiebe for Liesbeth, she believed David was trying to get even with her and wanted to put her in a predicament.

Mutter was interested in David's suggestion. However, in her opinion, Mr. Wiebe was an expert in the field of bones and muscles, and

she questioned whether the ticking was a matter of either.

"Onions will cure a head cold," Franz said, when there was a moment of silence. "They might also be good for ticking inside the head."

"Yes, and fish is an excellent brain food; it might also be good for mental illness," David added.

"Perhaps we should try a home remedy," Anna suggested.

Mutter listened. Then she asked, "Which one would you use?"

Anna recommended camomile tea, saying that the oil contained in it was reported to be a good tonic.

Liesbeth made no reply to that suggestion. She knew that there were big bundles of dried camomile flowers near the chimney in the attic. She had picked most of them herself around the front yard. She liked the little blossoms with their yellow centers, white petals and strong fragrance, but she knew that the tea was bitter, even when sweetened with sugar. She hoped someone would suggest a tastier corrective.

"You might try catnip," Anna offered.

Liesbeth shuddered. She wished she had not arranged the catnip excursion to the cemetery the previous summer. She, David and Mutter had come home with their hands filled with yellowish-white catnip flowers that would break into a powdery mass when thoroughly dry. Catnip had a strong odor, and Liesbeth was averse to tea from cemetery plants that smelled.

Franz mentioned "saffaras" tea.

"It's sas-sa-fras, Franz," David interrupted.

"Last winter when I had the chicken pox and Mutter painted the big clock in the Grosze Stube because she thought I was going to die, she gave me some sassa-fras tea, and I didn't die," Franz concluded.

"Yes," Mutter said, smiling at him. "Sassafras is beneficial in almost any illness."

Although sassafras was a household word, and Mutter had made the tea many times, Liesbeth never had seen the substance nor had she tasted the beverage. She remembered that Mutter had made some sassafras tea for Anna when she had swallowed a raisin seed and, supposedly as a result of it, had suffered an attack of appendicitis. "Why don't we ever go sassafras-hunting?" she inquired.

"There is none around here," Mutter explained. "It is the yellow bark of the root of a tree or shrub which grows in the northern regions. Unless someone happens to give us some, we buy it when we need it. It's an especially useful stimulant for weakness or over-fatigue."

"Mutter, what did you use for your arm during those years when you had the bleeding eczema on it?" David asked.

"Oh, I just applied to it or sprinkled over it every medicament of which I heard, to prevent drainage. Then a woman in one of the Rueckenau meetings recommended that I should bathe it in a saturated salt-water solution. It healed soon after, but I don't know which remedy, if any, did it." After a moment's hesitation, she continued, "A friend wanted me to soak bears and crushed cherrytree bark in calves' blood and apply the soaked solid to my arm. I refused to try that. I received several other suggestions that may have had merit but were either too repulsive or too unsanitary for an open wound. One was packing my bleeding arm with cobwebs or with chewed bread and butter."

"I still remember when an old man from Alexanderwohl came down with a short board full of pins and needles. He stuck those in the patients' neck to bleed them," David related.

Liesbeth cried, "Oh, I think that is horrible. And leeches! One snowy day someone brought you a bottle with two tiny leeches. Every three or four days a woman came into the house to let those slimy things draw blood from your neck," Liesbeth said to Mutter. "How could they help!" Then she asked, "Did you get those bloodsucking worms for nothing or did you have to pay for them?"

"As I recall, Vater paid a ruble a piece for them."

Vater, who was listening, nodded affirmatively.

"Where did they come from?" asked Liesbeth.

Mutter thought they came from the Caucasus.

Liesbeth was thoughtful a moment, then commented, "Two rubles would have paid for a visit to a doctor and all the medicine you would have needed."

Franz considered it time to get into the conversation. "When I had a wart on my thumb, I tied a string around it and the wart went away."

Liesbeth eyed him teasingly. "Are you insinuating that if I tied a string around my head or neck the ticking would disappear?"

Everyone laughed.

(To be continued.)

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The Red Rock Lake Bible Camp is serving an increasing number of young people and children. This year Mr. and Mrs. Ed Janzen, left, are camp directors. Mr. Janzen has served with the Canadian Sunday School Mission in Manitoba formerly. At right is Rev. Henry Hildebrand, guest speaker at the Young People's and Teen's Camps. Rev. Hildebrand is principal of the Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Sask.

Eleventh Year of Operation

Steinbach, Man. — Red Rock Lake Bible Camp began its eleventh year of operation when the Youth Camp opened on June 28 this year. About 80 young people had registered; others had to be turned away for lack of accommodation.

Other camps to follow the above mentioned are Teen's Camp, three children's camps, Family Camp and Workers Camp.

The first year of camp operation tragedy in the form of drowning struck the camp. This place that had been erected to prepare young hearts for the future by pointing them to the Lord and building them up in the Lord became a place of sadness. Apparently one of the campers, a young girl of about 15, had gone beyond her depth. A worker in trying to rescue her, failed in the attempt and both were drowned. The camp committee of course was severely tested. There was talk of the camp closing down as a result of the mishap, but in the next ten years of operation nothing comparable to that first tragedy has happened. On the other hand, untold numbers of souls have been blessed and received spiritual help. For many it has become a turning point in their lives.

Among the Camp directors in the past have been people like Archie Penner, John Peters, and Wilbert Loewen. This year's camp director is Rev. Ed. Janzen, who is serving the Piney area for the Gospel Missionary Union.

Situated in the beautiful White-shell forest reserve, the Red Rock Lake Bible Camp is only 100 miles from Steinbach. A two hour's drive brings one to this natural beauty spot at quiet and secluded Red Rock Lake.

Here, combining meditation and inspiration with recreation, were the 80 young people whom we met on Monday, July 1. Here some were for the first time brought face to face with definitely committing their lives to God, responding to Christ's call. Here too, maybe for the first time, they thrilled (and many spill-

ed) at their first attempt at water skiing. Other forms of healthy recreation were baseball, volleyball, swimming and fishing. The youth camp was only of three days duration, making way on Monday night to Teen's Camp.

Sunday, June 30, was set aside for a memorial service for Miss Alice Wiebe of Steinbach, a graduate of Prairie Bible Institute, who ten years before had given her life in an attempt to save the life of a fellow camper, Elma Loewen. Miss Wiebe, on her way to India as a missionary, was helping at the camp prior to sailing for India.

Present for the memorial service was Rev. L. E. Maxwell, principal and founder of Prairie Bible Institute. The gist of his message was that young people should make their lives count for the Lord.

Main speaker for youth camp and the next camp was Rev. Henry Hildebrandt, principal of Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Sask.

The conditions for attending camp are learning Bible verses for the younger ones and doing a correspondence lesson for the more advanced, while the older ones pay a straight fee.

A sizable extension program is planned for next year when a new building is to be put up, says Leonard Reimer, the energetic president of the organization. In this 50 x 60 ft. structure will be located the dining room and kitchen, with a second story for workers living quarters. When this building is up, stated Mr. Reimer, the camp can be operated from May to October. Various organizations like the Gideons or Christian Business Men wanting to use the facilities of the camp had to be turned away because of inadequate accommodations. With the new building there will be a possibility of taking on such groups.

And so the camp goes on. The boys and girls of ten years ago are the men and women of today who are shaping the destiny of others. May God help us that we will teach them that which will have a lasting and enduring value.

MORE ABOUT GRAHAM SPEAKS ON MARRIAGE

(Continued from page 5-1)

cold wars are going on in a lot of other homes. Any film or television program that cheapens the holiness of marriage will come under the judgment of God."

"A lady already divorced five times asked me which of her husbands she should take back. You can't unscramble eggs. My advice was that she keep the one she had after confessing and repenting of her sin. God will forgive if the decision is real."

After some sound advice to husbands and wives, Billy Graham told children and young people:

"The Bible warns very strongly that you are to obey your parents. The rod is considered old fashioned in many homes. Psychiatrists say it will warp your personality. When I did something wrong my mother warped part of me, but it wasn't my personality. God says the parent that spareth the rod hateth his child."

Billy Graham's mother came up from her home in Charlotte, N.C., and spoke briefly at the service. Several hundred persons made decisions to live for Christ at the conclusion of the service. Husbands and wives, holding hands for the first time in years, smiled at each other as they came.

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New York City — Unusual things happened on Wall Street during the Billy Graham Crusade.

Traffic tied up for blocks around as thousands of the world's leading financiers stood in the concrete canyons, along with their clerks and secretaries, to ponder the things of tomorrow rather than the latest stock market quotations.

Heads popped out of windows as George Beverly Shea sang, but nobody jumped. A window washer hanging from straps on the 15th floor turned around and looked as Cliff Barrows asked the big crowd to join in some hymns.

Billy Graham stood on the steps of the Sub-Treasury Building as he spoke. Towering directly above him was a statue of George Washington. When he gave the call for decisions, hundreds of hands were raised. Some of the hands came out of windows. One belonged to a small whiteheaded man wearing an ear aid, standing about 100 yards away from Graham.

The window washer didn't raise either of his hands, both were needed elsewhere. He was a lot closer to heaven than the others anyway.

On another occasion Billy Graham addressed a private luncheon of business and spiritual leaders in the city. His ministry, it seems, is even more effective among men of this type than among the derelicts of society. The latter phase, how-

ever, has been played up more often by the press.

Over one million people have already attended the meetings, with more than 30,000 making decisions for Christ, approximately 60% of them for the first time. Approximately 1200 students at Columbia and New York University have made decisions for Christ during the Crusade.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— In Paysandu, Uruguay, a small group of Mennonite Brethren are seeking to serve and witness for the Lord. Leader of this group of 17 persons is Brother Franz Janzen, who preaches but who supports himself. As a lay minister he has preached the Gospel among local German-speaking people with God's blessing, although not without strong opposition. This group of believers needs a place of worship. Since these people are not well situated financially, some assistance for this purpose from North America would be much appreciated. Brother C. C. Peters, who is acquainted with the work, feels this need is worthy of our interest.

— Another church building need is in Brazil. A blind minister brother, Franz Heinrichs, has been preaching the Gospel with success to Brazilians at Saltobach. At present Brother Heinrichs and fellow believers are constructing a house of worship. From time to time this blind brother has been visited and assisted by Brother R. C. Seibel, who feels the group merits assistance. A special gift of \$100 or more would be of great help. Contributions to meet these needs may be submitted to Dienst am Evangelium, 78 Princess Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

— Brother Henry C. Born, board worker in Volendam colony in eastern Paraguay, planned to visit the Chaco in western Paraguay during the school winter vacation. He planned to attend a teachers' conference in Neuland colony and visit the Fernheim Bible School.

— At Clevelandia, Brazil, there is a small Mennonite Brethren Church. This settlement is comparatively recent, and so pioneering experiences are a reality to these people. In May the group celebrated a harvest-mission festival. This year's crops were favorable and the economy of the people appears to be improving. Inflationary prices are an obstacle, however. Proceeds from a mission sale went for local mission work, Bibles for Russia and the work of the congregation. It is interesting to note that the Clevelandia church has an active choir and young people's work. While several families have recently left for Canada, it is thought that the 10 remaining families will permanently stay at Clevelandia.



Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Small Colleges Face 'Consolidation or Abandonment'

"It is likely that the next two decades will witness consolidation or abandonment of many of the 300 inadequately financed four-year colleges that enroll fewer than 400 students." This prediction was voiced by Bradshaw Wintener, a Washington, D.C. attorney, who spoke to some 300 trustees of church-related colleges meeting at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, late last June.

"There is a certain minimum enrolment that must be maintained if the college is to be economically and educationally sound," said Mr. Mintener, a Methodist layman and former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. "Students of the problem set this minimum at from 400 to 700 students, depending upon the local factors involved. More than half of all private colleges enroll fewer than 400 students."

Optimism was shown by Mr. Mintener when he said, "The church college, with its emphasis on the blending of scholarship and morality, is one of the institutions in our democracy to which I am certain we shall have to turn, more and more, as we face the dilemmas of this complicated and technological world."

India National Mission Selects Native to Promote Advance

Emphasizing the need for a much greater use of choice native Christians for leadership in missions in India, the South India National Mission commended their brother in Christ, the Rev. John P. Thomas to promote a missionary advance in South India.

Mr. Thomas studied in William Carey's college in Calcutta, and has traveled widely through Australia, Europe, Canada and the United States. He earned his master's degree at the Wheaton College graduate school, after which he returned to India and started a Bible school as well as conducting evangelistic meetings in the southern areas.

The program sponsored by the board of the South Indian National Mission is recommended because it is "more economical to train native Christian personnel as leaders, eliminating vast travel expense to and from the field. With no overhead expense, all monies will go directly to work on the field."

Mr. Thomas is in no sense hostile to missionaries. He has a real burden for the lost masses of his people and is an ardent supporter of sound missionary agencies in India. The work he is recommended for by the Mission board will supplement and greatly extend the dwindling work being done in South India by foreign missionaries.

German Youth not Churchgoers

Only 19 per cent of the Lutheran young people between 17 and 28 in Western Germany consider themselves "regular" churchgoers, according to a poll reported in the German religious weekly *Die Kirche der Heimat*. Ten per cent never attend, 44 per cent go "occasionally," and 27 per cent only attend on special festivals.

Figures for both urban and rural groups were about the same, the poll said. Highest percentage of regular attendants was 30 per cent, in Baden-Wuerttemberg. Lowest was the 7 per cent in Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein.

Kitchen Cathedral

When People See

By Dorothy C. Haskin

"We have with us this morning living proof of the value of missions," a pastor said, as he introduced the speaker at the Sunday morning service. "Our speaker this morning is a Christian gentleman, a convert from paganism."

The convert from India rose, walked to the center of the platform, and smiled. "Your pastor is greater proof of the power of the gospel than I," he said. "Centuries ago, when my fathers were already a civilized people, writing the philosophies of ancient India, his fathers and yours were wild barbarians, drinking wine from human skulls,

the terror of the ancient world. It was when I saw what the gospel had done for the Anglo-Saxons that I was persuaded of its redeeming power."

How true it is that when people see a changed life, they believe in the gospel! When God comes into the life, it is changed, because, as Scripture says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). Everyone's life does not call for the same change, but the change will be there.

Mildred Comer, missionary, told of a native woman in Peru who was

dull and stupid, but after she received Christ as Saviour, the woman became noticeably brighter and led her husband and many of his friends to the Lord.

Ann was a housewife, who spent her afternoons playing bridge, but after she became a Christian she spent her afternoons studying the Word of God and making baby clothes for a Christian orphanage.

Donna was a broody, discontented girl of twelve. She came to the Good News Club only because some boys came. After she received Christ as her Saviour, she became a bright girl and learned more memory verses than anyone in the class.

Bill Carle was singing at Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe, and other places of worldly amusement. He became a Christian and now he sings only at church and Christian gatherings.

Martin Luther was seeking salvation through works until he read Romans and understood God's grace. Then he set thousands free by preaching salvation through grace.

Studd was a wealthy Englishman, who had made a fortune in India. His greatest interest in life was home racing. He urged his friend, Mt. Vincent, to bet his money on his new horse. But Mr. Vincent did not. Instead he urged Studd to come with him to a London theatre where D. L. Moody was preaching.

Studd went, listened, went again, and became a new creature in Christ. He asked Moody, "Now that I am a Christian, will I have to give up horse racing?"

"Racing means betting, and betting means gambling. Do you think a gambler can be a Christian?" Moody asked.

In answer, Studd not only gave up his horse racing but changed the ballroom in his house to a gospel hall. The change in him was so noticeable that even his chauffeur commented, "It is the same skin, but there is a new man inside."

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Establish European Headquarters

Harrisonburg, Va. — Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc. have announced the establishment of an office in Basel, Switzerland. This office will become the center for a rapidly developing European Radio work. Paul J. Lehman, formerly of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and a man with mission experience in Italy has been appointed director of the European Work.

Religious radio in Europe is a tremendous challenge. In most European countries radio is government owned and controlled. There are only two commercial stations in Europe on which one can buy time for a religious program. A quality program, however, can sometimes get time on government

stations. In addition, there are several short wave stations that beam programs into Europe on which time can be secured for religious broadcasting.

In addition to using European language programs for Europe, some programs will have use in other parts of the world. For example, the French Program, *Paroles de Vie*, with which Mennonite Broadcasts is collaborating, will be of use to Mennonite Mission endeavors in French-speaking Quebec. The relationship to that program will be handled through the European headquarters.

Major efforts are currently being directed toward the beginning of a broadcast in the Italian language. Time has already been secured on powerful Radio Monte Carlo (It is more than twice as powerful as the most powerful commercial station in the United States!) for the Italian broadcast. The French program is being released on this time, until the Italian program is ready for broadcasting. Paul Lehman is bringing his years of experience in living in Italy as well as a creative mind to help produce a program that will be of such quality as to reach the average Italian listener with the Evangelical Gospel.

Missionary Reports on Conditions in Colombia

(Continued from page 4-4)

Evangelicals in certain parts of Colombia have been severely persecuted, the missionary reported. Many have had to leave their homes and flee to safety in the deep jungles and mountain country. Some have died of hardship and hunger, especially little children. In spite of the intense persecution by the state church, the native believers have continued to worship Christ and to testify for Him. For each indigenous believer who has given his life for the sake of Christ ten more have accepted Christ. These persecuted Christians, with little or no education and Bible knowledge, have been instrumental in starting up new groups of Christians, so that the number of evangelicals in Colombia has grown tremendously since 1951, when the persecution started.

Missionaries from Canada, the United States and England are protected by their government representatives in Colombia. Thus far no missionaries have been killed, although many indigenous believers have sealed their witness with their blood.

The report was a tremendous challenge to those at the service. Would we be willing to lay down our lives for the Lord if the ultimatum were put before us: deny or die? It was also a challenge to pray more for the missionaries, who can accomplish only that in heathen countries for which we pray at home.

Weddings

Quiring — Hinz

Miss Eileen Hinz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hinz of Waldheim, Sask., and Arthur Quiring, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Quiring, Dalmeny, Sask., were married on July 5 in the Waldheim M. B. church. Rev. George Dyck of Dalmeny officiated.

Miss Naoma Hinz, sister of the bride, and Miss Sophie Quiring, sister of the groom, attended the bride. The groom's attendants were Walter Toews and Elmer Andres.

Special visitors from British Columbia were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baerg, Mrs. Ruben Dyck, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dyck, grandparents of the bride.

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Braun — Toews

Miss Nellie Toews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Toews of Abbotsford, B.C., and Jake Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Braun of Abbotsford, were married on Sunday, June 23, in the South Abbotsford M.B. church. Rev. J. J. Stobbe officiated.

The couple is residing in Vancouver.

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Allert — Toews

Miss Lily Toews, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Toews, Abbotsford, B.C., and Helmut Allert, son of Mrs. Cornelius Allert, Yarrow, B.C., were married on July 1 in the South Abbotsford M.B. church. Rev. C. D. Toews, father of the bride, officiated.

After a session at summer school the groom will again teach next winter.

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Friesen — Quiring

Miss Agatha Quiring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Quiring of Namaka, Alta., and Arnold Friesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Friesen of Coaldale, Alta., were married on June 9 in the Namaka M.B. church. Rev. Jacob Dueck of Coaldale officiated.

Among the guests present were the bride's brother, Abe Quiring, and his family from Horndean, Man.

The groom is a teacher. For the present the couple is residing at Coaldale, Alta.

Silver Wedding for H. Sudermans

Mr. and Mrs. H. Suderman of Mt. Lehman, B.C., celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 30, in the Mennonite Brethren church at Matsqui, B.C.

Mr. H. H. Neufeld opened the ceremony by reading Psalm 118, while Rev. A. D. Rempel spoke on

Psalm 34:2-9. Rev. Wm. Neufeld praised the goodness of God and referred to the mature trust which a happy family had after 25 years of blessed experiences.

Mr. Suderman testified that in retrospect they did not feel worthy of all the love, grace and patience with which God had favoured them. The Word of God often proved to be their guide and stay throughout the 25 years of their wedded life.

The Sudermans farmed in Manitoba for about 15 years before they moved to the Matsqui district. Their healthy family of three daughters and two sons was born to them in Manitoba. They have resided in the Matsqui district for approximately 10 years. Here God blessed them with two sons-in-law and four grandchildren.

Present at the silver wedding were both Mr. Suderman's father and Mrs. Suderman's brother, Mr. Boese of Elm Creek, Man.

Music was provided by a male quartet from the family and the church choir.

Golden Wedding for Aron Goosens

Many friends from various parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba were present at the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Goosen, celebrated on Sunday, May 30, at Foam Lake, Sask.

A family gathering was held on Saturday, June 29, with all the members of the family, except one, present. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Loewen and family came from Ernfold, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goosen from Nipawin, while daughter Martha was unable to come from Kansas.

At the family gathering a short program was presented by the grandchildren. A chrome table and chair set was then presented to the anniversary couple by the family. Several smaller gifts were received from friends.

Approximately 150 people attended the service on Sunday afternoon at the M.B. church. After a short program and a message by Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon, the community presented Mr. and Mrs. Goosen with two lovely chairs: a rocker and a hostess chair. The anniversary couple also received a purse with money.

Lunch was served in the church basement.

Obituaries

Mrs. Justina Schmidt

The Lord called one of His children, Mrs. Justina Schmidt, 87, home on June 28 after she had been a widow for 43 years. Funeral services were held in the Newton Siding, Man., M.B. church on July 2.

Mrs. Schmidt was born at Rosenhof, South Russia, on July 3, 1870, into a family of 10 children. She

married Nikolai Schmidt in 1891. He passed away in 1913 and left her with three children. Mrs. Schmidt came to Canada in 1924 and lived with her children, the John Schmidts, at Newton Siding. She had been ill after falling down a flight of stairs a few years ago and never fully recovered.

She is survived by two daughters, one son, 24 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.



Church Among California Migrants

A new church is being formed as a result of MCC work among agricultural migrant laborers in northern California.

Under the leadership of Carl Wolgemuth (Elizabethtown, Pa.) the congregation is being started under the sponsorship of the Brethren in Christ Church and MCC.

Services are to begin in the middle of August. The MCC garage is to be remodeled into a chapel where services will be conducted.

National Geographics Requested

Old copies of The National Geographic magazine have been requested by workers in Indonesia, France, Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam and Newfoundland. The magazines are useful particularly in schools and institutions. They may be sent to MCC clothing depots in Ephrata, Pa., 10 Union St. East, Waterloo, Ont.

Named After the Late Katherine Dyck

A baby girl born to a Methodist missionary couple—Harper—at Pusan, Korea, has been named for the late Katherine Dyck (Rosthern, Sask.), an MCC nurse whose life was claimed by ocean waves a year ago.

Nurse Margaret Wiens, (Vancouver, B.C.) writes that the baby was born in the Australian Presbyterian Hospital where Miss Dyck served. In addition, mothers of Korean children whom Miss Dyck had treated presented the baby with a Korean dress as a token of appreciation for Miss Dyck.

Saskatchewan Worker Is Unit Leader

The seven Mennonite volunteers at Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, N.Y., are providing a spiritual dimension in the rehabilitation of the 100 boys placed in the school by courts and welfare agencies in New York city.

This summer they conduct vacation Bible school and supervise evening campfire meetings for boys camping in nearby Catskill Mountains. Volunteers also provide significant Christian influence in their regular farming, secretarial, transportation and recreational duties.

Unit leader Myrna Ewert (Drake, Sask.) was promoted from an assistant in activities to director of that department.

Two Canadians to Germany

Seven young men began two years of 1-W service with European Pax Services in one of the housing projects for refugee families in West Germany.

They are Peter Derksen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Derksen of Taber, Alta., General Conference Mennonite Church; Cleason S. Dietzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dietzel of Pigeon, Mich., Pigeon River Conservative Mennonite Church;

Albert Hostetler, son of Pastor and Mrs. E. H. Hostetler of Massillon, O., Christian Fellowship Mission (Brethren in Christ); Loren J. Lind, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Lind of Salem, Ore., Western Mennonite Church at Salem;

Jesse E. Mack, son of Mrs. Jesse M. Mack of Collegeville, Pa., Providence Mennonite Church; Alfred A. Miller of Freeman, S.D., Salem Mennonite Church; and Elvin Rempel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Rempel of Rosthern, Sask., United Mennonite Church.

B.C. Man in Mental Health Research

Henry Neufeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Neufeld of Aldergrove, B.C., has joined the voluntary service unit at National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md.

He is participating in medical studies in the mental health institute as a normal control volunteer. Medical research is more active in the area of mental health than in any other field at the present time.

Neufeld is a member of Bethel Mennonite Church at Aldergrove and attended the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C.

To Teach in Jordan

James D. Ellis, son of Mrs. Louise King Ellis of Oberlin, Ohio, is enroute to Europe and the Middle East where he will join the MCC relief team in Jordan.

This summer he will participate in an international workcamp in Vienna sponsored by Mennonite Voluntary Service. In September he will take a teaching position in Jordan.

Ellis is a member of the Oberlin Meeting of the Society of Friends and was graduated in June as an art history major from Oberlin College.

Inspirational Sessions Provide Challenge

By the Editor

Attendance at the devotional sessions of the Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada, held July 6 to 10, revealed a real interest in the conference among those living in the Herbert area. At the Sunday and evening services loudspeakers were needed for those unable to get into the large auditorium.

A challenge to work together in love opened the conference sessions. Rev. D. J. Pankratz of Coaldale, Alta., conference moderator, delivered the conference address, speaking on "The Word of God as Guide for the Co-operation in the Church." The basis for co-operation in the church is the fact that all Christians are called of God, set aside for service and loved by the Lord. Qualities needed for co-operation are mercy, kindness, humbleness, longsuffering, meekness, friendliness and patience. Rev. Pankratz emphasized if there is to be co-operation no one can let himself be determined by his own opinion, but by the will of the Lord. He stated that where there is co-operation the church can go ahead unitedly, making an impact upon the unsaved world.

"Needed Emphases in Modern Christian Education" served as the theme for Rev. D. Ewert's address on Saturday night, July 6. This evening is annually reserved for the M.B. Bible College. Music was provided by a male choir composed of former college students, while testimonies were given by Rev. Henry Derksen and Rev. Ernest Dyck, college graduates who had just returned after one term in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

"We must appear before the world with the complete Gospel. Too often we have had a feeling of inferiority regarding the ethical implications of the Gospel," declared Rev. B. P. Epp of Vauxhall in the first message on Sunday morning, which was devoted to home missions. "The call of Christ is a call to discipleship."

Rev. Epp emphasized that we must show a lost world the glory of Christ, so that they will experience Him personally. How can our neighbor know that Christ loves him if we do not tell him, he asked. Only a passion for the lost will give us the courage to tell others of Christ, however.

"The Word of God alone can give us a true perspective in life," Rev. I. W. Redekopp averred in the second message of the morning. It alone tells us that we are created in the image of God and that God has destined us for heaven. He maintained that, "Unless we are under the cross we are most dangerous to ourselves and to others."

Applying the Word of God as a guide to the home, he declared that it is changeless, it provides instruc-

tion, and it gives us a standard. Referring to discipline, he maintained that "the arm that wields the rod is attached to a heart filled with the love of God."

"Some of us are poor, miserable Mennonites because we are not living by the Word of God. I think it is tragic when we can go through half a life without knowing where we are in relation to the Word of God," he declared.

In his afternoon address, Rev. J. H. Lohrenz, veteran India missionary now retiring, portrayed the church at Antioch as an exemplary mission church. He stated that it had a godly ministry, it was a worshipping church, the Holy Spirit was at work in it, there was a dedication of missionaries, and a rich fruit resulted.

"The methods for the presentation of the Gospel may be different, but the message must be the same," announced Rev. Henry Derksen, missionary to the Belgian Congo, at the afternoon service. This message must be preached to all, regardless of race or color.

At this point in the afternoon program a telegram from Rev. J. B. Toews and Mr. C. A. DeFehr was read, in which they greeted the conference with John 9:4. The

brethren are touring Mennonite Brethren and other mission fields in the east.

"In mission work the question is not how large the conference is, but how deep it is willing to go spiritually," maintained Rev. H. Lenzman of Yarrow in the final address Sunday afternoon. "One of the reasons why our prayer meetings are attended so poorly is not that we do not have time, but that we are carnally-minded. On the basis of self-satisfaction we are denying God what rightfully belongs to Him."

"There is more in the book that finds me than in all other books put together, and that which finds me brings an irresistible conviction that it comes from the Holy Place," quoted Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener at the youth and song program on Sunday night from the writings of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Rev. Toews was speaking on Psalm 119:105. He maintained that "the Bible was not given as a textbook, but a guide-book. It was not given for the classroom, but for personal meditation. Neither was it given for philosophical contemplation, but for practical application. The Bible is not only a light for the pulpit but a lamp for the pew."

Successful Sunday School Outing at Hamilton

By Martha Janzen

Hamilton, Ont. — Everyone enjoys a picnic, and the Lake Ave. Sunday school pupils are no exception. It was gratifying to see also so many parents present that Saturday afternoon, July 6. The weather was ideal, a clear sunshiny July day, while the place was Victoria Park, near Vineland, and a very appropriate place it was!

At first teachers and pupils played games, each teacher being responsible for the activities of his own class. It is a pleasure for us to play with our pupils. Then it was time for refreshments, cold drinks and ice cream.

Then the races began. The games committee had planned an interesting variety, with young and old taking part. Prizes were given to the winners. During this time the food committee prepared the supper, which disappeared rapidly when the hungry picnickers settled down to it. After the meal John Unger read several verses from Matthew chapter 6 and prayed.

Throughout the afternoon a spirit of fun and goodwill prevailed and we hope that even a picnic such as this will further our Sunday school work.

Lately we have been pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Les Taylor in our

Rev. P. R. Toews was chairman at the service, with all school teachers as special guests. Mr. Arno Fast gave a testimony as representative of the teachers. A mass choir sang.

Testimonies and reports from foreign missionaries highlighted Monday night's program. Those addressing the large crowd attending the service were: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Janzen, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lohrenz, India; Henry Derksen, Ernest Dyck, Miss Susie Brucks, Miss Katy Penner, and the Wm. Baergs, Africa; Rev. Ernest Schmidt, India; the Daniel Wirsches, Colombia and Mexico; and Walter Sawatsky, who with his wife and child are leaving for the missionary children's school in the Belgian Congo.

Work among the Russians and Ukrainians in the Blaine Lake, Sask., district is not in vain, Rev. Peter Esau declared on Tuesday night, when the Canada Inland Mission reported. God is doing a great work even among these people, who are living in gross darkness. Dr. L. J. Franz, president of Tabor College, also addressed the conference, speaking on basic truths in Christian education that we need to re-emphasize.

Morning messages for conference delegates were delivered by Dr. A. H. Unruh, Dr. G. D. Huebert and Rev. John A. Harder.

Sunday school. Mrs. Taylor is still confined to her wheel chair. It is a marvel, rather, an answer to prayer that she has recovered at all. She was in the hospital for a number of months and many times we were informed that she was very ill. John Ungers visited them often; several teachers sent cards. They have expressed their desire to attend Sunday school with us each Sunday. Their son John informed us that he had received Christ as his Saviour at the Eden Children's Camp last week.

We pray for God's further blessing on the work.



These two pictures were taken at the picnic of the Lake Ave. Sunday school, Hamilton, Ont. The primary class is seen at left with its teacher, Miss Hadie Koop (at extreme right). Miss Martha Janzen, who took the pictures, also instructs this class. At right are the junior girls, with Miss Anne Wiebe, teacher, third from the left in the back row.

DVBS in Saskatoon

Saskatoon, Sask. — Daily vacation Bible school was held in the M.B. church here from July 2 to 12.

Beginner and primary classes met in the morning, with the average attendance at 62. The evening session for junior and intermediate classes had an average attendance of 25. Seven denominations were represented in the school.

Both morning and evening sessions were directed by Mrs. Myrtle Wipf, returned missionary from Africa. Sixteen qualified teachers took charge of the classes. During the nine-day school, the children brought \$31.66 as offerings designated to help the orphaned children of the late Rev. and Mrs. John A. Dyck of Colombia, South America.

In Grasswood School near Saskatoon. Races, games, volleyball, and softball provided recreation for all. After a wiener roast, Mr. Jake Neufeld, using the dying bonfire as an object lesson, spoke on Lev. 6: 13, "The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out."

Parents and friends enjoyed the performance of the children at the DVBS demonstration program on July 12. Of special interest were the beginner rhythm band and an impromptu quiz by the junior boys. As a concluding feature, the musical film, "Five J's Sing Again", was shown. Salt maps of M.B. mission fields, missionary scrap books, and other handwork displayed the enthusiastic participation of the boys and girls. All those present agreed that DVBS is a worthwhile venture.

Children's Day at Morden

Morden, Man. — The annual Children's Day at the Morden M.B. Church saw the church gathered at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Janzen. The Lord had given a beautiful day for this Sunday, June 30.

A short program consisting mainly of singing was presented by the Sunday school. Mrs. Wm. Baerg, missionary to the Belgian Congo,

related a few incidents that had happened on the field. Then Mr. John Wiens gave a brief report on the conditions at Fargo, N.D., as he had seen them while working for three days with the Mennonite Disaster Service there. After a period of recreation the ladies served those present with a delicious lunch.

Song Program Furthers Mission Project

Abbotsford, B.C. — The South Abbotsford junior and senior choirs, plus other interested singers, presented a program in song at their home church on Sunday afternoon, June 30. The purpose for the special program was to raise money for the \$4000 India missionary car that the church has decided to purchase.

During the program the 65-voice mass choir sang four songs. Other musical items were rendered by the church choir alone, by an older men's choir under the direction of Mr. K. H. Klassen, and by a mixed quartet. A monologue, "Jesus Lover of my Soul", was recited by Martha Thiessen, and a solo, "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings," was sung by John Ratzlaff. The message devoted to missions was delivered by Mr. Jake Friesen, principal of the East Chilliwack Bible school.

Conductors of the mass choir were Rev. C. D. Toews and Mr. John Ratzlaff.

Accident Victim Resting at Home

Horndean, Man. — Suspected injuries to Andrew Heinrichs, who was pinned underneath a tractor when it overturned while turning into a driveway, were not as great as expected.

The 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Heinrichs was taken to Winkler Hospital after the accident, where he remained unconscious for one day and seriously delirious for two more days. The doctor, however, could not find any broken bones or internal injuries and An-

drew was released after seven days of observation. He is now resting at home.

The family is grateful to God for His help and is thankful to the many who prayed for Andrew and the family.

Dedicate New Christian Bookstore

Clearbrook, B.C. — This district's oldest Christian bookstore recently moved into new and enlarged premises. Dedication services were held on Saturday morning, June 22, by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Derksen, who own and operate the Christian Supply House.

The dedication service marked the opening of the new store, which is especially suited for the display of Christian literature. Located almost directly across the street from the old store, the enlarged premises will make it possible for the owners to give the growing district increasingly better service. The bookstore was originally opened by Rev. A. Loewen 11 years ago and purchased by Mr. Derksen several years ago.

A quartet from the West Abbotsford Mennonite Church began the service by singing, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are". Mr. Derksen then welcomed those present and expressed his feeling of indebtedness to the Lord for His guidance during the past years. He stated that since the purpose of the firm was and is to distribute sound Christian literature and supplies, it was his desire that the bookstore be officially dedicated to God.

Rev. H. H. Nikkel of the Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church based his dedicatory message on II Tim. 2:21. He stressed that since God has first right to all we possess, it is good that we set those things which He entrusts to us apart, that they might be sanctified for His use. He emphasized the importance of the distribution of Christian literature and declared that there are great opportunities in this field.

After the dedicatory prayer, a recording of the hymn, "Bless this House", was played. Mr. Derksen then declared the business, Derksen's Christian Supply, open for service. All present enjoyed some refreshments served by the proprietor's clerks.

Elmwood Plans for Large DVBS

Winnipeg, Man. — Preparations are underway for the largest daily vacation Bible school ever at the Elmwood M.B. church. Two new departments have been added and a publicity committee is making the Elmwood district DVBS conscious.

In order to gain more teachers for the daily vacation Bible school, Elmwood will be holding its school

from 7 to 9 p.m., August 5 to 16, Mr. John Froese, superintendent, has announced. Distribution of dodgers to every home in the district is planned, as well as a rally and pre-registration on Monday, August 5. Other publicity is in the form of announcements in the local paper and posters in conspicuous places.

The intermediate and adult departments have been added to the school this year, with Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor, looking after the adult department.

Changes in Sunday School Staff

Horndean, Man. — Changes have been made in the personnel of the M.B. mission Sunday school with the closing of the public schools. Mr. Hardy Kehler, a teacher in the local school who was the Sunday school superintendent and teacher of a class, moved to Winnipeg for the summer months to attend summer school. Mrs. Kehler had also been teaching a class of youngsters.

At the same time some of the young people here who attended high school in the Steinbach Bible Institute returned home and are now filling the places vacated by the Kehlers.

On the Horizon

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

August 3 to 5. — Christian Business Men's Committee Retreat at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

August 2, 3 and 4 — The annual Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Sunday School Workers' Conference will be held at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

August 5 — Youth workers of Manitoba will meet at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde, for their annual conference. The morning session begins at 10:30 (CDT).

August 10 to 16. — Mennonite World Conference, Karlsruhe, Germany.

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

October 13 — The 25th anniversary of the founding of the Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Ontario will be held in the auditorium of the Eden Christian College.

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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