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

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VISITORS AND MEMBERS gather on the steps of the Ashern, Man., mission chapel of the M.B. Mission of Manitoba. On the bottom steps are those who attend the chapel, while on the top steps are seen members of the Elmwood M.B. Church youth group that visited the mission on Sunday, Feb. 2. More pictures and article on page 3.

## Hold Joint Sunday School Conference

Herbert, Sask.—The local Mennonite Brethren and General Conference Mennonite churches are jointly sponsoring a Sunday School Workers' Institute.

The lectures will be given once a week for 12 weeks, with the first session held on February 4 in the Herbert Mennonite Brethren church. The course followed has been prepared by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association.

At the first session Rev. J. J. Thiessen and Rev. R. Janzen, instructors, ably brought out the biblical truths and applied them to

daily life and Sunday school work. A good representation of Sunday school workers attended the first session.

The course is not only good for those who have never received instruction in this field, but also serves as a refresher course for those who have gone to Bible school at one time. It also draws the teachers closer together with the other workers and with the Lord.

Anyone interested in learning more about God's Word and how to serve Christ more efficiently is welcome at these sessions.

## New Approach to Youth Activities

Vauxhall, Alta. — "New for '58" is a well-worn slogan by this time of year. We all admit, for we have seen it ourselves, that 1958 truly is in a class by itself, Sputniks included. In keeping with the trend, yet more down to earth, are the planned activities of the Vauxhall young people.

The young people's committee of the Vauxhall M.B. Church has come up with their novel idea for '58 — a study of some of our foreign missions.

The idea goes somewhat like this. Four major mission fields of special interest were chosen. They were Africa, India, Japan, and South America. Next came a division of the entire youth group into these four categories, approximating eight persons per group. Each group is to gather information as to local conditions (physical, climatical, political, cultural, etc.), historical background, workers, results, etc., and organize it into a one and a half hour program. These programs will be presented at the regular young peoples evenings, which are held every second Sunday night of the month.

An introductory program, featuring the film "Regions Beyond", will officially launch the project.

## Mennonite Selected for Student Seminar

Winnipeg, Man. — Ernest Redekop, fourth year honors English student at United College here is one of two Manitoba students selected to be University of Manitoba student representatives to the 1958 World University Service summer seminar in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Redekop, who is the son of Rev. H. H. Redekop, Winkler, is president of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and vice-president of the Association of Mennonite University Students.

Thirty-five students from universities across Canada will participate in the seminar, which takes place from July 15 to August 5.

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## Heavy Snow in Ontario

Vineland, Ont. — We in Southern Ontario are in the cold grip of winter. We have had a heavy snowfall lately and also very cold weather. Fortunately the roads have remained clear during all this and the many church services have been well attended.

Rev. C. C. Peters spoke in the M.B. church here from Feb. 6 to 9. Saturday evening he reported on their work in South America, aided by slides. His young grandson, Cornie Durksen, helped his grandfather in this. For many of us who have friends and relatives over there the pictures proved of great interest.

Sunday morning Rev. Peters chose 1 Cor. 9:24-27 as his text. He spoke of the importance of entering the race, holding to its rules and running toward the goal. It is necessary to keep the goal ever in mind, said he, and also to keep our bodies under subjection.

He gave us the following illustration: At one time he had seen a painting which he would never forget. A man, clothed in white, and facing a cross, had his hand resting on the head of a sleeping tiger at his feet.

The explanation was given under the painting. So long as the Christian has his eyes on the cross and his hand of faith on the tiger, all will be well. The tiger personifies our sinful lusts and desires. When we remove the hand of faith from the tiger we are in the clutches of our own evil nature.

## EDITORIAL

### A Gain That Is a Loss

"You don't know what you're missing!"

If an American Mennonite told this to a Canadian Mennonite he'd likely be dismissed as prejudiced and narrow-minded—and possibly as boastful. But if he was a young man of draft age serving his alternative service term, the Mennonite from the United States could certainly prove his point quickly, especially if he happened to be in Pax service.

Why? Because of the tremendous potential for good in a service program that makes young men stand true to their convictions and sets them to work in areas of great physical and spiritual need.

This is not realized by many Canadian Mennonite young men, who look upon the military draft in the U.S.A. as an evil they hope stays there. They see no advantages to the U.S. program, largely because they have never thought about the implications of alternative service. They are glad that the absence of the draft allows them to complete their education undisturbed by a two-year term as orderly in a hospital, as builder in a reconstruction project in Germany, as an agricultural worker in a crop improvement program in Timor, or as a maintenance man on a mission station in the Belgian Congo (especially since Pax men have to finance their work or have it financed by an individual or church). They are also glad that they need not wait two years more before they can enter the security of a steady job—or before they can marry and begin a home. The present situation in Canada makes the Christian life so much easier and less disruptive in the pursuit of selfish interests.

Yet what the Canadian Mennonite young man may consider gain is really a loss in many respects. It is not only a loss for him personally; it is a loss for the whole church. We are not advocating the institution of the military draft, but as the alternative service program is currently being promoted by the Mennonite churches in the United States it is having the same effect as the persecution of the early church at Jerusalem. It scatters abroad the witness to Christ and results in stronger Christians (at least in those cases where the young men were disciples of Christ before they entered alternative service). Yes, such a program has a greater potential for good than many of us realize.

What are some of the potential blessings of an alternative service program? For one thing, it takes young men out of the comparatively sheltered life of the home and local church and makes them stand on their own feet. They must develop their fellowship with Christ through Bible study and prayer to such a degree that they do not need the aids that the worship program and home normally give. This can result in a wave of virile, consecrated and zealous young men returning to their home church and strengthening it.

Such a program also broadens the horizon of the participants. Narrow views of others must be discarded as fellowship with people of other groups opens the eyes to the real conditions among those they formerly despised or at best tolerated. It also helps to promote cooperation and harmony as work situations demand this and provide experience in it. The needs of those they come in contact with in hospitals, mental hospitals, boys' homes, mission projects and those in the needy areas of the world help young men to gain a new vision of the church's responsibility in the light of Christ's commission. A new spirit of concern for the helpless, both physically and spiritually, can boost mission interest and evangelical fervor in the local church to which they return.

Of course, we really don't need military draft in Canada to give us the blessings of an alternative service program. We can provide the same experiences for our young people—and thus reap the same benefits—if we will promote the voluntary service and summer service program of the Mennonite Central Committee with vigour and encourage young men to enter Pax service voluntarily. In fact, such voluntary service has even greater potential benefits—but at the present time we have tapped but very little of the spiritual resources hidden in this program. That's why we need to promote the voluntary program vigorously!

## DEVOTIONAL

### How Smart Can You Get?

By Rev. G. A. Bucher

We are better acquainted with the negative angle of this proposition, expressed in the inelegant query, "How dumb can you get?" There may be foundation for this impolite and uncharitable question, but there is little of encouragement in it. To insinuate that our intellectual processes are functioning in low gear is only to remind us of something we suspect ourselves. To inform us that we have inherent possibilities of soaring to undreamed-of heights would be of greater value.

Only if it may be shown that this optimistic expectation has a reasonable basis in Scripture will it merit serious consideration. To lead the thirsty traveler toward inviting pools which are mere mirages painted by the heat waves of the desert does not render him any service. So we wish to found our thesis on characters living in the pages of the Bible who became "smarter" than their circumstances, would ever have warranted.

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The first example may surprise you, but do not dismiss him without a fair examination of his case. To the budding theologues who engage in heated discussion in the corridors of the Bible institutes as they attempt to "reconcile the irreconcilable," I suggest that they try solving some of the problems concerning the prophet Balaam. Balaam was a Gentile from the unidentified "mountains of the east," but few of the multitudes of Israel's hosts seem to have enjoyed such intimate contact with the unseen world as did he. The record amazes us as it relates how readily he established communication with the Lord. Balaam was undoubtedly a Fundamentalist, with a clear idea of the necessity of blood atonement as the only basis of access to God. On three separate occasions he built seven altars, offering a bullock and a ram on each as he sought important interviews with the Most High. Most astonishing are the results of those times he met with God. We are accustomed to think of Balaam in the light of the fatal moral quirk which ruined his record and we are apt to forget the heights to which he rose as a prophet.

It is from Balaam we learn that Israel "shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations" (Num. 23:9). Many a funeral sermon has owed its inspiration to Balaam, as the preacher has expounded the text: "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" Many a Christian has borrowed the prophet's phrase to express his rejoicing.

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## Evangelism at Oliver

Oliver, B.C. — God's children here united in prayer for the week of evangelistic meetings January 26 to 31 and the Lord did not withhold His blessing.

Rev. A. J. Sawatzky, pastor of the Kelowna M.B. Church, served as speaker for the services, which were attended not only by the regular members but also by outsiders. Supported by the prayers of God's people, Rev. Sawatzky's Bible-centred messages were delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit. For God's children it was a time of cleansing, refreshing, and of melting together in love for those who are still unsaved.

In the afternoons Rev. Sawatzky and Rev. John Klassen, local home missionary, made house visitations. Since the Oliver group is affiliated with the Kelowna M. B. Church this joint ministry was a blessed time for both.

Rev. Sawatzky commented that the mission had made good progress during the five years of Rev. Klassen's ministry there. A Sunday school of 105 children has been built up, with worship services held morning and evening. The organization of the mission also shows signs of stability, he said.

## Bring Program at Indian Reserve

By Mrs. V. Nickel

Carrot River, Sask. — The young people of the Gospel Mission (M.B.) here had been looking forward to February 2 for some time. That day the previously arranged visit to the Red Earth Indian Reserve was to be made.

Arrangements had been made with an Anglican deaconess at the reserve for the program by the young people. At 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2, the young people gathered at the home of the local pastor, Rev. Victor Nickel, and set out on the adventurous trip.

The road to the reserve was slippery but quite good. One hill proved too much for three of the six cars, so they had to be pushed up. After almost two hours of travelling we arrived at the reserve, just in time for the beginning of the program.

The building was soon filled to capacity. It is surprising how little room the Indians take up. They seem to be quite comfortable when we would be very uncomfortable. There were many serious faces in the congregation, for only two days before this a man had been clubbed to death in a drunken brawl at the reserve.

The program consisted of group songs, musical items, duets, testimonies by Ruth Souder, Mrs. V. Nickel, Lorne Dyck and Doug Little, a film strip, "Tom Takes the Whipping", shown by Mr. B. Gollnick, and a short message. Rev.

## Youth Group Visits Mission Station



Some of the Elmwood M.B. Church young people who took part in the trip to Ashern mission station are seen at left. They are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thiessen, Miss Anna Boldt, Miss Annamarie Kramer, Miss Marlyce Kroeker, and Miss Katie Isaak. At right are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Doerksen, resident missionaries at Ashern, with their son Richard.

Winnipeg, Man.— Fourteen young people in three cars traveled 240 miles on Sunday, Feb. 2, to bring two programs to mission groups north of Winnipeg.

The members of the young people's group at the Elmwood M. B. Church travelled 120 miles in a northwesterly direction to Ashern, stopping off at Clarkleigh for a program on their way home.

The thermometer read 10 degrees below zero when the group set out about an hour before sunrise, but the participants were in high spirits. The first stop was made 26 miles before Ashern, where coffee and pastry silenced the hunger pains of some male members—and timber wolves enlivened and added a humorous touch to the trip (they were dead!).

Arriving early at Ashern, the group had time to inspect the little chapel where services were held (including the "pipe" organ). Chilly

feet gradually thawed out also.

Mr. Max Woerlen, chairman of the Elmwood young people's mission committee that had planned the trip, served as chairman. He was assisted on the program by John Rademacher, who led in the invocation, Harry Thiessen, who led the testimony meeting, and Erich Giesbrecht, who delivered the message from God's Word. The group sang several songs, while Miss Annamarie Kramer and Miss Anna Boldt sang a duet. Miss Marlyce Kroeker had a story for the children.

After a delicious lunch in the home of the Ben Doerksens, who are the resident mission workers of the M.B. Mission of Manitoba, the group travelled to Clarkleigh, 50 miles south of Ashern. The Ben Doerksens have a service on alternate Sunday afternoons in a small, unused Anglican church there.

Several new visitors helped to

swell the attendance at Clarkleigh, where the group presented a program similar to that at Ashern. Those who assisted in the program were: David Boschman, invocation; Miss Katie Isaak, story for the children; Peter Enns, testimony; and Leslie Stobbe, the message from God's Word. The group again sang several songs, with Mrs. L. Stobbe singing a solo.

Hot instant coffee and the lunch that the group had brought along prepared everyone for the 70-mile trip home—where the group arrived in time for the evening service and the Lord's Supper.

It was a truly enjoyable trip, full of new insights into mission work conditions and the spiritual need in many of Manitoba's smaller towns. This was the first of a series of visits to mission stations planned by the missions committee of the Elmwood M.B. Church young people.

Victor Nickel spoke on John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

We know that the Word hit home to the attentive audience. One couple that enjoyed the service very much was the Reids, who are the agents at the reserve and are born-again Christians.

## Hong Kong Missionary Sailed Feb. 13

Kelowna, B.C. — A missionary on his way to Hong Kong stopped off at the M.B. church here to report on his intended work.

Rev. Peter P. Pauls, who has been in Canada for some years, since he left China after the Second World War, is returning to serve the Russian refugees in Hong Kong. Approximately 20,000 have already been forced out of China, while others are daily arriving at this British Crown Colony. Many of these formerly fled Russia after the Communist Revolution.

These refugees have no spiritual

ministry among them, so Rev. Pauls is going there under the "Missionsbund zur Ausbreitung des Evangeliums" (Germany) to minister to them. Since he knows both the Russian and the Chinese language he can serve them well.

Sailing date for Rev. Pauls was February 13, when he embarked at Seattle, Wash., for the Orient.

## Child Dedication Service

Swift Current, Sask. — Parental responsibility was the theme for the Sunday morning service on February 2. Rev. E. J. Lautermilch used Genesis 17:15-19 and 18:15-17 as the basis for his message.

Rev. C. C. Penner and Rev. Lautermilch led in the dedicatory prayers for the ten children who were brought by their parents.

That evening two German films were shown. One was "Why Do the Heathen Rage" and the other was the testimony of a saved German girl. The Brown sisters sang several songs.

## Inside of Chapel Redecorated

Horndean, Man. — If you should visit the chapel here now you would notice a great difference from what it was like before the new year.

A busy "bee" attended to thorough cleansing of the chapel interior. The walls were then gone over with a brush, after which they had a pale green color. The lower parts of the walls have been covered with plywood, giving them a natural rustic look. The floor, too, received a coat of paint. Across the entire front of the chapel a platform has been built.

To those who attend the chapel it is a lovely church. Why? Because both men and women had an active part in re-decorating it—but mostly because it is the Lord's house in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Quiring are serving at the chapel.

## Kitchen Cathedral

# Shamrocks For All

By Dorothy C. Haskin

Little Shirley Mae MacDonald came flying into the kitchen, "Mommy, mommy, tomorrow is St. Patrick's day, can I have a shamrock to wear?"

Mrs. MacDonald picked up her bit of gingham and fluff and hugged her. "What do you want a shamrock for? You aren't Irish."

"Why aren't I Irish?" the child asked.

"You are Scotch, one of the nicest things in the world to be."

"But I want to be Irish for tomorrow and have a shamrock."

"And so you shall," her mother decided, knowing she did not want to make an issue of any nationality. "You're American and have a share in many races and nationalities."

In her heart, Mrs. MacDonald knew that being an American did not make one automatically racial tolerant. But she didn't want Shirley to learn prejudice yet. Maybe if she weren't aware of it until she was older, she might be more fair to those of other races and nations.

Mrs. MacDonald knew enough history to remember that there had been a time in the United States when a man wasn't as proud of being Irish as he could be today. In her youth the talk had been of "the shanty Irish." That was the lowest thing that could be said about anyone. But the Irish had climbed the political ladder until the contempt of another generation was almost forgotten.

Each generation and each section of the country seemed to have its own prejudices. In many sections of the country the Negro question was the only one that seemed to be noticed. But the Negro was forcing himself up the theatrical ladder, demanding a place in society. And in some cities the church was helping the Negro question.

While the Negro question was the one at present that was attracting the most attention, there was always the Jewish question. Prejudice so warps people's minds, that if a Jew made money he was condemned while a gentile could make five times as much without comment. And in Southern California, there was the Mexican question. Though Mexico itself was next door with all its art and beauty, showing a country fast finding its place in the family of nations.

There was the thick Swede in certain parts of the country, the bull-headed German, the tight Scotchman, and the Dutch-treat Dutchman, all fighting their way through layers of prejudice, prejudice that all too often existed in the heart of the Christians.

The verse, "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to

dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26) lay unnoticed in too many Bibles. The Apostle Paul had preached that truth on Mars Hill in the City of Athens about 53 A.D. But still each person thought that his race or his color or his nationality better than that of another.

The Bible levels all in an even more personal way when it says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). That verse allows for no pride of heritage, but only the humiliation of sin in each heart.

God's Word divides people not by the slant of the eyes, or the color of the skin, or the thickness of the lips, or the shape of the skull, but into "The Jew, the gentile and the church of God" (I Corinthians 10:32). The Jew to whom was given the Law of Moses... the gentile, who was given the law in their conscience, the church of God, who acknowledges they have broken both laws therefore have received Christ as Saviour. To all three classes, the Bible says, "Give none offense."

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## Missionary Visits Bethania Church

**Prairie View, Sask.** — Miss Katie Penner, missionary to the Belgian Congo now home on furlough, reported and gave a brief testimony in the Bethania M.B. church here on Sunday, January 26.

Miss Penner presented the need of the field and also of the workers there in an effective manner. Her report was followed by a brief message by Rev. F. J. Peters of Swift Current, who had brought Miss Penner to the service.

Later that Sunday Miss Penner served in the Woodrow M. B. church.

## First at Fire Scene

**Brandon, Man.** — A Mennonite Observer correspondent from here was first at the scene of a fire that took the lives of two children on February 8.

Otto Funk was driving by on the Trans-Canada highway, about a block from the home, when he noticed the flames coming from the house, a modest, one-storey tarpaper structure. He quickly drove to the scene and saw the mother outside, putting her in his car to shield her from the 13-below zero temperature. He was unable to enter the house because of the flames.

Douglas Webb, two, and his sister, Diane, 15 months old, died in the flames. Mrs. Webb had been driven from the house clad only in flimsy underclothing.

Mr. Webb, a plumber, had left for work about 7 a.m. and it is believed the fire started shortly before 7:45 a.m. Mrs. Webb awoke when she smelled smoke, but before she could get to the children's bedroom the entire house was a mass of flame.

By the time firemen got to the house it had almost burned to the ground. A car parked at the rear of the Webb home was also destroyed by the fire.

Mrs. Webb was taken to the home of her parents.

## The Bible Today

Production of Scriptures by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1957 totalled 1688 tons. These shipments, to all parts of the world, in more than 1100 languages, were made up of 1,946,156 Bibles, 1,112,723 New Testaments and 2,006,211 Portions. The total of 5,065,090 volumes distributed represents a slight decrease over 1956 but an increase of 300,000 in the number of whole Bibles.

The national headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada reports that the parent Society used 11,218 freight cases and 51,409 packages in sending out its annual production of Scriptures.

## Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake P. Doerksen of Gem, Alta., a son, Arno James, on January 25, 1958.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Penner of Holmfield, Man., on January 15, a boy, Danny Jake.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sawatzky of Holmfield, Man., became the parents of a baby girl, Myrna-Lynn Ruth, on January 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wiebe, Kelowna, B.C., a son, Lawrence Paul, on January 24.

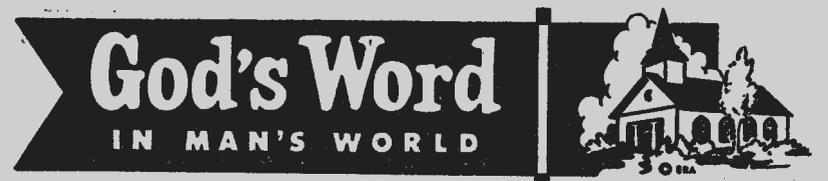
Gerald Wayne, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. John Unger, Hamilton, Ontario, on February 8, 1958. It's a little brother for Daniel.

## Institute Visits Horndean Group

**Horndean, Man.** — On January 19 the group here had the privilege of having the male quartet and the dean of the Winnipeg Bible Institute as guests.

Rev. W. Affleck accompanied the quartet, one of whom is a member of the youth group at the chapel here.

A short message was given by one of the singers, Lawrence Muter. Rev. Affleck also spoke.



## Language Without Speech

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

It is quite possible that you have not heard of the International Association of Laryngectomees; like many an unsung society it is providing a specialized service and some 20,000 people in this country look to it for help.

These are people who do not possess the usual facilities for speech being without the larynx, or "voice box," that instrument in the throat which makes normal speech possible. When the Association learns of a larynx-less person, the local chapter is contacted in order that aid and comfort might be suggested and provided.

There is a spiritual truth at this point. Our chief channel of communication is by means of speech and when that is crippled or closed, difficulties arise. But the romance-weavers are not alone in suggesting a "language of the heart which speech needeth not," for the Almighty maintains a similar channel for the touching of the soul. Before His perfect Presence, the "words within," the thoughts of the heart, form the truer reflection of the man than the words which fly across the lips. "Heartspeech"

may be as a deafening roar to His ears, while thunderous vocal expressions may not be noted whatsoever. He is of holier hearing than to heed that which is of artificial compass.

"Think not to say within yourselves..." (Matthew 3:9) is an arresting phrase. Men shall be called to render account for every idle word (Matthew 12:36), but how much more for that sinful indolence of heart which has not seriously weighed spiritual realities! "What you are speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say," comes not only from Emerson, but from the whole searching of the Word of the Living God. The schemes of the heart slip into the speech and betray that which desperately requires the off-set of a new birth (John 3) and a new creation (II Corinthians 5:17).

The cleavage between His measurements and our puny scales is again illuminated. The heart is "heard" before Him, while vain, proud words which glitter of human form, may bear of condemning silence before the court of heaven. "I the Lord search the heart" (Jeremiah 17:10) is a required word to silence our speech and search out our souls before Him.

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## First Young People Join Church

By Hans Kasdorf\*

**Blumenau, Brazil.** — Greetings from tropical Brazil to all readers. "The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly" (Psalm 118:15).

Through the gospel ministry of Rev. Hans Legiehn, who conducted evangelistic meetings in this church early in 1957, a number of people had made a decision for Christ. When we came here last October we soon realized that these young Christians needed special attention and instruction in the fundamentals of the Christian faith. The Lord gave victory. One after the other saw the need of complete surrender and a closer walk with Him, Whom they confessed to be their Lord. This conviction grew and created within them a desire to follow the footprints of Jesus down into the baptismal water. What a great victory and step of obedience this is!

January 19 was a blessed day for our small M.B. congregation in the city of Blumenau. One elderly lady and three young people were baptized. After a short service in the church we went to the river close by where the baptism took place. It was a real joy to welcome these young Christians into the fellowship of our assembly and observe

with them the Holy Communion. In connection with this Rev. R. C. Seibel of Harvey, N.D., who was with us for this day, spoke challengingly on the conditions that qualify the Christian to partake of the Lord's Supper. His message was based on I Cor. 11:23-34.

We are very grateful to God who still, like in the apostolic age, adds to His Church the saved (Acts 2:47). "For thirty years I searched for peace in the Evangelical Church. In all those years I never found what I have found here in a few months," Mrs. Brueckheimer, one of the baptismal candidates stated in her testimony. In a special way do we rejoice for the young people who were baptised. These are the first young people in our church. We need our youth, for without them we have no hope of a church for tomorrow.

Pray with us as we attempt to win others for Christ and endeavor to teach the believers "to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded us" (Matth. 28:20). The Lord will reward faithfulness and answer the many prayers of intercession.

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## Rev. Ben Epp Speaks at Horndean

By Cleopatra Heinrichs

**Horndean, Man.** — We have enjoyed two weeks of spiritual refreshment here during a series of services with Rev. Ben Epp of Vauxhall, Alta., as speaker.

Rev. Epp followed the invitation of the pastor, Abe Quiring, and the church board to serve as evangelist. At each prayer meeting for several months previous to the services they had been the subject of earnest intercession. Our prayer was that we as Christians might receive the Word with open and ready hearts and that our neighborhood might be stirred by the testimony of our lives and by the Word of God.

The first service commenced on Sunday, January 26, at 11 a.m. The services during the first week were in the German language, while the second week's meetings were in English. Of course the children were also remembered with a story every evening. Brother Epp had a clear and scriptural way of telling stories from his experiences in South America as a missionary. Night after night the church was well-filled.

Presentation of the Gospel in song was another feature of the services. The male quartets from the Altona and Winkler Bible schools and a local Bible quartet

served, as did the male choir of the Morden M. B. Church, a mixed quartet and a choir.

The services closed on Friday, Feb. 7, but the presence of the Lord remains.

## Hear Challenge of Missions

**Oliver, B.C.** — The daily personal fellowship with God is of utmost importance in the life of the believer. God is always willing to meet with us, but are we willing to meet with Him? Along with these blessings, often taken for granted by us, God gives us times of special blessing when He rouses us out of our complacency and faces us squarely with the responsibilities to our fellowman.

This was the gist of the message delivered to the M.B. group here by Mr. Manville Bedford of the Shantyman's Mission when he visited the chapel on January 7. He also showed the film, "This Way to Heaven." The evening revealed how indifferent Christians can become to the needs of those round about them.

The dire physical and spiritual needs of orphans was presented to the group on January 19 by Mr. Ken Jardine of the Mission to Orphans. He pointed out the great possibilities of making our life count for eternity by investing in foreign missions.



The boys group at the top attended the retreat at the leprosy mission, Paraguay. Standing at the left in second row are Dr. and Mrs. John R. Schmidt. Willy Janz, who organized the boys' club, stands at the right. Next to him is Gerhard Goossen, his helper in the boys' work. The retreat combined service, recreation and worship. Below the boys contribute service through hoeing the garden at the leprosy mission.

## Boys' Work in Paraguay

## Decisions at Retreat

By Willy Janz

**Friesland, Paraguay** — The boys' work here in Friesland Colony, Paraguay, has been encouraging. We started with a group of nearly 30 boys. Several dropped out, but most of them kept coming regularly. The younger boys meet on Friday; the older group on Saturday afternoon. Even from the most distant village they have come on foot if their father needed the horse at home.

Our work and recreation programs have continued during the past year. Most important have been the Bible study and devotional periods. The boys have been given Bible questions to answer at home. One Sunday afternoon we invited parents and friends for a little graduation and showing and selling of articles the boys had made. The interest of the people in the work is certainly encouraging.

The happiest experience of the year was the decisions of several boys to accept the Lord as their personal Savior. This experience occurred during our retreat at the leprosy mission station near Asuncion. We made the 12-day trip to provide a retreat for the boys and to carry out a mission project at the leprosy mission.

Dr. and Mrs. John R. Schmidt

were happy for our coming. We worked in the garden for several days hoeing weeds. Two days were set aside for recreational and devotional meetings.

The evening messages were evangelistic. It was a joy to see three boys accept the Lord after the first meeting and a few others the second meeting. An after-meeting for the new converts developed quite spontaneously. They remained outside until we had talked to those under conviction. Then we had the opportunity to show these boys some important things in an informal way. With the singing of several songs we closed the day, most grateful for the Lord's working in our midst.

May the Lord keep the boys and may they stand faithful and true to Him! After my return from the conference in Fernheim, I intend to have a short Bible course or "Taufunterricht" for these and other young people who would like to be baptized.

We thank you for your prayers and ask you to continue in prayer for us. After New Year's we plan another youth retreat for other young people from Friesland and the young people from Volendam.



## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Are you ever afraid when you have to walk down a dark road alone? Does fear come over you when a thunder and lightning storm draws near? Do loudly barking dogs scare you?

If so, then little Bessie can give you some advice. She was a little girl five years old. One day as she was practising her piece for the Sunday school concert she said a few words—and then burst into tears. Her father, who had been standing behind a curtain, stepped out and asked, "Why, Bessie darling, what is the trouble? I thought you knew your little piece well."

"So I do, Daddy, but I couldn't see you. Let me stand where I can look into your face; then I won't be afraid."

Bessie took courage when she could look into her father's face. All of us can be brave at all times if we will remember to look up into the face of our Father in heaven. God is looking down on us at all times. He sees us even when it's dark, when the thunder rolls and the lightning flashes. If we remember this and pray to Him when we are afraid, He'll give us courage in all dangerous situations. We need never fear, for God is always near and has His guardian angels watching over us.

Aunt Selma.

## A Missionary Bicycle

Oh me! What a day this has been! The first full day since I've been with my new owner! I really was so curious about all the new things I saw last night that I didn't sleep very well. You know how it is when you're in a new and strange place. Why, everything's so different out here from back home. 'Course, I've never really had any other home, but I did see a lot of the houses on my way down to the boat that day. And then, too, I had heard the men who came into Export talking about their homes and families. They'd sure be surprised to find me now, living in a little round mud hut with a grass roof. And not only living here—but liking it.

I can just imagine how that man who polished me would like sleeping on the beds that Manu and A'i have. Why, their beds are made out of cornstalks tied together! And their mattresses aren't anything but woven grass mats! They don't have very much, but they are happy. I guess that's what really counts, isn't it? And I'm sure I've found out why they are happy. It's because they love the Lord Jesus.

Well, I was telling you about the house and how they live. I laughed to myself when I saw A'i cooking last night. Do you know what she has for a stove? Three rocks! They are put on the ground and a fire built between them and the cooking pot set down on top of them. Their stove may not be so fancy, but the food she cooked surely smelled good. It made even my mouth water—and I wouldn't like to eat anything but the oil and grease that

I get for my gears and chains and joints.

Manu and A'i ate tuwo da miya last night. I've found out that's the main kind of food out here. Tuwo is a thick porridge and the miya is the gravy that they pour over it. A'i put lots of onions and peppers into it to make it really spicy.

But, as I was saying, I was so excited last night I didn't sleep much. I was glad when Manu and A'i got up this morning. It seemed that I'd been awake for hours waiting for them to come for me.

When they did finally get up—it really wasn't late, I was just anxious for them to get going—I was happy to see Manu get his Bible down off the shelf that is nailed to the wall. It's a Hausa Bible and he and A'i read about the Lord Jesus, and then they prayed. It made my heart jump with joy when Manu asked the Lord to help me to help them tell others about the Lord Jesus.

I got to wondering just how I would be helping them. I felt sure that whatever I'd be doing would really be exciting. And so for that reason, I was all bike bumps (How do you expect a bicycle to get goose bumps?) when I heard Manu saying to A'i, "I think I'll hop on Keke and ride out to Crocodile Lake. I haven't been there for a long time."

Crocodile Lake! I don't know . . . that didn't sound so very good to me. I could just imagine one of those big things sinking his teeth into my nice round rubber tires.

"It won't take you very long on Keke," A'i said. "It will be nice for

you to be able to get there and back real fast."

"Eight miles seems like a long walk," Manu answered, "but I don't think it will be so long with Keke. Anyhow, I want to try it out and see how fast and how well he does travel."

I made up my mind right then I was going to go as fast as I possibly could. I may not be as fast as Speedy, but I was certainly going to try.

Manu continued talking to A'i as he pumped up my tires and oiled some of my gears, "I've been think a lot about Ali. I do wish he'd believe on the Lord Jesus. Sometimes I think he's about ready to believe and then he just says, 'Well, maybe someday.'"

After breakfast (they had more porridge and gravy), Manu took me out into the yard. They do most of their living there. Even A'i's cookstove—if that's what you call the three stones—is outside. Soon we were on our way. We started through town. Everywhere we went people stopped us to admire me. (And if Manu thought maybe they weren't going to see us he rang my bell!)

Everyone liked me.

"Oh, how it shines!"

"Look, the wheels are round!" (Well, of course, what did they expect?)

"Where are you going on that new bicycle?"

"Can I ride it?"

I thought we'd never get through town. I was anxious to get this business of Crocodile Lake settled. I was so concerned about that Crocodile that I really couldn't enjoy all the praises I got. And I didn't pay much attention to the town, either. I do remember though that we went through many narrow, crooked paths that twisted and turned between high mud walls or broken down cornstalk fences.

Pretty soon we left the town and followed a path through the farmlands. I guess it was harvest time, for all the boys and girls we met had huge bundles of grain on their heads. Some of the boys had nothing on but little loincloths, and others had short white pants that had been made out of salt bags. I saw some that still had the letters, SALT, printed in big blue letters across the back. I thought they looked funny, but nobody seemed to think anything about it, so I guess it must be in style.

Some of the littler boys and girls were all dressed up in a smile and a string of charms! That's all they had on! These charms they wear are made out of leather, and Manu was mentioning to one of the boys that he didn't think he ought to trust a bit of leather and paper to help him. You know, I've found out, that only Manu and A'i in this whole village love the Lord Jesus. It really is too bad, isn't it?

Finally, after travelling through

the farmlands and a forest we could see a little village. I looked real hard, but I couldn't see any lake and I couldn't see any crocodiles.

As we got closer to the town I saw a group of people standing by one of the huts. The folks were all yelling and screaming and I couldn't make much sense out of anything they were saying:

"Kill it!"

"No, don't kill it here! Wait till it gets outside!"

"It's already dead! I killed it!"

"That's bad luck"

We were hurrying fast to see what was going on. I did that last few hundred yards to the little hut about as fast as anyone could, I'm sure.

"What's wrong?" Manu cried as he jumped off me and ran into the house. I thought for one awful moment I was going to fall to the ground, but then I saw he'd stopped where I'd just lean against the wall of the hut.

"A snake bit Ali," someone yelled.

"When?" Manu asked.

"Just now. In fact, we'd just seen you coming out of the forest. We were here talking to Ali and he went back into the house for something and a snake bit him. See it?"

I looked over to where the man was pointing. Ugh, there was a big black snake lying stretched out in the path. I was awfully glad someone had killed it.

But do you know . . .? Manu didn't waste any time at all. He got busy and fixed Ali up.

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# FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(47th Installment)

Both examinations had been easy. In composition Liesbeth had to write a short story in the Russian language and in oral and written arithmetic the externs had somewhat complicated problems. Everyone had ended with the same answer, and no doubt they were the correct ones. For oral Russian the students were asked to parse one sentence. Liesbeth had had some trouble with hers. She never had cared for such mechanical matters as parsing sentences. All examinations had been individual ones, each student meeting with a Pavlograd Gymnasium professor in designated rooms at appointed hours. Liesbeth mentioned nature study, for which she answered questions about iron and the roots of plants, and her history tests. For geography the examiner had asked her to tell him all she knew about Finland, France and Iran. Liesbeth laughed, saying, "We have been studying those countries repeatedly since our first year at the girls' school, and I was still talking about Finland when the professor stopped me, saying that he was satisfied with my answer."

After the geography test the whole group had taken a week-end trip to Wiesenfeld. That was the home village of Nelly Korniejevna and of one of the externs in the group. On Sunday, the day of Pentecost, they had listened to the village minister.

"What's Wiesenfeld like?" asked Sara.

"Oh, it looks somewhat different from Margenau," Liesbeth told her. "It's new and, unlike Margenau, there are no other Mennonite communities nearby. The homes are much nicer than ours and bigger too. One side of the street is vacant land."

Returning from Wiesenfeld, Liesbeth had immediately set to work to review notes and books for the remaining examinations. The last one was in oral German. She was asked to translate a story from Russian to German. The name of the story was "The Big Table." "If you had been asked to translate that fantastic tale, Sara, you would have had to laugh," Liesbeth said. "It was a children's story. Imagine secondary school students translating nursery rhymes. When I was approximately at the halfway mark, the examining instructor told me that I need not go any farther."

Sara's eyes sparkled as she list-

ened. She knew the answers to all the questions Liesbeth had mentioned. The examinations were challenges that she would have enjoyed meeting. Liesbeth said, "I had to review a great deal for those tests, and I was trembling each time I entered the examiner's room. For you, the examinations would have been easy."

"What makes you think so?" Sara asked.

With an encouraging expression of pride on her face Liesbeth reminded, "We have known each other since we learned to walk. We tried to outdo each other in Sunday school. We sat together and studied on those two-man benches in the girls' school, and in my recollection your natural intelligence is right next door to genius. I have yet to see a challenge that you could not tackle successfully. Often I was jealous of your sagacity, and I know that even this very minute you could walk away with a grade of 5 on every one of the examinations I had at Pavlograd."

"What are you going to do now?" Sara inquired.

"I'll soon be taking more examinations. They are the ones that the Molotschna Mennonite school board prescribes for secondary school students and which cover German literature, Bible and church history. They will be given in August or September. After that? I don't know. I'll probably be home this coming winter, giving you a chance to catch up with me once more," Liesbeth said.

Sara laughed and said, "Thank you! How generous! I'll have you know, though, that you did not have to give me a chance to overtake you at the girls' school."

"You not only overtook me but you passed me so fast that for a long time I couldn't see you for dust," Liesbeth said, and both girls laughed heartily. "Just the same," Liesbeth said softly, "I'll most likely be around this winter; from where I sit, all doors are closed. Therefore, don't get well too fast or you'll get too far ahead of me. Take your time about it and sometime a year from now we'll start talking about that Gymnasium, remember?"

"I remember."

Liesbeth had tried hard to cheer Sara, but actually Liesbeth was the one who needed cheering up. She was disturbed about the health of her friend. Although Sara was up and around, she seemed tired and her voice was still not normal.

The following fall Liesbeth returned to Gnadenfeld for her Mennonite school-board examinations. She enjoyed those days. She had missed Gnadenfeld and its students and teachers during the summer and appreciated the renewal of friendships, fellowship and activities of the short extra session. The first thing Mutter told Liesbeth when she returned home at the conclusion of her tests was that Sara had been quite ill and that Liesbeth should go and see her as soon as possible.

She left immediately, for she had several messages from teachers that she wanted to deliver to her.

Smiling, resigned and quiet, Aunt Regehr met Liesbeth at the door.

"How is she?" Liesbeth queried.

"Come right in," Aunt Regehr said, taking her to Sara's room. She was the same cheerful girl she always had been, and she looked just as usual but her face was hot. She was propped up with two or three pillows. A Bible and a pitcher of water with a glass near it were on a little stand at the head of the bed.

"What in the world are you trying to do, pretending you are sick?" Liesbeth asked.

With a cheerful grin, Sara replied, "Yesterday I had a hemorrhage. The doctor from Tiege was here. He said that my trouble is tuberculosis of the larynx. He told us that there is no hope."

Liesbeth sat down in a chair that Aunt Regehr had placed a few feet from the bed a little earlier. She was at a loss for words. She knew it was true. Sara would not think of inventing a thing like that. Liesbeth wanted to go out and have a cry, but she could not let Sara know that she was disturbed. And why was Sara so cheerful?

Liesbeth gritted her teeth, straightened herself and asked, "Did the doctor give you any medicine?"

Sara nodded.

"That's going to get you out of bed before the first snow falls," Liesbeth predicted. "Doctors know much more about people's diseases now than they used to, and that medicine may put you on your feet before you know it."

"I hope so," Sara responded without conviction.

Without being asked, Liesbeth told Sara about her latest sojourn in Gnadenfeld and the various messages she had been asked to deliver to her. "And what do you think! Katja Korniejevna is coming to Margenau one of these days to visit you and me," Liesbeth said happily. "Isn't that wonderful?"

The messages and the news of their beloved teacher's impending visit visibly cheered Sara. Her questions and remarks were brief. There was a struggle inside both girls. Both were experiencing tense but affectionate inner emotions that, for the sake of the other, they tried to conceal. Gradually and

tenderly Sara became more and more realistic, and just as delayingly and gently Liesbeth, too, began to show a more realistic attitude.

"There is one thing above all others that I'll never stop thanking you for," Liesbeth said.

"What's that?"

"It's what you did for me that night in Gnadenfeld. Do you remember it?" Liesbeth asked, as her eyes filled with tears.

"I'll never forget it," Sara said, her eyes, too, filling with tears, "but actually I should always be thanking you for giving me the chance to help you." Sara reached for the Bible on the stand beside her bed. She held it out to Liesbeth.

Liesbeth touched its soft Morocco leather cover and commented on the beauty of the book.

"My father gave it to me last March for my birthday," Sara said.

"Is there anything in particular that you want me to read to you?" Liesbeth asked with a smile.

Sara, recalling that same question, grinned broadly and said, "You don't need to scare me," as she attempted to remove her extra pillows.

Liesbeth helped her, then sat down again. Slowly, she turned the leaves of the book and read what she knew had always been Sara's favorite passage. Then she stopped and looked at Sara. She had fallen asleep. Quietly Liesbeth closed the book and put it back in its place. "When she leaves, she will not go empty-handed," Liesbeth said to herself, as she tiptoed out of the room. "There will be at least one sheaf in her hands."

A few days later, in the big shed of the Langemanns, Sara's neighbors, Liesbeth was almost as confused and mournful as she had been after Maria's passing. She felt as if the sky had collapsed over her head and all of her aspirations had come tumbling down in a million pieces. This time there was no brave Sara to cheer her. Her eyes had closed forever. This time Liesbeth knew that God's hand had been at work. But what was His purpose? The Regehrs were the most saintly Christians she knew. Sara had been the most intelligent and sincere girl with whom she had associated. She had had such a trusting faith in God. As Liesbeth listened to the strains of "Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest!" and watched Aunt Regehr now and then wiping a tear off her cheek, Liesbeth resolved that, come what may, there was one thing she was going to hold onto and would never lose. That was her and Aunt Regehr's and Sara's faith in God. Liesbeth wished she might possess more of their perfect acceptance of God's ways. Perhaps the reason for her failure to go to school or to teach that year was to have time for inner growth.

(To be continued)

## Water, Next Summer And You

### Many Opportunities in Summer Service

Man cannot live without water.

Water is a symbol of life. This summer you have an opportunity to give — in a symbolic sense — the water of life to many needy people who are parched from lack of good health and a normal life.

This you may do through the summer service program of Mennonite Central Committee. Consider these opportunities:

#### Projects With Children

**Camp Paivika** — A mountain camp at Crestline, Calif., serving 600 crippled youngsters in five two-week sessions. Ten men and women with two years of college needed as camp counselors. \$160 for the summer less \$24 unit fee. June 20—August 31.

**Fairlee Manor** — A small camp for crippled children located on a rustic spacious estate on the Chesapeake Bay near Chestertown, Md. Four counselors who have two years of college are needed to help in crafts, swimming, music, nature study and religious activities. \$150 for summer less \$22 unit fee. June 27—August 30.

**Institute of Logopedics** — Children with speech and hearing defects are served in this modern institution at Wichita, Kan. Eight persons may assist in classrooms, relief duty and recreation. \$15 a month. June 11—August 12.

**Ailsa Craig Boys Farm** — Six volunteers needed to help in the farm program, household and counseling for adolescent boys at Ailsa Craig, Ont. \$15 a month.

**Governor Bacon Health Center** — This center, located at Delaware City, Del., at the edge of Atlantic tidewaters, serves emotionally-disturbed children. Six persons (two nurses) needed in recreational and educational work. \$75 a month less unit fee of \$11 a month. June 18—August 29.

**Wiltwyck School for Boys** — Two persons are challenged to conduct a summer religious education program in this school for 100 boys at Esopus, N.Y. \$15 a month. June 23—July 25.

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#### Service to the Mentally-Ill

**Fergus Falls** — A Minnesota State Hospital serving 1900 patients located on an 1100-acre tract in northwest Minnesota. Ten persons may serve as psychiatric aides. \$100 a month less \$20 a month unit fee. June 16—August 29.

**Manitoba Hospital** — A large provincial mental hospital at Brandon where 28 persons may serve as nurses' aides and ward attendants. \$150 a month for men, \$100 for women, less 10% unit fee. Begin early spring through a maximum period of six months.

**Ontario Hospital** — The largest mental hospital in Ontario located at London serving 1600 patients needs 34 persons as ward attendants. \$50 a month less 10% unit fee. May 1 to end of summer.

**Hastings** — This cottage-type State Hospital located 20 miles south of the Twin Cities needs ten persons to serve as psychiatric aides. \$100 a month less \$20 a month unit fee. June 16—August 29.

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#### Mexico

A workcamp in community service at Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, and surrounding areas for 12 persons June 20—July 19. \$60. Two scholarships of \$60 each available to students.

An educational 17-day tour (two college credit hours awarded) to south including Mexico City for 17 additional persons July 20—August 6 at \$185. Both workcamp and tour \$245.

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#### Ministry to Migrants

**New York State** — Sixteen men and women may teach crafts, lead recreation and teach Bible classes in migrant labor camps at Hamilton and Waterville, N.Y. \$15 a month. June 20—August 22.

**California** — Three persons, preferably college graduates, may serve with ecumenical service teams in the San Jose and San Joaquin valleys. \$15 a month. Middle of June to middle of August.

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#### Medical Welfare

**National Institutes of Health** — Between 15 and 20 healthy men and women may become normal control volunteers in important medical research tests in the fields of cardiac diseases, arthritis and mental health. Not hazardous.

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### How Smart Can You Get?

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ing in the triumphs of the gospel, "What hath God wrought!" How often has his sublime declaration of the immutability of God's character encouraged the believer to go on trusting in the midst of trial: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Then most notably the eye of this mysterious Gentile seer penetrated the future with a clarity hitherto unequalled, so as to envision the majestic figure of Messiah Himself: "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold

him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel... Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion" (Num. 24:17, 19).

If some of us could experience such lofty inspiration and have the results recorded as were these, we would be willing to consider it a satisfactory life's work. If at this point Balaam had had sense enough to go home and mind his own business there is ground to believe that he would have gone down in history in a different light. But a wicked moral twist in his character wrecked him. Balaam was determined to attain reputation and wealth at any cost, a frame of mind not unknown in the modern ecclesiastical world. After his dismissal in disgust by Balak, apparently the prophet returned, lured by the prospect of "easy money," and showed the Moabite king how he might corrupt a people who could not otherwise be cursed. So while Balaam remains as a surprising example of illumination, his portrait is hung in the rogues' gallery of sacred history.

Our next proof case showing "how smart" a soul in contact with heaven can get presents fewer problems. Daniel and his companions came on the scene in one of the darkest periods of Israel's history. When out of the wreckage of the Jewish monarchy these young men were carried to Babylon, their future was indeed dark. Yet as inspiration streamed down from the other world, they were amazingly equipped, not only to survive but to forge to the front in the treacherous atmosphere of the court. "Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams... And... the king... found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his realm" (Dan. 1:17, 20 A.S.V.).

In the most successful lives come moments of supreme crisis. The troubled spirit of the haughty monarch, intent on recovering the fugitive dream, created for Daniel and his companions a situation of extreme peril. The leading "scientists" of the empire failed dismally to shed any light on the king's matter, and the captive Jews were counted in their number. Unless a rapid solution were found they would perish along with the other members of this learned caste.

As we think about our theme let us notice that the problem facing these young men was primarily intellectual. There was something they needed most urgently to know and which they never would know unless they received supernatural help. How smart did they get? We know the answer: "smart" enough to escape from their dilemma. But for us it is important to learn the secret of their success. We read that "Daniel went to his house, and

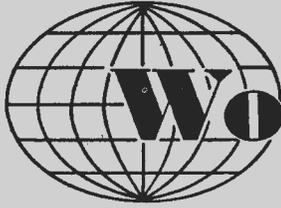
made the thing known to... his companions: that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon" (2:17 A.S.V.). Here was one prayer meeting when no one fell asleep on his knees.

It is important to note that the prayer began at zero. If the young Jews had had some idea of the right answer they might have been tempted to scratch their heads rather than bend their knees. But there was nothing left for them other than to cast themselves on the mercy of God. There is a real point here. A person may be standing in his own light as he seeks divine guidance and illumination. "A little knowledge is dangerous." If we really want God to speak to us, it would be better to wait before Him as though we knew nothing. Remember that Christ was crucified at "the place of a skull," a human head without brains. This may be God's estimate of man's wisdom in spiritual things. The answer that Daniel received was entirely from God; it was not a mixture of Jewish ingenuity and divine inspiration. Certainly it came with a scope and a significance beyond the young Hebrew's wildest dreams.

How smart can you get? The Old Testament affords many examples, perhaps as striking as these we have cited, of individuals who ascended to heights of understanding far beyond their natural capabilities. Does the New Testament offer us anything as encouraging? As we would suppose, the basis for such optimistic expectation is widened even further. Out of an abundance of material we shall refer to an interesting fact connected with the closing days of our Lord's earthly ministry. The two disciples walking with Jesus on the road to Emmaus had their eyes opened, "and they knew him" (Luke 24:31). Moments after His departure these disciples referred joyfully to the way in which Jesus "opened" to them the Scriptures. Then as the Lord appeared to the group of disciples, the record says that He "opened... their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures" (verse 45). In the original the same compound word is used in each of these cases: anoigo, "to open," with the prefix dia, "to open wide."

The door of our understanding has been opened, but are we sure that it is wide open? Is it always necessary that the children of this age be wiser for their generation than the children of light? Would this be true if Christians were not merely awake, but wide awake? Doubtless we have all sought divine illumination, but has it ever been with the urgency and fervor of the Hebrew youths confronted by death? Are we, in truth, as smart as we can get?

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## Round-Up of World-Wide

### RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

#### Protests Keep Radio Program On Air

The management of Radio Station WPAW in Pawtucket has decided not to cancel the religious program, Temple Time Broadcast, as planned. A month ago the director of Temple Time, the Reverend Edward B. Hill, told his listeners that the station was going to change to a new concept of programming which would not have room for Temple Time. The station manager received such a flood of protests from radio listeners that he reversed his decision. Zion Gospel Temple in East Providence has been sponsoring the daily broadcast for 4 years.

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#### WEF Moving Boston Headquarters To Chicago Next April

Offices of the National Association of Evangelicals' Commission for World Evangelical Fellowship will be moved from Boston to Chicago on April 1. A suite of rooms has been leased in the Chicago Christian Business Mens' buildings, 108 North Dearborn Street, in the heart of the Loop. Expanding operations of the Commission have made the change necessary, for convenience. Two principal functions of WEF are its services to its associated National Fellowships in 21 countries, and the leadership provided in the United States for Conferences on World Evangelism. Dedication exercises for the new office will be held during the week of the NAE Annual Convention — April 14 -18.

(Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Smith of England is International President of World Evangelical Fellowship. Vice Presidents are: Mr. John Bolten of Andover, Mass., The Rt. Rev. Hugh Gough of London and Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis, Minn. The Co-Secretaries are Mr. A. Jack Dain of London and Dr. J. Elwin Wright of Boston. The Chairman of the NAE's Commission for WEF is Dr. J. Palmer Muntz of Buffalo, New York. The Vice Chairman is Dr. Harold J. Ockenga of Boston and the Treasurer, Mr. Clifford O. J. Nelson of Dover, Mass.

(Four years ago the Commission organized SHARE as the corporate vehicle for receiving and transmitting funds for the support of its overseas associates.)

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#### Operate "Live" Prayer Counselling Service

A "live" prayer answering service for telephone users will be operated at Topeka, Kansas, on a 24-hour basis for several weeks before Easter. The Topeka Council

of Churches will begin the service on February 18 and continue it until Easter Sunday, April 6. Anyone desiring to have another person lead them in prayer will be able to dial a special number to hear a prayer for help on any personal problem. Prayers will be given by ministers and lay persons of various churches. Volunteers will serve in one-hour shifts.

This will be the second year such a project has been held in Topeka. A similar service is provided in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Elsewhere, a similar service — Telephone Samaritan — run by St. Stephen's church, Walbrook, London, has been extended from daytime to round-the-clock. Some 100 volunteers are on call to visit inquirers.

In Berlin, just one year ago, Dr. Klaus Thomas opened a tiny office and announced that he would be available at the telephone to counsel with people in trouble. Hardly had the word got around than the phone began to ring endlessly. The office had to be enlarged, and finally moved to the heart of the city. That Berlin center, called the Saint Luke's Society, receives extended counselling calls on an average of 30 times a day. More than 2,000 people have been helped. And in addition to phone conferences, advice and assistance have been given in response to about 750 letter requests from all over West Germany.

In Helsinki, Finland, Pastor Heimer Virkhunen reports a similar service. Within weeks after he began his telephone ministry, he had to engage 12 assistants.

Similar services are found in Copenhagen, Denmark and Stockholm, Sweden, besides a long list of lesser cities. A similar service will be opened shortly in Zurich, Switzerland.

#### Danish Baptists ask Right to Supply School Teachers

Baptists in Denmark have petitioned for a change in the law which requires that teachers of religion in primary schools must be members of the Lutheran church. They want members of their churches to be permitted as teachers. They say the religious instruction in the schools should not be "one-sided or standardized," but of a "common Christian character."

The Church of Denmark opposes this request. It points out that 97 per cent of the nation's population is enrolled in the Lutheran church, and says it is logical that teachers of religion should be members of this church. Children of non-Lutheran families are excused from

the religion classes upon parents' request.

The question will probably soon come up in the parliament.

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#### Scripture Press acquires My Chum and Christian Parent

The family magazines, *My Chum* and *The Christian Parent*, have been acquired by Scripture Press Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois, it was announced recently by Victor E. Cory, president. The two magazines moved last January 1 to their new address at 1 Penn Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and will be distributed through Christian Family Publications, a wholly-owned subsidiary corporation which will also distribute single subscriptions to *Power*, *My Counsellor*, *Primary Days*, *Bible Time* and *Decision*, all Scripture Press periodicals.

There will be no change in editorial policy, Cory said, and Dr. Martin P. Simon will continue as editor.

"Today's world is producing conditions which threaten the very existence of family life," Cory stated, "and the Christian family unit needs protection and strengthening as never before. *The Christian Parent* and *My Chum*, with their new outreach and new improved format, may well be an answer to the prayer of thousands of parents who are concerned over today's flood of godless and indecent literature."

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#### To Sponsor Architectural Contest

What should an evangelical church and Sunday school look like? To answer this question an evangelical church architectural contest is being sponsored by *Christian Life* magazine and the National Association of Evangelicals.

"Purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest on the part of evangelical architects, engineers and designers in providing suitable housing to meet the needs of the rapidly growing number of new church units being established by evangelical Christians in various parts of this country and the world," says Contest Director Joe Kimbel, architectural consultant for *Christian Life*.

## CANADASCOPE

#### Over One Million Heart Cases

In Canada alone 1,200,000 people are suffering from some form of heart disease. More than 60,000 Canadians die every year from heart disease, almost as many deaths as from all other diseases put together.

Heart disease strikes hardest at those in the prime of life—35 to 45—when productivity and earning power are at their peak. Forty per cent of all deaths caused by heart disease fall into this age group, with five times more men

than women as the victims.

Medical men still do not know the causes of hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, and rheumatic fever—yet these three conditions account for 90 per cent of all heart and blood vessel disease. That's why research is going ahead on all fronts in respect to heart disease.

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#### Bank Rate Cut Again

A new cut in the Bank of Canada interest rate apparently indicates that there will be a sharp decrease in interest rates generally this year.

During the last five months the central bank's rate has declined by some 25 per cent. Since August 22 the rate has declined from 4.35 to 3.26.

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#### Liberal Leader Promises Tax Cut

A new Liberal program including tax cuts of \$400,000,000 a year has been announced by the Liberal party leader, Hon. L. B. Pearson.

Mr. Pearson stated that the quickest and most effective way to restore jobs and relieve unemployment was by raising consumer spending through the reduction of taxes. This tax reduction plan included a marriage tax allowance, with the basic exemption raised from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year for the first three years of married life. Other tax cuts promised would be abolition of excise tax on cars, reduction of corporation tax, and tax reduction for small businesses.

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#### Immigration at New High

Immigration to Canada in 1957 rose to its highest level since 1913 because of a sharp increase in British arrivals and Canada's decision to admit Hungarian refugees in large numbers.

During 1957 282,164 immigrants arrived, compared with 164,857 in 1956 and the previous post-war record of 194,391 in 1951.

Since October 1956 Canada has admitted 36,503 Hungarian refugees—the largest number admitted by any country.

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#### Citizenship Requirements Eased

The government has dropped a requirement that Chinese, Japanese and Indonesian immigrants become citizens before being eligible to be joined in Canada by members of their families.

Immigrants from other areas have been allowed to have their families join them once they have established residence and proven financially able to undertake responsibility.

The citizenship restriction was resented by East Indian and Chinese especially, on the grounds that they had to wait five years until they had become citizens before they could bring their families, whereas other immigrants could do so as soon as they established a home.

## Obituaries

### Abram Peter Wiebe

Mr. Abram Peter Wiebe, 40, of Pilot Mound, Man., passed away on Monday, February 3, after suffering a heart attack. Funeral services were held in the Graham Funeral Home, Pilot Mound, and the Arnaud Mennonite church on February 7. Interment was at the Arnaud Cemetery.

Mr. Wiebe was district representative of the Federated Co-Operatives. He is survived by his wife, three boys, parents, and his grandmother.



### New Service to Begin

The first of 60 East German refugee families are to be invited as guests of MCC in its newly-rented house in Berlin Feb. 17.

Open-house is scheduled for the previous day. The first workers are Paxmen Arthur Driedger (Wheatley, Ont.), Dean Hartman (Wakarusa, Ind.) and John De-Camp (Cincinnati, O.). Lies Dirkmaat of the Netherlands, a trainee in America the past year, will join the staff soon.

Thousands of German refugees are eking out an existence in West Berlin, and hundreds of refugees daily continue to enter Berlin from East Germany.

These particular refugees are "non-recognized." Unable to vote or to work, sometimes for years, they live in large camps, shacks or railroad stations. They are not recognized because their reasons for flight from East Germany did not suffice to give them the rights of political refugees, which would include making residence in West Germany.

In the refugee camps they wait with very little to do. As many as 8 persons may sleep in a single room on double-decker cots. It is hoped that the MCC refugee home will ease some of the tension and discomforts of living in a big camp and that the workers will bring restoration of spirit to refugee guests.

The West Berlin government provides a daily allowance to agencies which care for nonrecognized refugees.

### Exploration Continues on Relation to Integration

The Peace Section at its annual meeting voted to continue exploratory work begun last year in relating the Mennonite peace concept to racial integration.

As a result of action taken at last year's meeting, a group of Midwestern Mennonites this month plan to visit leaders in the South who are connected with racial tensions. A group of Eastern Mennonites made a similar tour last May.

The exact nature of the section's activity in the matter of racial integration will be determined as further contacts and studies are made.

J. Harold Sherk, executive secretary of the section, said he believes if the racial problem is to be solved peacefully it will need to be solved by people who live in these areas.

He feels Mennonites can at least give moral support to those who practice nonviolence as a means of resolving the issue. He hopes more personal contacts can be made in the South.

In other action, the section agreed to encourage the Brethren-Friends-Mennonite continuation committee to arrange for a meeting of a small number of representatives to discuss current peace issues.

The section heard reports of its work in Japan and Europe. Melvin Gingerich reported that the Japanese people gave inquiring attention to his lectures and distribution of peace literature (now being done by Paul Peachey.)

Albert Meyer reported that European theologians of the Lutheran and Reformed traditions, probably for the first time in 400 years, are discussing peace issues with theologians of the anabaptist tradition, now more generally known as peace churches.

The section also recommended representation and a small subsidy be continued to the Church Peace Mission, which promotes the peace concept throughout American protestantism. The section authorized a financial subsidy for the Intercollegiate Peace Speech Association in 1958.

H. S. Bender of Goshen, Ind., was re-elected chairman and Elmer Neufeld of Chicago was named the new vice-chairman of the section. Other officers are J. Harold Sherk, secretary, and William T. Snyder, treasurer. Additional members of the executive committee are C. N. Hostetter Jr. of Grantham, Pa., and C. J. Rempel of Kitchener, Ont.

### Voluntary Service Offers New Challenges

A number of new projects, designed to challenge the variety of interests and skills among Mennonite young people, are being planned by the Voluntary Service Section for the coming year.

The Voluntary Service Committee on Advice and Control (composed of conference representatives) at its annual meeting in Chicago approved recommendations which include the following:

- a new unit in Washington, D.C., in a home for the aged
- exploration of a possible unit among Indians
- development of two units in Haiti
- another unit to serve neglected children, possibly in Maryland
- consideration of a service project in western Canada
- consideration for opportunities for retired people
- study of possibility of inter-Mennonite weekend projects.

Also at the meeting the committee heard reports of each of the current MCC voluntary service projects as well as summaries of the conference voluntary programs.

### Many Opportunities in Summer Service

(Continued from page 8-2)

NIH is at the edge of Washington, D.C. \$115 a month less \$23 a month unit fee. June 13—August 29.

**Clearwater Lake Sanatorium** — This sanatorium for Indians and Eskimos at The Pas, Manitoba, needs five nurses. \$105 a month less \$12 a month for room and 10% unit fee. June 1-15 to end of September.

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**Manitoba Sanatorium** — This is one of the largest tuberculosis sanatoria in Manitoba located at Nette beside Pelican Lake. Ten nurses' assistants may serve July 1—August 30. RNs \$210 a month less \$18 for room; nurses' assistants \$105 a month less \$12 a month for room; LPNs \$150 a month less \$12 for room (all less 10% unit fee).

**Winnipeg Municipal Hospitals** — Twenty-five women and six men may serve as aides and practical nurses in this hospital for post-polio and chronically-ill patients. \$130 (more for LPNs) a month; \$214 for men (all less 10% unit fee). June through August or July and August.

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#### Mission Camp

The Ontario Hebrew Mission at Kearney, Ont., affiliated with Mennonite churches of Kitchener, provides openings for workers at Camp Shalom operated as a Christian holiday resort for Jewish people from large Ontario cities.

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#### Students-in-Industry

College students may study the dynamics of an urban society and the relationship of the Christian Church in this project in Toronto (a similar project will be set up in Edmonton, Alta., if interest warrants). Participants study and work.

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Your questions will receive personal attention by writing for further information. Inquiries about

### Trainees Evaluate Experience

Twenty-seven trainees from five nations are taking up their new occupations and living in their new homes for their final six months in the United States.

They assembled at the mid-year trainee and counselors' conference at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, O., Jan. 17-19 under the theme "Love Widens the Circle."

They participated in discussions on evaluating their experience as trainees, heard talks, studied the Epistle of First John, had corporate worship periods, presented a program in the host church and went on a tour of the Archbold area.

projects in the United States may be addressed to MCC, Akron, Pa., and inquiries on projects in Canada may be mailed to MCC, 10 Union Street East, Waterloo, Ont.

## BAPTISM

By Johannes Warns

This classic treatment of Scriptural baptism has been out of print in the German language for some time. It is now available in an English translation by G. H. Lang, who also translated four of Erich Sauer's books.

In the Introduction Erich Sauer states: "This is the most profound and comprehensive work upon the original Christian baptism that we possess in the German language. The author first gives solid Biblical reasoning in favour of the New Testament believers' baptism. The value of this exegetical exposition is heightened by its having been written by a distinguished master of the Greek language... Several chapters of this book give valuable insight into the history of Baptist circles not only in the Middle Ages but also in the time of the Reformation and later..."

Chapter headings give an indication of the comprehensiveness of the book: What Does Holy Scripture Teach Concerning Baptism? Does the New Testament Know Infant Baptism? The Origin of Infant Baptism; Some Recent Pronouncements on Baptism; The Fight Against and Suppression of the Scriptural Baptism; The Reformers and Baptism; The Reformers and Freedom of Conscience; The Extension of the Baptist Movement (including treatment of Mennonites); Baptism Essentially a Church Question; Confirmation No Solution of the Baptism Question; Freedom of Conscience in the Modern State; The Significance of Biblical Baptism for the Present Time. The Appendices treat several pertinent historical problems and give chronological tables of baptism in the first five centuries.

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# COLLEGES

## Mennonite Brethren Bible College

A glimpse into the work of the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Ontario was given to us by Miss Betsy Theaker by means of slides and report. The organization reaches children with the Gospel who would otherwise not have the opportunity of hearing of the love of Christ. This work affords a wonderful opportunity for those interested in winning children to the Lord and saving them from a life of sin.

Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the Fraserview M.B. Church in Vancouver, stopped here for a brief visit on his way home from the unification meeting in Hillsboro. He spoke to us in chapel and challenged us with a message on "The Untrodden Path of Future Service", based on Joshua's experience in Joshua 1:1-9. Another guest speaker was Mr. D. Neuman, principal of the Eden Christian College, and here for the College Board meeting.

"The Unfinished Task" was presented on Feb. 7. The film has a strong missionary appeal, portraying the struggle of a young man who has decided to go to the mission field. The father, the chief antagonist, tries everything in his power to dissuade him. The missionary gives up position, wealth and security for a life of sacrifice. After his death on the mission field due to tropical fever, the father takes up the unfinished task by soliciting missionaries and support in the homeland. The film ends with the words, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: for the night cometh when no man can work."

Currently at college the minister's course is underway. Approximately 60 ministers are present from all provinces in which there are Mennonites. It is an added burden for the teachers but for the students it is a time of added blessing. The ministers speak during the chapel services, and it is an opportunity of becoming more closely acquainted with the ministers of our conference. Dr. A. H. Unruh is also one of the instructors during the course.

The students are looking forward with anticipation to the missionary conference to be held on Feb. 20-23. Rev. J. B. Toews will be the main speaker and a number of missionaries, home on furlough, will speak. The student prayer groups are preparing displays to capture the interest of those attending. The missionary conferences have been a great blessing and challenge in the past and we trust that this year also young people will become enthusiastic for the cause of missions.

**Future events.** — On Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. a dramatization portraying College home mission work in Winnipeg will be presented. "Unto the Least of These", has been written by a student and will produced and directed by students.  
A. Koop.

## Tabor College

The board of education of the Mennonite Brethren Church, meeting at Hillsboro January 30 through February 1, reaffirmed a positive program of continued advancement for the three conference schools—Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, and the Pacific Bible Institute and the M. B. Biblical Seminary in Fresno, California.

In Fresno, plans call for the beginning of construction of a men's dormitory on the new campus site soon, with a view toward occupation by next fall. Continued effort is to be made to sell the present administration building of the Pacific Bible Institute at an early date.

On the Hillsboro campus of Tabor College, the board has instructed the Midwest area committee and the college administration to develop a total campus plan together with blueprints on the new student center and physical education building. These plans are to be completed in time for final approval at the board's meeting in early April.

The total subsidy for the 1958-'59 school-year was placed at \$140,000 for the two campuses. Of this amount, 84 thousand will go to Tabor College and 56 thousand to the two Fresno schools. The board also approved a readjustment of the salary schedule of the schools in the face of rising living costs.

In other action, approval was given to enlarging the Tabor home economics department to include foods courses and the offering of a minor in that field.

### Speaker Stresses Correct Motives

"God's yardstick measures the motives of a man as against the external phases of his life and activities," the opening-day audience at the forty-seventh annual Tabor College Bible Conference was told on February 2 by Robert A. Traina, associate professor of English Bible at The Biblical Seminary in New York.

Stating that only that is good which fulfills the purpose of the Creator of the universe, Traina said, "God's interest is in what we are more than in what we do. It is a dangerous thing to evaluate spiritual things merely by externals."

Continuing with the same line of thought at the evening services, Professor Traina spoke on "The Disease of Hypocrisy." "This disease," he said, "is so insidious because it attacks man's most vital organ—the heart."

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## Mission Worker Returns "Home"

**Springstein, Man.** — A missionary who grew up in this district returned two weeks ago to give her former home church a first-hand report on the work on the Colombian M.B. Church mission field.

Miss Herta Voth, missionary at Noanama, Colombia, S.A., visited the Mennonite Brethren Church here from January 30 to February 2, imparting some of her burden for the lost in Colombia.

On Thursday, January 30, Miss Voth spoke to the M.B. Church, showing some slides of Indian life in Colombia. She also addressed the Young People's meeting on February 1, showing slides of Negro life in Colombia. Sunday night the church gathered at the home of the pastor, Rev. P. P. Dueck, where Miss Voth showed pictures of Colombia. She also had along various articles from Colombia, such as a medicine man's stick, Indian art, Indian boy's earrings, Colombian money, sea shells, and Indian clothing. These were periods of wonderful and happy fellowship.

The greatest difficulties that the missionaries encounter in Colombia were created by the dominating

church. About 98% of the people in Colombia are Roman Catholic. Another adverse condition is the damp heat. Although the difficulties are great these can be overcome if enough Christians go down there, Miss Voth maintained. There is a great need for workers. The words of Jesus apply here, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Miss Herta Voth was born January 3, 1923, at Lugowsk, Eastern Russia, coming to Canada with her parents in 1925. The family settled at Springstein, Man., where Miss Voth grew up. In 1950 her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Voth, moved to Ontario and now live at Virgil.

As a child of 14 Miss Voth first

heard the call of Jesus, "Take up thy cross and follow me." She has never regretted it. Joining the M.B. Church here, she became active as a Sunday school teacher. She continued serving the Lord throughout her training at high school, Winkler Bible School, Tabor College and Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg. God extended a special call to missionary service to her and she left for the Colombian mission field on June 20, 1953, where she served under the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions. The local church lost — but Colombia gained.

Miss Voth is known in Springstein for her friendly smile and her zeal for the Lord. Her five years in Colombia have not changed that. Throughout her visit here it was apparent that her heart is burdened with the needs of Colombia — for the poor, lost, fear-stricken people, be they white, Indian or Negro.

## College Group Visits Ashern

By Marion Dyck

**Ashern, Man.** — The Mission Chapel here was pleased to have the North America Prayer Band of the M.B. Bible College present two programs on Sunday, January 26.

A group of 16 left Winnipeg early in the morning to be here for the worship service. They presented several messages in song, with Rudy Willms delivering a message on "Inner Satisfaction." He spoke on Psalm 23:1.

The visitors and members of the local group partook of a delicious dinner served in the church basement. For the afternoon the group visited various homes to become more closely acquainted with the mission work here.

In the evening they presented another program, consisting of songs by the group, a duet, and a trio. Miss Elsie Boese told the children a most interesting story. Two testimonies, by Mrs. Peter Teigroeb and Harold Redekopp, revealed some of their experiences with the Lord. For the message of the evening Mr. Arthur Kliever spoke on "Salvation by the Grace of God."

He used Ephesians 2:1-9 as his text.

The group here is sincerely thankful to the college prayer band for the effort they made to visit us and to present two programs here.

## Special Services at Prairie View

**Prairie View, Sask.** — Rev. John D. Goertzen of Main Centre, Sask., served at a week of services in the Bethania M.B. church here.

The meetings began on January 19 and continued throughout the week, with good attendance at all services. Members of the congregation provided music and singing.

House visitations in the local homes were made by Rev. Goertzen, Rev. E. Martens, the local pastor, and Brother Peter Dyck, church deacon, during the afternoons.

The Lord abundantly blessed the meetings throughout the whole week.

## On the Horizon

**February 20 to 23**—The annual Missionary Conference of the M. M. Bible College will be held. Rev. J. B. Toews and several missionaries on furlough will speak.

**February 21** — Women's World Day of Prayer.

**February 26 and 27** — The Mennonite Central Relief Committee and Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization will meet in Winnipeg.

**February 28—March 2** — Missionary conference at Swift Current Bible Institute, Sask.

**March 4 to 6**—Ministers' Course in the First Mennonite church, Saskatoon, Sask., Rev. Henry Poettcker and Dr. D. C. Wedel will speak.

**March 6 to 9**—Annual Sunday School Convention of Southeastern Manitoba in the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church, Steinbach, Man.

**March 13 and 14**—The M.B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg is presenting the drama, "Glaube und Heimat" in the Technical Vocational Institute Auditorium.

## Mission Representative at Kelowna

**Kelowna, B.C.** — Rev. Henry Werner, who is doing deputation work on behalf of the West Indies Mission, visited the Mennonite Brethren church here recently.

Rev. Werner stated that the church is responsible for mission work. The church's primary mission is that of winning souls, not gaining comforts and building beautiful churches. Every Christian must be convinced that he has been called of God to win souls, and act upon that conviction. If that were done the whole world would be evangelized in ten years, he declared.

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