

# Mennonite Observer

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

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## Bible Conference at Springstein

By Frank Froese

Springstein, Man. — On Sunday November 10, Rev. Gerhard Fast of the gospel radio broadcast *Licht des Evangeliums* spoke at the Springstein M.B. church on the theme, "A man made free by the Son of God is truly free." Friday through Sunday, November 15-17, Rev. H. H. Redekop, former teacher at the Winkler Bible School, served with five messages on the book of Acts. It was a week of rich blessings for the church.

Rev. Redekop made the story of the early church and the story of the spreading of the gospel through the then known world alive and real to us. The potential power of the gospel when spread by men filled with the Holy Spirit became greater and clearer to us. The duty of the church today is still the same—to spread the "good news."

Are we on fire for Christ as were the early Christians? Is our church fulfilling its responsibilities? Has the Holy Spirit complete control of our life? Is our testimony clear before the world? These were some of the questions Rev. Redekop posed for our consideration.

Paul, Peter, Stephen... what Christians were these! Peter, called Cephas, "the rock", by Jesus, the

big, strong, brawny, flat-footed fisherman, who in spite of his rash temper, his rash acts and words, became the great apostle who thought it not a shame to die upside down on a cross in Nero's gardens, because his heart was burning for his Master.

Paul — the uncomely midget who once sought to exterminate the Christians — how mightily God used him when Paul yielded himself to Christ! It was Paul who said, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me", and "Life to me is Christ, death is my gain." And Stephen! As Rev. Redekop said, without the prayer of Stephen when he was being stoned to death, there would have been no Paul. And there was Barnabas, Timothy, Luke, Mark...

Rev. Redekop concluded by reminding us that we are living in serious and perilous times. The world seems to be pitted against Christ. In some parts of the United States the saying of grace before meals in schools is being made illegal by law. And this in a Christian country! Christians, let us hold our banner high! Let us say with Paul, "Nothing can keep me from following Jesus!"

interviews" to the simulated radio program. Rev. Victor Toews delivered a message on the life of Samson, analyzing some of the reasons why he had failed to carry out God's high purpose for him, as announced to his parents before his birth.

The largest adult congregation of the tour gathered at the Foresters' Hall in Brandon to hear an English program with a definitely evangelistic emphasis. Sponsored by the Gospel Light Mission, and attended by many from the Alexander and the Justice M.B. churches,

the evening's service featured testimonies by Mr. Henry Heidebrecht and Mr. Petér Klassen a solo by Miss Adeline Willms, a report by Mr. Leslie Stobbe on life at college, and a message by Rev. Victor Toews. Using Moses as example, Rev. Toews emphasized the importance of making a decision for God.

### First Service in New Chapel

Of interest was the announcement by Mr. Lawrence Warkentin, resident missionary of the Brandon Gospel Light Mission, that on (Continued on page 4-2)

## MCC Serves in Halmahera

By Dr. Glenn H. Hoffman\*  
MCC Indonesia

In the eastern Indonesian archipelago lies a group of islands known as the Mollucas, or, as they were known in the time of Columbus, the "spice isles."

Rich in natural resources, these islands quickly became a colonial prize. European nations sought to develop the island trade and it was inevitable that in the process the Christian influence of the West should pervade the animistic ideology of their peoples.

In the northern part of the island group lie Halmahera and Morotai. Although not so prominent as some of the rest, these two islands received their share of colonial attention.

The first Europeans to arrive were the Portuguese during the last half of the 16th century. With them came the tenets of the Roman Catholic Church.

There were those natives who accepted the new religion of the Europeans but before many years the Portuguese were obligated to leave Halmahera as a result of poor relations with the natives and the increasing strength of the Dutch.

### Protestants Arrive

With their departure the Roman Catholic Church also disappeared and the natives returned to their former worship of the gods of stones and trees.

The Dutch arrived in the islands at the outset of the 17th century. (Continued on page 4-1)

### Involved in Crime Drama

## Alumni Visits Western Manitoba Churches

Winnipeg, Man. — Despite unforeseen delays, adverse road conditions, and a surprise ending, the Western Manitoba tour of the Manitoba group of the M.B. Bible College Alumni Association proved enjoyable and rich in blessings. Three programs were given by the two-car alumni group during the nearly 400-mile tour on Sunday, November 17.

An early start, the unpredicted battery-failure of a new car, and long stretches of icy road combined to make the morning's trip to Lena memorable. At the Lena M. B. Church a warm welcome awaited the alumni-sponsored tour group. The program, with Mr. J. D. Friesen as chairman, consisted of singing by an octet and soloist Miss

Katie Froese, a story for the children by Miss Kay Wiens — storyteller on the Gospel Light Children's Hour, a simulated radio program including news from the college and a tour of the college with a roving mike, and a message by Rev. Victor Toews.

### Good Attendance

Good attendance again was a feature at the afternoon service, this time at the Boissevain M.B. church. Although the excellent hospitality at Lena had delayed departure of the group somewhat, the service was underway without undue delay. The program was similar to the one presented in the morning. An added feature was the addition of a series of "studio



MANUFACTURERS... Two men of Halmahera, Indonesia, scoop out meat from a coconut.

## EDITORIAL

### As The Lord Has Prospered

During the last 20 years per capita giving has increased tremendously in Mennonite circles. Available statistics show that the average giving per member in Canadian M.B. churches, for example, has increased twelve-fold between 1938 and 1956. Such giving has made possible a rapid growth in home and foreign mission work and the building of new schools and churches.

We have no reason to be self-satisfied, however. Again taking the per member giving in the Canadian M.B. churches, we find that it averages \$94.83 (exclusive of local church budgets) during 1956. This is approximately one-half of what several denominations, who are suspected by us for their doctrinal deviations, are giving per member. If we were to assume that all of our members are giving about one-tenth of their income to the Lord—the Old Testament standard that should be at least the minimum for New Testament Christians—the total income per M.B. church member in Canada would be \$948. That this total is too low in a day when a large proportion of young people—even the young ladies—are working away from home and earning salaries higher than that, is evident to all.

Neither has our giving to the Lord's work increased in proportion to the increase in our incomes. The Mennonite Research Foundation studies of income and giving in 1947 and again in 1951 indicated that giving to church agencies in 1947 was approximately 4% of our income, while in 1951 it had dropped to 3.8%. While our income is rising, and while we are buying better quality goods, as well as spending more on non-essentials and luxuries, we are giving proportionately less to the work of the Lord than we used to.

This is directly contrary to the Apostle Paul's teaching on this subject. He wrote to the Corinthians: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him..." The teaching is clear, as J. Robert Kreider suggested in a recent article in the *Gospel Herald*, that: "The more our material possessions increase, the more we should give. No fixed percentage is suggested. The reason no such suggestion is given is obvious. If a man earns \$10,000.00 per year and gives 10%, he has \$9,000.00 (less taxes) remaining. Another man may earn \$4,000.00 per year, and give 10%, and have \$3,600.00 remaining. If the latter can live and support his family on \$3,600.00 it is hardly fair for the former, who should be able to live on \$3,600.00 as well, to have some thousands of dollars to use for luxuries and financial security." If God has prospered him, he should give more than 10%, and perhaps he should give a lot more. While God does not ask for gifts of equal size, I believe He expects gifts of equal sacrifice."

This rules out haphazard giving—a dollar or two now and then, and possibly five dollars (if the minister or the missionary is able to convince us that there is a "need"). Regular and orderly giving are suggested by the Apostle Paul when he states, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." God is a God of order, and this is true in our giving to His church and His cause.

Such giving demands a basic commitment on our part. We must "determine in our heart" what the Lord would have us give—and set it aside and give it systematically. Some set aside a certain amount from each cheque when they cash it and use this money from the "offering box" in their giving. Others immediately bank the amount and then apportion it prayerfully as the Spirit leads. If we do this we can pay more attention to how we give than to how much we give. Only as we give out of a heart full of love for God and one's fellow men will we receive a reward. Much of the money given in "special appeals" leaves no reward for the giver because it was not given out of love—and cheerfully, voluntarily.

No one is excused from such giving. Paul wrote the Corinthians, "Let every one of you lay aside..." J. Robert Kreider comments on this: "The Corinthian church had some members who were so poor they actually were hungry when they went to the communion table, according to I Cor. 11. Paul does not excuse them. We are not excused. Each one of us needs to make a basic commitment according to the way we are prospered and lay the money aside as it is received, so that we have it to give regularly, as an act of worship, each Lord's day."

## DEVOTIONAL

### "Leaders Of The People"

By Rev. J. F. Redekop \*

We read in Isaiah 9:16 that "The leaders of this people cause them to err." Israel was going astray as a result of inadequate leadership. A nation that at one time had leaders like David and Solomon was on the road to total destruction because the leaders of the people did not seek God—and thus led Israel astray.

The securing of able Christian leaders is the object of transcendent, urgent and world-wide concern. The issue involves the life, the growth, and the extension of the Christian church, yes, the future of Christianity itself, for it is evident that no society of men can hold together and realize great objectives without thoroughly qualified leaders at work. Wherever Christianity has failed one of the reasons was inadequate leadership.

The enlargement of the Kingdom of God ever waits for leaders with power. The emphasis, therefore, must be on greater ability rather than on greater numbers. Leaders should be men who can give effective expression to their passion for Christ and for men. They should be men of intense spiritual enthusiasm. The modern world needs men of heroic spirit, men like John Knox, by whose grave it could well be said, "Here lies one who never feared the face of a man, but who feared God." Not that they will be called upon to do all the work themselves. On the contrary, they should organize, lead, and inspire others to work willingly and sacrificially.

The growing lay forces of young people in our churches need to be marshalled and guided. Their leaders should be great in character—men whose lives are modeled upon the life of Christ, who are yielded unreservedly to His will. Such men will be respected not because of their ability to lead but because they can meet the test of Christ's representatives. G. A. Gordon of Harvard Divinity School has well said, "If our religion is to be great and to do great things, it must be in the care of great leaders—leaders great in illumination and intense and pure in desire to interpret the will of their Master in and through their lives."

The stronger the leader the greater the obligation to heed the claims of this high calling, because spiritually weak men cannot meet the requirements of able leadership. If the church is to meet successfully the momentous problems which today press upon it with great insistence, there must also be an increase in the number of competent men forthcoming as Christian leaders.

The sources of individual power and personal influence are not in

the first instance in the head, but in the heart. "Out of the heart are the issues of life." "The power of a person is the passion of the person." It is the passion for truth that marks the great leader and teacher. It is the passion for righteousness that marks the great moral leader. Nor is it without significance that passion in its original sense means the capacity to suffer and to endure with others, as the Apostle Paul so well demonstrated in his day. People are influenced by a leader because he is the embodiment of the cause he is serving. People crave for one who will say, "Come and follow me, as I am following Christ."

The successful leader is known by the affection and friendliness he displays in mingling with others. By this we mean a sympathetic warmth of feeling, a friendly attitude, and a conscious solicitude for the well-being and happiness of others. The friendly attitude is the attitude that influences. The leader who is afraid to give affection is really afraid, in the true sense of the word, of the great responsibility entrusted to him.

The Church of Jesus Christ ought to be grateful for every God-given leader and try to encourage him in every way possible, morally, materially, and spiritually with their prayers and intercession. Furthermore, she ought to pray for Spirit-filled and Spirit-controlled leaders to fill the many vacancies that are becoming evident more and more.

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# Ontario's Seventh Mennonite Brethren Church Formed

By P. M. Hamm \*

**Virgil, Ont.** — Saturday, November 2, marked another milestone in the mission program of an M.B. Church. The Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches, meeting at Kitchener for its annual session, approved of the organization of the Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church, formerly the Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel, an extension project of the Virgil M.B. Church.

The resolution made by the Virgil Church for the acceptance into the Conference of this new body consummated a series of organizational steps which were the natural outgrowth of a successful missionary endeavour. The desire of the 34 members (the number of baptized believers present at the final organizational meeting) to assume the full responsibility of becoming an independent church fulfills the aim of foreign missions with regard to indigenous work, namely, that a group of believers becomes self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating.

## Six Years of Labour

The newly organized M.B. Church is the fruition of six years of prayerful, and effective Sunday school instruction. Burdened for the spiritual needs of the Niagara District, the Sunday school committee of the Virgil M.B. Church directed the attention of the church to this needy field in their midst. The church appointed a committee to investigate the possibility and then establish a Sunday school in Niagara-on-the-Lake. After much prayer and diligent canvassing, the first Sunday school session, with the encouraging attendance of 21, was held in the Town Hall of Niagara-on-the-Lake in November, 1951.

Soon another door opened at Queenston, approximately eight miles south of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Starting in the Public School, the Sunday school was transferred to the Women's Institute building and later to the Railroad School, located between Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston. Although an adult class developed, the attendance at Niagara-on-the-Lake decreased in the following year. At the Railroad School, however, it continued to increase. As a result of much waiting on the Lord, souls were saved, and in the summer of 1953 the first baptism of five believers was held. The problem of inadequate space now faced the committee in charge.

## Chapel Erected

To provide for the necessary accommodation, it was decided to erect a chapel on Progressive Avenue, midway between Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston. Brother J. Isaac donated three-quarters of an acre of land, and an old



THE FRUITS OF CHURCH EXTENSION work are seen in these pictures. At left is the home of the recently organized Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church—formerly Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel, which was begun as a mission Sunday school by the Virgil M.B. Church. At right are the three believers that were baptized in September of this year. From left, they are, Mrs. Della Dueck, Mrs. Higham, and Mrs. Harssema. On the right is the pastor of the new church, Rev. Jacob Pankratz, who was formerly active in Winnipeg in Jewish mission work.

## Four Churches Sponsor Services

By Mrs. V. Nickel

**Carrot River, Sask.** — Many attended the six special services held in the Carrot River town hall during the three-day Northern Evangelistic and Missionary Endeavour November 1 to 3. Special speakers for the occasion were Rev. and Mrs. Sam Archer, missionaries home on furlough from Japan, where they serve under the Evangelical Alliance Mission. Rev. Irwin Ellis of the Apostolic Church at Calgary, Alta., was the evangelist.

The churches participating in this endeavour were the Gospel Mission (M.B.), Pentecostal, Conference Mennonite Church of Petaigan and the Apostolic Church of White Clay.

Rev. and Mrs. Archer of Moose Jaw, missionaries in Tokyo, Japan, serve with 180 missionaries in Japan in evangelism and in publication and distribution of gospel literature.

Catholic Church in St. Catharines was bought, salvaged, and reconstructed on the new site.

Constructed with a basement and measuring 24' by 60', the chapel was built by volunteer labour and dedicated on May 30, 1954. The co-operative spirit exhibited at this time has continuously characterized the work at the chapel.

Such a building allowed the merging of the two Sunday schools to form the Niagara Sunday School Mission, with the first session held June 6, 1954. There was an enrolment of 125 and 16 teachers. The instruction now took place Sunday morning, and it was followed by a worship service.

Through a vigorous DVBS program and intensive canvassing of the district, the enrollment increased. A panel truck was bought to serve as a Sunday school bus, with the teachers also using their vehicles. This provided transportation for most of the pupils. Before long the name was changed to Niagara

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During their five and one-half years in Japan they have published 30,000,000 gospel tracts, a monthly 60-page gospel magazine in Japanese with 12,000 subscribers, as well as sixty different titles of books, the greatest circulation of which was the Billy Graham book "Peace with God", which sold 40,000 copies the first year. As the result of this varied literature ministry some 34,000 Japanese are studying the Word of God in Bible correspondence courses.

In addition to evangelism and literature, Mr. and Mrs. Archer have assisted in the radio and college training institutes. The Japan Christian College, which began three years ago, now has a student body of 150 Christian young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer plan to return to Japan again next spring after a few months in deputation work. One of their parting requests was that the Christians at home would stand in prayer and faith believing for a vital missionary effort this coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer have two children, Katherine, aged 7, and Stephen, aged 5. Both have been born in Japan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Archer were born and raised on the farm, Mr. Archer at Assinaboia, Sask., and Mrs. Archer at Medicine Hat, Alta.

Wearing the native costumes of the Japanese, Mr. and Mrs. Archer on Sunday afternoon spoke on traditions, costumes, habits and homes of the Japanese people and of the joy they experience when they accept Christ and say good-bye to their heathen idols. Rev. Archer spoke of the joy of Christian service and gave a challenge to the young people to give their lives to Christ and to serve where He leads whether in the foreign fields or at home. The Archers also showed curios and a film.

Rev. Ellis gave very timely messages. During the Sunday afternoon service he touched on idols

and mentioned that if a native Christian Japanese came to this country he would find the church people with more idols than the ones he left behind before becoming a Christian.

Assisting in the services were the mass choir led by Rev. V. Nickel and a male quartet and the orchestra of the Gospel mission.

## Winkler Young People Visit Grossweide

**Grossweide, Man.** — A group of young people from the Winkler M. B. Church presented a program in the M.B. church here on Sunday evening, November 10.

Mr. John Enns, Young People's leader, acted as chairman and made the opening with Scripture reading and prayer. The theme for the evening was "The Challenge of the Cross", which was portrayed vividly in dialogue form.

The choir, directed by Mr. Wendolin Mann and accompanied by Mrs. Evelyn Dyck sang "Es war einer der gab sich als Opfer dahin", "My Jesus I love Thee", and "Lehre mich glauben, Herr." A story for the children was told by Allen Janzen.

Mr. Mann brought the message. His topic was "Was bedeutet das Kreuz Christi fuer den lieben Gott, fuer den Herrn Jesus und fuer uns?" The message stirred in us a desire to practise more self-denial and to take the cross of Christ with us into daily life.

An offering was held, the proceeds of which went towards the German broadcast of the Gospel Light Hour aired over HCJB Quito, Ecuador.

On Sunday morning we were privileged to hear Mr. Peter C. Klassen, missionary candidate to Ethiopia under the Sudan Interior Mission. Mr. Klassen plans to leave for his field of service sometime in December.

Basing his message on Mark 2: 1-4, he brought to light several "Barriers to blessings from the Lord."

## MORE ABOUT

### MCC Serves in Halmahera

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With the first traders came missionaries, and in 1866 the first Protestant Christian mission was established on the island of Halmahera.

The mission expanded rapidly until in 1940 there were some 30,000 Christians among the 120,000 people of Halmahera and Morotai. Besides a large membership the church had a system of parochial schools, a hospital and leprosarium and coconut plantations to support the church's mission program.

#### Independence

In 1943 Japanese entered Indonesia and Halmahera suffered with the rest. At war's end Dutch missionaries returned to continue their work. Some of the destruction and disorganization caused by the war was ameliorated and the church continued to grow.

The mission was not to be as before however, for following the capitulation of Japan, Indonesia was caught in the emergence of nationalism. The Indonesian revolution followed, resulting in the formation of the Republic of Indonesia in 1949.

The nationalistic spirit was present within the church as well as without, so that in 1950 the missionaries who had returned to Halmahera following the war were obliged to return to the Netherlands once again.

#### Without Leadership

The young Halmahera church inherited all the mission properties and became an independent synod. As they were soon to learn, however, they inherited not only the possessions of the mission but also its problems.

There was a church of 35,000 members to nurture, without one trained minister. There was a large system of parochial schools to administer, but no school administrators.

There was a hospital and leprosarium to operate, but no funds or personnel to begin operation. There were large coconut plantations to administer and copra to be produced, but no one who had been trained for the enterprise.

#### Political Barriers

The immaturity of the young church soon became evident externally. Those who had since come into positions of responsibility within the church realized their plight and cast their eyes to the outside for help financially. Attempts were made to return former missionaries to Halmahera once again, but this became impossible due to the politically strategic position of the island in its proximity to West Irian (also known as Dutch New Guinea, controlled by the Netherlands).

With anticipation of help from Dutch missions out of the question, the church appealed to the Indonesian council of churches in 1952 for aid in recruiting trained personnel other than the Dutch to help.

#### Other Aid Needed

The request gained a response. At the present time there are representatives from the Molucca Christian Church and the Mjehassa Christian Church working in Halmahera in theology and education.

Until now however there has been no one to help in the areas of medicine and economy. The coconut plantations, which once were able to support the entire mission, are operating presently at a low efficiency level so that the church finds itself with insufficient funds to meet operational costs.

Administration of the hospital which serves a populace of 50,000 persons has been assumed by the Indonesian government. Although there is capacity for 60 patients, the space goes unused for there was no physician and only enough operating funds for meager clinic work.

#### Mennonites Volunteer

In 1956 these concerns of the Halmahera Church came to the attention of Mennonite Central Com-

mittee workers in Java. Together with the Indonesian council of churches a plan was proposed in which the two organizations would work together to assist the Halmahera Church.

In this plan the council agreed to supply project funds while MCC proposed to provide personnel. In early 1957 representatives visited Halmahera to make arrangements.

Halmahera church leaders were enthusiastic and in September an agricultural-medical team began service, on the coconut plantation and in the hospital in the town of Tobelo.

Today in Halmahera/Morotai approximately a third of the people are missionary-minded Moslems. Another third retain animistic beliefs, and represent a real "harvest field" for Christianity.

The remaining third is Christian. It is the Halmaherese themselves who can reach their fellow citizens with the Christian gospel. Whether the church will be able to rise to the challenge may depend greatly on us on the outside who have come to help. We hope to make that question resolve in the affirmative.

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## MORE ABOUT

### Alumni Tour

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Thursday, November 21, the first service—a mission sale—would be held in the new Gospel Light Mission chapel, now nearing completion. Beginning with Sunday, November 24, the regular services of the mission will be held in the new chapel. The lack of pews will postpone dedication somewhat. Construction costs have gone only slightly higher than the original estimate of \$21,000.

A distinct anti-climax was experienced by the Alumni tour group when Mr. Henry Heidebrecht's car disappeared after the final service at Brandon. Still there immediately after the service, it was gone later when the group was ready to leave. A dramatic 100 mile-per-hour chase down the Transcanada Highway resulted in the recovery of the car, somewhat damaged, and the apprehension of four youths.

#### Youths Abandon Stolen Car

The police were notified immediately the loss was noticed. Road blocks were up only a few minutes when the stolen car, with the four youths in it, went through one at Carberry, Man. In the ensuing chase the youths went at speeds estimated at over 100 miles per hour.

Meanwhile arrangements were made to have the passengers of the

car taken to Winnipeg. Mr. J. J. Krueger offered his services. A quick trip home to prepare for the trip was followed by another visit to police headquarters. News of the chase resulted in the immediate departure of the group for Winnipeg.

A decision to leave the highway cost the youths their freedom. Forty miles west of Brandon they mistook a road into a field as a side road. A fence made flight on foot imperative—and when the Alumni group arrived on the scene the youths were being flushed out of the shrubbery by the RCMP. What they left in the car betrayed their intentions, for this had obviously not been meant as a joyride. Rather, it appeared that they had planned a lengthy trip, judging by the clothing and food supplies.

#### Refuse Identity

Since the youths refused to reveal their identity, and seemingly had destroyed all possible identification, the car was left with the RCMP for finger-print checks. One of the officers commented, "They'll talk yet—when we get to Brandon." Another officer remarked, "After a quiet Sunday this." The RCMP later revealed that the youths came originally from Calgary. A series of car thefts had provided transportation to Brandon for them, where they took Mr. Heidebrecht's car to continue their trip.

Mr. Krueger, and his passengers, including Mr. Heidebrecht, proceed-

ed to Winnipeg—there to get what rest they could during the remaining part of a night that had seen a surprising turn of events. At that they probably slept better than the four nonchalant-looking youths being taken to Brandon police headquarters.

The next morning the 12 members of the tour group had more exciting things to talk about than new cars that wouldn't start, icy roads and weary bones. They had taken part in a real life drama that threatened to eclipse the tour itself in interest. It made juvenile delinquency—and the sin at the root of it—much more vivid than any minister could describe it.

## Kitchen Cathedral

### Not a Great Deal of Money

By Dorothy C. Haskin

Jonathan Goforth was a missionary to China and had to live on the usual small missionary salary. In the later years of his life he lost his sight. He and his wife returned to the United States on a small pension.

One day his wife noticed an especially thoughtful look on his face. She knew him well and said, "You are figuring how much less we can get along on, so that you can give away more."

He smiled and nodded, "Yes."

This is sacrificial giving. Giving the dollar one can spare is not the highest form of giving. The Lord praised the woman of whom He could say, "All these have of their abundance cast into the offerings of God, but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had" (Luke 21:4).

It is interesting to notice that the Bible does not say that the love of a great deal of money is the root of all evil, but simply the love of money (I Tim. 6:10). Some people hold on as tenaciously to a five-dollar bill as others cling to a thousand.

Some people try to claim the promise, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19), and ignore the rest of the chapter. However, in the preceding verse Paul speaks of "the things which were sent from you" (Phil. 4:18). It is to the liberal that God promises to be liberal.

Pandita Ramabai ran an orphanage in India; and whenever the rice supply was not sufficient, she sent her girls out into the community to distribute to the poor the supply that was on hand. Whenever Pandita did this, God always provided enough rice to take care of the needs of the orphanage. God "loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

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# A Leader Among Christian Businessmen

By George Derksen

A DC4 aircraft of North West Airlines roared down a runway at the Minneapolis airport and disappeared into the dark night. Steadily the big plane droned its way through the night, winging its way in a northwesterly direction. Finally, after three hours, it reached its destination and glided in for a graceful landing at Stevenson airfield in St. James, near Winnipeg. The time was 1:30 a.m. on a Wednesday morning late in October.

After the plane was taxied up to the loading ramp, the door was thrown open and the passengers began to descend to the tarmac. Among the sixty-odd passengers was D. E. Redekop, president of the Christian Business Men's Committee here in Winnipeg and Sunday school superintendent of the South End Mennonite Church.

"Whew", said Mr. Redekop to his wife who was on hand to greet him at the airport, "that's one of the roughest airplane rides I've had this year."

## Attended International Convention

Mr. Redekop had just completed a round trip of four-thousand miles which had taken him to Phoenix, Arizona, where he had attended a world-wide conference of the Christian Business Mens' Committee International. Here fourteen hundred businessmen and guests held a four-day conference to promote the work of the Committee.

One of the most prominent Christian businessmen in the electrical field in Winnipeg, Mr. Redekop did not rise to be the president of the Committee overnight. It's a much longer story, one which dates back to before the Second World War.

When Mr. Redekop came to Canada from Russia in 1923, he and the rest of the family moved to a farm in Saskatchewan. Later, they moved to Winkler, Manitoba. From there Mr. Redekop went to British Columbia to try his fortunes there.

It was in British Columbia that Mr. Redekop's career as an electrician started. During the years 1935 to 1937 he worked in the lumber industry and took an electrical course in the evenings.

In the fall of 1937, Mr. Redekop re-joined his parents at Winkler, where during the next four years he obtained his education. Getting an education was not an easy road for Mr. Redekop. For example, in one year he took third-year Bible school and grade nine and ten at the same time. Grade eleven was taken a year later. During the summer vacations, Mr. Redekop found employment with an electrical firm in Winnipeg, where he at the same time completed his apprenticeship and obtained his journeyman's license.

The threat of war was now hanging heavily over the world and Hitler's troops were concentrated on the border of Poland for an invasion of the Soviet Union. Young men were being drafted into the army and Mr. Redekop was to be 'no exception. However, it seems as though God intervened at this time, for Mr. Redekop developed a kidney ailment and he failed to pass the necessary physical tests. He was exempted, at least for the time being, from the draft threat.

## Training Leads to Business

Mr. Redekop's electrical engineering course now proved useful, for he was still to be of service to his country. An airport was being constructed at Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and he went to undertake the electrical construction at the airport. During the next five years Mr. Redekop served by providing skilled help in airport and aircraft wiring.

It was also during this time that he and his wife, the former Kay Hiebert, were united in holy matrimony in the South End M. B. church, where they have since been faithful and active members.

Five years later, as the allied bombers were blasting their way to home base in Germany itself, Mr. Redekop was advised by the Canadian government to start his own business. This he did in Winnipeg, working in the electrical field.

It was during the war years that Mr. Redekop realized that there was a higher calling in this world than just working for material gain. He recalled that when he was working on the airport near Weyburn, Saskatchewan he had to work on Sundays. "I didn't feel too good about it," he added, "so I gave the money which I made on Sundays to the Lord."

Later, when he came to Winnipeg he was a very active worker in church. Mr. Redekop started a mission Sunday school in 1944. This work grew and expanded until it is what it is today, the Gospel Light Mission Sunday school under the direction of Toby Voth.

## Into Sunday School Work

In 1948, God rewarded Mr. Redekop for his faithful effort at the mission Sunday school, for he was elected to be the superintendent of the South End Sunday school. At first even the Sunday school at South End was very small. "We had about one hundred students as compared with four hundred now," he added.

When asked to what he attributed this spectacular growth over a short period of time, he replied. "The fact that we now have classes from the 'cradle to the grave' helps greatly to swell the attendance."

Filling the position as president of the Christian Business Men's Committee can not be a half-hearted effort. This man must have basic qualifications which include intricate business experience, a good education, broad-mindedness, leadership abilities and enough resources for financial backing. Most important of all is the fact that the man must be a sincere and devout Christian. The Committee recognized a leader in Mr. Redekop, and he was elected in 1954 to lead the Committee through the present perilous days.

## New Inspiration in CBMC

His first contacts with CBMC started back in 1947 when he attended one of their meetings with a burden on his heart. Mr. Redekop told The Mennonite Observer that he had become so discouraged with Sunday school that he felt like quitting. However, after he saw the joy and the purpose with which CBMC men did their work, he found new inspiration and he carried on with Sunday school work with gladness in his heart.

Mr. Redekop did not take an active part in the Committee until 1953, when he was elected as a member on the board. After this promotion, it did not take long until he was president. He maintains that CBMC has done something for him which no other organization could have done. "As a businessman," Mr. Redekop said, "whom

God was prospering, I found that I was getting into a rut working for the material things of this world. In fact, I was getting so wrapped up with it that I was beginning to leave God out. The Committee revealed the proper perspective to me, namely, that Christ comes first and business second. And I've found that God adds all other things unto a person if He is put first."

Mr. Redekop does not try to save money when it comes to doing work or business for the CBMC. This past year he has travelled as much as ten thousand miles on business for the Committee and its functions.

In mentioning some of the functions of CBMC, Mr. Redekop emphasized that its main job is getting unsaved business men to their banquets and meetings and telling them about Christ. After they are converted, the Committee tries to get them enrolled and working for God. Hundreds of business men are saved every year throughout the United States and Canada because of the efforts of CBMC.

## A Family Man

Mr. Redekop's Christian activities do not stop at CBMC. He is also one of the founders of Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp and the vice-president of the local Gideon Camp. In addition, he is director of the Service league, a director of the Master Electricians' Association of Manitoba, a member of the Empire Club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also on the

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**AIR TRAVEL** is a boon to busy Christian businessmen. Mr. D. E. Redekop, seen on the picture, just completed a 4,000-mile trip to the convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee International at Phoenix, Arizona. As president of the Winnipeg Christian Business Mens' Committee he has travelled 10,000 miles this year. Before the advent of air travel this would have been impossible for someone who is as active as Mr. Redekop is in his church and business.



### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

By nature we are not good. The Bible says that we are sinners and have the wrath of God abiding upon us. But our life can be changed, for we also read in the Bible that "if any man be in Christ he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."

It is Jesus who changes us through the Holy Spirit, but often He uses the Bible to help us change. Robert Moffat, a missionary to Africa, gave a New Testament to a native shepherd lad. He had always been a bad boy, but he became good and kind as he read the story of Jesus.

One day he came to the missionary with tears streaming down his cheeks. The big dog that helped him care for his sheep had found the New Testament and eaten part of it.

"I will give you another Testament," comforted Moffat. "So don't cry any more."

"But it's the dog I care about."

"Oh," replied the missionary, "don't worry about the dog. If he can crunch a big bone in his teeth, it won't hurt him to eat a little paper."

"That isn't what troubles me. I was once a bad boy. I hated my enemies and wanted to kill them. But after I read in the Bible about Jesus, I began to love my enemies. Now my dog has the Bible in him. He will love the lions and let them run away with the sheep."

The little African boy thought that if the Bible could make a new boy, it could also make a new dog. Has the reading of the Bible made you a new boy or girl? Maybe you haven't read enough. Possibly you haven't obeyed the Bible, for it will be no use reading the Bible if we are not willing to obey it.

Aunt Selma.

## The Raven

The first bird mentioned in the Bible is the raven, and it has several lessons to teach us. In Genesis 8:7 we read that Noah sent forth a raven. Let us picture what the world was like at that time. The waters had been upon it for 150 days, and there was nothing but death on every hand. We are told that Noah only remained alive and those with him in the ark. He sent forth a raven and it never returned. It was quite happy in the place of death. Surely it is a picture of those who are unsaved, they find all their pleasure in the world and forget that God's Word tells us that, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." But it tells us, too, that, "whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13).

The next lesson the raven teaches us is obedience. In I Kings 17, we read how God told Elijah to go and hide by the brook Cherith, and He had commanded the ravens to feed him. How he must have watched for them, but at the appointed time they came and brought him bread and meat. God commanded and they obeyed. This is the first lesson for all of us, first as children to obey our parents, and as we grow older and become "children of God by faith in Christ

Jesus," we find the same lesson facing us. It is not now what we like to do, but we want to do God's will in all things.

The next lesson the raven teaches us is God's care for us. In Luke 12:24 the Lord Jesus is telling His disciples how the ravens have neither store-house nor barn, and yet God feedeth them, and then He says, "How much more are ye better than the fowls?" It is wonderful to think how God takes care even of the birds. What must be His care for those who love Him, how He watches over us night and day, how He will be with us all the way and bring us safely to our home above.

### Charlie's Question

"Is a young Christian allowed to play, teacher?" asked a sharp little fellow at the close of school.

The lesson that afternoon had been on the coming glory of Christ, when He shall reign over a happy and peaceful earth. We had read, among other Scriptures, that beautiful description of millennial blessing in Zechariah 8, 5, where we are told that in the earthly Jerusalem, "The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing." This seemed to take our young friend

by surprise for, as he afterwards told me, he had thought that young believers were not expected to play.

As the bright eyes peered into mine, waiting for an answer, I said, "Yes, Charlie, God delights to see His children happy, and I am sure He is not displeased when they play, only of course, He would have them play as Christians should." The young face beamed as he went on to tell of his trusting Christ in the school a week ago, and that he just wanted to do what would please God.

Dear little chap! The new life was there showing that he had received the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, whom he wanted to please. Is the same true of you, or do you think that you would lose all your happiness in being one of His Children?

### A Bedtime Story

A few years ago, two young girls, aged nine and eleven years respectively, had retired to bed; and the elder was reading a Bible story to the younger. The story, this night, was concerning the blind man, Bartimaeus, and how he cried out to Jesus to give him his sight. You can read it for yourself in Mark 10:46-52.

Their young minds were deeply interested in the way this blind beggar continued to cry out aloud to Jesus, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." It almost seemed as though Jesus was going to pass him by, so blind Bartimaeus cried out the more for mercy.

In wondrous grace, Jesus stood still and commanded the blind man to be called to Him. What a wonderful moment for Bartimaeus, to be in the presence of Jesus and to be able to ask Him for his sight! Poor Bartimaeus had lived all his life in the darkness, and longed to see the light. Also to be able to see the Saviour Jesus, the Son of David.

Suddenly Alice, the older girl said to Muriel, "Do you know that you are blind also, Muriel?" This was meant to convey to her that she was unsaved, and therefore, in darkness. Alice had recently accepted Jesus as her own dear Saviour, and up to that moment, Muriel had not.

This startling question greatly distressed Muriel, and realizing that in her unsaved condition she was spiritually blind and needed sight, she began to weep. Calling for her mother, she told her the reason for her tears, and of the longings to be saved by Jesus, and to be brought from darkness to light.

With words of comfort and cheer, the mother told her young daughter how the Lord Jesus, having laid down His life, was able and willing to save her, and would do it the moment she trusted Him as her own Saviour.

Muriel opened her heart to Him, and Jesus came in to abide and take possession. Together, Mother, Alice and Muriel read the closing verses of the story — "Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole; and immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

What a wonderful bed-time story, with such a beautiful ending!

Jesus is still the Saviour of boys and girls, and says: "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12).

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# FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(36th Installment)

"That's all right," Mutter said, winking at Liesbeth. "Anna and I were so far gone that nothing short of a bucketful of water could have brought us back to life."

"Will I have to stay in bed tomorrow?" asked Franz.

"Tomorrow and maybe several tomorrows after that," Mutter said. "We'll feed you Blutwurst, or blood sausage, until you are completely recuperated."

"What's that for?" Liesbeth asked.

"When our heart is ill, we eat the hearts of animals; when our kidneys, and in the same way, when our blood needs rebuilding, we use animal blood in our diet," Mutter explained.

"How queer," Liesbeth thought, but she said nothing. When she finally went back to bed, she counted, "One, two, three, four, five." There had been five troubles in her life since Christmas and this last one topped all of them. "What is the meaning of it?" she asked herself. "Is God reminding me of the promise I made three years ago? Am I supposed to make haste and do something about it?" She thought of the night's experiences and of her desire to get a good education. "All of us should have learned before tonight how to stop the bleeding. Fortunately Franz did not die, but someone else might die because the people around him lack the knowledge to care for him correctly. I do want to keep my promise," she reasoned, "but first I want to get a good education and find an easy and beautiful way of life. Right now I am more confused than ever."

## CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

### Regal Callers

Since Liesbeth appreciated beauty and common sense and disliked dullness and senselessness in clothing, scenery, homes, church, customs and faith, it was with great satisfaction and interest that she learned of prospective visits by two royal notables. Vater was smiling when he told the children the news. He had seen royal visitors in his childhood in Germany and he could still remember the uniqueness of celebrations for high official visitors. He was certain the children would enjoy the unusual experience of Margenauers entertaining royal guests. Furthermore, he felt that

Liesbeth, in particular, would be much interested in the color and pomp of the callers and their entourage.

An archbishop of the Russian Greek Orthodox church and, a week later, one of the most famous Russian generals, possibly Kuropatkin himself, would come to Margenau on successive Saturdays. Nothing like that had ever before occurred in the tranquil village. Old-timers had been told by eyewitnesses that Czar Alexander I had been in Lindenau in 1818. Lindenau was a Mennonite village near the Molotschna River. The czar was supposed to have eaten a meal in a Mennonite home, and two famous generals, Gortschakov and Constenius, had at one time inspected most of the Molotschna villages in existence at that time. Margenau was one of the poorer and less imposing communities and so far no one more important than a well-to-do nobleman had ever been known to drive through its street.

For several days, the topics of conversation in the homes, in school and on the street were the eminent personages who soon would grace the thoroughfare of Margenau with their royal call. Long before the red-letter Saturdays arrived, every walking child in the village knew who Kuropatkin was. He had been the supreme commander of the Russian army during the first part of the recently concluded Japanese War. Many years before that he had helped the Cossacks to conquer Turkestan and the Caucasus. He had distinguished himself in the Turkish wars. He had been a soldier since he was fifteen or sixteen years old and had received so many decorations that there was not enough room on his chest for all of his medals. One of David's friends had said that Kuropatkin since about 1865 had had some part in Russia's conquests of the Amur region, Tashkent, Samarkand, Merv and the khanates of Khiva and Kokand. Liesbeth was awed by the thought of looking at the face of such a famous man.

What interested her particularly was that Kuropatkin was said to be a highly educated general. According to students' reports, the famous soldier had attended Russian and foreign universities and was a shrewd person. Liesbeth was wondering how he would dress and whether there would be other high-ranking officers in his party. She had never seen an officer and was

anxiously looking forward to the coming Saturdays.

"No one ever says anything about the archbishop. Why don't the people talk about him the way they do about the general?" Franz asked one day, as he and Liesbeth were helping Vater water trees in the back orchard.

"They know very little about him," responded Vater.

"Who is he?" Liesbeth asked.

"He is someone like our elder in Rueckenau, with the exception that our elder has charge over the Rueckenau branch churches and their ministers, while this archbishop oversees all of the Russian Greek Orthodox churches and bishops of whole provinces."

"About how many churches would that include?"

"Dozens of them and possibly even a hundred or more, but I couldn't tell you exactly how many."

"Why is he coming to Margenau? We have no Russian church in our community or, for that matter, in all of the Molotschna villages. Is he going to minister to the Russian servants?"

"It's this way," Vater explained. "The archbishop is the czar's religious representative for this part of the empire. Our Mennonite churches are not governed by him, but his position demands that, as a good-will gesture toward us, he should once in a while visit our colonies, showing us that he is aware of us and that we have nothing to fear from him or from the state church."

"Are the Mennonites going to show him their good will," Liesbeth asked.

"I am sure they will. The Dorf Schulze, or village mayor, probably will give the archbishop some money."

"Is that why the general is coming? To promote good will?"

"Not exactly. For over a year the Russians have been at war with Japan. That has cost the army thousands upon thousands of horses. Replacements are badly needed. The officer is going to look for good cavalry horses in Margenau and in other Mennonite villages. The owners of horses are going to show him their mounts at the street in their respective driveways and offer him their animals," Vater explained.

For several days the Margenau homeowners were seen cleaning their yards and orchards. Feverish activity was evident throughout the village. Every weed and grass in the yard, garden and driveway was cut down. Even the street itself was harrowed, its rough spots leveled and everything unsightly removed. Board fences that showed wear and tear were repaired and given one or two fresh coats of paint.

Mutter painted the outside walls of the entire house with slaked lime and raked the front and east orchards. Then she applied red paint to the posts and top board, and yellow paint to the lower plank of the fence.

After working hours, Vater clipped the straw stack and the manure heap back of the house and pulled up a sickly krushki tree near the street, planting a young pear tree in the hole. He also painted the trunks of the remaining krushki and poymotti trees with lime. On Friday, Liesbeth and Franz swept the driveway and front yard and the dirt walk along the street fence.

That night Liesbeth pulled out of the Kleine Stube wall cupboard a colored picture of the czar and his family. Long before, she had wanted to have it hung up on the wall, but someone had told her that the Mennonite Brethren discouraged pictures on the wall as being worldly. Nicholas II had been crowned Czar of Russia the year before Liesbeth was born. He was looked upon by the peasants as their Little Father. In school many times Liesbeth and the other pupils had sung the national hymn, calling upon God to protect the czar. Soon she would see two friends of that Little Father.

The Mennonites did not believe in going to war, but they always were loyal to their rulers. Wars and killing people were contrary to the Scriptures, they said. The Bible, which regulated their faith and conduct, required them to give to their government what was due it and to obey their superiors. Saturday and the Saturday following they would do their utmost to show their respect and consideration for their honored visitors.

The archbishop was scheduled to arrive in Margenau between nine and ten o'clock. No one knew whether he would enter the village at the Anwohner end near Gnadental or at the church end facing Rueckenau. In fact, he might even ride down the cattle road next to Liesbeth's home. Excitedly yet reverently the villagers were waiting for the callers inside and in front of their board fences and in their driveways near the street. Although the Mennonites usually dressed conservatively, there was a good deal of color sprinkled over the walk and fences, as Liesbeth looked toward the east and west. Possibly some of the women and girls were carrying flowers in their hands. Perhaps they had donned their gayest clothes. An air of celebration pervaded.

On the street near the driveway of the Dorf Schulze's homestead, in the distance, there seemed to be a table with a white cloth over it. A few men were walking around it. "That's where they are going to offer the archbishop bread and salt," Mutter said.

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## Two Canadians at International University

Tokyo, Japan — Only two Canadians can be found at the 800-student International Christian University here, which has students from 15 countries. They are a Canadian professor, Mr. Mackenzie of Toronto, and one of the students, Mr. Bill Redekopp of Aldergrove, B.C.

Concerning the university Mr. Redekopp, who is a graduate of the M.B. Bible College and Waterloo College, writes: "International Christian University is Christian in emphasis. Although it cannot perform the evangelical function of a church, it is nevertheless 'energetically evangelical'. Early in the morning you can see students in small huddles at various parts of the campus. They have gathered for prayer and Bible reading in a spontaneous manner — something rarely seen even at home. The students conduct Sunday schools among the children of the neighborhood. All in all, one might expect 50% to be confessing Christians.

### Canada Has Good Reputation

"It is international in character. About 15 countries are represented... Canada, fortunately, enjoys a very good reputation among the Japanese people, but generally very little is known here about Canada.

"These two aspects—Christian and international—set it apart as an island among the approximately 500 universities in Japan. Although it is very small—800 students—it is easy to notice that the students come from at least middle to higher middle class homes. A study of their father's activities is very interesting. Many held important positions during the war years, while others were stationed abroad for the duration of the war.

"Our university pastor is an American 'Nisei', a fine Christian man and known everywhere in America. He will be one of the speakers at the Inter. Varsity Christian Fellowship Missionary Convention at Urbana this Christmas (together with Billy Graham and other evangelicals).

### Visits M.B. Church

"Last Sunday I visited the M.B. Church in Ishibashi, but the only missionary present was Miss Ruth Wiens. The others were on vacation or working at the site for the new station. The church was completely filled, and an air of welcome pervaded. The service was only slightly different from any of ours, if at all so. I have also visited the missionary church of the (Old) Mennonites here in Tokyo. A very fine young couple are serving there. They told me of their escape from Communist China (which took two years).

"In Japan we have radio connections with most of the world. On

my own set I can listen to America, Australia, Argentina, Seoul (Korea), Hong Kong, Moscow, Hawaii, and sometimes also Quito, Ecuador. There is also another Christian radio station in New Guinea. This close connection with the Soviet radio is most interesting, especially in recent days. There are often concerts given by East German universities, and all kinds of recently composed folk songs.

### Teaching Opportunities

"Japan is a paradise for a teacher, especially of the English language. Yesterday I was offered 2,000 yen a month for tutoring. I have, however, registered for the course 'Intensive Japanese', and for the present my aim is to acquire a working knowledge of the Japanese language. This course is said to be the most intensive Japanese language course offered to foreigners in Japan. If the Lord gives me opportunity, I shall be teaching after next summer. It may, however, be necessary to complete teacher's training at the University of B.C. sometime in the future.

"A science note. Zooming sputnik was clearly visible from here yesterday morning (November 7) at 5:00 a.m. The sky was beautifully clear and quiet. Fujiyama also makes a majestic picture. We can see the mountain from the university roof-top."

"Didn't feel a real earthquake until I came here. At one occasion when a tremor passed by we were having a lecture. The professor's chair creaked and wobbled, but he kept right on talking. Incidentally, I live in an all-Japanese home, sliding doors and all. Naturally the wind has fun pushing it around and roaring through the cracks."

### MORE ABOUT

## Ontario's Seventh M.B. Church Formed

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Christian Fellowship Chapel. As sinners were saved, believers were baptized and "added to the Church", until in the summer of 1957 there were 15 classes with 195 pupils and 26 teachers. An addition of 38' by 40' was made to the basement in the spring of this year to allow for the increased attendance.

### Full-Scale Church Program

The spiritual nurture of the 26 baptized believers, as well as other saved children and adults, and the continued evangelistic emphasis called for a full-scale church program. Regular Sunday morning and evening services were held, a monthly Communion Service was administered, and weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meetings were conducted. Bi-weekly Young People's and Ladies' Mission Prayer Band

meetings were also well attended. In addition, there has been a Young People's Conference every fall and periodic evangelistic meetings. A Sunday School Teachers' Training Course was also conducted.

Brother C. M. Penner, now Sunday school superintendent, led the work as such until last year. Rev. J. J. Pankratz was elected by the Virgil M.B. Church to serve as pastor for the year 1957. Other committees functioning in the Chapel were elected by the members attending the Chapel. One problem, however, remained unsolved. Whereas the 37 teachers and their wives were members of the Virgil M.B. Church, the 26 baptized believers who were accepted into the fellowship of the Chapel remained non-descript as far as their denomination was concerned. This precipitated the question of organizing as an independent M.B. Church.

### Organization as Church

The long felt desire to take progressive measures in becoming independent materialized, when, in a special business meeting of all chapel members, the possibility of such organization was discussed and a petition expressing this desire was signed. Because this revealed a strong indication to proceed further, the request was directed to the Virgil M.B. Church Council and the church's business meeting. Having actively supported the work since its inception, the home church counselled in this matter and suggested an official organizational meeting of the Chapel.

At such a meeting on October 15, the Confession of Faith was reviewed, obligations to the general, Canadian, and provincial conferences were clarified in order that both responsibilities and privileges of such an affiliation would be fully understood by those not members of the M.B. Church. Then at a second organization meeting on October 22, with a larger attendance, further questions which would arise with such organization were discussed. By secret ballot the group voted unanimously to become an independent M.B. Church. In connection with this, it was further decided to call the organism the Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church.

### Additional Responsibilities Now

What bearing has such organization for those concerned? To separate from the home church will in some respects represent a loss to the teachers instructing at the Chapel, but it will at the same time give them additional responsibilities at the newly organized church. Their reward for faithfulness and hard work will be more work, and it calls for still greater faithfulness. But they will share in the blessings of continuing to propagate the Gospel.

For the baptized believers who

shared the same fellowship, but were not recognized members of our denomination, it will now mean, in addition to the unity of spirit that already existed, an equality of denominational status. Therewith they may share with the entire brotherhood the privileges and responsibilities of church work. The step of organization, unprecedented in the home missions program of our province, was taken with much hesitancy and after fervent prayer. Nonetheless, the "Chapel" members rejoice in the prosperity that the Lord has given them, and with the Psalmist proclaim, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

\* Teacher at Eden Christian College and youth leader at the Niagara M.B. Church.

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board of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute.

He said that finding time for all these activities is a constant problem. But in spite of all his work, Mr. Redekop says that he is strictly a family man, and finds in his wife, Kay, a real source of inspiration and encouragement.

The Redekop family includes five children. They are: David, 14; Katherine-Lenore, 13; Charlotte, 10; Marlene, 8; Edward-Dwight, 4. The closeness of the family is indicated in the fact that every year when the Redekops take a vacation, they invariably take as many of their children along as they can.

In evaluating Mr. Redekop's achievements in life, one need only look at his family and thriving business, where is indicated the fact that God can and will bless those who honor and obey His perfect will.

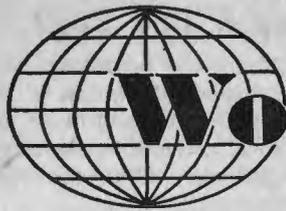
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## Round-Up of World-Wide

### RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

#### Christian Broadcasts in Near East Widely Acclaimed

Enthusiastic praise has greeted the first Christian family drama ever produced on Radio Beirut. Sponsored by the radio committee of the Near East Christian Council in Lebanon, the program was hailed for its professional quality and moral value, the Rev. Hal Fisher, committee chairman, reported in New York.

From letters, phone calls and the local press, he said, this series of 12 programs promises to be a "hit". Requests came in almost immediately from Radio Jordan asking permission to carry the series. Iraq government broadcasters announced they wanted it, too, and from Africa, Radio ELWA in Monrovia, Liberia, announced it has scheduled the series. \* \* \*

#### 275th Anniversary of Penn's Landing Celebrated

William Penn's Prayer for Philadelphia was recited in churches, synagogues, and at civic meetings in Philadelphia as the city recently celebrated the 275th anniversary of the famed Quaker leader's landing in that area. The "City of Brotherly Love" owes its name to Penn.

Penn is commemorated by a 37-foot-high, two-ton statue which tops the tower of City Hall. Visible for miles it shows the Quaker pioneer with a hand half raised in blessing. Penn's prayer is recorded on two large bronze plaques in the courtyard below. \* \* \*

#### Georgia Interracial Group Quits Farm Project

For 14 years Negroes and whites had co-operated in running a 1,083-acre farm in central Georgia. Koinonia Farm had been organized as an interracial venture by the Rev. Clarence Jordan, a Southern Baptist clergyman. About 60 persons lived and worked on the acreage, selling their farm produce in Americus and other nearby communities.

For the past year members of the Koinonia community had been dodging bullets and sheriff's warrants. On several occasions shots were fired into tenants' houses and crosses burned on the lawns. Dynamite blasts twice destroyed roadside produce stands. Although efforts to force closing of the colony's interracial summer camp failed when Georgia officials could not make sanitary and morals charges stick, Sumner County commissioners imposed an annual \$500 license fee on the camp.

Efforts to establish an outlet for farm produce at Branchbury, New Jersey, failed last October when a zoning board ruling forbade com-

mercial farming or food processing on a 120-acre tract purchased by the Koinonia community. Mr. Jordan said the colony would have to end its farming operations and would convert to a mailorder pecan business. Gifts from friends throughout the country made possible the purchase of machinery, he said. Some nuts would be raised on the farm, others purchased at state-conducted auctions.

### CANADASCOPE

#### Extend Term of Governor-General

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced the extension of Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey's term in office as governor-general for another year. This has scotched rumors that a member of the royal family might be appointed governor-general.

#### Ask for Increased Wool Tariffs

An appeal for sharply higher protection against imports has been voiced by Canada's wool cloth industry today as the tariff board opened a study of the Canadian textile tariff structure. The Inter-

provincial Farm Union council filed a brief opposing the request.

Wool cloth manufacturers appealed for increased protection three years ago, but were turned down. \* \* \*

#### Rail Union Strike Vote Called

A strike ballot has been sent out to western region members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers on the Canadian Pacific Railway. The brotherhood is calling upon its members to support strike action to get company guarantees that union men will be protected if they cross picket lines at strike-bound plants.

The strike ballot is the result of CPR suspension of railroad crews for refusing to cross picket lines at several places in Western Canada.

#### Freighter Beats Ice to Reach Vancouver

The Russian freighter Sevastopol took the shortest and most dangerous route to load grain in Vancouver for Siberia. She came around Norway's North Cape through the Barents Sea along the north coast of Russia, past Cape Chelyuskin, northernmost point of Siberia, through the Bering Strait into the Pacific.

This route through ice-packed waters for centuries was considered as impregnable to commercial shipping as the Northwest Passage from Atlantic to Pacific through Canada's Arctic territory.



#### Saving on a Supreme Scale

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

In a season of soaring spending and broken budgets, it is refreshing to receive news of millions of dollars a year... saved! An official of the Atomic Energy Commission has released the good news that nearly \$400 million a year are being saved by American industry through the use of radio-isotopes. Going further, this official has estimated that this figure would increase "several fold" over the next 10-year period.

But why not "top-think" on the spiritual level, where "saving" is concerned? Here is the crucial area where saving takes on highest consequence and deepest outreach. To save spiritually, in the light of eternity, is to effect such a great gain as to cause the top-bracket of financial figures to stumble away into nothingness.

"The loss of friends is much... the loss of health is more... but the loss of Christ is such a loss as nothing can restore"... old words with very modern tracings. Think

of them in the light of the "Number One" lesson in Eternal Economics: "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8: 36).

The men of today have no time for thought of tomorrow; would that our headliness would scream the tragedy! But there are times when today's tormented feel a "dying rot" deep within and know that something is marked as missing. Alas, they seek to meet it by forced merriment and mechanical methods. But the Word of God definitely speaks of "so great salvation" (Hebrews 2:3), not only as a treasure for tomorrow, but as a tool for today; an instrument for the present transformation of life (II Corinthians 5:17) onto happy heights (John 17:3), enabling one to enter into the thrilling reality of, "the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God" (Galatians 2:20). Here is saving indeed, and on the supreme scale!

The AEC speaks of the "vast amount of available information" for industry to, "lay hold upon for

yet larger savings." But what of the Word of God and the "vast amount of available information" relative to Calvary? Is that to be by-passed or dismissed from the center of the picture? Here is "profit-and-loss" indeed in sharpest terms.

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#### Kitchen Cathedral

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No doubt that is the secret — be a cheerful giver. Should anyone, having read or heard of God's generosity to others, give merely in order to get? God would know the motive. In all probability God would ignore the gift. Giving does lead to getting but the giving must not be with the desire to get — "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matth. 10:8).

Give generously, before the Lord has to remind you to give, as He has some. A man was writing a check for \$250 for a Christian organization when he received a telegram. He read it and said, "I have suffered a great loss. That makes a difference in my business. I shall have to write this check for \$1,000. "But I thought you said you had lost money," his friend protested.

"I did, and my loss reminded me that my Heavenly Father said, 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth'" (Matt. 6:19).

It is easy to dream and scheme what you would do if you had a million dollars. But it is probable that you will not have abundance to give from, until you have learned to give out of your penury. (See Luke 21:4 again.)

Our general attitude is apt to be like the two native Christians who were discussing giving. One said, "If you had a hundred sheep, would you give fifty of them for the Lord's work?"

"You know I would."

"If you had fifty sheep, would you give twenty-five?"

"You know I would."

"If you had two sheep, would you give one of them?"

"No, I wouldn't, and you have no right to ask me that when you know I have two sheep."

Many of us would give our first dollar to the Lord, but would we give our last?

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## Weddings

### Peters — Klassen



Miss Margaret Klassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Klassen, Winnipeg, and Peter Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Peters of Portage la Prairie, Man., were married on July 27 in the Elmwood M.B. church.

Mr. Peters is taking the education course at the University of Manitoba, while Mrs. Peters is a teacher in Winnipeg.

### Silver Wedding for George Petkaus

Many friends and relatives filled the M.B. church in Foam Lake on November 3 to honor Mr. and Mrs. George Petkau on the occasion of their silver wedding. They were married at Beaver Flat, Sask., in 1932 and came to Foam Lake in 1945. The Petkau's have eight children, six of whom were present for the silver wedding.

Mr. Ben Brown (nephew of Mr. Petkau) was master of ceremonies, directing a program of recitations and favorite hymns. A brief sketch of their life since they have come to Foam Lake was given by Mr. Aaron Goosen, who told of Mr. Petkau's work in the M.B. Church. Mr. Petkau was elected leader of the church in 1948 and still holds that position at the present time, besides being a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the Young People's Committee.

Rev. J. H. Kehler delivered an address on "Twenty-five Years With God", using Romans 8:31 as his text. He gave instances of God's providence in the lives of the Petkaus. To think of the Petkaus

was to think of God, he said, for there was such a close relationship between them evident in their lives.

The program ended with the presentation of a cookware set and a tea set to the couple by their many friends and relatives. Both Mr. and Mrs. Petkau expressed their appreciation and thanks for the gifts and the good wishes.

The reception followed in the basement, where the honored couple were seated with their children at a table centered by a three-tiered wedding cake decorated in silver. Following the lunch the many friends and relatives joined in congratulating the happy couple, wishing them God's continued blessings and many more happy years together.

## MCC news & notes

### Community Youth Have Center

"War" and "post-war" children of Kaiserslautern, Germany, find wholesome occupation in the MCC community center which was opened a year ago.

Youth of the city may go to the center for both spontaneous and organized recreation, crafts, music, motion picture and slide programs, hikes, camping trips and religious classes. A kindergarten is also a major part of the center's activities.

### Love Changes Neglected Boy

Nurses Katherine Friesen (Winnipeg) and Anna Klassen (Marquette, Man.) do not confine their work entirely to the charity hospital. They relate this incident:

"A 12-year-old boy came to the hospital with severely frost-bitten feet. All his toes had to be amputated. The healing process was slow but after several months he was discharged.

"He showed no reaction when we took him to the orphanage and we hoped he would make a good adjustment. Several weeks passed and one day on our way to work we saw a beggar boy at the side of the road, whom we recognized as our boy with the amputated toes.

"We stopped the jeep and ran to him. He was very frightened and did not seem to know us. He was covered with soot and dirt. His eyes were bloodshot and caked with purulent discharge.

"We felt sorry and responsible for him although we knew he had run away from the orphanage. We tried in vain to persuade him to come with us. We saw him several times later.

"On another occasion when we had Korean nurses with us, we ask-

ed questions of him and managed to carry him to the ambulance. He protested a bit but became friendly and conversant. He knew the way to the hospital.

"On arrival we marched him to the bathroom and into a tub of hot water. Next in line was a hair-cut — two months growth of hair came off. He seemed a changed boy. Next morning he said he was very happy to be back."

### The Service of Friendship

Workers at the agricultural rehabilitation project on Timor of Indonesia are providing milk weekly to between 100-150 families of the Kupang area who have babies or undernourished children.

Another area of service is with the new church-sponsored kindergarten. Supplies from American Christians have made the kindergarten possible.

The L. Kingsley family (Berne Ind.) befriended an Indonesian minister and family whose house burned. The minister was stricken with tuberculosis. His wife sells banana leaves at the market, earning 25¢ a day. They have been given food, clothing, money and help in locating employment.

One of the prominent Timor customs is a big celebration for birthdays. The Kingsleys write they finally succumbed to custom and had a combined party for each of their birthdays. They were sent many cakes and flowers beforehand and they entertained a hundred friends.

### Is There A 'Bad' Boy?

Seven Mennonite volunteers are helping in the rehabilitation of 36 teenage boys at Boys Village of Smithville, O., a home for boys referred by parents, welfare societies and juvenile courts.

Volunteer Russel Höchstetler (Goshen, Ind.) explains some of the basic needs of these teenagers when he writes:

"The boys have a six-man football team with a good record. Being on a winning team seems to do so much for our boys. Some of the boys who make the most trouble are now on the team and take out their gripes on the field and are therefore much better in cottage and school life.

"This helps them see a little good in themselves and causes them to forget some of the bad they think they have."

Another incident may illustrate what these boys really are under their veneer of bad conduct, which surfaces when given an honest opportunity:

One of the boys working in the field with a tractor saw a dog dart on to the road and get hit by a passing car. The boy raced to the nearly-dead dog and carried it back to the Village and nursed it back to health in spite of the veterinarian's prediction that it would soon die.

The boy loved the dog and said he would not want the dog to be cast aside as he was when a child.

## Our Witness to the World

By Bishop E. J. Swalm

(Conclusion)

Some other aspects of this relief ministry merit our recognition. Not only did material aid express the love that Christians share, but many consecrated people have devoted blocks of time out of their lives to facilitate this work. The Pax boys with their terms of service without expense and remuneration from the people they serve have been called "missionaries in overalls". This term is very appropriate we believe. The selflessness that is evidenced in their efforts, with few exceptions, have pointed only toward one goal—to imitate humbly the Lord they serve. Other relief personnel giving loving service in so many and varied areas have done more to make the non-Christian peoples understand the gospel message of Christ than any other factor. Several prominent men in leadership positions in society who have had some keen and unbiased observation have courageously made statements such as this. "These relief Workers with their program, personnel and sacrifice, have done more to establish good international relationships than the Assembly of the United Nations".

We would not speak lightly of this famous world organization and the honest efforts it puts forth to maintain peace in our world, neither are we in a position to properly appraise the good done. We do, however, humbly submit that our personal observations cause us to feel that the relief services have made an indelible imprint on history.

In conclusion may we suggest that all the above-mentioned ministries have had a very helpful relationship to missions for obvious reasons. They have been worldwide in their scope, reaching some rather remote areas where needs were great, yet not as apparent to the general public as were some others. The program had long range planning, which avoided local favoritism, impulsive moves and lent permanency to its future. This feature puts it in stride with missionary objectives, which we hope will not only survive but increase and accelerate until our Lord returns for His own. In its very nature, in being free from political tactics, it was unshackled and void of sinister motives. This of course commended it to everyone and gave

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## COLLEGES

### Mennonite Brethren Bible College

What do the students study at College? What are some of the events during a typical week of College activity?

Reveille is at 6:30 a.m., which begins the day for most of the students. At 7:30, the single students gather in the dining hall for morning worship and breakfast. From 8:00 to 8:30 is "quiet time", a time for the students' personal devotions. Classes begin at 8:30, the students proceeding to Old Testament History, Greek, Notation Theory or other classes. Those who have no classes begin their studying in the library. An important part of the day is Chapel, from 9:30 to 10:00. The teachers, students, or guest speakers present messages from God's Word. Last week, for example, we had two visitors: Dr. I. I. Friesen president of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, who challenged us to make use of the Christian's Armor; and George Block, a former student, who spoke to us on the Christian's life with regard to faith.

The rest of the day is spent attending classes or studying in the library. Classes are given in Church History, Mennonite History, Theology, Homiletics, Christian Education, Missions, Music and Phi-

losophy and other related subjects.

There is also a need for recreation to rest the mind and aid our physical well-being. This is provided by volley ball, when the weather permits, and table tennis all the year round.

The evenings are spent in various ways: Tuesday night is Oratorio Choir practice; students go to Union Gospel Mission on Wednesday night to do personal work; Good News Clubs and Hobby Clubs are taught during the week; on Thursday night evening classes are held; and Friday night is Student Night. Last Friday the Gospel Light Hour group presented a program.

On Saturday the students have an opportunity to work on some of the multitudinous assignments that are given by the instructors, but it is also a good day to reduce the required amount of gratis work.

Sunday is a day of rest for most of the students as well as a day of worship and fellowship. However, some of the students teach Sunday school classes in the morning or in the afternoon.

Thus, the days and weeks go by; the students studying and presenting the Word of oGd.

**Announcement:** Everyone interested is invited to attend the Student Night on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a debate on the topic: Resolved that Communism is a greater threat to the world than Catholicism.

Abe Koop.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute, Clearbrook, B.C.

School work, extra-curricular activities and exams keep us occupied at the MBBI. Every Friday at noon a number of groups go to various homes to sing and read the Word of God to old and sick folk. Club work has also begun in the surrounding communities. To top it off, we are writing mid-term exams.

On Friday, November 8, Mr. John Peters of Terrace, B.C., visited our school. He is going out as a missionary to Brazil. Another visitor at the school was Rev. Aaron Schmidt, who had come to the Fraser Valley from Terrace, B.C., for the semi-annual conference of the M.B. churches in British Columbia. Rev. Schmidt spoke to the student body in chapel on Wednesday, Nov. 13. He is a graduate of the school now serving under the West Coast Children's Mission at Terrace.

On the following day the pastor of the Clearbrook M.B. Church spoke to the student body during the morning period. He delivered a message on Psalm 84, where the Psalmist expresses a desire for the communion in the sanctuary of God.

Friday Rev. C. D. Toews, instructor at the Mennonite Educational Institute paid a return visit to the school. Previously Rev. Wm. Neufeld of the MEI had visited us. Rev. Toews was a part-time instructor at our school some years ago. Upon this occasion he spoke to us from Colossians 2:6-9, emphasizing that we are to prepare for the time when we will be placed in the world with only our own two feet to stand on.

Recreational activities in the school vary with the weather. Volley-ball and ping pong are the main forms of recreation now.

Elmer Stobbe.

### Coaldale Bible School

It was 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 28. For some time there had been an unusual amount of activity in the building adjacent to the M.B. church. Suddenly a buzzer noisily announced the hour and six ladies and sixteen men apprehensively took their seats in the chapel. Yes, this was the opening day of the Bible school. The first day as well as the days following were begun with the singing of several hymns, meditation upon the Word of God and a season of prayer.

Two weeks of adjustment and study have already passed. They have truly been weeks of blessing

for us as we have delved deeper into the wonderful truths of the Bible. Our two capable teachers, Rev. A. P. Regier and Rev. A. J. Konrad, have made their lectures instructive, interesting and occasionally amusing.

On Sunday, Nov. 10, the opening exercises took place in the church. This consisted of several songs by the student body, a number of testimonies from students, past and present, and a challenging message by Rev. David Pankratz based on Matthew 4:1-4. Lily Schmidt.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

### Eden Christian College

Students and teachers enjoyed the annual Get-Acquainted Social held Oct. 7 in the school auditorium. The grade XII class had prepared a program consisting of musical numbers. It was climaxed by a delicious lunch for all.

We have had considerable absenteeism in the past few weeks on the part of both students and teachers because of the flu. At present things are pretty well back to normal. Rev. Neumann, our principal, who was absent for 2 weeks to attend the Conference in B.C., is also back again.

A major item of interest at present is the appearance of a school paper — "The Little Echo", the first copy of which was published Oct. 28. Marlene Schoenke is the editor and Alex Janzen the assistant editor.

Our first Literary Program of the year was held Nov. 9 in the school auditorium. The theme was "Vocation". It consisted of three short skits: — "The Housewife", "The Carpenter", and "The Doctor," and a drama "David Livingstone". We are anticipating another Literary Program later in the school term.

### OUR WITNESS TO THE WORLD

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it a cosmopolitan flavor, so essential if it would assist world wide mission work. Then again it is done in the Name of Christ, the only name in which true evangelism exists and without which all efforts to save a lost and depraved society would be fruitless. This feature makes its very nature so similar that the one suggests the other and causes their gears to mesh perfectly.

Following rather closely Christ's pattern has contributed to its acceptability. His sacrifice, persistence, patience and wisdom have been reflected, though in lesser degrees, throughout the entire endeavour. This has lent dignity and quality to the movement. Inasmuch as it was offered to needy everywhere and applied, irrespective of race, color, creed or any di-

scriminations it has greatly disarmed its opponents. Jesus shocked his critics when He ate with publicans and sinners. We cannot escape observing His technique as He fed, clothed, healed and encouraged people everywhere He went. He either preceded or closely associated physical and social benefits with His spiritual ministry. The one opened the door for the other.

Likewise in our day these social services serve the same purpose. A great church leader whom we interviewed in the Middle East said, "It is the bulldozer that goes ahead and prepares the way for missionary construction". We must always beware that institutionalism, whether medical, beneficiary or educational, essential as it may be, become the goal. It must be kept as an accessory to the supreme objective of preaching Christ and Him crucified and making disciples in every nation.

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Dr. Little states: "Thousands upon thousands of patients have emotional conflicts because they cannot make a satisfactory adjustment to the world. They make up the 60 to 75 per cent of the patients who show up in doctors' offices and receive the diagnosis, 'There is nothing wrong physically. You are just nervous.' They are seeking help — release from the satanic bondage of fear, anxiety, and worry." Does this apply to Christians too? Dr. Little says, "Yes, Christians suffer from 'nervous' symptoms—anxiety, doubts, cares, worry, troubled thoughts, fears, and bodily tensions. But Jesus said, 'Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid' (John 14:27)."

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# CFAM to Seek Boost to 5,000 Watts

Altona, Man. — An application to the CBC to permit radio station CFAM to boost its power to 5,000 watts was approved by shareholders of the Southern Manitoba Broadcasting Co. Ltd. at their annual meeting on November 15.

In other action the shareholders elected Mr. Walter E. Kroeker of Winnipeg as president, Mr. Peter Brown of Winkler as vice-president, Mr. David K. Friesen of Altona as secretary-treasurer, and Mr. David A. Fehr, Morden, and Mr. George H. Fast, Winnipeg, as members of the executive committee. Directors elected for the coming year included the executive and the following: David Bueckert, Gnadenthal; Mr. Jacob M. Froese, Winkler; Mr. Cornelius C. Neufeld, Winnipeg; and Rev. David Schultz, Altona.

In reports given by the president and the directors, the shareholders learned that during the year since the CBC Board of Governors granted a license to the company a radio station has been built, and operated since March, 1957. Broadcasting at 1290 kilocycles at a power of 1,000 watts, the radio station has met a favorable response among Manitoba listeners. An independent survey by a professional survey agency, made during November, shows that CFAM has 32.9% of all radio listeners in Manitoba south of

Winnipeg on an average of all-day listening, and 37.9% of all listeners from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Although the financial statement indicated a substantial net loss for the period, this was considered normal for a new broadcasting station, and the results were considered to be encouraging and gratifying.

## Manitoba MDS to Meet

Morden, Man. — The Manitoba Mennonite Disaster Service will have its annual meeting on Saturday, November 30, at 2 p.m. in the Evangelical Mennonite church at Rosenort, Man., the secretary, John Wiens, has announced.

Pastors, representatives of the churches, and all those interested in this work are cordially invited. Special reports will be given on the work that was done earlier in the year at Fargo, N.D.

In order to get to the church one can turn from Highway 75 at Silver Plains corner, then drive to Rosenort and turn south.

## Arrive Home

Hillsboro, Kans. — Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Peters arrived in Vancouver, B.C., on Nov. 10. They are now residing in the Yarrow-Abbotsford area. Brother and Sister Peters have returned after many years of service among the Mennonite Brethren churches and the schools in South America.

## Twin Brothers Celebrate Joint Silver Wedding

Vauxhall, Alta. — Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Thiessen and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Thiessen, together with their children, relatives and friends, jointly celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Mennonite Brethren church here on November 16.

The motto chosen for the afternoon was, "Looking unto Jesus." The two couples and their families thanked the Lord for His guidance

during the past 25 years, committing the future unto Him.

Rev. Frank Friesen from Vauxhall and Rev. Jacob Siemens of Coaldale served with messages from the Word of God.

## Reunion Set for MCI Ex-Students

Winnipeg, Man. — The mid-winter meeting of the Mennonite Collegiate Graduate Society has been planned for the Canadian Mennonite Bible College on November 30, at 7:30 p.m.

All graduates and ex-students are invited to attend this meeting. The guest speaker will be Rev. Henry Poettcker, instructor at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College. Mr. Peter Koslowsky of Niverville will sing.

Membership fees and donations for the "Building Fund" will be accepted.

A banquet will be served to all guests attending.

## On the Horizon

November 22 to 24 — Stewardship conference of the British Columbia Mennonite Youth Organization in the Bethel Mennonite church at Aldergrove.

November 24 to 29 — "Dedication Days" for the congregation and friends in the new edifice of the Herbert M.B. church. Services daily morning and evening.

November 30 — The Conference

of the Historic Peace Churches in Ontario will meet at the Eden Christian College auditorium, Virgil, Ont. Rev. Frank C. Peters will speak.

November 30 — The annual meeting of ex-students of the Mennonite Collegiate Institute will be held in the Canadian Mennonite Bible College at 7:30 p.m.

November 30 — The annual meeting of the Mennonite Disaster Service of Manitoba will be held in the Evangelical Mennonite church at Rosenort, Man., on Saturday, November 30, at 2

December 8 — The Oratorio Choir of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College will sing the first part of "The Messiah" on Sunday evening, December 8, in the North Kildonan M.B. church.

December 13 and 14 — Students of the M.B. Bible College will present a program of Christmas carols in the chapel of the college. The program will be the same both evenings.

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