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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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Sod-turning Service for New Church



Sod-turning ceremonies for the new Gospel Light Mission Chapel at Brandon were held on August 20. On the picture, from left, are: Abe Peters, Boissevain; Rev. A. J. Froese, Boissevain; J. J. Krueger, Brandon; Rev. Lawrence Warkentin, mission worker, and Walter Erickson, engineer of Pearson Construction.

Brandon, Man. — A sod-turning service for a new church building for the Gospel Light Mission here in Brandon was held on Tuesday, August 20. After a long delay, due to the lack of important documents, Pearson Construction was finally able to launch the erection of this important edifice. Some twenty people turned out in the early morning hour to witness the sod-turning ceremony at the church site on the corner of Hill Ave. and 4th Street.

The leader of the mission, Mr. Lawrence Warkentin, read Psalm 84, which was followed by a dedica-

tion prayer spoken by Rev. A. J. Froese, the founder of the mission. Mr. J. J. Krueger, chairman of the conference building committee, turned the sod. With thankful hearts the little congregation stepped aside as the big caterpillar moved in to begin the excavation.

Pearson Construction intends to have the building completed in six weeks. Although the Mission has been thankful for the building they were able to rent, we all eagerly anticipate the day when we will have our own church.

Need Funds to Transport Food

Waterloo, Ont. (MCC) — Last week the Mead Johnson Company of Belleville, Ontario, made available to MCC approximately 3,500 cases of OLAC, a highly concentrated baby food designed especially for children who have not been thriving. This gift represents a donation of some \$35,000 if this product had to be purchased on the market.

MCC has decided to send this shipment to Korea to help in our child feeding programs and in hospitals where undernourished children are being cared for. It is expected that the United States Government will supply ocean freight but we will need to take care of the shipment between Belleville and New York. This in itself will cost us something over \$1,200.

As you know, our relief budget is quite limited and we are therefore encouraging our constituent churches to assist us in this matter. Any contributions should be made through the regular channels.

We can also report that to date

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Progress Reported on Youth Projects

Black Creek, B.C. — At a recent young people's meeting in the M.B. church here, the group learned of the progress being made on the mission projects undertaken this year.

It was reported that the garden is coming along fine. The proceeds from the sale of potatoes is expected to complete the missions project. Any potatoes not sold will be distributed locally to children's camps, etc. This year's mission project includes \$500 for the building of a dormitory for a larger school in Africa and \$240, which is the support for two village schools in Africa, where \$120 covers running expenses for one school.

The meeting also featured a panel discussion on the topic, "Should

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Every Christian Have Bible Training?" Each speaker emphatically said "yes". Sub-topics were: 1) I feel that I should have Bible training even though I am not expecting to go into full-time Christian service; 2) I was not able to attend Bible school and I feel the loss in my personal life; 3) I feel I should acquire Bible training because it will help me in my personal Christian life; 4) I went to Bible school and found it profitable.

After the discussion the audience participated by asking questions. These were answered by the panel.

Dutch Catholic Joins M.B. Church

Newton Siding, Man. — It is always a special occasion for a church when they accept young people into the church through baptism. Not that it is proud that the membership has increased, but it is a joy to know that the Lord is still working—and that the efforts of the Sunday school teachers, youth workers and ministers of the Word are still effective.

The Lord blessed the M. B. Church on Sunday, August 25, when nine young people followed the Lord in baptism. This year the order of the day was somewhat changed. The testimonies of the candidates had been heard on Saturday night, so on Sunday morning, after a short Sunday school period, the church motored to the baptismal site. There the congregation joined in a worship service, which was followed by the baptism.

The congregation again gathered at the church on Sunday afternoon,

when the young believers were received into the church and the Lord's Supper was held. This arrangement provided ample time for the Lord's Supper. At this time two members were also received into the church through transfer of membership certificates.

Those baptized were: Elsie Dyck, Agnes Dyck, Margaret Froese, Tony Wagemaker, Tony Peters, Abe Epp, Johnny Nikkel, John Petkau, and Jake Hamm. Mrs. H. Dyck and Mrs. J. Petkau were received into the church through transfer of church membership.

An interesting testimony came from Tony Wagemaker, who arrived recently in Canada from Holland and comes from a Catholic home. Asked why he had chosen to join the M.B. Church, he replied, "God has written one Book, I love that Book—and the M.B. Church keeps close to it." Tony has also attended the Winkler Bible School.

EDITORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

A Church in Danger

When There Is Division In The Camp

(First of two installments)

(This is the fourth in the series of guest editorials. It is written by Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the Fraserview M.B. Church, Vancouver, B.C., chairman of the British Columbia M.B. Conference, and chairman of the Youth Committee of the Conference of M.B. Churches in Canada. He has previously taught at Bethany Bible Institute and served as pastor of the Hepburn, Sask., M.B. Church. —Editor.)

And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said, "Ye take too much upon you... ye lift yourselves above the congregation." Division had come to the camp. Part of the camp had sided with Korah and part of it with Moses and Aaron. A people with a calling, a people that had experienced a great redemption and the presence of God was divided into "two camps".

This so very often portrays the Christian church. The church of Jesus Christ is divided into denominations, factions, or groups (mission) if you prefer that term. Sometimes even the local church, a small unit of the universal church of Jesus Christ, is divided. The ideal church, of the Pentecostal era, was a united church. Yet already in the first century Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "For whereas there is among you envy and strife and division." Do not think that in this article I shall point out churches, names of people and names of individual churches and elaborate on their faults and quarrels, but we do want to become aware of the dangers and also the results of a divided church.

The causes of division in the church are often very small and insignificant, but in the course of time, through years of aggravation, they become so great that the individual cannot define his troubles or even see them. We should always keep in mind that they are attacked of the Devil himself. Nothing defeats the cause of Christ more than division in the camp. The enemy of God knows this, and makes it his aim to bring about division.

Very often we as Christians have become carnal and use carnal weapons to build the church, or to defend ourselves and attack others. The desire for power and prestige in the church is a carnal motive for church activity or work in God's kingdom. Since we do not condone the active participation of Christians in the politics of the world, we have many who experiment with politics in the church. Political tendencies, party systems and numerous political principles are tried in the test tube of the church. This struggle for prominence leads to envy, strife, jealousy, loss of confidence in the brotherhood and the leadership of the church and also in the servants of God.

The greatest cause leading to division is the lack of spiritual fervor and vitality in the church. Where there is no growth in spiritual life, no manifestation of a zeal for the Lord and no vision for the cause of Christ, a natural breeding place for contention exists. This will result in a service to men rather than to the Lord. It is a lamentable fact there are always men who will lead the divisions and women who will assist by gossip.

The nature of the division may vary from one denomination to another, from one church to another, as well as from one locality to another. In some cases financial differences between members in the church, as in Corinth, or a differentiation between the rich and the poor, and a contention between them, act as divisive influences. Only too often the contributions to be made to the church result in division. Any system of giving is right and acceptable if you are right with the Lord, but any system is irritable to those who are not. It is still true, "You cannot serve God and Mammon", but we often serve those who are captive to him, whether it be rich or poor.

In the church at Corinth social discrimination in the church also caused the rift. It is possible that one group believes that they are the spiritual ones, at least they have labeled others as not being spiritual. There may also be a group known as the elite, "The Group", with others looking on and wishing that they belonged, or even struggling to belong to it.

(To be continued)

DEVOTIONAL

The Challenge Of A New Beginning

By D. D. Duerksen*

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 3:13-14)

During this season men and women in numerous walks of life stand upon the threshold of a new beginning. Teachers have begun a new school year. Pastors, businessmen, and employees have returned from their summer vacation. Students of universities and colleges will soon flock back to the halls of learning. The new conference year has begun; new plans bring new responsibilities to all church members. Rededications and new decisions for Christ have been made by many as a result of the Brunk Revival Campaign in Manitoba. Many Christians may see in their opportunity to turn over a new leaf the grace bestowed upon the fig tree which was left for another year. This grace, however, is accompanied by a challenge. The words quoted contain a threefold challenge to those Christians who face a new beginning.

In the first place the Apostle Paul challenges Christians to forget those things of the past which might impede present progress. Behind Paul lay the painful memories of having persecuted his Saviour; behind him lay the experience of having been "apprehended by Christ" on the Damascus road; behind him lay his own sufferings inflicted by both Jew and Gentile — sufferings for the Christ whom he had persecuted; behind him lay a ministry which had not been absolutely perfect. But Paul was ready to forget. He was ready to forget those sins that Christ had forgiven; he was ready to forget those sins inflicted upon him by others; he was ready to forget his own imperfections; he was ready to forget all those experiences of the past that would retard him in the race toward the goal. In facing the challenge of a new beginning, Christians must learn to forget. Christ, who has given the grace for the new beginning has also provided sufficient grace to bury the sins and imperfections of the past in the sea of forgetfulness.

The way to forget what is behind is to look forward. Paul challenges the believer to focus his attention upon the goal. For Paul the goal was both immediate and remote, both present and future. "To win Christ," "to be found in Him," "to know Him," constituted Paul's goal for the present. For the future the attainment of "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" held out the promise of "the crown of glory." Oh, that we as believers might set

our sights upon this goal! In whatever walk of life we have made a new beginning, the desire to win His approval of our life and service should remain paramount. In view of the ultimate goal of the future, the sacrifices that we may have to bring in His service will be worthwhile.

Accompanied by the challenge to focus the attention upon the goal is the challenge to a renewed effort. The Greek runner pressing for the mark to win the laurel wreath as well as the Roman soldier in complete battle array are challenging examples to believers making a new beginning. These examples speak of an urgency of effort and preparedness — an urgency which becomes ever more pressing as the Atomic Age is supplemented by the Ballistic Era. The new working year that has been granted to many could end in the night when work will cease. Therefore, the challenge to give more, to pray more, to testify more, to serve more efficiently, to live a more sanctified life goes out anew to the believer.

So to the sincere Christian the beginning of a new working year means more than the mere excitement of venturing into the unknown. He sees in the "lure of the turn of the road" a challenge to begin rightly, to fight the good fight of faith well, and to run successfully. That our fight might be a good fight! That our run might be successful! That a victorious conclusion might crown a good beginning!

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Large Bible Conference in Africa

By Henry Brucks

Panzi, Belgian Congo — Greetings with Philippians 1:3; 2:1; 3:10; and 4:14, where the word "fellowship" has become precious to me.

We are writing this letter from the Panzi station, where the Gospel has been proclaimed for 20 years already—yet only two-thirds of the field has heard the Gospel. God has blessed the proclamation of His Word and many have found the Saviour.

During the months of April and May we spent most of our time in the villages, holding Bible conferences in various places. In almost every place there were several hundred listeners staying for several days of services. During the last week of May the professing Christians (numbering about 500) who are not yet church members gathered at the station for 10 days of Bible instruction. In addition to attending three services daily, they had to memorize Scripture verses. It is remarkable to see what the Word of God can accomplish in the hearts and lives of these people.

Immediately after these sessions the church members gathered for their annual conference. The leading brethren here counted 4,000 visitors during these conference days. May the impressions made by the Word of God not be erased by the influences in the villages!

This is the dry season, and vacation time for the school children,

We are trying to catch up with all the work that needs to be done. All of the buildings on this station are of mud bricks and have grass roofs. Some of the roofs have been repaired, while others had to be completely re-built. We are also constructing a 20 x 100 feet school building, the first building to have stone walls and a tin roof. Friends of the mission have given \$2,100, which enables us to construct four classrooms.

Three hundred and fifty pupils receive instruction on this station in 10 classes of 35 pupils each. We offer the first five grades. During the Easter week we experienced a moving of the Spirit among the pupils and adults, with many either accepting the Saviour or re-dedicating themselves to God. Some people walked 80 to 100 miles to get here during that week, arriving with swollen feet.

At the end of August our daughter Florence is leaving to attend the school for missionaries' children. This will be her first year away from home. Naomi is going to take the first grade here. The two youngest children have their hands full keeping things moving in the house.

Our mail has been very irregular during the last few months. Since the beginning of June we have received mail only three times. We are expecting many letters from you when our mail finally comes.

do. Brother John Reimer of the WCCM, was able to send two teachers and the material needed. It was left to us to provide any more help needed.

Miss Esther Peters and Miss Erna Mueller arrived for August 12 to teach at two places at one time. In the morning they drove 20 miles to Okanagan Centre to teach there. For the evening they were back in Kelowna to teach an average of 56 children. To help them were Agnes Wiebe, Anne Pauls, Lorena and Frieda Willms, and George Fast. Rev. A. Sawatsky as well as a



The Art Janzes were given a one-ton truck by the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church at Steinbach to help their work at Nyanga in the Belgian Congo. The Art Janzes are serving under the Congo Inland Mission and have gone out for their second term.

number of others did their share to help. Brother Peter Decker, our representative on the West Coast Children's Mission Committee, as well as Brother G. Kornelson and Brother John Born, brought children to church by car.

Most of the 77 children reached were at the closing program. Rev. A. Sawatsky impressed the words of Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it", upon the audience.

Golden Wedding for Winkler Couple

Winkler, Man. — Mr. and Mrs. Peter Redekop of Winkler celebrated their golden wedding on August 25 at the M.B. church here.

Surrounded by children and grandchildren, the elderly couple gave praise and thanksgiving to God for His guidance in the past years. John, the second son in the family, expressed the gratitude of all the children for the training they had received, for a home in which they were wanted and loved, for a worthy example in Christian faith, and for many prayers which had been spoken for them.

Four speakers reminded the couple of past experiences, indicating that it was good to halt and raise up an altar of thanksgiving to God. The speakers were Rev. H. P. Harder, Rev. Nicolai Redekop, Rev. J. H. Quiring, and Rev. D. K. Duerksen.

Other items on the program were poems by several grandchildren, a vocal duet, a male quartet, and a violin solo. In closing, the congregation sang as a prayerful wish for the anniversary couple, "Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade."

Twelve Baptized at Glenbush

Glenbush, Sask. — The Glenbush M.B. Church had the great joy of baptizing and receiving twelve believers into the church.

The baptism service was held on Sunday, August 25. Rain made it necessary to have the message preceding the baptism in the church. Mr. David Bergen spoke. The new members were received into the church later in the afternoon.

The baptismal candidates were: Elizabeth Barga, Laurina Harder, Anita Harms, Shirley Janzen, Bertha Klassen, Elizabeth Wiens, Violet Wiens, Gilbert Giesbrecht, Arthur Klassen, Mervin Loewen, Edward Wiens, Rueben Wiens.

Raise Missionary Offerings at DVBS

Black Creek, B.C. — The closing program of the daily vacation Bible school in the M.B. church here featured singing by a choir of the primary, junior and intermediate

pupils. Held on Friday night, August 30, the program also saw each class demonstrating a phase of the work taken up during the last two weeks.

A centre of attraction was the display of handwork done by the various classes. The average attendance at classes was 42.

Missionary offerings received totaled \$30. This money will be sent to help Miss Agnes Martens, who is engaged in Child Evangelism in Switzerland.

Brother Albert Wedel closed the program with a message from God's Word, especially emphasizing the reasons for having DVBS.

Namaka Registers 80 in DVBS

Namaka, Alta. — Two weeks of daily vacation Bible school were held in the Namaka Public School, with 51 children registered for the courses.

Children who had visitors with them on holidays brought them along to school, instead of staying home with them. Although no children were saved, the work was very encouraging, with a good response from both pupils and parents. Quite a crowd came out for the final program. The teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Vic Thiessen and Elvira Thiessen.

Immediately following this a week of DVBS was conducted in the local M.B. church, with some 30 pupils registering. Only one of these had attended a previous DVBS. It was a new venture and proved to be successful. Teachers at this school were Ted Quiring, Katie Dirks, and Mrs. Victor Thiessen.

High Wind at Holmfield

Holmfield, Man. — High winds in this district on August 12 blew down a machine shed on the farm of Mr. J. D. Froese, two miles east of Holmfield. Several trees were also broken down and a number of telephone poles broken off.

The machine shed was empty at the time, so there was no damage to any machinery.

Three Baptized at Namaka

Namaka, Alta. — Three young people followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, August 25, at the Mennonite Brethren church here.

Rev. P. J. Doerksen from Gem officiated at the baptism after speaking at the morning service on the meaning of baptism.

After the service at the baptismal site the congregation returned to the church to accept the newly-baptized believers into the church. The church then partook of the Lord's Supper.

Baptized were Miss Elvira Thiessen, Eric Dirks, and George Dirks.

Yarrow Teacher at Hillsboro

Hillsboro, Kans. — Miss Susie Funk of Yarrow, B.C., has begun a term of service in the Board of Foreign Missions office of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America in Hillsboro, Kansas.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Funk, Miss Funk is a member of the Yarrow Mennonite Brethren Church. This spring she was graduated from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg. Previously she was a public school teacher for four years.

The Board of Foreign Missions office in Hillsboro administers a program in 11 countries abroad. More than half of its 200 workers come from the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Canada.

First DVBS a Success

By George Fast

Kelowna, B.C. — Having daily vacation Bible school at our church was a new venture. The West Coast Children's Mission was willing to sponsor it at our church if we would take any of the available children into our Sunday school later. This the church was glad to

No Regrets for Missionary Service

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — Miss Anne Dyck, M.B. missionary in Colombia, portrayed to the young people at Brandon the stamina and determination which it takes to endure the persecution by the Catholics in Colombia.

From the Scripture passage in Luke 24:45-50, Miss Dyck emphasized that to stand in a mission field where conditions are adverse, a missionary must first have witnessed at home and be filled with the Holy Spirit. To the question, "What is expected of a missionary?" Sister Dyck answered: 1) A burning desire to serve and witness 2) A simple message 3) The guidance of the Holy Spirit 4) A willingness to forsake all 5) A full-length spine — resourcefulness to do anything 6) Perseverance to stand in times of discouragement 7) Faith to pray by himself, though everyone forgets. She said that a missionary should not go because a mission board had sent him, but rather because God sent him. "I have never regretted that I went to Colombia. I will not exchange those years of hardship for any others and, God willing, I am going back in May of next year," she declared.

By means of slides Miss Dyck gave us a better visual picture of the field, which is situated on the

west coast of Colombia, between the Andes mountains and the Pacific Ocean. The three groups of people whom they seek to reach are descendants of the Negroes, Indians and the whites of European descent. The climate in Colombia is very humid and hot, consequently it is a great drain on human vitality and ambition. Temperatures of 120 degrees and 400 inches of rainfall a year are not uncommon.

Since the mission field is in so-called "Mission Territory" (territory controlled by the Catholic Church) the Catholics have forbidden them to hold any public service. All teaching and preaching must be done in secrecy or by means of individual contact. Anything from stones and firecrackers to gasoline and dynamite have been used to discourage the missionaries. Nevertheless God has miraculously protected them and they are still undaunted. The poem recited by Sister Dyck "Would You Go Back, Would You?" was a real challenge to us.

On the slides we saw the John Dycks and also the instrument and scene of their home-going. Since Miss Dyck was a co-worker with the Dycks she could give us a vivid account of the extent of their work and organization, which now is left for other missionaries to carry on.

Graham Closes New York Campaign

New York City — Billy Graham closed the 3½ month New York Crusade Sunday evening with a sermon at the "Crossroads of the world," Broadway and 42nd Street.

Estimates of the crowd which gathered range upwards from 75,000 with no one quite sure just how many turned out. Police roped off several blocks for people to stand and other streets were reserved for buses. A special train from Georgia brought over 500 for the service.

Television and newsreels flashed scenes from the service around the world.

The final service from Madison Square Garden on Saturday evening also was televised, as the Crusade finished the longest and most successful run of any event ever held in the famous arena.

"The Garden never has had a tenant like Mr. Graham," remarked one of the guards, who predicted at the beginning, way back on May 15, that crowds would stop coming after a week. Thousands were turned away each night during this final week.

Many churches throughout America report that they are having Easter attendance in August, with new members turning up every week as a result of the coast-to-coast television each Saturday night

from Madison Square Garden... The editor of a New York newspaper, in discussing world events with Billy Graham this week, said, "For the first time I am afraid. A return to God seems to be the only solution."

MORE ABOUT

Need Funds to Transport Food

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our depot has received 4,525 Christmas bundles which will be sent to Japan and Korea. We thank all of you who have helped us in publishing this program and making available the cash and contributions needed.

Clothing Still Needed

New and used clothing is still a highly desired item on the field and we stand ready to receive a good supply of this again in the approaching fall months.

This year our office has the largest Summer Service group in any year thus far, with 92 persons taking part in 10 units. Summer Service provides an excellent opportunity for service and training for our young people. We would encourage pastors to give opportunity for

those young people of their congregations who have taken part to tell of their experiences and what it means to the personal life and witness of a volunteer.

Our year round Voluntary Service program is showing encouraging growth, with 27 young people now serving in four communities in Newfoundland and a number of others engaged in childrens' work, work with delinquents and other projects in Canada. We can use many more dedicated young people willing to serve in some area of need. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has requested us for assistance in their homes for blind people and we have had repeated requests from the T.B. San-

atorium at The Pas, Manitoba, which cares for Indian and Eskimo T.B. cases, for competent help through our organization.

It may interest you to know that there are now approximately 75 Canadians serving in the total MCC program.

We would also ask for your prayerful support for the Ailsa Craig Boys Farm project. There are still urgent needs for debt liquidation of our recreation building and for providing for badly needed staff housing. The Boys Farm is being used and appreciated by the social agencies of our Province. We always have a list of boys waiting to be admitted and are operating at full capacity.

Eleven Baptized at Winkler

Winkler, Man. — The congregation of the M.B. Church here gathered at the farm of G. G. Enns on Sunday, September 1, to witness the baptism of eleven young believers.

Bright autumn sunshine, a background of trees and green grass, a large audience, a message on Christ's baptism, and singing by the church choir, helped to make it a memorable occasion. Rev. A. A. Hyde of Krongart based his message on Matth. 3:13-17. Following the message, Rev. J. H. Quiring, the pastor, performed the baptism.

The testimonies of the eleven were heard by the church on the preceding Wednesday night and on Sunday morning. Some told of being converted at home, some at church meetings, while others were born again at Bible camp. They expressed a desire for baptism because it would be a public testimony of their faith in Christ, and because it would bring them into closer fellowship with other Christians.

Following the baptism, the congregation assembled at church to receive the newly baptized believers into church fellowship, and to partake of the Lord's Supper. The meeting ended with a season of prayer.

The baptismal candidates were: Marlene Klassen, Ruth Janzen, Kathleen Olfert, Deloris Wiebe, Helen Dyck, Walter Suderman, Irvin Hildebrand, Theodore Redekop, Howard Dyck, Ronald Brown, and John Arnold Janzen.

Begin Radio Program

Winkler, Man. — The Winkler Bible School started its own radio program over CFAM, Altona, Man., on Saturday, August 17.

Time for the new program is 9:30—9:45 (CST) every Saturday night.

The Winkler Bible School was founded by Dr. A. H. Unruh in the middle 1920's. For many years

it operated as an independent school, but it is now a project of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba. Graduates of the school are active in many areas of Mennonite church life. Present faculty at the school is: Dr. G. D. Huebert, principal; Rev. D. K. Duerksen, John B. Boldt, John Goossen, and Rev. Wm. Baerg.

Clearwater Lake

By Mary Block*

Rippling blue waters,
Clear as crystal,
Mirror the white clouds
Floating above.
Still are the breezes,
Cool and refreshing,
That come from the Waters.
To cool the hot land.
Dark pines stand guard
At the deep water's edge,
While green poplars blend
With the peeling white birch.
Large jagged boulders,
Greeting restless waves,
Serve as stepping stones
To lone wanderers' feet.
Still is God's handiwork,
Peaceful, serene;
Praising its Maker
In far northern spheres.
To seek quiet and comfort
From life's busy routine,
Just go to the water's edge,
And gaze over the sea.
Meet here your Redeemer,
Who gave all He had
That you might enjoy
The work of His hand.

*MCC Summer Service Worker at Clearwater Sanatorium, The Pas, Man.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Isaac, Winnipeg, Man., a daughter, Lynda Elaine, on Friday, August 30.

World Conference Concludes

Sunday services at the sixth Mennonite World Conference were held in the large, Schwarzwaldhalle, which has a seating capacity of 2,000. A choir of 200, accompanied by an orchestra, provided the music at these services.

Delegates and visitors were welcomed to the service by Rev. P. Schowalter, Germany. After a song by the choir the conference message was delivered by Rev. Abram Braun of Germany, who spoke on, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." He maintained that the gospel is the power of a new life.

Following the message, greetings were given from various leaders. Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin had sent a written greeting, while other prominent German denominational leaders presented personal greetings. Dr. H. S. Bender replied to the greetings.

Two messages were delivered at the afternoon service. The first one, entitled, "The Message of the Cross, the Heart of the Gospel", was given by Samuel Gerber of Switzerland. "Living With Christ in Discipleship" served as theme for a message by Alexander Prieur of Germany. He declared that a life of discipleship demands that we both give up self and give ourselves over to God.

Service In the Name of Christ

In perfect German S. Djojodihardjo of Pati, Indonesia, delivered the first of the evening's messages, speaking on "Service in the Name of Christ by the Mennonite Church to its Brethren." Dr. Erland Waltner expanded this to include service to the world in his message on "Service in the Name of Christ to the Nations." He maintained that we have often carried out only part of the great commission. We have baptized, but we have not made disciples.

In a series of four morning messages, three brethren delivered expository talks on First Peter in three languages. In this way the devotional part could be understood by all in their own language. Rev. H. H. Janzen spoke in German, Rev. Paul Mininger in English, and Rev. Pierre Widmer of France in French. Following these messages there were group discussions on the previous day's addresses.

"The World in its Wisdom" served as theme for J. A. Oosterbaan of the Netherlands in the first talk on Monday afternoon. He asserted that all wisdom comes from God, so that Christian faith is more wise than the wisdom of the world and goes beyond it. We should, however, never despise the wisdom of the world, he maintained. The second talk, by Horst Quiring of Germany, centered on, "The World in a Blind Alley." He showed how the world is helpless and is in dang-

er of giving a nihilistic answer to life.

Challenge to Church

"The World's Challenge to the Church" was discussed by Fritz Kuiper of the Netherlands at the evening service. He asserted that the world condemns the church for its failure and its neglect.

The Monday afternoon session of educators heard Samuel Gerber of Switzerland speak on, "Shall we have a planned and continuous instruction of young people?" Dr. I. I. Friesen of Winnipeg led the discussion that followed. The gathering of those interested in the peace witness heard John H. Yoder of the USA deliver an address on, "The Peace Witness and Objection to Military Service as the Basis for Christian Non-Resistance." Mr. C. J. Rempel of Kitchener led the discussion.

After the Bible exposition and the discussion period on Tuesday, Dr. H. S. Bender delivered an excellent talk on "The Answer of Our Anabaptist Forefathers." He pointed out that they held to the divine authority of the Scriptures, they believed in a voluntary, obedient church, and they accepted Christ as Lord in their lives. They demanded a definite commitment to Christ.

"What Attitude Do Our Churches Take to Their Responsibility?" served as theme for the afternoon's talk by Pierre Widmer of France. Only as we see that everyone who has not heard and accepted the gospel is lost eternally will we have the right attitude.

The evening's message by Hans Ruefenacht of Switzerland was on the topic, "the Power of the Gospel." He was followed by O. Miller of MCC, who delivered an address on "World-Wide Relief." The chairman for this day was Rev. J. Thiessen of Saskatoon.

Need Planned Instruction

That day the educators discussed the need for a fully planned course of instruction for adults, with Rev. C. Wall delivering the main address. At the same time C. F. Bruesewitz of the Netherlands dealt with our peace witness in its practical aspects in a different group meeting.

Wednesday's themes were "Gospel Service in Social Work", by Paul Peachey of the USA, "Preaching the Gospel", by H. W. Meihuiszen of the Netherlands, and "The Condition of the Refugee Churches in Germany," a report by Otto Wiebe.

The final assembly that day heard Rev. J. B. Toews speak on furthering the spread of the gospel through mission work. He emphasized that the sole concern of the church is to meet the needs of the souls of men.

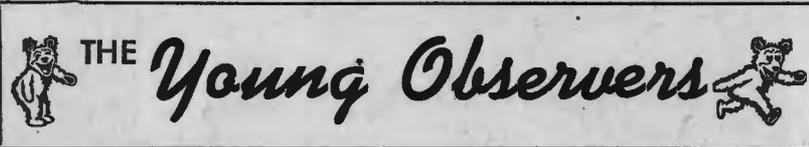
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Here are more scenes from the sixth Mennonite World Conference. At top left Bishop E. J. Swalm of Dumfries, Ont., is delivering the message on, "Our Witness for Peace and Love in Missions, Relief and Social Service." At top right Dr. H. S. Bender, chairman of the World Conference executive, is addressing the delegates. The group picture shows some of the Canadians at the conference. From left, they are: Is. Braun, B.C.; C. A. DeFehr, Winnipeg; Rev. Frank Friesen, Morden, Man.; Bishop J. M. Pauls, Winkler; Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Janzen, now of Basel; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Neufeld, missionaries in Austria, and C. J. Rempel, Kitchener.



Meals at the sixth Mennonite World Conference were served in the Stadthalle, Karlsruhe. In the top picture some of the delegates and visitors are seen in front of the entrance. Below that some of the visitors are looking at the houses for Mennonite refugees built by Pax men at Enkenbach, Germany. (Photos by G. Lohrenz.)



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

I suppose all of you are now getting used to the routine of school life. Even if you didn't get the seat that you wanted to have, you'll be able to hear the teacher well enough—especially when you do something that should not be done.

How many textbooks do you have? Readers, arithmetic books, social studies books—all have their place in the school desk. If you are a real Christian and following Jesus, you will even take good care of your textbooks.

The pupil in school must have various textbooks—but the Christian has only one textbook for His Christian life. Everything that we need to know about living for Jesus can be found in the Bible, the Word of God. In this book, God Himself speaks to us. All Christians receive the Holy Spirit, who is our teacher and explains the Bible to us—if we take time and become quiet enough in our heart to listen to Him.

There is something very unusual about this textbook. Even though some of it was written more than 3,000 years ago, it is still true today. If you were to read in a science book used by students 500 years ago, you would laugh at the author. How could he be so silly as to think that the sun revolved around the earth—and that the earth is flat—you would say. Yes, school textbooks change, but the Bible is just as true today as when it was written.

This book, the Bible, contains some of the most exciting stories ever written. No doubt you've heard of King Arthur and his knights. The stories of Samson and David, however, are every bit as exciting—and more so—than the stories concerning King Arthur. You may have heard the story of David and Goliath ten times, but if you will now take your Bible and read that story again in I Samuel 17 you will again be thrilled by the courage and daring of David. His trust in God certainly is marvelous, isn't it?

So as you study at school don't forget to read your Bibles. The Bible alone can show you how to walk in the Jesus Way. It alone is completely true from beginning to end.

Aunt Selma.

"Labour in Vain"

In a certain village there is an inn, which has written on its sign-board, "Labour in Vain." The picture below the words is of a little black boy sitting in a tub, being scrubbed by a man who is trying to make him white. Of course it is "labour in vain"!

"How foolish!" do you say? But do you know, that picture reminds me of some boys and girls and grown-up people, too, who are trying to wash their own black hearts white and clean, but it is all "labour in vain". They can never make their hearts clean themselves. That is something we can never do—nor can anyone on earth do it for us, no matter how much they love us. Neither father, mother, brother, sister, nor friend can wash the marks of sin off our hearts. Only the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can make us clean and fit to go to heaven. Can we ever be made fit for heaven? Oh, yes! Can we be perfectly sure that we are going to heaven to live there in happiness for ever? Yes, we can, for God wrote a letter to tell us how we can

be quite sure! His letter we call the Bible.

Now let me tell you of a washing day in a black boy's heart about which I read lately. One day the headmaster of a certain school told the boys that there would be a new pupil coming, and he thought they would be kind to him. The next day the newcomer came. He was a black boy, and the other lads teased him and gave him the nick-name of "Snowball". They did not mean to be unkind, but this pained the little boy, and he wondered if it were not possible to get his face washed white.

One day he noticed a picture in a store window. It was of a boy with a white body and a black face just coming out of a bath, the change in the skin being due to washing with a certain kind of soap. "That's what I want," he thought, and into the shop he went, and bought a cake of the soap. He hurried home, and in no time was rubbing and scrubbing for all he was worth, but alas! it was no good; his skin remained black. He was dis-

appointed! Not long after, he heard a group of people singing:—

"Wash me in the Blood of the Lamb, And I shall be whiter than snow."

He followed the singers into a mission hall, and was interested in the words of the preacher. At the close of the meeting he went up to him and asked it was possible to wash his black face white. The kind gentleman told him gently that that was impossible, but he showed how his heart could be made white by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus.

Have you had a washing-day? May you each one say as David, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Ps. 51:10).

I wonder if you know this chorus:

**Whiter than the snow,
Whiter than the snow;
The heart that's washed in Jesus'
Blood**

**Is whiter than the snow.
For when we let the Saviour in,
Out the sin must go
From the heart that's whiter,
Whiter than the snow."**

E. G. C.

Sorry!

A small boy once wanted to make his way into an orchard to steal apples. The orchard belonged to someone else, and it was the wrong kind of want. Besides, the apples were green, and green apples are not good for small boys. The wall was high, and the gate was closed. But there was a gap in the corner through which a small boy might crawl. No one was in sight, and he did want those apples. It was all very silly, and very wrong.

The boy squeezed himself through the gap. But he got no apples, because there was a big farmer, with a big voice and a big stick, and an unfriendly looking dog. "Where are you going?" asked the farmer. "Back," meekly answered the boy. And then he added one word: "Sorry".

Well, that was a poor sort of sorry. He was sorry that he did not get any apples, but he was not sorry that he was a little thief. Pharaoh, King of Egypt, said "Sorry" when the plagues bothered him. Judas said he was sorry when he realised what he had done in betraying Jesus. But he did not turn to God to seek pardon for his terrible crime. On the other hand, the prodigal son was truly sorry for having behaved so badly, and returned to his father; and we know what a kind welcome he got when he was nearly home. That lad truly repented.

"Repent." Perhaps you say in your heart, "That's an ugly word." Well, it isn't. It's serious, a very serious word, and a very important word. But it has a bright side, for although it speaks of our sin it also speaks of hope, in God's mercy.

Never forget that it is against God you have sinned. Bad temper,

bad words, spite, petty thefts, lies—these are wrong things done against people, it is true. But they are, first of all, sins done against God, they have broken the law of God, and deserve His punishment.

Maybe you don't feel very bad. In fact, you may sometimes have said to yourself, "I'm pretty good." But God cannot accept your thoughts about yourself. He calls upon you to change your mind about yourself, and that's the idea at the bottom of the word "repent." To repent means to change your thoughts, to accept God's thoughts about yourself, to own up that you are bad enough to be lost and so to need the Saviour, and to turn to God who is ready to forgive you for Christ's sake. That is the right kind of "sorry".

Do you ask, "May I trust Jesus as my Saviour?" Only a sinner may.

For Teen-Age Girls

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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Strange Faiths

In Kushtsheva, Liesbeth and her party stayed overnight in one of ten homes that had been built by Hutterites in the Mennonite architectural style many years before. The homes were not as clearcut and symmetrical as those of the Mennonite colonies, but they resembled Liesbeth's home in many respects.

On the way back to Margenau, Liesbeth and David asked many questions about Hutterites. "They are not Mennonites," Vater said, "but they hold to Mennonite doctrines of non-resistance, non-conformity to the world, baptism of adults and opposition to the oath. What distinguishes them especially is their Bruderhof of common property. The Hutterites pool their property, and their income goes into a community fund that is used to maintain the Bruderhof. Large dormitories or apartment houses are their homes, and community dining halls their kitchens. Their own artisans make the things needed in the Bruderhof," Vater explained. "They wear modest garb with hooks and eyes in place of buttons. Their food is characterized by an absence of sauces and garnishes. Their church, likewise, is plain."

"I wouldn't like that," Liesbeth said. "Everything would be run by strict rules with little or no opportunity to do as one pleased, and there would be no privacy. How do they treat their women?" Liesbeth asked.

"I have heard that the men have pre-eminence at meals. The women wait on them and eat after the men have had their turn."

"If one must get up, eat, work, rest, take a bath, pray, dress and marry according to community regulations, one might as well be in a monastery," Liesbeth declared. Then she changed the subject and asked, "Do they have missionaries?"

"I have never heard of any, but they try to conduct themselves and their affairs in such a way that they will promote their own well-being and that of the people around them, thereby promoting the kingdom of God," Vater answered.

"Where did those people go when they left Kushtsheva?" asked David.

Vater scratched his head and said, "I don't know, but fifty or sixty years ago some of them settled near Melitopol north of the Black Sea. They formed four villages up there—Hutertal, Johannesruh, Neu-Huterland and Huterdorf."

"Are they still there?" David asked, wonderingly.

Vater explained that during the past twenty-five years most of the Hutterites from those four communities had gone to America, but the villages were still there. The Hutterites, like the Mennonites, had feared that the czar's program of Russianizing minority groups within the empire would interfere with their faith.

Liesbeth said nothing more about Hutterites, but mentally she reasoned that they and the Mennonites were all alike in at least one respect—they built fences around themselves and their children and denied them the freedom to explore, learn and share. "And yet, those men, women and children are obeying their own convictions. That certainly is something to be admired; and actually they are sharing everything they have with each other, and they are doing it voluntarily," she philosophized.

On a late Sunday afternoon a few days later Liesbeth, Anna and Vater were walking home from the meeting in Rueckenau. They had stayed for an afternoon Bible conference that was conducted by an educated Jewish Bible expositor from Germany. At noon in the hall of the old meeting place, which at one time had been the village saloon, Anna made coffee with boiling water supplied by the congregation. Then they ate their lunch which Anna and Liesbeth had carried to Rueckenau early that morning. During the meal they visited with a family from Gnadenheim.

Vater and the Gnadenheim gentleman knew each other well. They discussed the morning sermon. The visiting minister had discouraged disagreements over non-essentials and had said that people should span chasms rather than cause splits, that they should build rather than tear down structures. That sermon had reminded Vater's friend of a strange faith, which they subsequently discussed throughout the lunch and the social hour following the meal.

As Liesbeth was walking toward Margenau, she tried to piece together

the story of that strange faith. Around 1877 a Mennonite from the Samara colony on the Volga River had written a booklet which he called the key to the prophet Daniel. In it he explained that Christ would appear on the earth on March 2, 1889, and that the promised land for the second coming would be the Turkestan desert in mid-Asia. That man's name was Claass Epp.

Epp's teaching had made a big impression on many Mennonites who about 1850 had come from Fuerstenwerder in West Prussia. There they had been under the influence of the famous Jung-Stilling and of Melchior Hofmann, two firm believers in the second coming of Christ. By 1880 three groups of Mennonites had organized for treks to Turkestan to meet the Lord. Chanting songs about journeying to the promised land, the first group of ten families departed from Samara in July of that year. They traveled in seventeen wagons pulled by about forty horses, and reached the promised land of Turkestan sands after four calamitous months of travel. During the trek, and in their first winter's sojourn in the new land, several dozen children and many adults died of hardships, also from typhoid fever and other contagious diseases.

The second group was larger, Vater's Gnadenheim friend had said. It consisted of about seventy millennialist families from Samara and from the Molotschna. That group, after severe hardships and disasters, joined the first aggregation in Tashkent.

The third and last group with only twenty-five families, in seventy wagons, was led by Claass Epp himself, Vater's friend had related. "Why do you suppose Claass Epp waited for the last trek instead of leading the first crowd?" Liesbeth asked Anna.

Anna believed that he might have tried to win more followers before going east. Epp's group was the hardest hit. They had more difficult, icy months on the road and more disasters than the other groups had experienced. During the next decade disease-infested lowlands and harassments, including kidnappings of women by Mohammedan natives, reduced the number of the Turkestan Mennonites to approximately one-third of their original number.

Finally March 2, 1889, the fateful day, had arrived. Previously Epp had disclosed that he would meet the prophet Elijah in the air preparatory to the second coming of Christ. Epp's followers set up an altar for their leader. Dressed in white, he took his place near the altar and, after prayer, he stepped onto it. Some other men and their families dressed in white and climbed to the rooftops of their houses. "Those people must have felt silly when they expected to

ascend to heaven from on top of that altar and the houses, and nothing happened," Liesbeth said.

Anna was solemn about it and said, "All of these people were making a serious mistake, because the Bible states that no one will know the day of Christ's return."

When Claass Epp did not meet Elijah, and Christ did not appear on March 2, 1889, as had been predicted, Epp reset the date to 1891. On that day, likewise, the prophecy failed to materialize. Disappointed, Epp's followers turned toward building homes for themselves. Many went to America.

Epp's confusion, however, grew and multiplied. For a while he was the prophet Elijah of the new earth, then he promoted himself to be the high priest Melchisedek of the New Testament. Finally he proclaimed himself a son of Christ and therefore the grandson of God. That unusual teaching caused most of Epp's remaining followers to desert him.

At that point of Liesbeth's recollections Anna asked her, "Were you listening when that man from Gnadenheim said that Epp was still living?"

"Yes," answered Liesbeth. "Epp is in Ak-Metschet, a village near Chiva. At Aulie Ata there still are about twenty-five families of his former followers and their descendants. All of them are living on one small plot of land, about fifteen dessiatines altogether. For a living they are gardening or helping the natives."

After some hesitation Liesbeth remarked, "It is strange that we have never heard or read anything about Epp all of these years."

Anna said that he had grown old and had given up all thought of introducing new ideas.

Vater, who had listened quietly to the conversation, told the girls that after the Mennonites came into existence there had been other people who had set dates for Christ's return. He mentioned Melchior Hofmann, who had announced Christ's coming for Strassburg in 1533. When that prediction had failed to come true, he had advanced the date a year and had changed the place to the Westphalian city of Muenster. That second time and place, like the first, had ended in failure. "People's arithmetic on such matters will always fail," Vater said, "because the Bible does not provide us with a date."

That night Liesbeth leafed through one of Vater's new Mennonite books to see whether or not it contained information on the Turkestan or Hofmann affairs. While she was looking for the information, her eyes stumbled over an account of another Mennonite faith that she had never known existed and which interested her.

(To be continued)

Deliverances on Mission Field

By Mrs. M. Wall

Dalmeny, Sask. — Missionary David Wirsches reported and showed slides on their work in Colombia in the M.B. church here on August 15. Both Rev. and Mrs. Wirsche related of God's protection in extreme danger, with Rev. Wirsche commenting, "I believe only eternity will reveal what your prayers have done for us in Colombia."

In her report Mrs. Wirsche told of some of the dangers on the field, including that from poisonous snakes, of which there are several kinds. One of her experiences is as follows:

"Close to the mission compound is an Indian house where the Indians stay overnight when they visit the missionaries. One day some of the Indian men wanted work, so Rev. Wirsche asked them to cut grass. In the evening one of these men became very ill and died within a short time. According to their custom, the Indian women sang and cried, while the men drank themselves into a stupor.

A Snake Enters

"The next night some of these Indian men came to our house to ask whether they could sleep in it, for they are afraid to sleep in a house where someone has died. Although Rev. Wirsche and Rev. Loewen had left the compound that day, we gave them permission to sleep in the house. They retired early because they were very tired after being drunk. Around 9:30 I went to lock the room, when I heard something fall. This was the time for the rats to roam, and often one would fall and then quickly scamper on its way again. But this time all was quiet. I listened and slowly went to investigate. When I opened the store-room an Ecker snake was looking me in the face. I quickly ran to Mrs. Loewen, but neither of us felt capable of killing the snake, so we went to wake one of the Indians.

"It seemed as though we would never get him awake, but finally we persuaded him to come and kill the snake. Very cautiously he moved into the room with his long knife, with us following, and carefully moved up to the snake, killing it with one swish of the knife. The precious promise, 'I am with you always', rang in my mind."

The Church Is Going On

Rev. Wirsche based his report on Matt. 16:13-18. In his report he pointed out how these words were true in Colombia, for "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (the church)." The Lord's work is continuing there in spite of persecution. Some of the national workers have had to lay down their lives, but the church is going on.

The Choco is a neglected part of Colombia, Rev. Wirsche stated. The people are poor in comparison to

the other parts of Colombia. At least 400 inches of rain falls during a year—yet when it does not rain for eight days there is a tremendous drought. Better buildings for the missionaries have helped to eliminate much of the fever danger in the area.

Mission work is carried on at Noanama and Istmina. The majority of Indians and Negroes cannot read or write, which makes it hard to lead them on in their Christian life. The church doors have also been closed for over a year. However, the work goes on, with no decrease in attendance at the meetings in the houses, nor in Sunday school attendance and offerings. Although there are many believers there are not many church members, for anyone who wants to be baptized must first be legally married. This presents many problems, for many men have more than one wife, or vice versa. The response to the Gospel is good, however.

In Noanama the language pre-

sents a real problem. At the present time the Indian language is being reduced to writing. The Indians are very religious, yet they are under the condemnation of God, Rev. Wirsche reported. When Rev. J. Loewen translated a little part of the Christmas story, it brought a new ray of hope to these benighted souls.

Rev. Wirsche challenged the congregation to pray for the native believers and for the missionaries still out there. God has marvelously protected His servants in the midst of great dangers. Rev. Wirsche reported that at one time six 10-ton trucks loaded with a high explosive were parked before the army barracks in the town where they were. There was a tremendous explosion, in which an area of 30 blocks was wiped out and 3,000 people lost their lives, but as far as is known, no Christian lost his life. The Jewish synagogue right across from the house where the Wirsches were, was flattened, together with many other strongly-built houses. Yet in their home not even a window pane was broken. The almighty God had protected His own.

Reach Non-Mennonites With DVBS

By John Boldt

Winkler, Man. — In Isaiah 54:13 we read: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children." We rejoice that the Lord has enabled us to be instrumental in teaching His Word to the children of our province.

The following report covers the DVBS work done by the M. B. churches of Manitoba, both as mission work and in the areas immediately surrounding the churches themselves. It does not include the work of the three Winnipeg M.B. churches, which carry on a large and successful DVBS program on their own. We try to secure as many workers as possible from the students of the Winkler Bible School, as well as from the young people in the churches.

At the end of June, just before the work began, the workers gathered in the Winkler Bible School for prayer and instruction. This meeting was well attended and should be expanded in future years.

DVBS Program Increased

There have been many answers to prayer in this year's DVBS program. Our statistics show that we were able to reach 1048 children, of whom 18 made decisions to follow Christ. DVBS was held in 25 schools, with 62 workers and some helpers active in them. There were 15 mission schools, with 20 workers and some helpers from the Brandon MCC Summer Service unit, and 553 children were reached. In the ten schools close to churches 42 workers were active, with 495

children being reached by the Word of God.

This year we added Carman, one more school in Brandon, and three more schools in villages south of Winkler to our mission school program. Niverville and Holmfield were added to the local church DVBS program. As a whole the work has increased, especially in the number of children reached.

The increase in children reached is registered in the DVBS efforts in the local churches. It is significant that these schools find it much easier to get workers than do the mission schools. The work is close by, so that workers are able to look after their home duties as well. On the missions fields of our conference the work has held its own, with losses in schools being balanced by new schools. Perhaps in the future more and more of our DVBS work should be done right around our own churches by volunteer workers, while the mission school will likely be served more and more by workers sent out for longer periods of time.

Workers Offer Full Summer

We are thankful that we could start the latter aspect of the program this year. The mission board of our conference had offered remuneration to workers who were able to serve through a major part of the summer. This summer two workers, Miss Adina Goertzen of Steinbach and Miss Clara Hyde of Kronsgart, began almost immediately after school closed and served until almost the end of August. They were able to teach in four

schools, with two weeks in each school. They held schools in Brandon and three Mennonite villages south of Winkler. It was a special answer to prayer that we were able to reach the latter area. We feel a special responsibility for these people, but during the past few summers we have not had enough workers to hold schools there. Some of the schools are not open to us, but others are. We trust that we will have more full-time workers next summer.

While the bulk of the children reached were of Mennonite background, many belonged to other groups, such as Lutheran, United Church, Anglican, Dutch Reformed and Greek Orthodox. Most of these were reached in our mission schools, but some of our local church schools also succeeded in reaching outsiders, notably in Manitou and in the western Manitoba churches. Quite a few of the non-Mennonite mothers expressed their gratitude for the work done with their children. It is also of interest that the mothers of the children usually constituted the largest part of the audience at the demonstration program. We do not know where the fathers were.

Some Hindrances

In the mission schools the irregular attendance of the children hinders the work. One of the reasons is that this is the holiday season. In her report one of the workers suggests that we try a DVBS at Clear Lake (a holiday resort) next year. In our schools in the north we encountered some opposition from Catholics, while in an area south of Winkler a Mennonite village declared DVBS unnecessary!

In closing, we quote some comments made by workers in their reports. From Chortitz Adina Goertzen writes, "Voluntarily six girls came to me after classes and wanted to know how to become Christians. They showed a real desire for Christ. I showed them the way with the help of a Scripture verse. They were happy in later days and told me of some of the experiences which they had made since then." At Friedensruh the workers had a pleasant experience. They write, "During the last week the people's friendship was expressed in the food which they brought to us: a complete chicken dinner, vegetable soup, fresh hot buns, and waffles." From West Bay (Winnipegosis) Ruth Hamm writes: "The district was all Ukrainian except one English home, where we lived. Although the people are Catholic, they seem to be open to the Gospel. The children attended every day of the week, and on the closing night the mothers were very grateful."

Knowledge Is Not Life

There are always difficulties in this type of work, and Lillie Böese writes from Fork River (Winnipegosis) (Continued on page 10-4)



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Baptist Churches Campaign Against Indecent Periodicals

Southern Baptist churches are being called on to take an active part in a campaign to rid American's newstands of a "veritable avalanche" of indecency and obscenity which has cascaded upon them. The call was voiced by ministers and by lay men and women attending a week-long conference on obscene literature sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

Expressions of shock and dismay came from those at the conference as speakers reported on the type of articles, cartoons and pictures being carried by some of the new so-called "men's magazines" which have attained a circulation running into millions of copies a month within the past year.

In his keynote address to the conference, O. K. Armstrong, of Springfield, Missouri, contributing editor to *Reader's Digest*, declared, "Many of these new publications that have appeared like a horde of locusts openly sneer at Christian morality, say that it is old-fashioned and out-of-date. They publish article after article glorifying immorality."

Ralph A. Cannon, pastor of St. James Methodist church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, described how more than 15 new magazines appeared in a single year while he studied the literature question for the Methodist Board of Temperance. Each magazine, he added, went farther in breaking previously accepted standards of decency.

Seek 475,000 Converts Next Year

Southern Baptists will attempt to win 475,000 converts next year, to meet a goal recently approved by their evangelism officials. Twenty-four secretaries of evangelism attending a week-long home missions conference at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico set this goal and decided on the first Sunday of 1958 as a day of commitment to soul-winning. On this day, members of more than 30,000 Southern Baptist churches will be asked to sign cards pledging a personal attempt "to win non-Christians to Christ during 1958."

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Hymnologist Deplores Current Jukebox Hymns

One of America's foremost hymnologists thinks most of the Gospel tunes now hitting the jukeboxes are just "rabble-rousing." Dr. Robert Guy McCutchan said: "I think a pretty cheap thing is being done

there. It seems to me that it reflects a wave of superficial religion now sweeping over the country. It's moving rapidly," he said, "and it's not particularly wholesome."

Dr. McCutchan has devoted most of his 79 years to hymns and gospel songs, and has a long list of published works to prove it. He was dean of School of Music at DePauw University for 26 years.

Hymns, Dr. McCutchan believes, are for everybody... even those who think they can't sing. Displaying good-natured sympathy for those who don't think they should

sing in church, he compared such people to a single stop on an organ. "By itself it would sound terrible. But in with others, it has a wonderful effect."

"That might be the effect of a bad voice on congregational singing," he said. "It brightens up the song. You've got to have contrast!"

Doctors Criticized for Prescribing Beverage Alcohol

Physicians don't need to prescribe beverage alcohol for ailments, a Pennsylvania doctor told a Methodist youth conference at Adrian, Michigan. "For every possible medicinal use of beverage alcohol, better and safer drugs are now available," Dr. F. E. Murdock of DuBois, Pennsylvania, said in a address to the fifth national Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action. Ninety-three

youth leaders and adult counselors from 30 states attended the school. Besides listening to lectures, they participated in workshops and discussion groups dealing with alcohol education and the problem of over-coming pressures that lead to drinking.

Exchange Pastorates

A Negro minister in Charlotte and a white clergyman in Canada worked out a plan to swap pastorates and manses for a month this summer. The Canadian minister, who is pastor of the United Church in Lachute, Quebec, brought his wife and teen-age son to live for a month in the Negro church's manse, while the Negro minister took his wife and two daughters up to Canada to live in the United Church parsonage for the month of August.



Poisoned Food

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

Each generation puts food to mouth pausing midway with the uncomfortable query, "is it safe? is it pure? has it been tested?"

The late rise of frozen foods has, for example, increased the pressing of the question. Housewives are properly concerned. But they, and the rest of us, may rest assured that the Government is constantly setting new lanes of control to insure the highest measure of food safety. The revised Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, passed in '38, has proven a strong arm of strength. The Food and Drug Administration maintains an elaborate laboratory system, and the number of tests and checks for the safety of the public, increases by the year. In the words of George Larrick, chief of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, "in my opinion, it is much safer to eat today than 50 or 100 years ago."

"Poisoned Food"... there is chill to those words. But a deeper chill ought to come when the spiritual level is brought to view, and where the safety of souls for eternity is at critical stake. How many today are feeding on the "poisoned food" of false teaching, deceiving doctrine, man-made religion, and alas! do not seem to be aware, nor to care enough for their spiritual safety to seek, or to ask for some inspection, some guarantee for that which is spiritually inhaled! The great god, "Anything Goes" takes first place for the underscoring of that which is professed of possession.

We need disbelievers today. "Believe not every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are

gone out into the world" (I John 4:1), "after the power of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (II Thessalonians 2:9). For pure food there is nothing like the Word of the living God, and Jesus

Kitchen Cathedral

The Bible Bound in You

By Dorothy C. Haskin

Three men were talking about some of the recent translations of the Bible. One said, "I like that Phillips version of the Gospels. It's easy reading. The Berkeley isn't bad either."

"Maybe," the second man shrugged his shoulders. "But believe me, nothing compares to the King James version."

"I know a better one," the third man said.

"What one do you mean?"

"I like my mother's translation best. She translated the Bible into life and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw."

The man was right! There is no more convincing version of the Bible than the one which is lived. As the Lord Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). It does not matter if you want to be or not, the Christian is His witness. Some of us are poor witnesses. Others are inspiring witnesses. Either way, the sign that hung in the college YMCA is still true:

"Be careful now you live; you may be the only Bible some people will ever read."

Or, as someone phrased it, "More people read the Bible bound in shoe leather than they do bound in Morocco."

Christ as the Bread of life (John 6:35) is full nourishment without question, without doubt, without reserve. "This is My Beloved Son...hear ye Him" (Matthew 17:5) is the cry and approval of heaven, to all earthlings for those things which are primary and eternal. It is the honor of the heart to give Him careful hearing, and then, concentrated heeding; nothing else nor less!

(Copr. ERA, 1957)

A well-translated Bible-centered life gives much light. People so living are like the windows the little girl saw. For the first time in her life, she visited one of the large cathedrals in a big city and she saw the magnificent stained glass windows with the golden sun pouring through the colored glass. The child admired them and noticing the figures on the glass windows, asked, "Auntie, who are the people on the beautiful windows?"

"They are saints," her aunt told her.

"O," the child exclaimed, "now I know what saints are! They are the people who let the light shine through!"

What an apt definition! Christ is the light of the world and only as you and I let His light shine through our lives, our acts, our words, are we living up to His fullest and finest for Him.

It follows that the slightest thing in front of a window cuts off some of the light of the sun. Even a flimsy curtain cuts off its share of light. Every sin, every unkindness, every thoughtless word spoken by a Christian cheats children, friends, acquaintances, of a little of the light of Christ.

What a challenge to live and pray each day, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me." (Copr. ERA, 1957)

Weddings

Konrad — Dyck

Married in a candlelight ceremony in the McLauren Baptist church, Grande Prairie, Alta., on August 24, were Miss Rosanna Dyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dyck of Grande Prairie, and Dan Konrad, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Konrad, Abbotsford, B.C. Rev. T. Elgar Roberts officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Elizabeth Lightfoot and Miss Verna Wazdel. Menno Friesen and Vern Kopp attended the groom. Soloists at the wedding was Mrs. Susie Sutherland and Ron Neufeld sang at the reception.

After a honeymoon trip through Banff and Jasper, the couple will reside in Vancouver, where Mr. Konrad will complete his medical training.



Health Inspector Visits Leprosarium

The inspector of Public Health in Vietnam said the MCC medical work in the interior Banmethuot region is "without doubt the foremost leprosy work in Vietnam."

The inspector, Dr. Nguyen, visited the project to survey the problem of leprosy in Vietnam prior to attending a meeting of the World Health Organization in Hongkong.

Many North American Mennonites through MCC are providing bundles, containing personal articles, for the leprosy patients.

The leprosarium is part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance mission and is directed by MCC worker Dr. Willard Kraybill (Louisville, O.). It is subsidized by the American Leprosy Mission.

Paxmen Build Churches

Paxmen in Germany have helped construct two houses of worship. Two more are scheduled to be built.

The churches are being erected as part of the eight-year housing and resettlement project of MCC and a German Mennonite resettlement organization. Completed churches are at Backnang and Enkenbach, both in south Germany. The others are planned for Wedel, in north Germany, and Krefeld, near the capital city of Bonn.

New Administrator at Prairie View

Elmer Ediger of Newton, the first director of the MCC mental health program, has been named acting administrator of Prairie View Hospital at Newton.

Myron Ebersole, administrator the past four years, has been granted a two-year leave of absence to pursue graduate studies in religion and personality at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Ediger is executive secretary of the Board of Christian Service (General Conference Mennonites) and will continue that position one day a week. He was the final director of the MCC Civilian Public Service program and he became first director of the voluntary service programs in North America and Europe.

Manitoba Becomes Nursing Supervisor

Linda Krueger of Gretna, Man., has become nursing supervisor at Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Md., succeeding Mrs. Raymond Harnly who served almost four years. She was trained at St. Boniface, Man., and served at Brandon (Man.) Hospital for Mental Diseases. She is a member of Bethel Mission Mennonite Church and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Krueger.

Mrs. Herbert Kramer of Hellertown, Pa., has joined her husband at Brook Lane Farm as a ward clerk. She is a member of Springfield Church of the Brethren.

Volunteers Give Medical Services

Paul Weidanz (Clifton, N.J.) as a member of the summer work-camp at the Regional Hospital in Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, performed tests with babies who had diarrhea. He is doing graduate study in bacteriology at the University of Rhode Island.

A big variety of work was done by other members of the work-camp: painting the interior of a large Mexican school, sewing for a hospital, assisting in an extensive smallpox inoculation program and serving Mexican and Tarahumara Indians in a mission.

Canadian Operates Switchboard

Esther Shantz of Baden, Ont., is the new switchboard operator for Akron offices. She has been a receptionist for the Rumpel Felt Co. in Kitchener. A member of Shantz Mennonite Church, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manasseh Shantz. She studied at Ontario Mennonite Bible School and Loughheads Business College, both in Kitchener.

Denver Patient Finds Faith

Chaplain Glenn Martin of the Colorado Medical Center said a patient recently "turned his life over to Christ."

"The patient was alone on a Sunday morning. He had been entertaining the idea for a long time and some conversation with the chaplain caused him to decide. He appreciated making his decision in

the quietness of his own room without argument or coercive persuasion."

In addition to the regular activities, the chaplain and his staff have added the service of a Wednesday evening worship experience for tubercular patients.

Volunteers Aid Polio Victims

The 11 members of the summer service unit in the Municipal Hospitals of Winnipeg, Man., work as nurses aides helping patients who are victims of polio.

This is one of two new units in the Canadian summer service program. The other is the students-in-industry project in Toronto.

Waterville Unit Stirs Community Interest

Members of the summer service unit in migrant camps at Waterville, N.Y., have for the second year succeeded in making the local citizenry interested in the welfare of the migrants.

In most cases housing facilities for migrant workers are very poor. Members of the unit are stimulating local responsibility services in churches and through newspaper publicity.

Twillingaters are Friendly, the Island is Beautiful

By Jack Neufeld
MCC Newfoundland

Twillingate, Newfoundland (MC C)—At last we are here. Our trip was a wonderfully uniting experience.

We said goodbye to some of the other Mennonite Central Committee volunteers at Baie Verte and traveled on by train to the seaport.

The steamship ride was fresh, new and wonderful. When we were on deck we saw a school of huge whales, coming up and submerging in sections.

The last stretch was quite rough and choppy. Our little ship rose and fell, but finally we came into calm waters.

The people of the twin islands of Twillingate are of an old culture, but they are wonderful — so friendly and hospitable. They have not said an unkind word yet, not even in a joking way as we sometimes do.

"My son" and "my dear" are much-used expressions — and really meant too.

One night after a meeting at the church we heard testimonies and prayers.

There seems to be much to do here. The people expect us to take over quite a few jobs. Mennonite volunteers of previous years have established a good record.

The island is beautiful. It is rugged and wild. There are sheep and people over the road all the

time. We had one picnic at the end of the island already and we also plan to go fishing and hiking.

Mr. Neufeld, of Morden, Man., is teaching this year in Newfoundland as a member of the MCC voluntary service program. This is his first letter.

Reach Non-Mennonites

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pegosis): "In spite of warnings from the Catholic priest, one family sent their six children. How they enjoyed having a Bible in their hands!" Mrs. Elizabeth Dueck reports from Niverville: "They could intelligently answer the questions that were put to them. They would give a clear answer as to how a child of God should act—and then they would turn around and box their neighbor, or the like."

Benefits in this type of work are many. Miss Katie Froese, who taught at Snowflake and Lindal, writes: "I would not exchange these weeks for any other summer weeks. They are beneficial for our own Christian life, walk and prayer life." From the school at Osborne Margaret Wiens writes: "It was their keen participation in the work which helped two girls persuade their mother they needed Bibles. There was no Bible in the home, and the girls wanted one to learn and find their Bible verse." W. K. Braun writes from Manitou: "It was an outstanding year... we had 122 enrolled. At the closing program the church was packed, and most of the parents were there."

World Conference

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Thursday's chairman was Rev. Orlando Harms of Hillsboro, Kans. A highlight that day was the message by Paul Erb, editor of the "Gospel Herald", on "Jesus Christ, the Hope of the World." Rev. Peter J. Dyck also showed slides and gave a report on the Mennonites in Russia.

Observe Lord's Supper

"Jesus Christ, the Firm Foundation of the Church" served as the theme for Rev. J. J. Wichert's message on Friday morning. The observance of the Lord's Supper followed, led by Christian Schnebele of Germany.

On Friday afternoon many of the delegates and visitors traveled to Rottenburg to attend the unveiling of a memorial to Michael Sattler, an Anabaptist leader who was martyred in 1527. Dr. H. S. Bender unveiled the memorial plaque, which is in the Lutheran Cathedral, while Gerhard Hein gave a biographical sketch of the life of Michael Sattler.

This concluded the sessions of the sixth Mennonite World Conference, held at Karlsruhe, Germany, from August 10 to 16.

Highlights at Camp Mission Rally

By Jacob Block

...Vancouver, B.C. — It all began with an idea. It ended with 1600 to 1800 young people attending a camp mission conference, where the work of missions was gloriously brought before the youth of the Mennonite Brethren churches of British Columbia. Young people became more conscious of the words of Jesus, "go ye out into all the world and preach the Gospel..." A generous offering was given for the work of foreign and home missions.

During one of the many "jam sessions" of the Youth Committee representing the M.B. Churches of British Columbia last term, a tall, good-natured, easy-going brother, with the build of a football tackle, casually said, "Brethren, I would like to see our young people have a youth rally for a whole weekend instead of only for one day!"

This remark led to much planning, much work, and to the overwhelming results of the camp conference. Feasible locations for a camp missions conference were sought and the Pentecostal Camp at Clayburn, near Abbotsford, seemed to meet the requirements.

Picturesque Camp Grounds

The picturesque camp nestles among beautiful green trees at the foot of a small mountain. A fresh mountain stream runs in front of the luscious grass covered grounds. The only entrance to the campus is a quaint bridge of wooden planks. There are a number of dormitories accommodating approximately 200 night guests. A large auditorium accommodates approximately one thousand visitors. Farther back among the trees one sees the dining hall with the big gong just outside the door. The gong serves a twofold purpose. It calls the people to service and also peals out "grub time". Three hundred and fifty persons can be seated at one serving in the building.

As the date of the conference drew near preparations reached a feverish pitch. As no preceding conference had been held in the proposed camp style, the committee had to make original plans for every phase. Registrations began coming in by mail as soon as the programs were sent out and the 200 available beds were soon filled.

Pastor Serves As Camp Dean

The responsibility of camp dean was taken on by Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of Fraserview M.B. Church in Vancouver. In the following three days he gave stability and buoyance to the spiritual atmosphere of the Youth Rally. He made the young people feel welcome in the strange surroundings of the camp. In his "welcome speech" he placed the responsibility of ex-

periencing the nearness of God on every individual person. He said, "We have come to this camp for a special reason. What is that reason? We have brought to camp our hopes and fears, our strength and our weakness, our joys and our burdens. Dear young people, we have brought OURSELVES. The next three days will make a change. HOW WILL WE LEAVE THIS CAMP?"

Miss Susie Brucks from Vancouver, a missionary to Africa, acted as camp counsellor for girls. Her ready smile and happy nature was an inspiration to all on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dyck, missionaries to India, gave a report on the Bible School work in India. M. B. youth people are especially interested in this Bible School because \$1500 of the 1956-57 youth mission budget for Canada was sent to this school.

Challenge to Full Surrender

Brother and Sister Ernest Dyck portrayed to the young people the great need of trained missionaries in God's work. He told the young people that the busy way of life today could crowd the voice of the spirit out and make them deaf to the crying need of a lost and sinful world. He was led to remind the youth of today of the tendency to offer a shallow and insincere service to God, of the tendency to fulfill the lust of the flesh by following the easy, the comfortable, the worldly walks of life. God wants the whole being, the completely surrendered, the wholly yielded heart and soul and body.

Mrs. Dyck gave a very interesting report of the work among African women. Particular emphasis was placed on the need of a missionary to have a good and suitable "life's partner" in the field so that an example can be set for the native in Christian marriage.

Rev. Loewen, a missionary to South America, who has of late worked with the translation of the Word of God into the native language, challenged the youth to consecrate even the small foibles and unusual characteristics of nature to God. The missionary could be ineffective in the field at times only because of a clash in personalities.

On Saturday morning, as the hands of the clock read 6:30, the gong pealed forth the "Rise and Shine" hour. Young, sleepy, disheveled people began to stagger from the various cabins. At 7:00 the campers were called out for calisthenics, with Brother Dan Nickel from Fraserview putting the young people through the body-limbering movements.

At 7:30 the camp suddenly became reverently silent. Everyone was in his cabin reading the Word of God and speaking with the Heavenly Father.

Parents Serve Meals

The breakfast gong ended personal devotions at 8:00 o'clock. The parents and older members of the church had volunteered their services to cook and serve meals to the young people attending the camp. Truly the service was appreciated and the young people saw an example of selfless Christian sacrifice. Approximately 3000 meals were served during the camp meetings which represents a tremendous amount of work. A note of thanks is due to the many parents who gave so generously of their time and effort.

Unfortunately the time for organized sport was rained out on Saturday. When the service began, many new guests from the outlying areas had come to attend the conference. The Lord blessed the service as the missionary speakers reported from the field. In the opinion of the writer, these reports from missionaries seemed to carry much better to the audience than usual. They were more intimate, and more practical in content.

Space and time do not permit a detailed report of all the meetings and activities on the campus. Among some of the more exciting discussions was a missionary panel, chaired by Brother John Redekop.

The semi-final and the final contest on the Book of Mark between the Churches was held on Saturday. Matsqui Church proved to be the superior team as they won the final contest over Chilliwack.

Impromptu Choir

An impromptu choir of some 100 voices was formed and Brother Rudy directed several selections which enhanced the meetings very much. The church choirs had also practised several selections in preparation for mass choir renditions on Sunday. Rev. C. D. Toews, directed the choir on Sunday morning. Brother Victor Martens, recently returned from studies in Germany, very ably sang the solo arrangements. It would seem that when young people sing praise and worship to God, manifold blessings are shed upon the church.

A novel experience for most of the young people was provided on Sunday morning when Brother Bill Thiessen of the Radio Gospel Hour recorded the half hour radio program in the main auditorium during the Sunday morning service. Birds were chirping in the rafters and people were moving about in the benches while the Radio group very seriously directed their attention to that mechanical "Gadget" known as a microphone, instead of to the audience. The recording was successful and at 12:30 the radio listeners in the Fraser Valley could share some of the rich blessings of the youth conference via radio broadcast.

Missionary Films

During "free time" films of a missionary nature were shown. Friday night a rather intriguing story of how two young people found their place in the Lord's work together touched the hearts of a receptive audience. "Angel in Ebony", the last film shown on Sunday portrayed a Negro who believed in prayer. He inspired the staid Christians of America to rededication in the service for God. When in the highly dramatic final moments young people spoke out for the Lord as a result of "Sammy's" powerful witness among them, the eyes of many in the audience became just a little "misty".

Giving is a part of any Christian service. The "giving" phase of the conference was amazing. An objective of \$5000 had been set for the rally. The total amount offered to the Lord by the young people during the rally amounted to approximately \$8000. Estimated expenses for the camp were \$1600 which leaves a net balance of nearly \$6,400 for missions. The number of people registered attending the conference was around 1300 indicating that the average amount given by each person was about \$5.00.

Evaluation

Now that the Youth Mission Rally is over, it is in order to make a retrospective evaluation. Has the rally been of real value to the young people of our Church? Some of the obvious values can be mentioned such as the fellowship between young people from the various churches. The young people met and lived with the missionaries and through them felt the call to full-time service. The missionaries were encouraged by seeing and associating with a large group of young people who are genuinely interested in missions. A liberal offering was taken up for the ever-needy work of the M.B. mission program. There was a good response to a call for dedication at the final service. No doubt some negative aspects could be mentioned, but we want to commend the work of our young people to the Lord and learn to do better service.

To the motto of the camp, "Praying—Going—Giving", let us add the advice given to the young people by Rev. Lenzman: "Let us truly live the Christian way of life."

— Fires in the home usually happen suddenly and are frequently the cause of panic. It is a very good idea to have a well-planned procedure for fire in the home. Each person in the family should know the fire department phone number and also where the nearest street alarm box is located. Everyone, from the children up, should have a well rehearsed plan of escape from the house.

Four Evening Courses Offered

• **Winnipeg, Man.** — Four evening courses will be offered at the M.B. Bible College this year, Rev. J. A. Toews, president, has announced.

Anyone may attend the classes, which will be held from 7:30 to 9:20 p.m. on Thursday night in the administration building, beginning September 26. The courses are regular courses taught at the college, with day students at college also taking them. Those taking the classes may audit them (\$5 per one-hour course), which means they are exempt from all assignments, or they may enroll as regular students (\$9 per one-hour course and open only to high school graduates).

Either a two hour course, a one hour course, or two one hour courses may be taken. Subjects to be given are: Notation Theory, a two hour course taught by Henry Voth; the book of Acts, a one hour course taught by Rev. J. A. Toews; A History of Missions, a two hour course taught by Rev. David Ewert; and Christian Ethics, a one hour course taught by Rev. F. C. Peters.

All lectures will be in the English language.

Goshen College

What would a college be like without any teachers or students? The Goshen College campus was left deserted in this fashion Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, when the entire faculty packed their suitcases and headed for faculty retreat at Little Eden camp in Northern Michigan.

The faculty retreat at Little Eden fulfills a variety of functions. Here the faculty members learn to know each other and new faculty members are introduced (16 new ones this year). Here the faculty

meets to study and discuss important issues, here they share interesting summer experiences and prepare for the coming year. And then too, there is plenty of time for relaxation.

Challenging insights into, "The Teaching of Jesus," were presented to the group in a series of three Bible study periods led by Norman Krause of the Bible department.

Cultural changes in the Mennonite church came in for some discerning discussion when J. C. Wenger presented a paper which he prepared on this subject.

Camp facilities at Little Eden were more than full during the four-day retreat. The faculty family assembled at camp numbered one hundred eighty six persons.

President Mininger and Dean Kreider were in charge of the closing meeting on Sunday evening. By Monday afternoon there were at least a few teachers on campus again.

New Mailing System Instituted

Hepburn, Sask. — A new coupon mailing system is being instituted for the *Youth Worker*, mimeographed publication of the Mennonite Brethren Youth Committee in Canada, the editors, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiebe have announced.

Beginning with the September issue, the bulletin will be issued monthly, except during July and August. It will still feature practical suggestions for youth work in the churches, but an effort is being made to increase its function as a means of contact between the Youth Committee and the local youth workers.

Under the new mailing system only the youth workers in the churches and mission workers will receive free copies. These will be mailed in a bundle to the youth leader of the church. Any former youth leaders, or those especially interested in receiving the bulletin even though they are not engaged in youth work—or are serving in a different group or denomination—may receive the *Youth Worker* by paying the subscription price of \$1 per year.

Christian Business Men's Retreat

Winnipeg, Man. — The annual retreat arranged by the Winnipeg Christian Business Men's Committee and held at Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba, will stand out in the memory of all who attended as a spiritual feast. It was a family gathering with prospective CBMC friends joining in, that commenced on Saturday, Aug. 3, and finished Monday, August 5.

The theme, "Workers Together With God", rang clear and true throughout these precious days of prayer, testimony, film and song. The highlights of the retreat were the messages of Mr. Theo. McCully, CBMCI executive-secretary, who led us many times through valleys of heart searching up to mountain tops, where the spirit of the Lord was indeed upon us. The Sunday morning Lord's Supper was a time of real blessing long to be remembered.

Children's programs were directed by leaders of Child Evangelism. The ladies held two sessions apart from the men.

Entertainment was not forgotten, with swimming, boating, baseball, a campfire and weiner roast for all to attend. The teenagers enjoyed hikes and games arranged by the sports director. Mr. McCully pitched for the winning team in a baseball game that saw the Christian Business Men defeat the teenagers.

Most gratifying was the representation of members and wives from Minneapolis, Grand Forks, Minot, Valley City and Kennedy, U.S.A.; Regina, Sask., Brandon, Manitou and Steinbach, Manitoba. Total attendance was approximately 180.

On the Horizon

October 6 — Opening exercises of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg. Registration will be on September 23 and 24, with classes beginning on September 25.

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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