

Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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Baptismal Blessing!

By Abe Konrad

Matsqui, B.C. — Sunday, August 24, was a day of rich blessing for the M. B. Church of Matsqui. Thirteen believers made a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ by being baptized upon their public testimony.

Rev. J. J. Dyck, missionary of India, officiated at the memorable occasion. The group of believers who joined the M. B. Church at the special communion service in the evening were: Betty Haak, Loretta Klassen, Arlene Loewen, Irene Neufeld, Ruth Suderman, Amy Wiens, Arnold Enns, John Funk, Mr. P. G. Janzen, Abe Koop, Pete Koop, John Rahn, and Aldon Willms.

The baptismal service was conducted in the Abbotsford M. B. church.

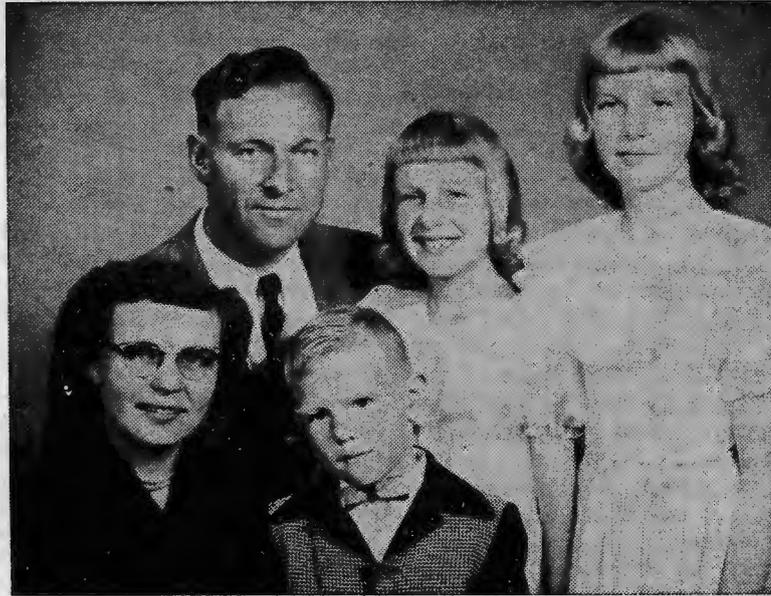
Ordination Service at Grossweide

Grossweide, Man. — Two couples were ordained to the ministry at the Mennonite Brethren church here on Sunday morning, August 17. They were Mr. and Mrs. Abe Quiring of the Horndean Mission church and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wiebe.

Rev. P. J. Warkentin of Lindbrook, Alberta, chose Psalm 100 and I Peter 5:1-4 for his texts, with special emphasis on "to serve the Lord with gladness" with the gifts that God has entrusted to us.

Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan M. B. Church, Winnipeg, delivered the ordination message. He chose for his theme "The Minister and His Fruitful Service," based on John 15:11-17. A denial of oneself, complete obedience to God's will and a filling of the Holy Spirit are some prerequisites of a fruitful ministry, stated Rev. Falk. He touched briefly on some of the dangers that can befall a minister and then enumerated some of the blessings that a fruitful service will bring.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58), served as the text for Rev. J. J. Neufeld, local pastor, in his message in the English language.



Rev. and Mrs. Nick Willems and family of Woodrow, Sask., sailed from New York on August 15 for service in Austria under the Mennonite Brethren Church Board of Foreign Missions. Pictured with their parents are John 6, Irene 9 and Elizabeth 11. Brother Willems had been serving the Woodrow Mennonite Brethren Church, which bade farewell to them with a fellowship supper on August 4. Previously Brother Willems served the Dalmeny Church, taught in Bethany Bible School at Hepburn and served in Mennonite Brethren mission work in Saskatchewan. The Willems arrived in Neuwied, Germany, on August 23, and will serve at Steyr, Austria, Austria.

Youth Camp and Rally a Great Success

By John Thiessen

Vancouver, B.C. — High-flying dreams of some active brains of the B.C. Mennonite Brethren Youth Committee have come up with a "smashing success," as they like to call it.

For a number of years the last Sunday in August has been devoted to an annual youth rally. It occupied the afternoon and evening services in the largest centrally-located building available, the MEI auditorium. But the committee was not satisfied, and had visions of utilizing a far greater potential. Since youth

Rev. Wm. Falk and Rev. J. J. Neufeld served in the laying on of hands and in prayer.

The choir under the direction of Nick Neufeld sang several appropriate numbers and Miss Eleanor Neufeld gave a recitation.

A fellowship meal was served in the basement of the church after the service.

The afternoon service was dedicated to foreign missions, with Rev. P. J. Warkentin and Rev. Wm. Falk serving as speakers.

is the future leadership of our churches, they reasoned, it deserves more time and opportunity to worship, ponder spiritual values, and examine the personal challenges of our era and environment to the twentieth century Christian youth.

Last year the rally was extended to a three-day event. For this purpose secluded Clayburn Camp, which is situated three miles northeast of Abbotsford, was rented. Many blessings attended the rally in which the theme of foreign missions was ably handled by missionaries Jake Loewen and Ernest Dyck. The enthusiastic response, spiritually and financially, broke all previous records. It was evident that God's presence was there, and that such a large, expanded camp was according to his will.

Over 160 at Youth Camp

As a result, this year even greater things were dared. In spite of the fact that our church did not own or operate any proper facilities for a teenagers' camp, the committee made plans to hold one anyway in

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Church Youth Retreat at Redberry

By Mary Dyck

Saskatoon, Sask. — Early Saturday morning on August 16 the young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church here left for Redberry Bible Camp for a Youth Fellowship Retreat.

Saturday afternoon was filled with recreational activities, such as softball, volleyball and swimming. That evening there was a weiner roast. It was a time of fun and laughter, singing and real Christian fellowship. Our pastor, Rev. George Braun, spoke to the young people on "The Need for Revival," choosing Habakkuk 3:2 as his text. He stressed that revival must take place in the heart of a Christian before results can be expected in any evangelistic campaign. There are four reasons why we need a revival, he said:

- We have become spiritually indifferent.
- We have lost our faith in the authority of God's Word.
- We have lost our conception of sin.
- We have lost our love toward God, toward our brethren and toward the lost.

On Sunday morning Rev. Braun chose Psalm 51:1-17 as his text. His theme was repentance, a necessary aspect of revival. He outlined the elements of repentance as: contrition, genuine sorrow for sin; confession to God and to man; amendment of life.

These thoughts on revival were preparatory for the revival campaign to be held in Saskatoon at the end of September, with Rev. Waldo Wiebe of Reedley, Calif., as speaker.

Group Bible studies at camp considered John 15:1-15, and it was evident during the testimony meeting on Sunday afternoon that the young people were concerned with bearing fruit for Christ. Everyone agreed that a weekend such as this was a worthwhile project. The sincere desire of all as they returned to the hustle and bustle of the city was that all might see that they had been with Jesus.

EDITORIAL

Therefore Watch!

There are skywatchers aplenty nowadays. Circling sputniks and explorers have drawn the eyes of men everywhere skyward. Judging by the rapid advances in the conquest of space, men will soon be watching for the return of the first visitors to the moon.

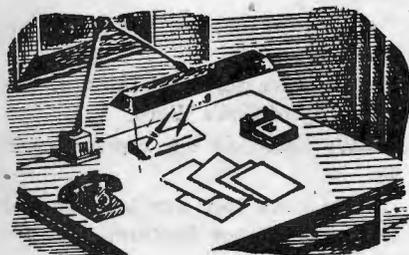
The Christian also has a commission to watch. He is also to keep on the lookout for a "sky-traveller." Only the object of his heaven-turned gaze is not a four-stage rocket, nor is it a moon-ship soon to reappear after a jaunt to the moon. The believer is watching for the return of the Lord of Glory—for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said that He would come again to receive us unto Himself. After His ascent into heaven, two men in white told the heavenward-gazing disciples, "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The Apostle Paul describes Christ's coming in the words, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel. . ." Yes, Christ IS coming again.

The charge to watch receives new urgency when we consider the time element. The time of His arrival cannot be predicted days or weeks in advance. Christ said, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man. . ." He also said, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." In the light of the unpredictable time for Christ's return we do well to heed the words of the Apostle John, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

This watching will be rewarded. Not only will we see our Lord, but we will "meet him in the air." Space travel is not only in the realm of the possible for the believer—it is absolute certainty. We shall be "caught up . . . in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

How careful we should be to prevent our eyes being fixed on the things of this world. They need to be free to "watch," to be turned heavenward from whence our Lord will return. Let us not be caught napping—engrossed in the cares and pleasures of this world. Yes, "Watch and pray," is still a timely admonition, though the exhortation was given nearly 2,000 years ago!



Pen Points For Reporters

Last week's report on the contact with the dangerous Morro Indians was undoubtedly a news "high" of the week. For years Mennonite Brethren missionaries have tried to win these elusive Indians without success. It is to be hoped that this contact can be followed up despite the report of an attack on a Williams Brothers Company post by the Morros. We were indeed happy to receive the report on the initial contact so quickly—our thanks to Mr. C. A. DeFehr, who is currently in Paraguay.

Did you notice how the report on the Brunk Revival Campaign in British Columbia gained significance through the quotes from the chairmen and from Rev. Brunk? Such quotations add weight to a reporter's statements.

Every so often a news report with several pictures arrives on Tuesday or Wednesday—last week two came, from B.C. and Alberta. Timeliness

dictates immediate use of the report—but the pictures cannot be transformed into engravings quickly enough for the current issue. So the report must wait a week. Let's try to get the feature articles with pictures in by Thursday or Friday of the week previous to publication and top news pictures for pages 1 and 12 by Monday of the publication week.

Again we can welcome another reporter. Miss Ruth Schmidt will be sending in news from the Arnold, B.C., district. We are looking forward to increased news coverage of that district. In the past Herman Toews has been sending in news reports despite a really busy schedule.

A faithful Ontario reporter has become a Manitoban. Miss Martha Janzen of Grimsby has moved to Winnipeg to take over the operation of the bookkeeping machine in the C. A. DeFehr and Sons office. We

DEVOTIONAL

"Lord, Please Be Advised"

By Robert J. Baker

Lord, I've been in sort of a fix. There's something I've wanted to discuss with You, yet I've been a bit reluctant to do so. I suppose that sounds sort of dumb, but that's the way it is. Now tonight I'm going to cross this little Rubicon of mine and spend all of my prayer time getting this matter straightened out with you. I'm putting off all my prayer requests for twenty-four hours and I plan to concentrate on this thing that's been bothering me for a couple of years. And I'm not alone, Lord, because I know it's a thing that bothers a flock of other people. Now they don't say that it bothers them. They wouldn't put it in words for anything, yet I know (and of course, You know, too) that this problem is eating away inside of them. You don't have to verbalize this problem to know that it is there.

Coming to the point right off, Lord, it's about this matter of the second coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Now God, I know He's coming again. That's Scriptural. And I think it's going to be a good thing.

But there is one thing about it that bothers me. I don't want to sound too forward or too ungrateful, but I've been doing some thinking about it, God, and I wonder if You would mind holding it off a bit.

Now, Lord, please don't jump to any conclusions. Let me explain. I'm in favor of the second coming. Yes sir, Lord. I vote for it. But, Lord, does it have to be real soon? Let me tell You why I think that it should be put off for a while.

As you know, Father, things have been pretty good for us down here on this earth. We Christians are getting along real good. Personally, I'm doing all right. I'm on my feet, sort of "over the hump," as the expression goes. From here on in, things look pretty good. Oh, I know some folks talk about a recession,

wish her the Lord's blessing in her new position.

A Vancouver reporter, John Thiessen, has notified us of a change of address. The new address is: 2676 West 13th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

Hear! Hear! The editor of the Winona (Minn.) Daily News assigned a reporter to learn what the man on the street thinks about free press and free speech. He asked: "What in your opinion is freedom of the press?" Of 16 persons interviewed, nine tried to define it (some unsuccessfully). Four said they didn't know what it is and three had no comment. The reporter concluded "the term 'freedom of the press' was apparently as obscure as current events in Tibet."

unemployment, etc., but I've got a bit of money tucked away in savings and government bonds. (Those bonds, Lord, pay good interest and they're as good as gold. I like to be secure, Lord. By the way, those bonds don't mature right away and that also has some bearing on this point that I'm trying to make). Frankly, now I'd like a little more time (at least 40 years yet) to enjoy some of these things.

Just for example, take this new car of mine. I don't want to sound proud, but it is a nice car, a '58 model. It's all paid for and a real pleasure to drive. I'd kind of hate to leave it. I'm not sure what kind of transportation will be available in heaven, but this down here is hard to beat. I got the big model this year, Lord, because we often go for a drive on Sunday afternoon and it pays to have a heavier car if you do much travelling. When a car is all paid for a person ought to be entitled to use it and get his money out of it.

The same goes for the house, Lord. That's nearly paid for too. We've really scraped and saved to reduce the mortgage. That's one of the reasons why we couldn't tithe. I'm sure that You will agree that it's proper to pay your debts and that's what we've tried to do. So with the house and the car we've got quite an investment in Winnipeg. We can't help but be concerned about that investment. Lord, I hope this doesn't sound too selfish, but will we get any compensation in heaven for what we leave behind.

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News From Menno House Association

Menno House, Toronto. — There have been so many developments in our activities here in Toronto, that it was felt we should let our friends hear about them.

The end of September will see us packing all of our belongings and moving closer to the University of Toronto. The new address will be 479 Palmerston Blvd.

The telephone numbers will remain the same, so when you come to Toronto you can still call LE 4-0190 or LE 5-0911 and hear the cheerful reply, "Hello, Menno House."

The new residence has larger facilities, so we will have room for fifteen resident and five non-resident members, working, eating and studying together.

Bigger pots and pans will have to be purchased, but we still intend to stick to our system of cleaning the house and cooking the meals ourselves.

The hospitality that has been extended to visitors in the past is to be encouraged even more in the new house. The recreation facilities will be better, and in case some girls would like to help in the kitchen some time—we will have a beautiful modern kitchen.

The new house has been purchased as the permanent headquarters for

the Menno House Association. All of the common shares of this new company are held by Menno House members. The first directors of the company are George Schroeder, Peter Schellenberg and Werner Heinrichs. To raise additional funds preferred shares have been sold to friends of the association.

The number of trustees is to be increased by two to include representatives of the Mennonite Brethren and the (Old) Mennonite churches here in Toronto. Our present trustees, Rev. W. Dick, pastor of the United Mennonite Church, Dr. S. Sawatzky, Prof. at University of Toronto, and Harvey Taves, assistant director, MCC, Waterloo, have advised and encouraged us in the organizing of this co-operative for young Mennonite men in Toronto.

It is the wish and prayer of all those connected with this project that it continue to grow in its service to young men in the city of Toronto.

If you are planning to come to Toronto to study or to work we will be glad to mail you a yearbook and an application form.

Werner Heinrichs, President,
Menno House Association,
551 Dovercourt Rd., Toronto.

Other Teacher Appointments

Clearbrook, B.C. — Last week's list of new teachers for the Mennonite Educational Institute proved incomplete. Five new teachers have been appointed to the staff of this, the largest Mennonite high school in Canada.

The following are the five that will face MEI students for the first time in class this year: Rev. Abram Goerz, Mr. Abram Enns, Mr. Alfred Siemens, Mr. Henry Wiebe, and Mrs. Phyllis Wiebe.

Rev. Goerz served as pastor at Main Centre prior to coming to MEI, while Mr. Enns taught at Steinbach, Man. Mr. Siemens is a graduate of the MEI and the University of British Columbia. He has also attended the M. B. Bible Institute and spent a year studying in Germany. Mr. Wiebe is also a graduate of the MEI and has taught at the Abbotsford Junior High School.

Accepts North Dakota Pastorate

Winnipeg, Man. — Walter Janzen, son of Rev. H. H. Janzen, Basel, Switzerland, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Harvey, North Dakota.

Mr. Janzen has been an active member at the South End M. B.

Church, Winnipeg, and for several years was responsible for weekly services in Middlechurch Old Folks' Home. He attended the M. B. Bible College during the past year.

Mrs. Janzen is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Neufeld, Winnipeg.

"It's a Miracle"

Winnipeg, Man. — "It's a miracle. All I can say is that God protected me," declared David Stoesz of Niverville, Man., as he sat on the hospital bed after being admitted to Concordia Hospital late Friday night, August 29. Somewhat less than two hours previous to this he had been under the rear wheel of a three-ton tractor, as it passed over his body from his right foot to his left shoulder.

"I had my hands folded over my chest and turned my head aside as the wheel went over my shoulder," the garage operator said calmly, flexing his arm to prove that his shoulder was fine. The only injury immediately ascertainable was to his knee (and a very empty stomach).

Extensive x-rays proved he escaped with minor injuries, and Mr. Stoesz left the hospital on August 31. He was welcomed joyfully at home by his wife and four children—who conceivably might never have seen their daddy alive again.

"I haven't been the witness I

should have been," the 33-year-old member of the Niverville Mennonite Brethren Church declared as he meditated upon God's mysterious ways. "He has protected me for a purpose. It is certainly no accident that I'm not seriously injured or dead, for the ground was a hard stubble field and the tractor was weighted with a plow and had fluid in its tires. It's a miracle!"

Niverville Doctor Goes to Congo

Niverville, Man. — Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hildebrand, missionaries to the Belgian Congo under the Congo Inland Mission, left on August 20 for a year of language study in Belgium. On September 2 they embarked in Montreal for Belgium.

In the Congo the Hildebrands will tentatively be stationed in Charlesville for one year, relieving the Dr. John Zooks, who will be returning

to Oregon for a year of furlough. After that the Hildebrands will go to the Mutena station.

Dr. Hildebrand practiced medicine at Teulon, Man., for a year prior to his departure for Belgium. He is a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church here.

Current address of the missionary couple is: Dr. Henry Hildebrand, % Bureau des Missions Protestantes, du Congo Belge, S. rue du Champ-des-Mars, Bruxelles, Belgium.

Construction at Lusemvu, Belgian Congo

Construction of a permanent school building at Lusemvu station in the Belgian Congo is in prospect. Receipt of a government subsidy to erect the building for an elementary school is anticipated. The gathering of rocks and other building materials has begun.

Summer School Students Aid Mission



These scenes are from the M. B. mission at Edmonton, Alta. At the top is Rev. B. W. Sawatzky and family: from left, Myrna, Evelyn, Esther, Mrs. Sawatzky, Rev. Sawatzky, and Waldo. The bottom picture shows the worshippers on a summer Sunday, when summer school university students were present. (Report and photos submitted by Mrs. A. T. Schmidt)

Edmonton, Alta. — This past summer has indeed been a blessed one for the members of the M. B. mission group in Edmonton.

Many summer school students studying at the University of Alberta attended the services and shared with us the many blessings God had in store for us. Some of them also took an active part in the services by singing, speaking and discussing various points in the Sunday school. We will long remember the Christian fellowship enjoyed this summer.

The Edmonton Gospel Light Mission, under the leadership of Rev. B. W. Sawatzky, has experienced God's blessing since its beginning nearly one year ago. Although our group is small we have enjoyed true Christian fellowship and have had many blessed times together. Many speakers and visitors have come to share this fellowship with us. We are trusting God for new blessing this coming winter as the students return for another year at the University of Alberta.

Saskatoon Doctor Reports on Congo Visit

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — Dr. A. A. Dick, who has practised medicine for 10 years in Saskatoon, left his work in charge of his brother last January to make a five-week tour through central Africa. On a week-end trip to Brandon Dr. Dick gave us a doctor's view of what he saw. The colored slides Dr. Dick used enabled us to see the scenic vegetation and topography, but also an operation on a rupture in a Congo hospital.

As an unprejudiced layman Dr. Dick was able to give us a clear, concise picture of the problems facing the missionaries and in many instances also had suggestions as to how the work might be improved.

In tracing the history of the Belgian Congo, Dr. Dick mentioned that when Africa was partitioned among the nations at the Berlin Treaty, King Leopold received the area drained by the Congo as recognition for his support of the work done by Henry Stanley in exploring that river. Since then the Congo has remained open to most missionary groups and all nations have been able to trade with her. While the early traders exploited her by carrying away natives as slaves, the missionaries today are seeking to help the government by educating the natives and presenting Christianity to them.

Dr. Dick observed that the land was generally poor, and was made even poorer by the yearly burning of all grass lands. The natives do this for two reasons: 1) the grass would breed snakes and 2) in directing fires in a V-shape toward a lake they can drive all game before it and quickly kill the animals. He also stated that the Congo River is the life-line of central Africa. It is navigable upstream for ocean vessels for at least one hundred miles and for smaller vessels for one thousand miles.

The Belgian Congo is half plain and half wooded. Its mean average temperature is about 80 degrees. It is rich in natural resources and about 80 per cent of the world's uranium comes from there.

In speaking of the people, Dr. Dick said that of the 14,000,000 people living there, most are poor and illiterate. There is, however, a vast difference between the city and the country dwellers. Natives living in the city are fairly well off, while the people in the villages have a bare sustenance. Jobless natives are driven from the cities, thus creating this vast contrast. Because the native diet is primarily manioc (starchy root like a potato) they often suffer from malnutrition.

As in many other backward countries, women in Africa have to do the hard work and carry the burdens, while the men do little else but hunt. Girls are sold to their future husbands at the age of 7 and marry

their husbands in their early teens. As a result missionaries can get native boys to attend the schools, but very seldom will girls come. Attendance in public schools is voluntary and elementary schools teach only up to grade five. If the missions can provide qualified teachers the government erects the school buildings and even pays the salaries of the teachers. One qualified teacher may be supervising a native staff of teachers teaching up to 700 children.

Dr. Dick said that the medical needs of the mission are great. Inefficiency and travel difficulties as a result of lack of money and supplies hamper the medical work on every hand. Especially necessary are hospitals and drugs. Even though the doctor is trained to help the natives bodily, Dr. Dick said that he also realizes that the motive which took him out there was to give them spiritual light.

In closing, Dr. Dick said that the native learns much more from the missionary's life than from his talk.

Youth Camp and Rally

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conjunction with the weekend rally. For this purpose the Clayburn Camp was again rented, this time for the whole week.

On Monday morning, August 25, the first campers began to arrive. When registration was completed, no less than 166 teenagers, from 13 to 16 years of age, were present.

Acting as supervisors in the camp were seven young men and thirteen young women, known as camp counsellors. Each one was assigned to a group with which they studied, worked and slept. Although few of the counsellors had any camp experience, and most of them had never attended camp in their own childhood, the harmony and efficiency was remarkable.

Learn Habit of Personal Devotions

After the seven o'clock reveille there was an hour's free time to clean up. Then each group had its quiet time, in which every teenager got into the habit of having personal devotions. After breakfast the counsellors were in charge for a two and a half hour Bible lesson on the subject, "God's Call." God's personal call to Old Testament saints, as well as modern missionaries such as Hudson Taylor, were discussed. Scripture memory and contests were interesting variations of this regular morning spiritual exercise.

The afternoon was spent in physical activity. All teenagers were divided into four groups, two of which went to Hatzic Lake for swimming and water-sports, made enjoyable by two powerful motor-boats complete with water-skis. One

of the groups went hiking on Sumas mountain, situated behind the camp, and the last group stayed for copper tooling. The material for this hobby was donated by some Christian businessmen from Vancouver, and it was taught by Mrs. Walter Schmidt and James Poetker.

After a hearty evening meal and some activity around the camp, there was time for a spirited testimony meeting. This was the program from Monday until Friday afternoon.

Camp Results in Conversions

As a result of the camp a number of first-time decisions for the Lord were made, as well as many rededications. The spirit of conviction was strongly in evidence in the camp, making every one of the young people praise the Lord for a camp that is now possible. Everyone was enthusiastic about making it bigger and better next year. It is now up to the churches of the district to seriously take steps to secure a summer camp of their own, since the effectiveness and success of this rented camp has been so decisively proven.

Those that were responsible for the success of the camp were Rev. A. H. Wieler, dean; Henry Regehr, his assistant; Jake Block, the camp director; and Dan Nickel, in charge of sports. The excellent food was served by volunteer help from the various churches, with Mr. and Mrs. David Rempel in charge.

The cost for the entire camp, including the rally which followed, was only \$12 per person. This amount included lodging and all meals during the whole week. Total expenses were about \$2,000.

Weekend Rally Sets New Records

The 1958 weekend youth rally exceeded even the records set last year. To avoid registration line-ups that were experienced last year, tickets were sold throughout the valley well in advance.

This year's topic was home missions, with Rev. F. C. Peters featured as the special speaker. His opening night message on Friday, August 29, was a call to personal consecration, since this is necessary before any home missions can be attempted.

Of special importance was the presence of a dozen workers from various outposts of the West Coast Children's Mission. Many of them threw out a personal challenge to "come over and help us." Men from as far away as Terrace and Hazelton in B.C.'s northland and as near as County Line and Queensborough had the opportunity of speaking to the rally.

On Saturday the rally saw increased attendance and increasing interest. One of the subjects discussed by Rev. Peters was "The Christian as Disciple," where he held up the challenge, "The world has yet to see how much good can be done by someone who does not care

who gets the credit." Other topics were "Lot and Abraham View Sodom," where the former's intercession and the latter's unconcern have an urgent message for today, and "Preparation for Service," in which he stressed education, personality development and above all, spiritual development. Regarding the development of personality he mentioned that "according to authorities in human relations, most novices fail in their chosen profession, not because of inadequate training but because of inadequate human relations."

On Saturday there was also a written Bible contest based on the four Gospels. Last year the Matsqui young people won a plaque for winning the contest based on the gospel of Mark. This year, by a slim margin, the winners were from the M. B. Church at Arnold.

Mammoth Barbecue

With 940 people in attendance on Saturday night, a barbecue supper was held; the charge of one dollar per person going for home missions. The steer which was offered for this barbecue was a stray found in the bush two years ago by the Walter Schmidts and donated to the rally for this occasion. It was in excess of 900 pounds and enough for the barbecue as well as for the noon meal of stew on the following day.

On Sunday morning the program consisted of a Sunday school panel discussing the lesson for the rally. The brethren Aaron Schmidt and Calvin Buhler led the group in a meditation on the subject of sin.

In the worship service that followed, Rev. Peters made the rally aware of the Mennonite Brethren distinctives. He declared, "After nearly a hundred years of M. B. existence, it is necessary for the young people to reorientate themselves in regards to who we actually are."

The second message of the day was a very practical study of expansion and how we as an M. B. Church stand in relation to it. He answered the questions, "Do we really desire it? What are our obstacles? Where and how can we begin?"

On Sunday afternoon, the largest attendance was recorded, estimated at 1,200 persons. A total of 1,700 different people attended the rally. Financially the gross income from all sources was \$9,300, of which \$4,365.32 consisted of offerings. After all expenses have been met, \$5,500 are expected to remain for missions, which is slightly above the \$5,000 figure of last year.

Impressions that remain after the conclusion of such a camp may be summed up by Rev. Peters, when he said, "I am absolutely impressed by such a large group of young people. This is without precedent in my experience. These are the people whose potential we must harness, for the next decade will be a decade of crisis."

Report on the 1958 Season at Winkler Bible Camp

By John Boldt

Winkler, Man. — In Acts 20:32 Paul calls the Scriptures "the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all that are sanctified." Among the strongest of the impressions left by a season at Bible camp is the effect of an atmosphere charged by the constant presence of the Word of God.

The activities of the camp are not so very much out of the ordinary. They fall into the scope of ordinary living: meals, duties, recreation, rest, etc., and yet there is a difference between eating, sleeping, and playing in the Bible camp and doing the very same things at home. The difference consists partly of circumstances: more people around, strange people, doing things in large groups, sleeping in double bunks, etc. But the most significant difference is that of atmosphere. All ordinary activities are transformed because of the constant nearness of the Bible, and that means the nearness of God, because He cannot be separated from His Word.

There is a real thrill in watching the children make much of the Bible, carrying it about on the grounds, taking it out of their lockers many times a day, learning to know its books, and studying its contents. All this is not done by force, but in the most natural way possible, in the process of daily living. And it is this quiet, continuous influence that dispels discord and strife, that checks evil, and that makes the softening of hearts possible. At the beginning of the day, before the rising bell when the camp is still quiet, I often pray, "Lord, give us a real dispensation of Thy Word today. We have no other excuse for being here." This gives our stay together purpose and direction.

Then there are other impressions that we receive in camp. There is a constant hustle and bustle as many youngsters seek to spend the time the best way possible. There is a constant flow of questions and requests (Woe to the unprepared worker!). There is the awful suspense of quiet before the rising bell takes the lid off the suppressed desire for action and the camp comes to life with a bang. There is the joyful effect of many children's voices united in song during the lively singing periods. There is the sight of many groups scattered under the trees, studying the Word. There is the noisy excitement of the sports periods, topped by the campers-leaders ball game at the second last day. There is the quiet of the prayer time at the close of the day, a time when hearts are touched and often opened to the One Who is waiting to cleanse and fill. There is the calm of the workers' prayer meeting, held when the camp is quiet at the end of the

day, a meeting which makes prayer take its real form because of the presence of vital needs, and results in new strength for weary workers. And there is the bustle of the closing day with practices, prizes, and a joyful program for parents and friends to close the camp. These are impressions which remain with workers and campers.

We wish to give thanks to our heavenly Father for good weather, good health, and protection from all serious sickness and accidents this another summer. We are thankful to Him and to our many friends for improvements and additional facilities on our grounds: the new boys' cabin, which has received the beautiful and significant name of "Peace", the new roof and planks for the boys' handwork classes, the improvements in our office, including a desk and phone, the improvements in our dining hall, including the donations of a refrigerator and propane range, and the new horse-swings for our playground.

We praise God for supplying faithful leaders and workers who guided, counseled, and taught the children. Our faith was especially tried this season when it seemed that very few workers were available. We had no complete list for the season when we began, but as each camp finished, God provided for the next one. At the end of the season we could say that we had a large and capable staff.

We are also thankful for the many children who came. Because our room was increased, we were able to receive more. In this summer there were quite a number who confessed slackness in following the Lord, and were renewed in their walk with Him. Then there were those again who confessed Him for the first time, especially in the third camp. For all this we give God the glory.

We made several changes this year in our general set-up. We used our old and well-worn tent near the chapel for classes and for the girl's handwork, which previously had been held in the dining hall. Then we reintroduced the quiet hour after dinner duties, and found that it worked quite well this year, because we combined it with reading and memorizing, and because we exercised more supervision. Although this time of quiet was not successful in the past, we now believe that it can be a great help to the children, and that it can be made successful by making it a reading period. A camp library will be easy to build up, and it will prove a blessing. Our handwork was also somewhat different this summer. With the boys we tried some plastic braiding. The boys made belts, whistle-chains, and covered hangers with colorful strands of plastic. At first



Here are the workers serving in the last camp at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde, Man. In the front row, from left, are Miss Katie Enns, Miss Helen Warkentin, Miss Katie Thielman, Miss Lena Enns, Miss Margaret Harder, Miss Susan Penner, Miss Irene Hiebert, Miss Susie Klassen, Miss Tienne Klassen, Miss Helen Derksen. In the back row are, from left, Henry Nickel, Dave Froese, Max Woerlen, A. C. Klassen, and John Boldt, camp director throughout the summer.

the project seemed quite difficult, but after we allowed the boys to keep their work for free time, they learned very well, although not all mastered it. The girls made ornaments of copper wire, and also worked at projects in foam rubber. We find handwork very useful and popular in camp.

In class periods we used the colorful and well-prepared Gospel Light DVBS course. We added to our stock of film-strips another series from the Moody Bible Institute, featuring Old Testament stories, and a series on the life of Christ from Concordia Films. The Moody series has sound script and other effects and thus is very popular, but the Concordia series did not work out so well. The evening messages were evangelistic, and were presented with the aid of flannelgraph.

In Camp I we had 110 children. The great majority of these were from M. B. churches of southern and western Manitoba. These were children of privileged homes, who nevertheless showed that they had many spiritual needs when they came under the searchlight of the Word. This camp began on July 1. On the night before we had received the first good rain after a prolonged dry spell. All the parents were very happy and thankful when they brought their children. One mother remarked that camp ought to have begun a month sooner because it seemed to have brought the rain. A few days later the rain began in earnest, so that our activities were somewhat different as a result. No one was displeased, because we all realized that the rain was in time to save the crops. Several children were late in this camp, and several left because of homesickness.

Between Camp I and Camp II we were privileged to have a fine Youth Retreat. As usual in our area, the group that stayed through the whole time and used our dormitories was not large, but many came in for

part of the time from the surrounding areas. Our speakers were Brother Isaak W. Redekopp and Brother Victor Toews, both of Winnipeg. Brother Redekopp dealt with the subjects of sin and temptation as related to the life of the young Christian, and we all found his messages searching and beneficial. Brother Toews delved into his missionary experiences in South America, and showed us the qualifications of a good servant of the Lord in his messages. We were able to add a new feature this year in the presence of a full-time song leader for the retreat. Brother George Schroeder of Steinbach, at present a student at Tabor College, made the singing of the retreat a hearty and vital part of the whole. Mrs. Schroeder assisted him at the piano. Brother Abe Quiring of Horndean was camp director for the retreat.

In Camp II we had 104 children. They came from widely scattered areas of southern Manitoba, from Lena and Cartwright to east of Morris. Plum Coulee and the surrounding areas were well represented. The weather turned very favorable in this camp. A rain just before it began brought out several more men workers than we had expected, and they were very welcome. The final days of the camp were very hot. The last part of the closing program was interrupted by a brief and severe thunderstorm.

In Camp III we had 110 children. As in other years we were able to receive quite a number free of charge. Many of these had completed a Bible questionnaire as a condition for entry. The weather was exceptionally good, and the health of the children also. Many of the children who had been in camp previously showed remarkable spiritual growth. Quite a few made a start with the Lord. In this camp we were especially privileged to have on our staff two missionaries, Miss Helen Warkentin, retired missionary from

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Let's Visit a Minute

Hello Boys and Girls!

By now you are all back in school and working hard. You'll have many opportunities this year to show the boys and girls and teachers in your school who the King of your life is. I hope the Lord Jesus will really be glorified by the things you do and say.

On our journey last week we saw the mountains in the distance—a wonderful display of God's handiwork. No doubt some of you have travelled through them by car and know how careful one must be to keep well in the middle of the road. Often the edge is a steep precipice and driving over it would probably mean death.

A wealthy man was looking for a chauffeur one day, so he took three different applicants up to a road leading right around a steep precipice, like the one we spoke of. He asked each one the question, "How close to the edge of the road can you go and still drive safely?"

The first one said, "I can come within one foot of the edge and travel safely."

The second one said, "I can drive six inches from the edge and be perfectly safe."

The third one said, "I keep as far away from the edge as possible."

This is the one the wealthy man hired as his chauffeur. Why do you suppose he chose this one? He chose him because he knew how to keep away from danger.

What kind of a chauffeur are you? Do you go as close to the sinful paths of Satan as you can and say to yourself, "I am still safe"? You may think you know better (wise in your own eyes), but all the time you are in great danger of losing your soul. Or do you keep as far away from dangerous sin as possible? Proverbs 3:7 says: "Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil."

Love, Aunt Selma.

A Difficult Decision

Paul's father had died when his son was very little, and his mother had to work hard to keep the two of them. Paul saw how tired she was and he was determined, as soon as he could, to do something to help her.

Just at this time, he caught sight of a written notice in a green-grocer's window to say that a boy was wanted for a few hours each day, with full time Saturdays.

"Why, I could do that," thought Paul, for as he was still too young to leave school, he could only give the time required.

Without thinking deeply, he darted into the shop to apply for the job. To his delight he was accepted. Rushing home, full of it, he related to his mother exactly what had happened, adding as he hugged her fondly: "Won't it be nice when I can give you some money each week? You won't have to go without so many things as you do now."

Tears sprang to her eyes. "I'm afraid you'll be tired, dear," she sighed. "It means that all your play-time will be gone and you will have to give up many little pleasures perhaps. I wish you had asked me first."

"I purposely didn't do that," he

responded mischievously, "for I knew you would say just what you are saying now, and I didn't want you to do that."

Now as Paul was a bright lad, industrious and willing to learn, it was not surprising that he gave satisfaction and was often encouraged with a word of praise, though now and then (as he found to his dismay) when things went wrong in the shop, or customers complained, no one could be more irritable or fault-finding than his master!

Sometimes when Paul saw his friends going out to play, a feeling of envy stole over him. But, as he reasoned with himself, it was his own choice, and it was no good grumbling.

Week after week he worked away, as cheerfully as if he were not willfully depriving himself of the simple pleasures he used to enjoy.

Sundays were a great relief. Every Sunday he went to Sunday school and renewed old friendships.

On a certain Sunday he had good news to tell his mother. The young lady who taught his class had suggested she should take them all into the country for a day. On a Saturday it was to be, and in a fortnight's time.

When Paul told his mother of the excursion that was intended she was delighted to think her hard-working boy should have this nice change.

"But, mother," reflected Paul dubiously, "how about Mr. Cabel? Do you think he will let me have the day off?"

"Oh, I don't think he would refuse," she answered confidently. "You have worked well for him for so long now, I feel sure he would be willing to spare you for once."

When next Saturday came, Paul chuckled: "Only a week today."

"If I were you, I should ask Mr. Cabel this afternoon if he will agree to the day off next week," suggested his mother.

Paul intended to do this, but when he got to the shop he could see quite well that this was one of the worst mornings to ask for favours. However, it was necessary to ask, and he did.

"Certainly not; I can't possibly spare you," said Mr. Cabel. "Saturday's the very day I want you most. I can tell you this, too: if you stay away next Saturday, you can stay away altogether."

That night when Paul's mother heard of Mr. Cabel's decision, she replied indignantly: "You had better tell him you will take the day then, and not go to him again."

"I don't think I had better do that," said Paul. "You know you've been glad of the money I give you."

"That is only too true," she had to admit, "but I'd much rather go back to my own previous hardships and struggle than let you go without the happy times that every boy and girl ought to have."

But the boy shook his head dubiously, saying he would decide next day.

All the hours he worked, Paul was thinking and hesitating. If he didn't intend to be there on the coming Saturday he ought to give Mr. Cabel proper warning. He was pulled both ways.

While Paul was trying to make up his mind, his Sunday school teacher came to visit his mother. She was disappointed to learn that her favourite pupil was to be left behind. Without speaking of her intention, she went to Mr. Cabel (who happened to be her uncle), promising that if he would let Paul go, she would supply him with a boy who would be only too glad of the day's pay. So after all, although he had, by this time made up his mind not to shirk what he felt was a hardship, but still his duty, Paul was able to enjoy the day, as he declared, more than anybody.

Answers to Word Puzzle
(Last Week)

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BLACK ROCK

BY RALPH CONNOR

(6th Instalment)

The excitement of the crowd caught me, and for an hour I squeaked and worked the wires of the immortal and unhappy family in a manner hitherto unapproached—by me at least. I was glad enough when Graeme came to me to send the men in to dinner. This Mr. Punch did in the most gracious manner, and again with cheers for Punch's master they trooped tumultuously into the tent.

We had only well begun when Baptiste came in quietly but hurriedly and whispered to me:

"M'sieu Craig, he's gone to Slav-in's, and would lak you and M'sieu Graeme would follow queek. Sandy he's take one leel drink up at the stable, and he's go mad."

I sent him for Graeme, who was presiding at dinner, and set off for Slav-in's at a run. There I found Mr. Craig and Nelson holding Sandy, more than half drunk, back from Slav-in, who, stripped to the shirt, was coolly waiting with a taunting smile.

"Let me go, Mr. Craig," Sandy was saying. "I am a good Presbyterian. He is a Papist thief and he has my money, and I will have it out of the soul of him."

"Let him go, preacher," sneered Slav-in. "I'll cool him off for yez. But ye'd better hold him if yez wants his mug left on to him."

"Let him go!" Keefe was shouting.

"Hands off!" Blaney was echoing.

I pushed my way in.

"What's up?" I cried.

"Mr. Connor," said Sandy solemnly, "it is a gentleman you are, though your name is against you, and I am a good Presbyterian, and I can give you the Commandments and Reasons annexed to them; but yon's a thief, a Papist thief, and I am justified in getting my money out of his soul."

"But," I remonstrated, "you won't get it in this way."

"He has my money," reiterated Sandy.

"He is a liar, and he's afraid to take it up," said Slav-in in a low, cool tone.

With a roar Sandy broke away and rushed at him; but, without moving from his track, Slav-in met him with a straight left-hander and laid him flat.

I was in despair, when in came Baptiste and Graeme.

One look at Sandy, and Baptiste tore off his coat and cap, slammed them on the floor, danced on them, and with a long-drawn "Sap-r-r-rie!" rushed at Slav-in. But Graeme caught him by the back of the neck, saying, "Hold on, little man," and turning to Slav-in pointed to Sandy,

who was reviving under Nelson's care, and said: "What's this for?"

"Ask him," said Slav-in insolently. "He knows."

"What is it, Nelson?"

Nelson explained that Sandy, after drinking some at the stable and a glass at the Black Rock Hotel, had come down here with Keefe and the others, had lost his money, and was accusing Slav-in of robbing him.

"Did you furnish him with liquor?" said Graeme sternly.

"It is none of your business," replied Slav-in with an oath.

"I shall make it my business. It is not the first time my men have lost money in this saloon."

"You lie!" said Slav-in with deliberate emphasis.

"Slav-in," said Graeme quietly, "it is a pity you said that, because unless you apologize in one minute I shall make you sorry."

"Apologize?" roared Slav-in. "Apologize to you?" calling him a vile name.

Graeme grew white and said even more slowly:

"Now you'll have to take it; no apology will do."

He slowly stripped off coat and vest. Mr. Craig interposed, begging Graeme to let the matter pass.

"Surely he is not worth it."

"Mr. Craig," said Graeme with an easy smile, "You don't understand. No man can call me that name and walk around afterward feeling well."

Then, turning to Slav-in, he said: "Now, if you want a minute's rest, I can wait."

Slav-in, with a curse, bade him come.

It was a good fight. Slav-in had plenty of pluck, and for a time forced the fighting, Graeme guarding easily and tapping him aggravatingly about the nose and eyes, drawing blood, but not disabling him. Gradually there came a look of fear into Slav-in's eyes and the beads stood upon his face. He had met his master.

"Now, Slav-in, you're beginning to be sorry, and now I am going to show you what you are made of."

Graeme made one or two lightning passes, struck Slav-in one, two, three terrific blows, and laid him quite flat and senseless. Keefe and Blaney both sprang forward, but there was a savage kind of growl.

"Hold, there!" It was old man Nelson looking along a pistol barrel. "You know me, Keefe," he said. "You won't do any murder this time."

Keefe turned green and yellow and staggered back, while Slav-in slowly rose to his feet.

"Will you take some more?" said Graeme, "You haven't got much; but mind, I have stopped playing with you. Put up your gun, Nelson. No one will interfere now."

Slav-in hesitated, then rushed, but Graeme stepped to meet him, and we saw Slav-in fall back upon his neck and shoulders.

"Bon!" yelled Baptiste. "Bully boy! Dat's de bon stuff. Dat's larn him one good lesson." But immediately he shrieked, "Gar-r-r-eavous!"

He was too late, for there was a crash of breaking glass, and Graeme fell to the floor with a long deep cut on the side of his head. Keefe had hurled a bottle with all too sure an aim and had fled. I thought he was dead; but we carried him out, and in a few minutes he groaned, opened his eyes, and sank again into insensibility.

"Where can we take him?" I cried.

"To my shack," said Mr. Craig.

"Is there no place nearer?"

"Yes, Mrs. Mavor's. I shall run on to tell her."

She met us at the door. I had in mind to say some words of apology, but when I looked upon her face I forgot my words, forgot my business at her door, and stood simply looking.

"Come in! Bring him in! Please do not wait," she said, and her voice was sweet and soft and firm.

We laid him in a large room at the back of the shop over which Mrs. Mavor lived. Together we dressed the wound, her firm white fingers skillful as if with long training. Before the dressing was finished I sent Craig off, for the time had come for the magic lantern in the church, and I knew how critical the moment was in our fight.

"Go," I said. "He is coming to and we do not need you."

In a few moments more Graeme revived, and gazing about asked: "What's all this about?" and then, recollecting, "Ah, that brute Keefe." Then, seeing my anxious face, he said carelessly: "Awful bore, ain't it? Sorry to trouble you, old fellow."

"You be hanged!" I said shortly; for his old sweet smile was playing about his lips, and was almost too much for me. "Mrs. Mavor and I are in command, and you must keep perfectly still."

"Mrs. Mavor?" he said in surprise.

She came forward with a slight flush on her face.

"I think you know me, Mr. Graeme."

"I have often seen you and wished to know you. I am sorry to bring you this trouble."

"You must not say so," she replied, "but let me do all for you that I can. And now the doctor says you are to lie still."

"The doctor? Oh! you mean Connor. He is hardly there yet. You don't know each other. Permit me to present Mr. Connor, Mrs. Mavor."

As she bowed slightly her eyes looked into mine with serious gaze, not inquiring, yet searching my soul. As I looked into her eyes I forgot everything about me, and when I recalled myself it seemed as if I had been away in some far place. It was not their color or their brightness; I do not yet know their color, and I have often looked into them; and they were not bright; but they were clear, and one could look far down into them, and in their depths see a glowing, steady light. As I went to get some drugs from the Black Rock doctor I found myself wondering about that far down light; and about her voice, how it could get that sound from far away.

I found the doctor quite drunk, as indeed Mr. Craig had warned; but his drugs were good, and I got what I wanted and quickly returned.

While Graeme slept Mrs. Mavor made me tea. As the evening wore on I told her the events of the day, dwelling admiringly upon Craig's generalship. She smiled at this.

"He got me, too," she said. "Nixon was sent to me just before the sports, and I don't think he will break down today, and I am so thankful."

And her eyes glowed.

"I am quite sure he won't," I thought to myself, but I said no word.

After a long pause she went on, "I have promised Mr. Craig to sing tonight if I am needed!" and then, after a moment's hesitation, "it is two years since I have been able to sing—two years," she repeated, "since"—and then he brave voice trembled—"my husband was killed."

"I quite understand," I said, having no other word on my tongue.

"And," she went on quietly, "I fear I have been selfish. It is hard to sing the same songs. We were very happy. But the miners like to hear me sing, and I think perhaps it helps them to feel less lonely and keeps them from evil. I shall try tonight if I am needed. Mr. Craig will not ask me unless he must."

I would have seen every miner and lumberman in the place hideously drunk before I would have asked her to sing one song while her heart ached. I wondered at Craig, and said rather angrily:

"He thinks only of those wretched miners and shantymen of his."

She looked at me with wonder in her eyes and said gently:

"And are they not Christ's, too?"

And I found no word to reply.

It was nearing ten o'clock, and I was wondering how the fight was going and hoping that Mrs. Mavor would not be needed, when the door opened and old man Nelson and Sandy, the latter much battered and ashamed, came in with the word for Mrs. Mavor.

"I will come," she said simply. She saw me preparing to accompany her and asked: "Do you think you can leave him?"

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Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Visit to Mexico

Brother A. E. Janzen, Brother Dan Petker and Sister Mary Esther Martens left Hillsboro for Mexico on August 7. Sister Martens was returning to her work at Nuevo Ideal after attending Emporia State Teachers College in Kansas this summer. Brethren Janzen and Petker spent a brief period in Mexico in the interests of our Conference work. Brother and Sister Daniel Wirsche and family expected to arrive at Nuevo Ideal during the time Brother Janzen was there. The Wirsches planned to leave Fresno, California, around August 11 for Nuevo Ideal where Brother Wirsche will be taking up the Bible school work again.

Home From the Field

Brother and Sister Frank Buschman and sons Lawrent, Dennis, Frank and Robert arrived in Hillsboro on August 15. They have returned from the Congo field for furlough following their second term of service.

The Theodore Martens have also arrived in Niverville, Man., after one term of service in the Belgian Congo.

Off to Africa

Sister Marcella Wiens, who sailed from New York for Africa on August 15, was ready to sail when her freight had not arrived. At the last moment it arrived, causing great happiness and gratitude to God.

Studies in Belgium

Brother and Sister Alfred Schmidt and son Rodney and Sister Helen Toews arrived in Rotterdam, Holland, on August 3 and then proceeded to Brussels, Belgium. Their colonial course will begin early in September. These workers are grateful for a good voyage and entrance into the country and are now eager with the Lord's help to enter into their studies in preparation for service in the Congo. Sister Daisy Martens, who will join them in their studies in Belgium was scheduled to sail from Montreal on September 2.

Teacher Training School Growing

"The Congo Star" is the name of the first annual of Ecole de Moniteurs Chretiens—the Christian teacher training school of the Congo Inland Mission and American Mennonite Brethren Mission at Nyanga, Belgian Congo. Printed in both French and English, the yearbook presents in pictures and brief write-ups the work and history of the school. This year's graduating class of eight students selected as their motto—"We are Witnesses." This edition of the annual is dedicated to the Church of Christ in the Congo. During the past year the school consisted of 70 students. The

six-member faculty includes Brother George Faul of our mission. In a recent report, Brother Faul indicates that about 20 students from our mission may be attending the Nyanga school next year.

M. B. Bible College Graduate at Japan School

Brother Takashi Niwa san has been attending the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg during the past three years. A call to assist in the work of our Bible school in Japan has been extended to Brother Niwa by our Japan Missionary Council. He is being asked to serve in the translation work and language teaching. Another development in Japan Bible School work is the appointment of Brother Harry Friesen as principal.

Transition Period in Japan

Sister Ruth Wiens, writing on July 30, said our Japan missionaries were enjoying their participation at the conference of the Evangelical Missions Association of Japan. They appreciated the inspirational messages and fellowship as well as the cool air of the mountains. One speaker emphasized that this is a transition period in the Church in Japan which he believes may last for at least 30 years. This Japanese

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on this earth? Now, I know that there will be rewards in heaven, but I was wondering if You had any plans for reimbursing us for things we will have to leave behind when Christ returns? I hope that there is no harm in asking. Like I say, if things continue as they are now for another 40 years, I believe that I'd be a little less involved and tied down.

Another thing that bears on this issue is this matter of educational entertainment. You see, I'm close to the college and it offers a lecture series, plus many other fine features. (Of course, Lord, You know that I'm a college graduate and appreciate the finer things of life.) It's mighty convenient down here below to hear and see some of the very best items and personages in the field of entertainment. And with the addition of this new TV station in Portage we will be able to pull in three different programs without a bit of trouble. There's something worthwhile every evening either to see or hear.

And Clear Lake is a mere three hours by the new highway, so that brings another large area within the range of our visitation and exploration. I would make it clear, however, Lord, that we take only the best. But what is it going to be like without some of these things? I know that there will be singing

Christian feels that during this time the place of the missionary is important, especially to train leaders and teach Christians.

Congo Conference

Our Congo missionaries were greatly blessed in their conference held at Kajiji July 20 to 27, according to several comments included in recent letters from the Congo. "He giveth songs in the night," was the theme of the devotional program of the conference. With this theme in mind, the missionaries studied the epistle to the Philippians. During the conference Sister Margaret Dyck received word that her mother had passed away and Sister Elsie Guenther was informed of the death of her brother Reuben. May these workers and their families experience special grace from the Lord at this time.

Ministry in Europe

Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin have been ministering the Gospel in Europe since last April. Recently they have been ministering in Steyr, Austria, where a group of believers assembles for Bible study and prayer. This group was recently blessed through the ministry of Brother H. H. Janzen. The Warkentins plan to continue their ministry in Europe until early October when they are scheduled to sail for New York on the 13th.

in heaven, but that seems like pretty limited fare. I don't mean to say that I can't give up some of these things. Lord, You know that I can. But still they are awful nice. It's a wonderful world and age that we are living in.

I would sure like to put my children through college. I've got a college education myself (pardon me if I mentioned that before) and would like them to have one too. It pays off. Research shows that college graduates make more than those with just a high school education. Now, I know that it won't take 40 years to see them through college, but shouldn't they have some time to get established and enjoy life a little?

I hope that this doesn't sound like I'm trying to run Your business. I don't mean to be too outspoken, but lots of other folks think the same as I do. I'm just putting my thoughts into words, and I shouldn't be blamed for that?

You see, Lord, this world isn't really such a bad place. Things have changed a lot since Your Son was here. Now, it's not a heaven on earth, but things are a lot more comfortable since Jesus walked the trails of Galilee and Judea.

Medical and hospital care is just one illustration of the above. It's wonderful what can be done for the human body. We've got drugs and medicines and therapy that almost make it a pleasure to get sick. The life expectancy of the average per-

son is nearly 70, so that means I've still got about 30 years coming. Old-age pensions and social security brighten even the declining years of a person's life. Lord, it seems only fair that I ought to enjoy those years, too. I've paid a lot into social security.

Now, God, I hope that You don't get me wrong. I don't want to sound materialistic or self-centered. It's just that I've got a question in my mind about the future. This earth is offering a person a lot of security and enjoyment. It's tangible. I can lay my hands on it. It's real. I sure hope that You understand what I'm getting at. Certainly we want Your Son to come back again. But, Lord, do you think that it's advisable just now? Things are so nice here, and we're getting along so well. Maybe later, Lord, it might work out better.

Father, this prayer is longer than I intended, but it takes a lot of words to explain a person's thinking on a delicate subject like this. I don't want to be misunderstood. . . Excuse me, Lord, I've got to quit. My favorite TV program is just coming on. Amen.

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Winkler Bible Camp

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India, and Mr. Max Woerlin, who will leave for service in Germany. Miss Warkentin was an inspiration to all of us in her cheerfulness and activity in spite of her advanced age. Mr. Woerlin helped us greatly in our sports program. He organized new features such as broad and high jumping, rope climbing, etc.

We wish to conclude this report by naming the workers who served the Lord and the children with skill and devotion. In all three camps we had Margaret Harder, Winkler, as hostess; Irene Hiebert, Plum Coulee, as handwork instructor; Tienne and Susie Klassen of Winkler as first and second cooks; Katie Thielman of Elm Creek, assistant in the kitchen, and Abe C. Klassen as business manager and handwork instructor. Lena Enns and Abe Loewen of Elm Creek, and Mary Poetker of Lena served in two camps, while those who served in one camp were: Helen Boldt, Winnipeg; Emma Neufeld, Morden; Rose Klassen, Morden; Gloria Kroeker, Winkler; Hazel Enns, Krongart; Evelyn Labun, Krongart; Ruth Dyck, Winkler; Helen Warkentin, Winkler; Katie Enns, Newton; Susan Penner, Holmfield; Helen Doerksen, Morden; Doreen Klassen, Winkler; Art Labun, Krongart; Albert Labun, Krongart; Erwin Penner, Holmfield; Henry Janzen, Elm Creek; Max Woerlin, Winnipeg; Dave Froese, Newton; James Nikkel, Newton, and Tina Peters, Krongart. We thank them heartily an d trust the Lord to reward them richly.



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Much Hebraic Data New To Bible Scholars Microfilmed in Russia.

An American professor who two years ago visited Leningrad and Moscow, where he met with scholars of the Soviet Union and set up a two-way exchange—books from the U.S., microfilms from Russia—is returning from Russia with "a trove of material for Hebraic scholars," most of which is new to scholars. The material was gathered in libraries in Budapest, Kiev and Moscow.

Prof. Abraham I. Katsh of New York University has arranged with specialists and archivists in those cities to microfilm valuable collections heretofore unavailable to Western specialists. The materials are to be kept at New York University's Library of Judaica and Hebraica for use by scholars of the United States and other countries.

French Troops Risk Ambush In Algeria Seeking Vanished American Missionary

French soldiers risked ambush to search olive groves and mountain top villages in Algiers for an American missionary believed to have been kidnapped by nationalist rebels, possibly to care for their wounded. The only trace found of Lester Edgar Griffith Jr., 34 years old, son of Mrs. Lester E. Griffith Sr. of Cleveland, Ohio, was the charred

remains of the station wagon in which he had driven fearlessly over the rebel-dominated countryside.

Authorities believed Mr. Griffith was alive. He disappeared while driving to the Methodist Medical Mission of Les Quadhias from Fort National and Algiers. His permanent post has been at Fort National, but he went to Les Quadhias during another missionary's vacation and was on his way home to his wife and their three children when he apparently was seized late in August.

Christian Radio Station Completes 100,000 Hours

WMBI, the Moody Bible Institute radio station in Chicago, completed more than 100,000 hours of broadcasting recently. This number of daytime broadcasting hours, logged over a 32 year period, is the equivalent of more than 12 solid years of broadcasting. In all of this time the station has not sold a minute of commercial time, but has been supported wholly by the gifts of its listeners and friends.

This pioneer voice of Christian radio broadcasting continues to originate over 150 programs each week for its potential audience of ten million. More than one dozen of the programs produced in the WMBI studios are released on over 50 stations in this country and by short-wave around the world.

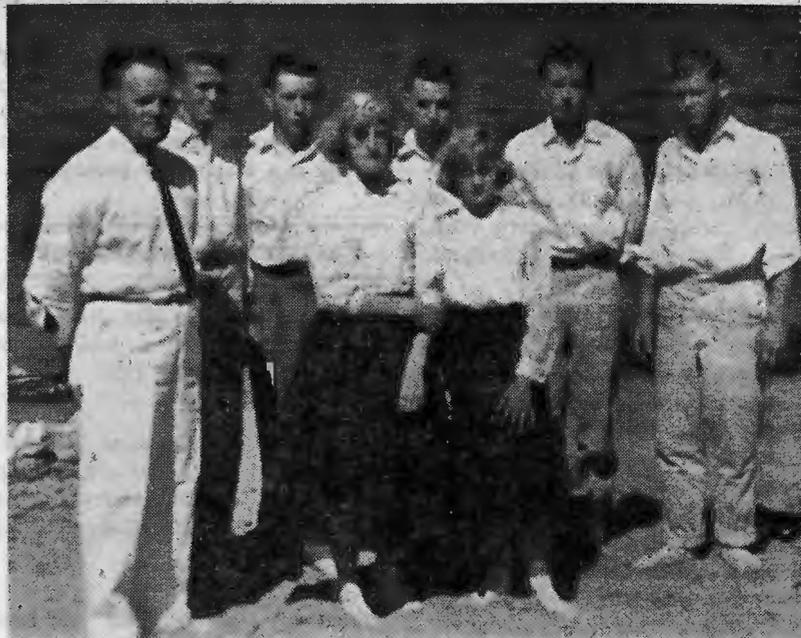
grant is aimed at helping the small farmer, and will be paid out on the basis of \$1 a specified acre up to a maximum of \$200 a farm. It will be paid for wheat, oats, barley and flax acreage—that is under delivery quota with the wheat board. It applies only to the crop year started August 1.

Storms Maul Ontario

Severe storms with high winds swept parts of central and southern Ontario Sunday, leaving a string of deaths and property damage and disrupting Labor Day weekend celebrations. At least six deaths were blamed on the storm. Winds that gusted to 80 miles an hour demolished cabins in the Oakville area and a curling rink near Toronto, while three inches of hail fell at Newmarket.

University Aid Boosted

The federal government is boosting its grants to universities by 50 per cent, finance minister Hon. Donald Fleming has announced in the Commons. Mr. Fleming said that the current annual budget of \$17,100,000 for such grants will be increased by \$8,500,000 to \$25,600,000, effective immediately.



Kelowna M. B. Church baptismal candidates are pictured at Okanagan Lake. From left, Rev. A. J. Sawatsky, pastor, John Willms, Fred Wiebe, Margaret Enns, Stanley Schellenberg, Esther Enns, Jacob Janzen, and Arthur Wiebe.

Baptismal Service at Kelowna

By George Fast

Kelowna, B.C. — The pastor of the M. B. Church here, Rev. Abe Sawatsky announced one Sunday that two candidates had requested baptism and that other requests for baptism were welcome. As the list of candidates grew the baptismal day was announced. On Saturday, August 23, when the candidates were to give their testimonies, seven stepped forward.

Margaret Enns told us that Amos 4:12 had spoken to her: "Prepare to meet thy God."

Her younger sister Esther said that if Christ found it necessary to be baptized we should have all the more reason.

Jake Janzen as well as Stanley Schellenberg were led to follow Jesus through Isaiah 53:5: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes are we healed."

Arthur Wiebe testified that he had realized that he could not get to heaven by good works. Staying on the good side of his parents and his Christian brothers was not enough.

John Willms decided to "Seek the Lord while He may be found." Fred Wiebe realized that "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

On Sunday morning after Sunday

school a sign was posted on the door of the church saying that the congregation had gathered at Okanagan Lake for a baptismal service.

The Lord led two guest speakers into our midst for that day. Brother Nick Dyck of County Line spoke on Romans 6:1-4: "Know ye not that as many of us as are baptized unto Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" Rev. J. R. Barkman of Henderson, Neb., brought a baptismal message and also reported on the work of the Grace Children's Home.

Then Rev. A. J. Sawatsky stepped into the water and baptized the candidates.

The evening service saw the church before the Lord while the candidates were accepted into the fellowship of the believers. This was followed by the communion service.

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Power Through Nuclear Generators

A top Canadian nuclear scientist has told the second United Nations conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy that a single Canadian-designed atomic power plant may one day generate up to 1,000,000 kilowatts of electric energy, equivalent to a large hydro-electric power station.

The statement was made by Dr. W. B. Lewis, vice-president of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, the Crown company which operates Canada's Chalk River, Ont., nuclear project.

Canada at present is building an experimental atomic power plant which will produce 20,000 kilowatts of electricity. Canadian engineers also are designing a station which will have an output of some 200,000 watts.

Aid To Prairie Farmers

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced that the Canadian government will distribute \$40,000,000 through the Wheat Board in emergency aid to prairie farmers. This

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Weddings

Wall—Block

Miss Dora Elmeda Block, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Block of Main Centre, Sask., and Leroy Wall, son of Mrs. Mary Wall, Herbert, Sask., were married on July 27 in the Main Centre, Sask., M. B. church. Rev. Nick Willems officiated.



The couple went to the Yellowstone National Park for their honeymoon. They are residing at Main Centre, where Leroy is engaged in farming.

Friesen—Falk

The marriage of Jake Friesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Friesen of Winnipeg, Man., to Edna Falk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Falk, Abbotsford, B.C., was solemnized in the Arnold M. B. church on August 22, 1958. Rev. Herman Voth officiated, assisted by Rev. Gustav Ratzlaff.

Toews—Balzer

Miss Elfrieda Balzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Balzer of Saskatoon, Sask., and Walter Toews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Toews of Saskatoon, were married on August 22 in the Mennonite Brethren church in Saskatoon. Rev. George Braun officiated.

A cousin from Vancouver, Miss Vera Fast, served as one of the bridesmaids. Special visitors were a Montreal uncle and aunt of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fast. Mr. Fast is the assistant to the manager of the CNR.

The couple went to Banff for their honeymoon. Walter will be attending the University of Saskatchewan during the coming winter. He is a teacher.

Dyck—Balzer

Miss Irene L. Balzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Balzer of Saskatoon, Sask., and Elmer P. Dyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dyck, Saskatoon, were married on August 15 in the Mennonite Brethren church in Saskatoon. Rev. George Braun officiated. Rev. J. Epp, principal of the Bethany Bible Institute, where

Elmer graduated and Irene studied one year, spoke.

The young couple went to Banff for their honeymoon. The groom will be attending the University of Saskatchewan during the next winter. He is a teacher by profession.

Future Subscribers

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Abe Pauls of Glenbush, Sask., a son, David Rodney, on August 5, 1958.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. John M. Schmidt, Winnipeg, a son, John David, on August 21. Rev. Schmidt is the director of the Gospel Light Hour.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Giesbrecht of Winnipeg, a son, John Herbert, on July 28.

Obituaries

Mrs. Maria Penner

Our mother was born on May 18, 1876, in the village of Olgafeld, Russia. She was married to our father, Mr. Peter J. Penner, on November 15, 1898. In 1904 they immigrated to Canada, where they lived at Winkler, Man., for one year before homesteading south of Herbert. Here they experienced the hardships of pioneer days.

Father had three children from his first marriage, and this second union was blessed with another eight children. Father and four of the eleven children predeceased mother. Father's passing in 1923 left her a widow for 34 years and 11 months.

Mother lived a very busy life, being a pioneer wife and mother of a large family. Nevertheless her health was good. For the last 30 years she lived with her two youngest children, John and Helen, who were faithfully with her and ministered to her need. They moved into Herbert from the farm in 1952.

Mother accepted Christ as her personal Saviour when she was 17 years old, and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church. Here she did her part as a faithful member. She had a strong faith in the Lord, in whose ways she instructed her family. She was one of those loyal prayer warriors. She loved to pray for the Lord's work, for her children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren.

Our mother lived to be 82 years and three months old. During the last three months her strength seemed to fail rapidly, which made us more aware of her age. Although she was not bedridden, she was under doctor's observation and care. On August 20 she had a stroke at one in the afternoon and was taken to the hospital the next day. At 2

p.m. on Friday, August 22, the Lord answered her prayer and took her to her heavenly home.

She leaves to mourn seven children: four sons, Jacob, Peter, George and John of Herbert; three daughters, Tina (Mrs. Henry P. Neufeld of Vancouver, B.C.), Susie (Mrs. Paul Klassen of Beaver Flat, Sask.), and Helen of Herbert; two sons-in-law and four daughters-in-law; 44 grandchildren, of which three predeceased her; 42 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren; one brother, G. J. Siemens; and one sister, Mrs. H. M. Dueck, both of Shafter, Calif.

The Family

Lorne Robert Schmidt

Lorne Robert Schmidt, 25, of Saskatoon, Sask., passed away on August 23 after a heart attack. The funeral service was held from the Mennonite Brethren church, Saskatoon, on August 26.

The late Mr. Schmidt accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour when he was 16 years old and enjoyed a victorious Christian life. He spent two years at the Briercrest Bible Institute and attended the Teacher's College at Saskatoon. He has taught for two years. On August 17, 1957, he was united in matrimony with Miss Katie Dyck, their union lasting but a short year and six days.

While at work on August 23 with the Sovereign Life Assurance Co. of Canada, he suddenly complained of illness. In a matter of seconds he had passed to his eternal reward. He was rushed to hospital by ambulance, but was pronounced dead upon arrival. He attained the age of 25 years, two months and 19 days.

Lorne's favorite verses through which he found assurance and continued encouragement were Ephesians 1:13-14: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of our purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

The pastor, Rev. George Braun, officiated at the funeral service, speaking on I Samuel 20 and Job 5:18. Breola Krahn and Wilmer Neufeld sang the duet: "He is God, be still and know." Rev. Art Martens delivered a message on Psalm 23 and Wilmer Neufeld sang the solo, "I Know My Heavenly Father Knows." Miss Kathryn Berg presided at the organ.

Surviving are his wife Kay; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt, Saskatoon; two sisters, Mrs. Jacob (Ruby) Janz, Regina, Mrs. Wilmer (Jean) Neufeld, Saskatoon; two brothers, Allan, North Bay, Ont., and Arthur, living in Port Coquitlam, B.C.; and one grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Buhler of Dalmeny.



New Psychiatric Program

Brook Lane Farm has completed two months of capacity operation under its new medical director, Dr. Gilles Morin, who has given full-time service to the hospital since June 23, 1958. Roy Harnish of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, joined the professional staff in July, and gives the hospital its first qualified leadership in social case work.

Dr. Morin received his psychiatric experience and training at the Menninger Institute in Topeka, Kansas, and is well qualified to develop the more varied medical program anticipated at Brook Lane Farm. He replaces Dr. Helmut Prager who resigned early this year in order to give major attention to the growing demands of his practice in the Baltimore, Maryland-Washington, D.C., area.

Pioneer Worker Evaluates Agricultural Program

Several years ago the church on the little Indonesian island of Timor appealed to the Java churches for economic assistance. Cut off from Dutch subsidy when Indonesia became an independent republic in 1949, the island's economic conditions soon became critical. The appeal was handed on, until it finally came to the attention of MCC and Church World Service (CWS). The two agencies responded jointly. CWS agreed to finance whatever project was undertaken, whereas MCC would supply personnel. MCC's decision to co-sponsor the new venture was based primarily on its desire to strengthen the Christian church on Timor in order that it might be helped in the fulfillment of its mission in a predominantly Moslem country.

Two years ago, Leonard Kingsley and family, Berne, Indiana, were sent to Timor to survey the situation. Mr. Kingsley spent his first few months on the island familiarizing himself with the people and their needs, in order to ascertain how assistance could be given most profitably.

Indonesia being so newly independent, he found a country cautious of outside influence, with a government that was progressive but feeble, and not ready to cope with the multiple problems facing it. He found a people, primitive and uneducated yet very receptive to training and education, if approached the right way. The economy of the country, he learned, was so low that most of the inhabitants live on a subsistence level.

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"I Still Choose Trees"

By Frank C. Peters

Black Creek, B.C. — Last night I saw the sun go down on the last outpost of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference. In a way it was a depressing sight. Should the sun ever set on our witness and thus leave the world to darkness? In a moment my spirits were raised once more at the thought that the sun does not set, since in setting it rises elsewhere to cast light on other outposts of the Kingdom of God. If we look beyond the local and see the great network of churches which span the globe, then, truly, the sun never sets on the preaching of the Gospel.

And yet, the sun did set at Black Creek, B.C., the westernmost church of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of Canada. A church of 88 members, it maintains a vital witness in this area. The young people staff a mission Sunday school. They also conduct an evening service for their English neighbours on the last Sunday of the month.

Revival Services

During my stay on Vancouver Island, the Church conducted a nine-day revival and evangelistic campaign. Of the ten services, five were conducted in the English. The group expended a great deal of time and energy in inviting the community. Many came and heard the Word. The choir, under the direction of Albert Wedel, sang every night—and they sang well.

Before the regular evening service, a children's meeting was held. Several brethren made it their mission to comb the surrounding community and provide transportation for the children. The results were very encouraging.

A number of the young men of this church are school teachers. Others work in the mills of Campbell River and the surrounding area. Construction seems to attract many of our people, and some become contractors. According to reports, this has been a meagre year for employment. In part, this has been caused by the dry spell, which makes the woods inaccessible to logging. This, in turn, affects other areas of employment, such as construction.

Change, the Essence of Life

During my stay in Black Creek, I went to see Campbell River, the scene of much Mennonite activity during Second World War days. I hardly recognized the town. It has been expanded and improved to such an extent that I wondered, at times, whether this were really the Campbell River of 1943. Obviously it is not, neither am I the Frank Peters of 1943. Change seems to be the essence of life.

Along the hillsides and in the valleys I saw an awe-inspiring sight.

A young forest of even growth proudly reared its head and reminded me of the days when hundreds of young C.O. boys bent their backs and planted those trees. I was one of those who planted. I also remembered the lonely hours when I wondered whether it was really worth it all; whether the service rendered was not mediocre and insignificant. As I pondered on those days, I seemed to see two scenes, as a sort of parallel panorama; one of bombed cities lying in their ruins with the dead and maimed as an added touch; and then the trees—thousands of trees—inspiring me to hope and inviting man to a constructive use of God's resources. I still choose trees.

Many-Sided Witness

Man's witness is truly a many-sided one. Some feel that only the spoken word can exalt God. Surely the Psalmist felt differently about this when he said: "The heavens declare the glory of God." On the one hand, was the witness of the little Mennonite Brethren Church, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ to a world steeped in sin. On the other hand, I felt that the trees were also a silent witness to the love of God in the hearts of men dedicated to discipleship, who choose trees instead of bombs and the hoe instead of the sword.

MCC News

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How could these people be helped best? Assistance would have to be given in such a way, that people would learn to help themselves. The need for education and devoted trained leadership was all too apparent. Schools, he felt, were the answer, preferably agricultural schools, to enable villagers to improve their methods of farming, to produce more food, and slowly but surely raise their standard of living. He knew the beginning would be difficult. He knew also that this called for long range planning which could not be deterred by seeming lack of progress.

Upon his recommendation an agricultural program was initiated, with rice and cattle demonstration projects and a school for the local villagers. Young people, who spoke both the official Indonesian as well as Timorese language could be reached most easily. Emphasis was placed on better methods of food production and proper care of livestock. To incorporate their own people into the program, Indonesians with some training were employed as teachers under MCC administration. With the addition of two Paxmen in the fall of 1957, Edgar Hoover (Detroit, Kans.) and Al-

bert Hoover (Troy, Ohio), the project got well underway.

In July of this year the Kingsleys returned to America. When asked to make a statement about the future of the project, Mr. Kingsley said: "If we expand our program carefully, as it is accepted and as we see it fits in, we can provide a lot of help in Timor. We have made only a beginning."

Personnel

Several families and a number of individuals have left during the past month for three-year relief assignments.

Indonesia: Dr. and Mrs. Clarence

Rutt and daughter (New Holland, Pa.)—medical service at Halmahera.

Korea: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klassen and family (Steinbach, Man.)—field director of Korean program. Daniel Roth (Ortanna, Pa.)—Pax.

Vietnam: Leland Good (Fisher, Ill.)—Pax; Alan Hochstetler (Nap-panee, Ind.)—Pax; Donald Voth (Inola, Oklahoma)—Pax.

Nepal: James Miller (Hartville, Ohio)—Pax; Willis Rudy (Baden, Ontario)—Pax.

Berlin: Rev. and Mrs. David Janzen and family (Winnipeg, Man.)—director of the Berlin refugee home.

An Experience To Be Remembered

By Susan Toews *

Winnipeg, Man. — MCC Summer Service became a reality to me this summer. Ten of us girls had been accepted as nurses aides at the Manitoba Sanatorium at Ninette.

The sanatorium is a beautifully located place. I had my first glimpse of it when we motored down one Sunday afternoon. There it lay, snuggled so cozily against the green breast of the hill, while the foliage of oak and birch gave it shelter and shade, and the blue-green waters of Pelican Lake lapped at its feet.

The air was clean, pure and refreshing—an excellent place for the sick to find strength and healing.

Here we learned to know Mr. Kilbourn, the manager, Dr. Paine, the superintendent, a regiment of nurses and aides, and most of the 215 patients resident there.

Ministering to Indians

The patients were our initial concern and interest, since we had come there because of them. Before long we became used to the 71 swarthy treaty Indians and their special brand of humor, which is so different from ours. We became used to a lot of other things, too.

Our work consisted of a succession of menial tasks, like making beds, taking temperatures, taking pulses, damp-dusting, giving baths, giving trays, medicines, shampoos, and ninety-nine other items that kept us busy for eight hours each day.

The beautiful words of Christ when he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," transformed the most menial task into an opportunity, a challenge.

It was a pleasure to work with the people and to help the patients by making them a little more comfortable and happy.

Spiritual Ministry

There is old Mr. Sidore, who in his broken English constantly speaks of dying.

"Where will you go after you die?" I inquired.

"To heaven, of course," came the brusque reply.

"How do you know you'll get to heaven?" I pressed.

"Well, I never steal nothing, I never kill nobody, I work, I go to confession twice a year," answered the righteous one.

"Do you confess your sins to Christ?" I continued. "He is the only one who can forgive sin. He is the One to Whom we confess our sins."

The spiritual darkness all around is appalling. There are a few very fine Christians, though. One of them is a young Mennonite farmer from Riverton. He has T.B. in the spine and lives in a cast that reaches from his chest to his ankles. He spends his time doing foam rubber craft work and completing his grade eight.

A Life of Pain

I have also seen how truly brave and courageous some patients are. Bobbie Bolton has been a patient for twenty-five years. Twenty-five years of his life gone by—and all his dreams and hopes and plans have been exchanged for a lifetime of pain, helplessness, isolation, and disappointment. Still he can talk about his plans and hopes without bitterness, cynicism or blame.

There are many more lives that have touched us, humbled us, and filled our hearts with thankfulness to God for our health, our faith, and our Christian way of life.

What is our responsibility to them? When the multitude followed Christ into the desert and they had nothing to eat, Christ said to his disciples, "Give ye them to eat." That is our responsibility.

Where are our young people who are willing to give a summer or two years in voluntary service to feed the multitude? It is well worthwhile. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

* A Winnipeg elementary school teacher and member at South End M. B. Church, where she teaches Sunday school.

Revival Fires in British Columbia

By John Thiessen

Vancouver, B.C. — As reported in last week's edition of this paper, the three Brunk revival campaigns in the Fraser Valley have now become history.

In the Vancouver campaign, concluding on August 24, the spirit of revival began to make itself felt only in the last two days of the campaign. As a result, the last night saw the tent literally overflowing. Three thousand found

room in the tent, but at least 500 were seated outside the raised walls.

Statistics of Results

A total of 190 pledge cards were handed in from the Vancouver campaign. Of these, only 42 were first-time decisions to follow the Lord. This shows that Brother Brunk's statement held true, when he said at the beginning of the campaign, "I feel my ministry is mainly to the Christians who are not living fully consecrated lives, which must be changed before our witness to the unsaved will be effective."

Of the total 190 cards, 100 came from the M. B. churches and 20 from the General Conference Mennonite churches. The difference is partly accounted for by the fact that there is a large difference in membership between the two Mennonite groups. Thirty decisions were recorded by Mennonites of the valley, where the campaigns had already concluded. The last 40 came from approximately a dozen different denominations in Vancouver.

A danger which accompanies any

revival campaign of significant duration, especially with a forceful speaker behind the pulpit, is that the congregation may be swept by a wave of emotionalism that fades as soon as the vans are rolling, removing the last trace of the meetings. Although it is still too early to judge if this will happen or not, unprecedented changes have been brought about in at least one church. We must place the reason deeper than emotionalism.

In the Vancouver M. B. Church, 43rd and Prince Edward, half a dozen teenage girls, mostly out of one Sunday school class, were saved and have already gone to their pastor with the desire to be baptized.

Another instance of new spiritual vitality was in evidence in the Wednesday evening prayer meeting of the young people's group. In contrast to previous meetings, where there were only a handful of prayers, there was half an hour devoted to prayer alone. Then after a short devotional study lasting about five minutes, which replaced the regular series of studies in Acts, the meeting was thrown open to testimonies. Over half an hour was occupied by young people eager to tell of their experiences. The meeting went overtime by about twenty minutes!

In fact, such a stirring change was noticed in the group consisting of over 150 young people, that one young man acquainted with the difference between Pentecostals and Mennonites was led to remark, "I always had a grudge against our people because they did not display the life and the joy that should be there. For this reason I enjoyed the fellowship with the Pentecostals, but had nothing but criticism for Mennonites. But with what I have seen tonight, I will keep my mouth shut and not complain about Mennonite indifference any more. Something really remarkable has happened here."

Booklet Available

By the middle of September the booklet, "Revival Fires in British Columbia", will be available. Edited by Abe J. Klassen, it will cover the entire story of the three campaigns in the Fraser valley, held in Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Vancouver. Five thousand copies will be available, first through the sponsoring churches only and then, after a further two weeks, through the Christian bookstores.

In addition to the report by Brother Klassen, there will be a personal supplement by the chairmen of the various campaigns. A special feature will be the introduction and a sermon, "Christian Victory", both written by Evangelist Brunk himself.

The booklet, which will be larger in size than the one published last year on the revival in Manitoba, will include more pictures, many of which are full-sized. It is being published in Altona, Man., and will sell for one dollar.

School Opening Announcement

The Coaldale Bible School extends a hearty invitation to all young people wishing to prepare for life and service through a systematic study of the Word of God. Classes will begin, the Lord willing, on Monday, October 27, and instruction will be given in three classes. The opening program will take place on Sunday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. For full particulars and application forms write:

The Coaldale Bible School,
Box 331, Coaldale, Alta.

On the Horizon

September 8. — Registration at the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, begins at 2 p.m. Classes begin the next day.

September 21. — Opening Festival of the M. B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, at Elmwood M. B. church, 7 p.m.

September 23 and 24. — Registration and orientation at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg. Classes begin on September 25.

October 5. — School opening festivities of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, to be held at 7 p.m. in the Elmwood M. B. church.

October 26. — School opening program of the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Man.

October 31. — Beginning of two-day Ministers' and Deacons' Conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba.

November 8 and 9. — Provincial youth rally of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba at Steinbach M. B. church.

November 9. — Peace Sunday in Canadian Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches.

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