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

I Cor. 2:2

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YOUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEKLY

Comfortable Quarters for Aged Dedicated



This is an exterior view of the lovely eight-unit Tabor Senior Citizens Home, Morden, Man., which was formally opened on September 14 with a ceremony that attracted over 300 interested visitors.

(Cut courtesy The Times, Morden)

The Times

Morden, Man. — Fear—the haunting dread of a comfortless old age—was brought to an end for many people Sunday, September 14, as they inspected the eight-unit Senior Citizens' Home here after the dedication service.

A feeling of amazement was predominant among the large throng that travelled down to the location of the new home following the dedication exercises at Morden Collegiate auditorium in the afternoon.

The bright line-tiled compact suites are a house-keeper's delight. Planned with an eye to modern efficiency, they have kitchens equipped with a Reliance electric, four-burner stove with perma-view oven, a refrigerator, modern sink and built-in cupboards.

Front entrance is through an aluminum door. The living room has a picture window with radiant heating and the bedroom to the rear has ample cupboard space and aluminum all-weather sliding windows. A built-in bath, ample utility cupboard and clothes closet aid in completing a scene of complete comfort. All for a modest monthly rent of \$45.

Dr. George Johnson of Gimli, provincial minister of health and public welfare, lauded those citizens responsible for establishing the homes. By so doing, he said, they have led the way for other rural towns. He was one of the speakers at the dedication service.

Congratulations were offered by both Maurice Ridley, MLA of Manitou, and George Muir, Member of Parliament for Roland.

Describing the project as a worthwhile project on the part of the town of Morden, "which will enable senior citizens to enjoy their declining years at a minimum cost," Mayor H. A. Cochran termed it "another successful accomplishment—another first for Morden."

The invocation was delivered by Rev. John Wiebe, leading minister of the Manitou M. B. Church, who read Psalm 103.

In the course of a brief address Dr. W. M. Colert declared that it was a privilege to serve these people. He had great praise for the work just completed.

For his text Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church, took the fifth commandment: "Honor thy father and thy mother . . ."

He urged that we should always be considerate of the dignity of older folk. Sometimes a gift hurts like a dagger at the heart," he observed.

"We will have accomplished much" if we can provide for our older folk in such a way that it does

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Deacon Ordained at Waldheim

Waldheim, Sask. — An ordination service was held at the Waldheim M. B. church on September 21. Mr. and Mrs. John H. E. Janzen were ordained to the diaconate.

The opening was made by the leader of the church, Mr. John H. Janzen. Following this the girls' choir sang "Trusting Jesus." Rev. Paul Wiebe, pastor of the church, then delivered a German message, basing his text on Acts 6:1-8. The choir continued with "Zieht fröhlich hinaus."

Rev. H. M. Willems, pastor at the Brotherfield M. B. church, delivered the second message in the English language. His message, "The Characteristics and Responsibilities

of a Deacon," was based on I Tim. 3:8-13. A ladies' trio then sang, "Something for Thee."

Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon officiated at the laying on of hands. A final number, "So nimm denn meine Hände," was sung by the choir.

The service was well attended and blessings were enjoyed by all.

Farewell for Missionary Family

By Mrs. P. Stobbe

Boissevain, Man. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here combined a thanksgiving service with a farewell service for missionary family Henry Derkens to make Sunday, Sept 14, a day of special blessing and significance. Many friends had gathered in the morning for the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival and after dinner more friends and relatives of the Derkens came from more distant points to join in the farewell service.

Rev. A. J. Froese opened the morning service with a word of welcome for everyone. The choir of the local church served throughout the morning and afternoon.

Rev. D. D. Derksen read as his text II Chronicles 15:7: "Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded," and Phil. 1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Because the way of missionaries is hard we must needs be prepared, and must seek continuous strengthening through the Word of God, fellowship with God in prayer and fellowship with other Christians, he said. Our hands must never rest from the work of giving and from the privilege of prayer.

God has promised to reward the service done in His Name and He cannot forget His promise, Rev. Derksen declared. He begins the work in us and we are confident that He will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ, for His Word cannot fail. Because we have this glorious promise, we are exhorted not to grow weary but to continue giving, working and praying.

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EDITORIAL

Where Are the Volunteers?

The call for workers in the Lord's harvest field is as great today as ever. It is a call for workers who have been called of the Lord, who have prepared adequately, and who are willing to take Christ's cross upon themselves and serve.

A recent letter from a missionary worker on the M. B. mission field in India indicates that there is a real need for more workers there. With two and a half million people waiting to hear the Gospel, the task force on the field is small no matter which way you consider it. The 23,000 converts are organized in churches with indigenous leadership to a large degree—but what about those who have never heard the Gospel yet?

Where are volunteers?

The Mennonite Brethren mission in the Belgian Congo needs three more missionary couples now, a veteran missionary told us. The Congo needs qualified men and women who can teach well, supervise teachers, and instruct elementary school teachers. Other professionally qualified men are needed to complete the mission staff. Above all, an emerging indigenous church needs experienced, effective and Spirit-filled leaders who can guide it in its growth.

Where are the volunteers?

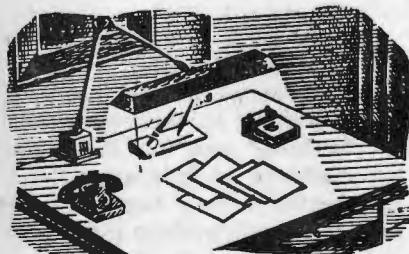
A great work is being done by the Mennonite Brethren missionaries in Europe. In Linz, Austria, for example, the Neufelds are ministering to a growing church. They also have opportunities above their capacities to serve in surrounding communities. In fact, there are at least five or six centres where a church could be organized—if there were the workers to lead them. A similar situation exists around Neuwied, we are told.

Where are volunteers with experience in church work, a vision for church-building, and leadership qualities needed for such work?

An acute shortage of qualified pastors is being felt in the Mennonite Brethren churches in the United States and in Canada. One pastor declared that almost without exception university graduates went into teaching instead of the ministry because of the higher pay, better security, and the lack of the many problems connected with pastoral work.

Where are the volunteers who will respond to the call of God into the ministry, into pastoral work?

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."



Pen Points for Reporters

A Silent Language: The dead speak too—only this is a silent language. In a period of three days we received news of the death of an infant, a teenager, a young wife, and a grandmother. They tell us that we must be prepared to meet our God at any time. But in three of the four deaths carelessness also played a part—and thus teaches us that safety is everyone's business.

Concern: One of the articles in this week's issue reveals a teacher's concern for today's attitude toward Bible schools. We are happy that he can share his concern with you through the medium of this paper. Is there a "concern" that you would like to share with the readers of the Mennonite Observer?

Increased Coverage: Two new re-

porters sent in their first reports for this week's issue. We welcome Mrs. Peter Stobbe of Ninga, who will report Boissevain, Man., news, and Miss Clara Thiessen, who sent in two reports on Clearbrook events.

Should your district not be receiving adequate coverage in your opinion, please contact us and offer your assistance.

Wedding Bells: Another reporter entered the wedded state when Ernest Penner of St. Catharines, Ont. (who sent in reports on the Toronto fellowship group) married Miss Doris Barber of Toronto on September 5. Mr. and Mrs. Penner are now residing in Ebenezer Hall at the M. B. Bible College, where Ernest is a student.

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DEVOTIONAL

What is Your Pleasure?

Robert G. Tuttle

What's fun? What do you get a "kick" out of? What is your pleasure? In a little book, *Greater Than Ourselves*, Arthur Prestan speaks of an incident in the life of Mrs. Fritz Kreisler: "When a New York socialite commented to Mrs. Kreisler that she didn't seem to get much of a 'kick' out of social life, Mrs. Kreisler answered, 'No, I get more of a 'kick' out of feeding poor children... I just get my 'kick' in a different way, that's all.'"

The Things We Value

Life ought to offer a continual stimulus, a continual challenge, a continual excitement. God never intended life to be drab, dull, and boring. We can put this down as an axiom: The quality of our lives is determined by the things we enjoy; the things that give us pleasure reveal our true nature.

Many people are seeking their 'kicks' by following the paths of least resistance. They are seeking their pleasure in illicit sex, in drinking, in gambling, in nothingness—and finding out too late that these are no pleasure at all. They are on the train and can't get off; and, because they are not strong enough, they are being rushed through life in the wrong direction.

Charles Crowe writes of a young fellow who attended a party where there was much drinking. Suddenly, realizing that if he didn't do something quickly he would be the only one not drinking, he spoke out clearly, "Make mine tomato juice." Eight or ten others followed suit, young men who would not have dared to be different by themselves. It wasn't that they found pleasure in drinking; it was that they were afraid not to drink. Caught in a pattern, they were no longer strong enough to stand on their own feet and express their own moral judgment.

Eugene O'Neill's play, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, is a sad commentary on the fact that so many people in seeking pleasure discover only self-destruction. The actor father, played by Fredric March, seeks his pleasure in the acclaim of the audience. In still another pleasure, a mania for buying property, he has robbed his family of the things that could have made for a real home. He gets his final kick by drinking. The mother, who in the years gone by had loved her husband very much, has finally cracked under the strain and has become a drug addict. In drugs she seeks an abnormal pleasure which brings only terror, self-hate, and horror.

The oldest son, having been reared in a home that was no home by a family dedicated to the immediate pleasures with no understanding of the lasting values, gets his 'kick' out

of life by pursuing his lowest physical appetites. He sees his own deterioration and, speaking brilliant lines of philosophy, continues his rush toward death. The younger son, caught in the tangle of these circumstances, suffering from tuberculosis, and expecting no pleasure from life, surrenders to a hopeless existence which foretells death. The play moves on with each character caught in his own particular trap and baited with his own particular false idea of pleasure. The long day drags into the dark night. The money-mad father turns out the light bulbs, one by one, to save three cents worth of electricity. The darkness grows deeper and deeper, the blackness more impenetrable as the dark night closes in.

What is your pleasure?

A mother with four small children loves them, makes daily sacrifices to clothe them, feed them, and minister to their bodies and growing souls. She finds unspeakable joy in their growth and development, in their beauty and their character. Stand in the operating room and watch a surgeon, even in the strain and tension of a difficult operation, reveal the joy of a man whose lifetime of investment and discipline is now spelling out the gift of life. Catch something of the exhilaration, the sheer joy of a jet pilot as he puts his ship through its paces, dives and climbs, bursts through the barrier of sound and holds conversation with the stars. Linger in the laboratory with

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Farewell for Students at Toronto

Toronto, Ont. — The Willowdale Christian Fellowship, an extension of the Mennonite Brethren Church, last week bade farewell to several of its members who are continuing their studies elsewhere.

Members of the Fellowship gathered on September 12 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Penner, who left for Winnipeg, where Ernie will be attending the Mennonite Brethren Bible College. Also leaving are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andres, who are going to Hillsboro, Kans., where Henry is taking up studies at Tabor College. Miss Elaine Voth, who is one of three high school students chosen to receive special assistance through an educational fund established by the Ontario Youth Committee of the Mennonite Brethren, will be attending Eden Christian College at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

While we regret to see these members taking leave, we also have the privilege from time to time of welcoming new members who join with us in witnessing in this field of the Lord's work.

C. C. Peters To Join MEI Staff

Clearbrook, B.C. — Rev. C. C. Peters, who has served the Mennonites in South America for a period of about eight years, will join the teaching staff at the Mennonite Educational Institute here in January, 1959.

Rev. Peters was earlier scheduled to assume leadership of the Vineland Mennonite Brethren Church at Vineland, Ont.

Baptismal Service Held At Abbotsford

Abbotsford, B.C. — A baptismal service held on Sunday, Sept. 14, in the Abbotsford M. B. church here added ten young members to the church.

The candidates following the Lord in the step of obedience in baptism were Francis Schmidt, Jean Unger, Marilyn Willems, Dorothy Ewert, Grace Enns, Ruth Peters, Karen Wiebe, Donald DeFehr, Ronald Niessen, and Melvin Sawatzky.

The message, directly addressed to these young people, was delivered by Rev. A. H. Wieler.

That evening, the choir of the church presented a musical program in the Fraserview M. B. church in Vancouver. The program consisted of a solo by Hilda Wiebe, two violin selections by Dick Fast, a recitation by Elaine Wiebe, a selection by a double trio, and several selections by the choir, under the direction of John Wittenberg.

Rev. J. Reimer, director of the West Coast Children's Mission, brought the message of the evening.

It was taken from Matthew chapter five.

Following the service, a light lunch was served by the Fraserview M. B. Church. Here the local choir and the Fraserview choir enjoyed fellowship together.

Congo Missionaries Report at Greendale

Sardis, B.C. — Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Dyck, home in Canada while on furlough from the Mennonite Brethren mission field at Matende, Belgian Congo, on September 16 reported in the Greendale M. B. church on their work in the Congo.

Pictures of their work there were shown to illustrate items for praise and prayer. Rev. Dyck stated in his brief message that "GOD CAN do wonders." He related some of their experiences of how God has done, and is doing, wonders in the field to which they were called.

The missionaries also encouraged folks at home to write to those serving the Lord in foreign countries.

Record Enrollment at Clearbrook School

Abbotsford, B.C. — The Mennonite Educational Institute at Clearbrook, B.C., has opened its doors to the 1958-59 student body, which is of record size.

Five hundred students crowded the halls of the MEI on September 15, the first day of school. Mr. Wm. Wiebe, principal, opened the year with prayer and then addressed the assembled students. He stressed the fact that the students were beginning another part of "Life's Journey" and needed a guide; therefore it was essential to ask the Lord to be with them.

Mr. F. F. Klassen, chairman of the school board, addressed the students very briefly, following which the teachers were introduced.

Classes began on the following Tuesday morning. The first two weeks saw the students busily preparing for the opening program, to be held Sept. 28, 1958.

Fifteen Join Church By Baptism

Sardis, B.C. — The Greendale Mennonite Brethren Church was happy to have a baptismal service on Sunday, Sept. 14, 1958. Most of the baptismal candidates were of the young people's group.

The following joined the church thereby: Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Derksen, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bahnmann, Marlene Driediger, Pauline Braun, Lily Harder, Alice Harder, Lena Hamm, Linda Peters, Eleonore Penner, Luella Bergmann, Hannah Reimer, Herman Raabe, and Herman Driediger.

Much of this is the fruit of the



This group of students is of special interest to Canadian Mennonite Brethren young people. They are the student body at the Bethany Bible Institute, Shamshabad, India, where Rev. P. V. Balzer is principal. In the background is the building financed through contributions of the Canadian M. B. Youth Project. Operational expenses of the school are also covered by the youth project, which was increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 this year for the Bible Institute. Schools such as this have great value on the mission field, since they prepare the leadership for the native churches.

Spirit through the influence of the Christian high school, as well as the result of the Brunk Revival Campaign held in this community this summer.

Rev. J. B. Harder is leading minister of the 300-member church.

one enjoyed a Chinese dinner prepared by the social committee. After this Rev. Konrad, the pastor of the church, closed the evening with a few fitting remarks and prayer.

Nineteen Baptized At East Chilliwack

Chilliwack, B. C. — Nineteen believers followed the Lord in baptism on August 17 in the East Chilliwack M. B. church. Rev. G. H. Thielmann is the pastor of the 250-member church.

Candidates for baptism were: Harvey Toews, John Dick, John Janzen, Henry Janzen, Henry Bergen, Verne Epp, Rudy Klassen, Peter Dick, Alvin Klassen, Walter Thiesen, Rudy Froese, Frieda Wiens, Delores Penner, Helen Thiessen, Evelyn Neufeld, Nettie Klassen, Irene Warkentin, Mary Dick, Lorretta Fast.

Lake Killarney Site of Baptism

Boissevain, Man. — A site on Lake Killarney proved to be an ideal spot for a baptismal service, as the Mennonite Brethren Church here discovered.

Five young people followed the Lord in baptism there on August 31. They were: Mrs. Art Kasper (nee Hilda Martens), Henry Peters, John Dyck, David and Henry Dueck. Rev. F. K. Dyck performed the baptisms.

Ontario Minister To Lead B.C. Church

Chilliwack, B.C. — Rev. Isaac Tiessen, moderator of the Ontario M. B. Conference, has arrived to assume the pastorate of the Chilliwack M. B. Church. Before coming here he served as minister and assistant pastor in the Leamington, Ont., M. B. Church and on a radio program sponsored by the church.

Reporter Visits Canada's Largest City

By George Derksen

Have you ever travelled to Montreal by train?

A strange question to most readers perhaps, but a train trip to Montreal, Canada's largest city, proved to be a new and unique experience for this reporter to the Mennonite Observer.

That I had never travelled by train before left a strange hiatus in my 25-year life span, for I have travelled by jet plane, ship, automobile and every other mode of travel "in the book."

But train? No.

The chance to amend my ways came September 12 when I was to go on a month's business trip to Montreal. I looked forward to the experience with the anticipation of a young boy.

I boarded the Canadian National's luxurious Continental train in Winnipeg at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. My first chance to look around the train revealed that it had everything in conveniences that a modern home has. Air conditioning, picture windows, modern bathroom facilities, a carpeted lounge, a modern dining room and best of all, my comfortable berth—all this and more were to be my lot for the trip.

A Painter's Paradise

All night the train sped through northern Ontario as I slept. When I awoke the following morning, I pushed up the blind of my picture window. Northern Ontario is beautiful. Pine forests, beautiful lakes, tree-lined hills—it is no wonder that the famous Canadian artist, Tom Thomson, chose to paint northern Ontario.

Throughout the next day the train hurried through this lovely, lonely wilderness. Mile upon mile of scenery rolled by my window as I sat there fascinated. God's handiwork in creating this marvellous earth is certainly tremendous.

Early Sunday morning the train pulled into Ottawa, the beautiful capital of Canada. It was a sunny day. To the left of the tracks stood the parliament buildings, bathed in the warm sun of a quiet Sunday morning—symbol of peace and democracy. Across the Ottawa river lay the industrial city of Hull, its mills mute after a week of heavy toil.

Country Settled Early

After a brief stop, the train proceeded on to Montreal, now only a little more than a hundred miles distant. Farming is the livelihood of the people living in this section of Ontario. Herds of milk cows and sheep dotted the landscape. Quaint wooden fences and stone houses dominated the scene. The type of houses suggested that this section

of Ontario was settled long before the westward trek of pioneers to the Prairie Provinces began.

The train approached Montreal at 12 noon Sunday. My first glimpse of this sprawling industrial giant was the growing suburb of Dorval. The CNR tracks pass through the city of Dorval from the northwest and curve east to run parallel to the Lachine canal.

Dorval could be called the "airport city of Montreal," just as St. James is the airport city of the Greater Winnipeg area. It is one of the busiest international airports in the world. I had a good view of this airfield from the train. Planes representing all the major airlines of the world were lined up on the runways. Perhaps the most dominant landmark is the new airlines terminal being built there.

Modern Passenger Facilities

Gradually the train curved as it entered Montreal city itself and came to rest under the CNR's multi-million dollar Central Station, which was opened in 1943. It provides the most modern passenger facilities I have seen anywhere in Canada.

One of the most striking experiences of the trip was my two-day stay at the 21-storey CNR hotel, "The Queen Elizabeth." This hotel really lives up to its name. It has 1,216 rooms, with plenty of space for conventions. The two-week commonwealth trade and economic conference is currently being held there.

The terminal and the new Queen

Elizabeth hotel are only a beginning of the CNR's far-reaching plans for developments here. A master plan for the development of a 21-acre site surrounding central station was formally accepted by the company in August.

Largest Office Building in Canada

The project, planned by the CNR and constructed by Webb and Knapp, realtors, calls for the construction of a 42-storey cruciform-shaped office building on Place Ville-Marie. The structure will be the tallest and largest office building in Canada. The plan also includes a 15-storey office building and underground space for 900 cars. Such is the development taking place in Montreal, "The New York of Canada."

All this development brings about a new and different mode of living in Montreal. Skyscrapers dominate the skyline of the city of contrasts. To a Westerner this is a sight well worth the traveller's time.

Probably to the minds of many Observer readers come the questions: What is life like in Montreal? Is the night life there as wicked and vile as reports say? Is it the Sodom and Gomorrah of today? Has the Catholic church a stranglehold on this province—if so, does it indirectly control Canada through the financial strings that are tied here.

For first hand information and direct observations by this reporter, continue to read the Observer for follow-up stories.

Farewell for Missionary Family

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Using Matthew 28:18-20 as his text, Rev. Henry Derksen showed us the necessity of missionary work in our day. It is God's direct command, there is such a great need when we look about and see so much sorrow and darkness, and there are great opportunities for work.

Jesus saw the multitude and was moved with compassion. The world is seeking for something and only in God will the longing heart be stilled. The African is seeking, too. He goes from one god to another, but only in the one true God will he find peace. The need was so great God gave His son. There is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved. Therefore it is imperative that man be told, he continued.

The opportunities are there. We have the funds, the missionaries and the fields, but we can do much more than we are doing. We have been told the wondrous story; it is only reasonable and fitting that we pass

it on. Are we doing all we can see to do and all God has made it possible for us to do, he asked.

The choir sang "To The Regions Beyond," after which friends and representatives of the different churches extended best wishes and words of farewell.

Rev. D. D. Derksen read Matthew 7:7 as a farewell wish. Rev. A. J. Froese presented them with a gift from the local church and read the twenty-third Psalm.

Again the need for intercessory prayer was revealed as Rev. H. Derksen expressed his thanks and asked for prayer for himself and his family. He stressed that we should pray for their work, that it be built according to I Cor. 3:12, also that their motives remain true and that they might be vessels fit for the Master's use. Mrs. Derksen said they were witnesses to the goodness of God to this very day and asked that we pray for their abiding in the Lord, which was of vital importance.

A time of fellowship was enjoyed by all as the local church served a lunch.

The Derksens left Boissevain on

Sept 15 for New York, where they were to board a ship for the Congo on September 25. They took with them a new Chevrolet truck purchased from donations by Manitoba M. B. churches.

Dedicate Senior Citizen's Home

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not hurt their dignity, he declared.

He felt that too many people were inclined to dismiss the problems of those of advancing years because they received a monthly cheque from the government. This was not nearly enough, he said.

He again stressed the importance of parental love and wondered if many did not die prematurely through not heeding the advice of a father or mother.

Howard W. Winkler spoke briefly on behalf of the "neighbors of the senior citizens." He described watching the development of the project and made a plea for all who have cars to think of these elder citizens, who would like to go out occasionally.

Chairman D. J. Reimer introduced many folk responsible for the new home. Also present was Rev. F. H. Friesen, pastor of the local Mennonite Brethren Church and member of the board of directors of the Tabor Senior Citizen Homes.

Accident Victim Passes Saturday

Winnipeg, Man. — Mr. Cornelius Wall, 61, passed away in the Winnipeg General hospital on Saturday, September 20. He died of injuries received in an automobile accident that also took the life of his wife.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Wall were held at Watrous, Sask., on Saturday, September 20, while funeral services for Mr. Wall were held on September 25 at Watrous. The Walls are survived by eight daughters and one son.

Missionary To Germany Speaks

Winnipeg, Man. — Thanksgiving services at the Gospel Light M. B. church were held on September 21, with Rev. Henry R. Baerg from the M. B. Bible College and Rev. Frank Koop, a returned missionary from Germany, as guest speakers.

In the morning service Rev. Baerg emphasized our dependence on the soil, which is the Lord's, and in the afternoon service he spoke on the Great Commission from Matthew 28:16-20.

Rev. Koop based his morning meditation on Psalm 116, pointing out the reasons and the need for thankfulness. At the afternoon service he pointed out the characteristics of a missionary people from Acts 3:1-11, declaring that we must pray, have a vision and be courageous.

A Tour of WCCM Mission Stations

By Peter Penner

Chilliwack, B.C. — The West Coast Children's Mission of B.C. is the home missions arm of the provincial Mennonite Brethren Conference. It was organized first in 1938 as an independent effort to reach the children of this province. Later in 1945 it was incorporated under the charter of the M. B. Conference of B.C.

Beginning with DVBS during summer months, the work by 1950 had expanded to twenty-two mission Sunday schools conducted as extension missions of the various M. B. churches. As funds were made available to the mission or the local churches, chapels were erected to house many of these mission schools. DVBS was continued with ever-increasing enrollments, until in this summer the mission was able to enroll well over 2,000 children in 45 schools. The equivalent of 204 teachers were enlisted to bring them the Gospel. There were 84 recorded decisions for Christ.

Places Workers In Promising Centres

Not resting on that, the mission proceeded in 1950 and subsequent years to place couples on those fields which seemed most promising. The following fields were then occupied full-time: Oliver by the J. A. Froeses, 1950; Harrison Hot Springs by the John Reimers, 1952; Vanderhoof by the Calvin Buhlers, 1953; Terrace by the Aaron Schmidts, 1954; McConnel Creek by the Nick Dycks, 1955; County Line by the John Esaus and Queensboro by the Frank Koops, both in 1956.

These seven stations are the well established ones, all of which are prospering spiritually and increasing numerically. One of these, County Line, was accepted by the Canadian Conference as an M. B. Church this year. Harrison is today served by the Peter Boschmanns and Oliver by the John E. Klassens. Rev. John Reimer is field director of the West Coast Children's Mission.

During the past three months the mission has had the privilege and responsibility of adding four more stations. Two of these are new, never before occupied by our workers: Ocean Falls and Kitimat. As of July, the Jake Gedderts, Chilliwack and Matsqui, took up residence in Ocean Falls upon the request of a small group of evangelical believers in that one-company town. It lies on the Pacific Ocean, halfway between Vancouver and Prince Rupert. It is accessible only by boat or plane. During August the George Brauns, New Hazelton, moved to Kitimat, the modern miracle city of 15,000, thirty-eight miles by newly-paved road south of Terrace.

The other two stations are Port

Edward and Grand Forks, transferred to the jurisdiction of the WCCM from the Canada Inland Mission by the Canadian Conference in July. The former is located 10 miles from Prince Rupert, the latter in the Doukhobor country of southern B.C. While the George Martens are staying on at Grand Forks, the Jake Bergens have this week moved to Hepburn, where Brother Bergen will assume the leadership of the Hepburn M. B. Church. The Mission was able to find a temporary replacement for Pt. Edward in the Henry Thiesens, who are waiting for their visas to go to Borneo under the Regions Beyond Mission.

Unique Station at Hazelton

Besides these, there is a unique station at Hazelton. The Mission has a Gospel Chapel there; however, the work was begun and carried forward to this day by two lay families, the George Stobbes and the J. F. Kornelsons. They moved to Hazelton in 1949, whereupon they were subjected to the unbelievably low temperature of 84 degrees below zero. Despite such occasional extremities, these couples have followed up their vision and have remained under the burden of a children's work ever since. The Stobbes and Kornelsons have five and eight children of their own respectively.

It was my privilege to visit six of these stations in a recent tour as a representative of the mission, because baptismal services had been scheduled at Terrace and Oliver for September 7 and 14. When I visited the George Brauns in Kitimat I found the brother engaged in making little benches suitable for young children. On Sunday, September 7, they expected their first group of children. They were beginning their ministry in their living room.

Kitimat with its many immigrants, including many single men housed in Aluminum Co. boarding houses, and its many children, does present a challenging field. It is hoped that the Mennonite young couples now living in Kitimat and supporting the Baptist church will cooperate with this WCCM effort after their commitments to the Baptist church have run out.

Stemming Tide of Wickedness

At Terrace I found a well-organized group under the pastoral leadership of Aaron Schmidt. Three candidates were baptized there on September 7, the second baptism of this year. A very successful evangelistic campaign was waged there this year with Rev. Cecil Carter as evangelist. He is with the Shantyman's Mission. I had the privilege of meeting this brother. He had high praise for the witness of the Menno-

nite young people in the northland along the road that winds its way from Prince George to Prince Rupert. They are helping to stem the tide of wickedness that has risen over Indians and whites alike in the north.

Among the adherents of the Terrace Gospel Chapel there is a most unique person. She is an elderly spinster, the foster mother of eight children. Her name is Gertrude Mitchell. Seven of her "children" are members of one Indian family. The oldest of this family is George, who is now taking Grade IX at the MEI, Clearbrook, B.C. He is the first native Indian to be recommended by the Terrace elementary school for further studies. George's Christian testimony and aspirations are largely attributable to Miss Mitchell. Besides raising this "family" she has dedicated her "Few Acres" to the Lord. On them she has built cabins and other buildings suitable for a children's camp. Brother A. Schmidt uses "Few Acres" for his DVBS and camp work during the summer.

Colonization Evangelism Needed

At Port Edward I met the Jake Bergens. Brother Bergen took me up Inverness Bay to the mouth of the Skeena River where Sunnyside Fish Cannery is located. He has conducted a Sunday school there for several years. The work among adults—whites, Japanese and Indians—has been most disappointing to the Bergens. Decisions for Christ in the atmosphere of the evangelistic meeting have been readily obtainable from some, but separation and discipleship have been quite another matter.

At Port Edward I was impressed with the need of "colonization evangelism." Converts in such places must not only be saved from sin. They must be saved into a Christian group, who are there as representatives of Christ, else they will not become stable witnessing Christians. Wherever I found a nucleus of Christians of Mennonite persuasion, there I also found a group of mature believers with the probability of further additions because of the group-witness.

Unfortunately, many of our young people still prefer to do mission work behind an interdenominational facade, or they simply take the easiest road into a group-witness by joining an established church of another persuasion such as the Baptist, Brethren Assemblies and the Evangelical Free Church.

Unique Church Situation At Vanderhoof

At Vanderhoof I found a thriving church led by Rev. Calvin Buhler, a graduate of the Prairie Bible Institute. What I saw there is un-

matched elsewhere. His congregation is largely made up of Christians who came to the assurance of salvation out of a Sommerfelder background. During the last ten years through the DVBS effort and the total impact of the Gospel Chapel, about one hundred individuals of the Sommerfelder persuasion have been converted. There is a group of young people who are beginning to enter high school and Bible schools. Nowhere else have I heard a teenage boy pray a prayer that lasted at least five minutes, that was so sincere and specific. This group at Vanderhoof now fully supports the Calvin Buhlers under the charter of the WCCM.

Completing my 2,000 mile tour by bus I touched at Oliver for the weekend of September 14. This is located in the Okanagan Valley. One candidate, Jake Penner, was baptized by Rev. John E. Klassen and received into the fellowship of the Kelowna M. B. Church, with which the Oliver group is affiliated.

Today many of our young people are still filled with evangelistic zeal. Many prefer to live up north in order to spread out our witness. Will this zeal and pioneering spirit be lost as we become more urbanized and professionalized? It need not. Let us pray it will not!

Receive Young People Into Church

Clearbrook, B.C. — The Clearbrook M. B. Church baptized eleven young people and received them into the church on the afternoon of September 7.

Candidates were: Katie Schmidt, Hedy Sawatzky, Alice Sawatzky, Martha Toews, Ruth Enns, Henry Hooge, Dave Rempel, Frank Neufeld, Henry Kopp, George Janzen, and Ed Fast.

Everyone received a blessing from hearing the testimonies they gave prior to their baptism.

Eskimos Give

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — From Alaska, National Lutheran Council reports that even the Eskimos are stirred by the desperate plight of refugee masses in the Far East.

In spite of their own meager livelihood, they sent a parcel of dried fish, part of their food supply for next winter, to refugees in Hong Kong in an effort to help. Donald E. Anderson, Lutheran World Federation secretary comments: "Though 70 million pounds have already been shipped to widely scattered areas of poverty and malnutrition, no incident has been quite as moving as the offer of dried fish from Eskimos in Alaska to refugees in Hong Kong."



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Hello Boys and Girls!

Another week the kindness of God has been with each one of us. Isn't it wonderful that God is good to all people, not just to a few?

On our journey two weeks ago we crossed the mountains and before us today lies the great, wide ocean. God often talks about the ocean in His word to teach us many things. Psalm 33:7 tells us how mighty He is: "He gathered the sea together as an heap: He layeth up the depth in storehouses." Some of your fathers are gathering in the grain now and are storing it in heaps or granaries. But God gathered all the water of the earth into a heap and put it into storehouses called oceans, rivers and lakes.

We read in Isaiah 57:20: "But the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest." You've often heard of storms on a sea when the waves are lashing against the rocks and the waters are roaring. That is how troubled the hearts of wicked people are. They can never rest because they have no peace with God.

But the loveliest lesson that God teaches us from the ocean is this: "Thou wilt cast their sins into the depth of the sea" (Micah 7:19). Now if you threw something into the sea, how far down do you think it would go? Right to the very bottom! How far down is that? So far that you cannot reach it again! When God "throws our sins into the depth of the sea" He has forgiven them and cast them away where they'll never be found again. How wonderful!

Have you let Jesus take your sins that far away or are you still restless like the troubled sea? Remember—

Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heavens above,
Deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Saviour's love!

Love, Aunt Selma

The Bag of Beans

On a summer Sunday evening, many years ago, a young man walked the streets of London, downcast and weary. He had been living a fast life, with the usual result of a bad reputation and an empty purse. He was to sail for New York the following morning, and a Christian friend, who had vainly sought to stop him in his downward course, pleaded with him to spend his last night in England hearing Rowland Hill preach.

Surrey Chapel was filled that evening with an eager crowd, brought together to hear the faithful preaching of that earnest man. It may have been curiosity that led the young man there, but at any rate he found himself seated in the congregation. Mr. Hill's text was—"We are not ignorant of his devices." After reading it, he abruptly proceeded—

"I was walking along the street the other day, and saw a herd of pigs following a man. This excited my curiosity, for, as you all know, pigs are queer animals to chase, for if you want them to go one way they usually take another. But this man seemed to have no difficulty; the pigs followed jostling and grunting after him as eager as possible.

I followed on, and to my surprise I found they were going to the slaughterhouse. They went in, and the door closed behind them. I wait-

ed till the man came out, and asked him how he had managed to lead them so easily. The man laughed and said,

"Maybe you did not see the bag of beans under my arm. I knew I would have a pretty morning's work taking them there if I didn't humor them a bit, so I got some beans, which they are particularly fond of, and dropped them along the road. You saw how they scampered along picking up the beans, never thinking they were going to the slaughter."

"And this is the way," continued the preacher, raising his voice, and turning his penetrating glance right on the pew where the young prodigal sat, "that the devil is leading some of you captives at his will down to hell. He knows full well how to please and lead you on. He drops his beans right along the road, and very soon for you the last bean will be picked up; then the fates of hell will close behind you."

"I am glad to tell you I am a con-



These children attended the daily vacation Bible School at Warman, Sask. They loved to hear the stories of Jesus as told to them by their teachers. (Photo submitted by Rev. Frank Froese)

EARS

Various types of ear troubles are mentioned in the Bible—CLOSED EARS, LISTLESS EARS, STOPPED EARS, and ITCHING EARS. All of these ear troubles in one way or another hinder us from hearing and doing the Lord's will for us.

Not only does the Bible tell us what kind of ear troubles we are to avoid, but it also tells us what kind of ears God wants us to have—ATTENTIVE EARS. ". . . the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law" (Nehemiah 8:3). This means we will listen and heed when God speaks to us.

If you wanted to talk to your friend and he was too busy to listen—he acted as if he didn't even hear you and wouldn't answer or respond, you would feel sad. Just so the Lord Jesus is grieved when we do not listen as He speaks to our hearts.

He wants to speak to some of you now—perhaps He is knocking at your heart's door, asking you to let Him come in and live within your heart (Revelation 3:20). He calls, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not. . ." (Luke 18:16) Is He calling you? Will you be attentive to His call, or have you closed, listless, stopped, or itching ears? If you have never accepted His invitation to "Come

verted man. The words of that earnest man, especially the opening words about the devil's beans, arrested and awakened me. I saw where I was going, how Satan was luring me on, and what my doom and destiny must be. By the grace of God I am saved to follow a better leader and walk in a new path. I shall ever thank God for that good man's words, which arrested me, and for the words of further help from one on board ship, by which I was led to the Saviour, just before I lost my soul for ever."

unto Me," why not bow your head right now, tell Jesus you are a sinner, and ask Him to cleanse your sins and receive Him as your Saviour. He is waiting for you to answer His call.

To those of you who are Christians—you who have asked Jesus to come into your heart—is the Lord speaking to you today? Perhaps He is asking you to witness to your friends about Him, invite some other boy or girl to Sunday school, be kind to someone else, or run an errand for Mother. Whatever it is that Jesus is saying to you, won't you listen with ATTENTIVE EARS?

"He that hath ears, let him hear" (Revelation 3:22).

Visualized Series

Naaman the Leper

This is the first of three beautifully coloured picture books, with Cliff Barrows, children's story-teller in the Billy Graham team, telling the story of General Naaman, the Syrian general who had leprosy and was healed by dipping in Jordan seven times. An excellent application of the story is made, calling for a decision for Christ. 15¢

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BLACK ROCK

BY RALPH CONNOR

(9th Instalment)

"And to see the mother and her baby handle the miners!"

"Oh, it was all beautiful beyond words! I shall never forget the shock I got one night when I found 'Old Ricketts' nursing the baby. A drunken old beast he was; but there he was sitting, sober enough, making extraordinary faces at the baby, who was grabbing at his nose and whiskers and cooing in blissful delight. Poor 'Old Ricketts' looked as if he had been caught stealing, and muttered something about having to go, gazed wildly around for some place in which to lay the baby, when in came the mother, saying in her own sweet, frank way: 'Oh, Mr. Ricketts' (she didn't find out till afterward his name was Shaw), 'would you mind keeping her just a little longer? I shall be back in a few minutes.' And 'Old Ricketts' guessed he could wait.

"But in six months mother and baby, between them, transformed 'Old Ricketts' into Mr. Shaw, fire boss of the mines. And then in the evenings when she would be singing her baby to sleep, the little shop would be full of miners, listening in dead silence to the baby-songs, and the English songs, and the Scotch songs she poured forth without stint, for she sang more for them than for her baby. No wonder they adored her. She was so bright, so gay, she brought light with her when she went into the camp, into the pits—for she went down to see the men work—or into a sick miner's shack; and many a man, lonely and sick for home or wife, or baby or mother, found in that back room cheer and comfort and courage, and to many a poor broken wretch that room became, as one miner put it, 'the anteroom to heaven.'

Mr. Craig paused and I waited. Then he went on slowly:

"For a year and a half that was the happiest home in all the world till one day—"

He put his face in his hands and shuddered.

"I don't think I can ever forget the awful horror of that bright fall afternoon when 'Old Ricketts' came breathless to me and gasped, 'Come! for the dear Lord's sake,' and I rushed after him. At the mouth of the shaft lay three men dead. One was Lewis Mavor. He had gone down to superintend the running of a new drift; the two men, half drunk with Slavin's whisky, set off a shot prematurely, to their own and Mavor's destruction. They were badly burned, but his face was untouched. A miner was sponging off the bloody froth oozing from his lips. The

others were standing about waiting for me to speak. But I could find no word, for my heart was sick, thinking, as they were, of the young mother and her baby waiting at home. So I stood, looking stupidly from one to the other, trying to find some reason—coward that I was—why another should bear the news rather than I. And while we stood there, looking at one another in fear, there broke upon us the sound of a voice mounting high above the birch tops singing—

"Will ye no' come back again?
Will ye no' come back again?
Better lo'ed ye canna be,
Will ye no' come back again?"

"A strange terror seized us. Instinctively the men closed up in front of the body and stood in silence. Nearer and nearer came the clear, sweet voice, ringing like a silver bell up the steep—

"Sweet the lav'rock's note and lang,
Liltin' wildly up the glen,
But tae me he sings ae sang,
Will ye no' come back again?"

"Before the verse was finished 'Old Ricketts' had dropped to his knees, sobbing out brokenly, 'O God! O God! have pity, have pity!'—and every man took off his hat. And still the voice came nearer, singing so brightly the refrain, "Will ye no' come back again?"

"It became unbearable. 'Old Ricketts' sprang suddenly to his feet and, gripping me by the arm, said pitifully, 'Oh, go to her! for Heaven's sake, go to her!' I next remember standing in her path and seeing her holding out her hands full of red lilies, crying out, 'Are they not lovely? Lewis is so fond of them!' With the promise of much finer ones I turned her down a path toward the river, talking I know not what folly till her great eyes grew grave, then anxious, and my tongue stammered and became silent. Then, laying her hand upon my arm, she said with gentle sweetness, 'Tell me your trouble, Mr. Craig,' and I knew my agony had come, and I burst out: 'Oh, if it were only mine!' She turned quite white, and with her deep eyes—you've noticed her eyes—drawing the truth out of mine, she said: 'Is it mine, Mr. Craig, and my baby's?' I waited, thinking with what words to begin. She put one hand to her heart, and with the other caught a little poplar tree that shivered under her grasp, and said with white lips, but even more gently, 'Tell me.' I wondered at my voice being so steady as I said: 'Mrs. Mavor, God will help you over.'

"She was a miner's wife and there was no need for more. I could see

the pattern of the sunlight falling through the trees upon the grass. I could hear the murmur of the river and the cry of the catbird in the bushes, but we seemed to be in a strange and unreal world. Suddenly she stretched out her hands to me and with a little moan said: 'Take me to him.'

"Sit down for a moment or two," I entreated.

"No! no! I am quite ready. See," she added quietly, "I am quite strong."

"I set off by a short cut leading to her home, hoping the men would be there before us; but, passing me, she walked swiftly through the trees, and I followed in fear. As we came near the main path I heard the sound of feet, and I tried to stop her, but she, too, had heard and knew. 'Oh, let me go!' she said pitifully; 'you need not fear.' And I had not the heart to stop her. In a little opening among the pines we met the bearers. When the men saw her they laid their burden gently down upon the carpet of yellow pine-needles, and then—for they had the hearts of true men in them—they went away into the bushes and left her alone with her dead. She went swiftly to his side, making no cry, but kneeling beside him she stroked his face and hands and touched his curls with her fingers, murmuring all the time soft words of love. 'Oh, my darling, my bonnie, bonnie darling, speak to me! Will ye not speak to me just one little word? Oh, my love, my love, my heart's love! Listen, my darling!' And she put her lips to his ear, whispering, and then the awful stillness. Suddenly she lifted her head and scanned his face, and then, glancing round with a wild surprise in her eyes, she cried: 'He will not speak to me! Oh, he will not speak to me!' I signaled to the men, and as they came forward I went to her and took her hands.

"Oh," she said, with a wail in her voice, 'he will not speak to me.' The men were sobbing aloud. She looked at them with wide-open eyes of wonder. 'Why are they weeping? Will he never speak to me again? Tell me,' she insisted gently. The words were running through my head—

"There's a land that is fairer than day,"
and I said them over to her, holding her hand firmly in mine. She gazed at me as if in a dream and the light slowly faded from her eyes as she said, tearing her hands from mine and waving them toward the mountains and the woods:

"But nevermore here? Nevermore here?"

"I believe in heaven and the other life, but I confess that for a moment it all seemed shadowy beside the reality of this warm, bright world, full of life and love. She was very ill for two nights, and when the coffin was closed a new baby lay in the father's arms.

"She slowly came back to life, but there were no more songs. The miners still come about her step and talk to her baby and bring her their sorrows and troubles; but though she is always gentle, almost tender, with them, no man ever says, 'Sing.' And that is why I am glad she sang last week. It will be good for her and good for them."

"Why does she stay?" I asked.

"Mavor's people wanted her to go to them," he replied. "They have money—she told me about it—but her heart is in the grave up there under the pines; and besides, she hopes to do something for the miners, and she will not leave them."

I am afraid I snorted a little impatiently as I said:

"Nonsense! Why, with her face, and manner, and voice she could be anything she liked in Edinburgh or London."

"And why Edinburgh or London?" he asked coolly.

"Why?" I repeated a little hotly. "You think this is better?"

"Nazareth was good enough for the Lord of glory," he answered, with a smile none too bright; but it drew my heart to him and my heat was gone.

"How long will she stay?" I asked.

"Till her work is done," he replied.

"And when will that be?" I asked impatiently.

"When God chooses," he answered gravely; "and don't you ever think that it is worth while. One value of work is not that crowds stare at it. Read history, man!"

He rose abruptly and began to walk about.

"And don't miss the whole meaning of the Life that lies at the foundation of your religion. Yes," he added to himself, "the work is worth doing—worth even her doing."

I could not think so then, but the light of the after years proved him wiser than I. A man, to see far, must climb to some height, and I was too much upon the plain in those days to catch even a glimpse of the distant sunlit uplands of triumphant achievement that lie beyond the valley of self-sacrifice.

CHAPTER V

The Making of the League

Thursday morning found Craig anxious, even gloomy, but with fight in every line of his face. I tried to cheer him in my clumsy way by chaffing him about the league. But he did not blaze up as he often did. It was a thing too near his heart for that. He only shrank a little from my stupid chaff and said:

"Don't, old chap. This is a good deal to me. I've tried for two years to get this, and if it falls through now I shall find it hard to bear."

Then I repented my light words and said:

"Why, the thing will go sure enough. After that scene in the church they won't go back."

(To be continued)

Literature Sales Spiralling in Congo

By Kathryn Willems

As the Congo's eyes are opened to the need of being able to read, there is also the need for the best reading material. We must supply the people with the Word and attractive Christian literature which will stimulate their desire to read more and help them to grow in faith.

It takes effort and patience, but it's worth it. When I attended the literature conference in Leopoldville, I was so inspired I thought I had to do more. Before I had tried to coax our village teachers to take books to sell, but got little response, but the Lord has undertaken. In the report a year ago I mentioned that some of our Congolese brethren had started to sell books. Now during the first six months of 1958 the Kafumba booksellers (pastors, teachers, store clerks, infirmary workers and workers at various posts) have almost doubled their Christian literature sales over the last six months of 1957. Sometimes I give them a few tracts for use in dealing with souls, and they are given a 20 per cent commission. Several ask for their commissions in books. In the past three months our Kafumba booksellers have sold 80 copies of the Gospel of John. Since the price has been reduced to 15 francs, we have sold 300 copies.

The book orders from all over the Congo have increased almost nine times during the past six months. A little extra effort and personal interest make a difference.

Since January we have printed a song book, several devotional book-

lets and three issues of "Mwinda"—our Congo church periodical. Now we are printing "Titus or a Comrade of the Cross," "Robinson Crusoe" (third edition) and an English-Kituba vocabulary. Besides these we have made thousands of dispensary, maternity cards and birth certificates for the medical department. Hundreds of attestations and certificates were made for the primary school, preparatory school and for the Bible school. Lessons for Bible school, Sunday school, examinations and programs were printed on the duplicating machine. Several manuscripts were typed by the native staff.

We as a printshop staff here at Kafumba have also experienced the blessing of reading the Word. Every morning after chapel service we have private devotions until 7 o'clock. On Tuesday p.m. we gather for Bible study and prayer for the literature work. Since we have received the New Testaments with the Psalms, we have been studying them and received great blessings.

We have experienced the truth of "Blessed is he that readeth." But there is also great blessing in pushing the literature program to help others to read. Let us not believe that our people do not have money for literature. The fact is that many still do not know the blessing of reading the Word. May we let the Lord inspire us and we in turn inspire others, and the Word and Christian literature will be read with eternal results.

What Is Your Pleasure?

(Continued from page 2-4)

the scientist; watch the artist as he paints; walk with a farmer down the fresh, dark rows of newly turned soil, see his pleasure as the first green shoots break through into the light of the sun and when the harvest is abundant.

A Kind of Ecstatic Joy

The early Christians discovered a kind of ecstatic joy. They knew the depths of lasting pleasure in serving the living Christ who had redeemed them and who now possessed them. They worked joyfully with God in turning a world upside down and reversing the course of history. Did not Jesus say, "Pleasure is more than food—joy more than clothing!"

What is your pleasure? Poor is the man whose only "pleasure is a summer's day." For the day is short, the night draws nigh, the darkness closes in. Fortunate is he who, because of an inner light, finds joy at midnight, and sings from an overflowing heart on a winter's day.

Principles of Blessedness

In the Beatitudes, Jesus reveals the basic principles of lasting happiness. You might boil it down into this: Grab and you lose; give and you win! Jesus makes his points clear and simple. "Happy are the humble-minded" (Phillips' translation, Matt. 5). They do not take too much for granted. They still have a heart open for the great experiences of life. They do not drive away their fellow men by a spirit of arrogance.

"Happy are those who know what sorrow means." They discover sympathy and compassion. They enter into a dimension of life that has depth and roots. They have faced up to their own inadequacy and rely upon the lasting reality in God.

"Happy are those who claim nothing." These are the meek who have surrendered a sense of personal privilege and prejudice. They have a spirit of reverence toward life, toward God.

"Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for goodness, they shall be fed." They shall find lasting satisfactions. They shall seek and find.

Life will be to them a venture and a quest, never fully accomplished, but with increasing satisfactions all along the way.

"Happy are the kindhearted." These are the merciful. They are not bound by legalism; they are willing to go beyond the limits of sheer justice in dealing with their fellow men. They have learned to forgive. They love even their enemies. Thus they have no enemies, and live only in a world of people who need their help and their love.

"Happy are the pure in heart." These are the pure-minded, the clean-minded, the wholesome-spirited. Their lives are not poisoned by sordidness and shame; their influence made ineffective by unworthiness of character.

"Happy are those who make peace." Cursed are those who stir up strife, who set the fires of hate. Miserable are they who damn innocence by repeating unworthy rumor. The peacemakers bind up the wounds, bring about understanding, put out the fires of bitterness.

"Happy are those who have suffered persecution for the cause of goodness." Happy are they who have made sacrifices for the greater good. Joyful are they who, at great cost to themselves, are lifting the human race to higher levels of sanity and wholesomeness. Fortunate are the pioneers in the kingdom of God.

Foundation of Pleasure

These qualities are the foundations of joyful, zestful living. Jesus

spoke as a specialist when he declared these principles of blessedness. If we are uncertain, we may test in our own lives any one of these axioms. If we face the Beatitudes honestly, we know in our hearts that this is the way of lasting satisfaction. It comes at a great price, but what real joy does not?

Jesus kept speaking of joy. Religion at its best always arises out of the negative into the positive and creative. If you don't have joy in your religion, you don't have what Jesus taught. The old Psalm is still true: "His delight is in the law of the Lord."

Christian joy is a progressive thing. It arises from level to level. When an old and worthy satisfaction loses its charm, it does not mean the end of joy. Other and higher levels of experience beckon to us from above. As Helen Keller expressed it: "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

Jesus revealed the foundation of his own life: "My (pleasure) is to do the will of him that sent me." With him I discover "the unsearchable riches" of life! At the end of his journey Jesus passed the fulness of his life on to his disciples: "My (pleasure) I give unto you... Not as the world giveth, give I unto you... My (pleasure) I give unto you that your (pleasure) might be full."

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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Pierce Invited To Conduct Evangelistic Crusade in Ghana

Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision Inc., has been invited to conduct a major evangelistic crusade in Ghana (Africa) next February to aid in the celebration observance of the country's second year of independence. The official invitation was made by Ghana's assistant Secretary of State, who is an ordained Methodist minister. Dr. Pierce and other leaders of World Vision are giving the invitation prayerful consideration in view of Africa's rising importance in world affairs. (Communism is pouring its literature into Africa, and a Moslem seminary in Egypt has released 4,000 missionaries in an attempt to evangelize Africa for the Mohammedans.)

World Vision recently climaxed its series of pastors' conferences in the Far and Middle East with a gathering in Accra of 400 ministers from throughout Ghana. An unusual aspect of the meeting was that practically all of the ministers also serve as headmasters of schools. Ninety-eight per cent of all schools in Ghana are operated by churches.

Releases Results of World Study

In England, a British army chaplain released a report on his survey of the understanding of theological words used by preachers. He asked 1,000 men if they knew what such words as redemption, atonement, propitiation, washed in the blood, reconciliation, salvation and justification meant. The proportion of men who had even the smallest idea of what the words stand for was very small. This proportion included those who had attended Sunday school and church services. Only a small number of those interviewed were able to give an intelligent answer concerning the significance of Good Friday.

Jewish Leader Reports

Top-Level Fears That Assimilation May Destroy Race

A top Jewish leader who recently told the World Jewish Congress in Geneva that assimilation may achieve what persecution could not achieve: the eventual disappearance of the Jewish race, reemphasized his concern on his return to New York. He called on the Jewish community of America to mobilize its resources to help guarantee the future existence of the Jewish people. He urged convening a national conference to study the problem.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham, Newark, said delegates from Jewish communities in

26 countries had expressed concern regarding the problem of Jewish survival. "Reports from countries as far apart as India and Argentina make it clear," Dr. Prinz said, "that the Jewish people have entered a completely new era in history. Jewish communities in the free world no longer fear that they might be physically wiped out... But it is precisely this enjoyment of liberty and the successful integration of Jewish communities that pose today's central problem of the Jewish people."

CANADASCOPE

Settle B.C. Dock Strike

A provisional agreement was reached early this week in the 32-day British Columbia longshoremen's strike, and work began on the docks on Wednesday. Terms of settlement were recommended to the rank and file by their leaders.

The strike tied up dozens of deep-sea vessels and crippled export business through B.C. ports. Cost of the strike is estimated to have been some millions of dollars. There were numerous layoffs in industries affected by the strike.

Shortage of Water In Red River Valley

Many farmers in Manitoba's Red River Valley are facing the most acute water shortage since the mid-30's, and unless heavy rains come before freeze-up, stock will have to be sold or water hauled from distant water sources for farm and domestic use.

Dug-outs in the Sperling-Carman area are very low, while around Morden some farmers are hauling water from the town supply.

Another Telephone Cable To Britain

The 1,479-ton British post office cable ship Iris is rolling in Atlantic swells surveying a route for a new submarine telephone cable between Canada and the United Kingdom. The telephone cable, third to cross under the Atlantic, is to be completed in 1961. The ocean section will run from Oban, Scotland, to White Bay on the northeast coast of Newfoundland. The whole project will cost about \$25,000,000.

B.C. Salmon Canners Happy

The biggest thing in 20 years for the B.C. salmon industry was the lifting of British currency restrictions on salmon. Twenty-four

hours after the announcement the entire surplus of this year's record-breaking pack, amounting to 700,000 cases of sockeye, was snapped up by British buyers. The total value stands at about \$26,000,000.

This year's one million case sockeye pack is the largest on record, and packers feared that it might take several years to sell it. Now the pressure is off.

Institute Alumni Tour Churches

St. Catharines, Ont. — To arouse interest and challenge the young people, the Alumni of the M. B. Bible Institute of Ontario has been

touring the various Ontario M. B. churches.

A full program was presented. The choir under the able direction of Henry Goertzen, sang several songs. There were also a story for the children and testimonies from the various students saying what Bible school meant to them.

Presenting the message from God's Word was the principal, Rev. Wilmer Kornelson. He spoke in all churches, excepting St. Catharines, where Rev. Henry Warkentin, a former B.C. man, who is also on the teaching staff for the coming year, spoke.

According to preliminary reports there is a good interest shown in attending the Bible school this fall.

More Details On Missionary Death

Winnipeg, Man. — A report from Mr. P. A. Klassen of Filadelfia, Paraguay, reveals that a spear wielded by a Morro Indian led to the death of Missionary Kornelius Isaak on September 11.

Mr. Klassen reports that after the initial ten-day expedition that began on August 25, the missionaries returned for more supplies. They stated that an exchange of gifts at a site some distance from the Pure Oil Co. drilling camp had been effected with the Morros, although none had been seen in person.

The second expedition included David Hein, Kornelius Isaak and a Lengua minister. They left by jeep for their headquarters at the Pure Oil Co. camp two days after returning from their first expedition. On the morning of September 10 they set out for their gift-exchange site, but they had travelled only about 3 miles down a narrow bush road when they met approximately 50 Morros. They stopped immediately, waving at the Indians with shirts and other objects.

The Morros revealed interest in the shirts. Yet the presence of bows and arrows and spears in the hands of the Indians evoked strange feelings on the part of the missionaries, of whom only the Lengua had an old gun. As the exchange progressed, David Hein noticed several Indians pulling at the Lengua minister, who failed in his effort to get to his gun

in the jeep. Brother Hein grabbed the gun at this point, whereupon the Morros released the Lengua. But now Brother Hein noticed that Brother Isaak had been wounded in the side by a thin spear. As he pulled this out the Morros drew back. The Lengua Indian states that one Morro had also aimed his bow and arrow at Brother Hein, but had not shot at him.

The three then turned their jeep about on the road under the eyes of the Morro Indians and headed back for camp. There Brother Isaak was given several injections and flown to Filadelfia. Eight hours after a serious operation, in which the spleen was removed, Brother Isaak passed away.

Mr. Klassen reports that approximately one hour after the jeep returned to camp a band of Morro Indians descended upon the camp of the Pure Oil Co., apparently with peaceful intent. They took gifts of clothes and food, loitering around until the evening. Some time later they again appeared in mid-morning and received gifts. It is hoped that these peaceful contacts will lead to better relations.

No one is able to converse with these natives of the bush, which makes it difficult to know what their attitude is. Brother Hein has said that they are rather bold and insistent, taking quite a few items with them. But they do have a real fear of the white man's weapons.

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New Peace Section Secretary

J. Harold Sherk terminated nine years with the Peace Section at MCC headquarters in Akron, Pennsylvania, when he assumed the duties of Executive Secretary of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors on September 1, 1958. His position in the Peace Section during those nine years was also that of Executive Secretary. His new post takes him and his family to Washington, D.C.

Jesse Yoder, pastor of Zion Mennonite Church near Morgantown, Pa., will assume major responsibility for the Peace Section by serving as Acting Executive Secretary on a half-time basis. Assisting him will be Merle Epp (Hampton, Nebraska) from Personnel Services, who will devote a portion of his time to the Selective Service aspect of Peace Section work.

Exodus from East to West Gains Momentum

David Janzen, new director of the Berlin refugee home, reports: "One can travel through Berlin and see how it is a beehive of activity and conclude that all is well. But when one looks beneath the surface one can see mutual distrust and tension. There is a mass exodus out of the East which is now gaining momentum. During the last week of August 6,079 people fled from mid-Germany. Fifteen thousand, seven hundred and five persons sought asylum in West Berlin during the month of August according to the Potsdamer Tageszeitung. This is said to be an increase of 1,700 over the month of July. The total number of refugees who have come into the West since January already exceeds 130,000. The flight has now reached the highest proportions since June 17, 1953. Included in their number are many doctors and teachers. This means that many residents of the East cannot get the services which they require. The situation has become so serious there that even the mayor of Greater West Berlin has appealed to the people in the various professions of the East to stay there and serve if they can possibly see their way through."

Lebanese Pastor Visits MCC Headquarters

Rev. Samuel Doctorian, pastor of the Evangelical Spiritual Brotherhood in Lebanon, visited MCC headquarters, accompanied by Bishop Henry Ginder of Mount Joy, Penn-

sylvania in whose district he has been conducting evangelistic services.

Rev. Doctorian is here under the auspices of World Gospel Mission. As a resident of Lebanon, he is appealing for help especially for the needy Christians of his strife-torn country.

While in Akron, he made a special appeal for his own church, requesting that MCC's relief efforts in Lebanon include needy members of the Evangelical Spiritual Brotherhood. The Relief Section has asked MCC representatives in Beirut to check into the needs of these people. MCC policy is to help the most needy without discrimination.

At the August 12 Executive Committee meeting a special Lebanon Relief Fund of \$10,000 was approved, and donations for this emergency project continue to be solicited. This is the time of harvest, when God's bounty should make us particularly mindful of the needs of others. Give generously to the poor in Lebanon. Send donations via conference treasurers or direct through MCC.

Hundreds Dying In Epidemic

From the Children's Charity Hospital in Pusan, Arline Zimmerman, R.N., (Bareville, Pa.) reports that Korea has been hard hit by an encephalitis epidemic. The disease is carried by mosquitoes and is quite deadly. There is no treatment or immunization for it. Many who contract the disease receive no medical treatment, so it is difficult to get an accurate figure of the total number of cases. Over 4,000 Koreans and approximately nine Americans have it, and already more than 900 deaths have been recorded.

Arline writes: "Needless to say, we foreigners are avoiding the mosquitoes and keeping things well screened and sprayed. Most of the cases are in the southern part of the country. We have two emergency hospitals set up to care for the patients. Material support is given by foreign agencies and the medical work is done by Koreans who volunteer their services. All treatment is free. The patients are isolated to keep mosquitoes from spreading the disease. It is not contagious in itself. As soon as cool weather arrives, the epidemic will subside."

And Their Works Do Follow Them

At the annual conference of the Brethren Service Commission in Kassel, an item of special interest to Mennonites was read when Mrs. Marie-Luise Neubauer, wife of a Kassel pastor and President of the Protestant Mothers Service, presented a paper titled "A Destroyed City." It mentioned how a small group of people came from Gen-

eva at the end of World War II, to make arrangements for administering material aid. When the first bales arrived, they were opened eagerly.

Mrs. Neubauer reports: "The first bag we opened came from Mennonites. Hundreds of small labels fluttered out bearing the inscription: IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. This touched us very deeply and we came to understand that these few words contained a whole message. 'Though our nations are enemies, you are our brothers and sisters, and in the name of Christ we are here to help you.'

In a personal note of appreciation, Mrs. Neubauer added: "Please express our heart-felt thanks to your brothers and sisters for helping us in this time of emergency and despair. Because I was responsible for young mothers, I am certain that many children's lives were saved, as these mothers got new hope through your gifts. We will never forget your help."

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

Brethren Gerhard Balzer and Heinrich Friesen, chairman and secretary of the South American Mennonite Church Conference, plan to visit the Mennonite Brethren churches in Brazil during October. They are scheduled to leave Philadelphia, Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, on October 2. May the Lord prosper their ministry.

The small group of Mennonite Brethren believers at Buschenthal, Uruguay, has been strengthened by several members who have moved there from the Delta Colony in Uruguay and the Friesland Colony in Paraguay. The group now numbers 10 members. Among those who have moved to Buschenthal is Brother Peter Loewen from Friesland, an ordained minister who is serving the group.

A conference of ministers, deacons, youth workers and Sunday school teachers from the Mennonite Brethren Churches in the Paraguayan Chaco was held in Gnadenfeld village in Neuland July 11 to 13. The theme of the conference was "The Strengthening of the Churches in the Faith" according to Acts 16:4,5. The theme was considered in Bible expositions, topics and discussions. The meeting was called to help church workers come to better understanding of and commitment to the Scriptural principles and practices upon which the Mennonite Brethren Church is founded.

Illness has taken Brother H. Loewen from the staff of the Fernheim Bible School for the rest of the term. Substituting for him is Brother Martin August, leading minister of the Charbiner Ecke Mennonite Brethren Church.

Brother and Sister J. M. Klassen and daughters Martha and Lor-

na visited Hillsboro on August 30 enroute to the West Coast from where they sailed to Korea. They were accompanied by Paxman Dan Roth of Orrtanna, Pa., also enroute to Korea. Brother Klassen will be serving as director of the MCC relief and service program in Korea. Before entering this service, Brother Klassen was administrator of the Bethesda Hospital at Steinbach, Man., where they are members of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Pen Points for Reporters

(Continued from page 2-2)

Appropriate Terminology: Some words seem to be more overworked than others. Two of the most over-worked terms are "very" and "appropriate." We are inclined to believe that our choirs and soloists are awake enough to sing only "appropriate" songs. Therefore the red pen usually deletes this word—and a great host of "very's."

More on Pictures: This week's mail brought more pictures that can impossibly be transformed into understandable pictures on newsprint. The most common fault was lack of focus. This results in blurred faces. Not enough light on the faces of a baptismal group from East Chilliwack leaves the faces too grey to reproduce. And avoid taking pictures of people in the shade when the sun filters through the leaves, creating patches of light and shadow.

Power of Printed Page: A letter this week proved the power of the printed page. The person writing states: "I have read this interesting book ('Thirty Years a Watchtower Slave') last month, and with some other literature it is helping me to extricate myself from the 'Watchtower religion', under whose spell I had fallen some eight or nine years ago . . ."

Author Schnell reports that this \$2.95 book has led several hundred Jehovah Witnesses to faith in Christ. Should you want a copy you can receive it postpaid from The Christian Press, Ltd., for the price quoted.

Quote: Dr. Albert Schweitzer says that it would be a mistake to underestimate the importance of the press in helping to bring about large essential changes in the direction of world sanity (re: disarmament). He said it is doubtful that any issue of magnitude in the modern world could be met unless the organs of information and opinion . . . would lead the way in furnishing the facts upon which intelligent opinion depended.

If your life had no clouds it would lack rainbows.

To some people religious freedom means the choice of churches they may stay away from.

Increase in MBCI Enrollment

Winnipeg, Man. — A capacity congregation at the Elmwood M. B. church on Sunday night, Sept. 21, heard that a record number of students have enrolled at the M. B. Collegiate Institute.

A total of 221 students are attending the institute this year, of which 35 are in grade 12, 41 in grade 11, 66 in grade 10, 43 in grade 9, 19 in grade 8, and 17 in grade 7. Forty-three of these are from rural areas and towns.

In the absence of the principal, Mr. Dick (who attended the funeral of his wife's mother at Watrous), the vice-principal, Henk Visch, served as chairman at the opening program of the school. Other teachers participating in the program were Henry Konrad, who led in the invocation, and Rev. Henry Regehr, who reported on the school.

Testimonies on the program came from a mother, Mrs. A. A. DeFehr, and one of the ex-students, Siegfried Wall. Mrs. DeFehr underlined the importance of the home in the development of the child, especially up to the age of 12. She also pointed out the influence of the school and the teacher upon the child, underscoring the importance of good comrades for the children.

Rev. John M. Schmidt delivered the evening's message, using Daniel 1:1-17 as his text. He insisted that if one is to have a rich life, one must be guided by principles, even as Daniel and his friends. He further declared that academic preparation was not enough for a Christian. It must be linked to a deeply religious preparation.

Parents should not allow themselves any luxuries before their children have received a Christian education, Rev. Schmidt declared. They must do more than just pray—they must give their children an opportunity to study the truths of God's Word. In this respect he asserted that the principle of prevention is better than cure.

Groups of students provided the musical portion of the program. Items included a song by the school, a song by a group of grade 11 girls, a song by the junior girls' choir, flute solo by Herb Klassen, song by the senior choir, and a duet. The teachers joined ranks to sing one song as a quartet.

COLLEGES

Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va.

With an enrollment at the end of the first week of 687, Eastern Mennonite College opened its 1958-59 session with the largest enrollment in its 40-year history. This is an increase of more than 6 per cent over the previous record attendance of last year.

Of this number 465 are in the college department, which has experienced an increase of almost 14 per cent over last year. Much of this increase is in the freshmen class, which has swelled to 201, an increase of 25 per cent over the record freshman enrollment of last year.

The High School department experienced a slight decrease from last year. The total enrollment at the end of the second week is 224.

Two courses are being offered over WEMC, the college's educational FM station. The course in Pastoral Epistles, taught by Professor J. Otis Yoder, is being offered for credit. Children's Literature, taught by Mrs. M. T. Brackbill, is being broadcast but not arranged for giving college credit.

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Goshen College

To become better acquainted was the aim of 40 students and faculty members as they left the campus and headed for Brunk's cabin, White Pigeon, Michigan, Saturday afternoon, September 20. The retreat,

a part of the foreign students' orientation program, was attended by the General Conference students from abroad, their American guests and several faculty members.

Group singing, games, group discussions, and devotions filled an evening of fellowship opportunities. The International Relations Club was also organized by the students.

The weekend was climaxed with a Sunday morning outdoor worship experience. Leader Maureen Harvey, London, England, opened the service with a call to worship after which Dr. Roy Umble gave a message on "Today's Call and Tomorrow's Need."

There are seventeen students from abroad registered at the college this year. Thirteen of these students are new to Goshen and four are returning to continue their studies here. Six of the new students have transferred from other U.S. colleges, including Messiah College, Hesston College, Eastern Mennonite College and Chicago Evangelical Institute. Eleven countries are represented in this group.

The Future of the Bible School

By Peter Penner *

Now that the public school, the high school, the college and the university have again opened their doors to children and youth and the initial excitement of this time has subsided, it is time for the Bible schools to let themselves be heard. It is necessary for us to speak, because we are all but forgotten in the maelstrom of academic pursuits that lead to credits, jobs and personal recognition.

For the sake of the uninformed, we ought to enumerate the Bible schools of the M. B. Churches of Canada. There are six: the Ontario M. B. Bible Institute, located in Kitchener; the Winkler Bible School, Manitoba; the Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask.; the Coaldale Bible School, Alberta; and two in British Columbia, the M. B. Bible Institute, Clearbrook, and the East Chilliwack Bible School. Three of these, Winkler, Hepburn and Clearbrook, have had enrollments averaging from 60 to 80, while the other three have had only one third of this figure in the last year.

Resurgence in Interest Needed

The combined enrollment this fall will hardly reach three hundred. It will continue to decrease unless there is a resurgence of interest and morale, as well as financial backing based on a proper evaluation of the place of the Bible school in the future.

What has decimated the number of Bible schools and Bible students? Volumes could be written, I suppose, on the reasons for this reduction, if every one who has ever been on a Bible school committee or who has taught in one of these schools

there was the Bible college to attend for a year or so, should further Christian training be thought advantageous.

Bible School Foundational

Such thinking is sheer shortsightedness. And the advocates of this program have done more to retard the spiritual growth of this generation than possibly any other factor. Dr. Joseph Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute, wrote recently in the *Good News Broadcaster*: "The Bible institute is foundational for any Christian student. He who bypasses the Bible school for college, in order to save time, is simply missing something vital and desperately needful in the structure of his life." The Christian collegiate and the college have their place and fill a vital need also, but it is my conviction that the Bible school belongs between these two.

It has long been my considered opinion that only those should attend Bible college who think themselves called to full-time service or whose chosen career gives them a greater scope for an intelligent witness for Christ. All those who are really only looking for inspiration, fortification and growth in their Christian experience, fellowship and new friendships should attend the Bible school first. They will be amply rewarded spiritually and guided into further training, if necessary, providentially.

Spiritual Malnutrition

Since a great deal of damage has been done, what attitudes are necessary to keep the Bible schools for their essential service to the youth of our conference? Our conference is only as strong as the weakest link in its chain. Unless we appreciate the fact that we have weakened a tremendously important link by discrediting the Bible schools, we may suffer the consequences of the spiritual malnutrition of our young people.

The Bible school needs dedicated supporters in every age group in our churches, from youth to old age, from every professional group as well as from pastors, businessmen and farmers. More important still, the Bible school must find recognition on the part of more of our conference leaders and our educators.

It is reassuring to know that the educational committee of the Canadian conference is calling the Bible schools together to work out a unified curriculum for a better system of accreditation in the Bible college and in order to give the Bible schools in the conference a united voice.

I would invite constructive criticism of this article as well as an exposition of those areas which I have not mentioned or did not think of at this time.

* Instructor at the East Chilliwack Bible School.

College Expands Evening Classes

Winnipeg, Man. — The popularity of last year's evening classes at the M. B. Bible College has persuaded the college faculty to expand the course offerings.

Four credit courses will be offered at Thursday evening classes. Life of Christ, with Dr. F. C. Peters as instructor, will be a two-hour course. Rev. J. A. Toews, president, will teach Mennonite History, also a two-hour course. Other courses added this year are Old Testament Poetry, a one-hour course to be taught by Rev. H. R. Baerg, and Biblical Introduction, a one-hour course that will be taught by Rev. David Ewert.

Registration is set for October 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held from 7:30 to 9:20 p.m. Students may audit the classes, or they may take them for credit (if they have the necessary academic prerequisites). College day students will be enrolled in these courses, which are part of the regular college curriculum. All lectures will be in the English language.

Day Classes Began Thursday

Regular day classes at the college began on Thursday, after two days of registration and orientation. A

total of 110 students have already registered, while about 25 are expected to register late.

Total enrollment at the day classes of the college is up 20 from last year. It is the highest number enrolled since the abolition of the three-term system and its large fluctuation in enrollment in the various terms.

It is significant that the students again represent the five provinces in which M. B. churches are located almost proportionately. This indicates that this is truly a Canadian conference school, not only of regional interest.

College President At Lindal Festival

Thornhill, Man. — The Mission Church at Lindal observed its Annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 21. The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. John A. Toews of Winnipeg.

Using Deut. 16:9-17 as a basis for the morning message, Rev. Toews answered the question "What Does It Require to Be Truly Grateful?" by stating that it requires a thoughtful reflection, a practical manifestation and a joyous expression. In the afternoon Rev. Toews based his message on Matt. 14:13-21 ("Give ye them to eat"), stating that the urgency of this command requires careful investigation of our resources, a prayerful dedication of that which we have, and an organized distribution.

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were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Lambrecht and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lambrecht. During the afternoon service John Pauls of Morden sang two solos. The ladies of the church provided the noon meal.

lege, Winnipeg; "The Sunday School Curriculum," Mr. P. R. Harder, Arnaud; "The Educational Building," Henry F. Wiebe, Winkler; and "Sunday School Extension," by Mr. H. W. Friesen, Rosthern, Sask.

The Sunday afternoon session was devoted to a panel discussion of the topic, "How Far Have Our Sunday Schools Fulfilled the Command of Jesus?" Mr. Frank Isaac, Steinbach, acted as chairman of the panel. Other members of the panel were Dave Gerbrandt, Wilf Hildebrandt, J. J. Hostetler, and John Harder.

Sunday School Conference Held at Winkler

Winkler, Man. — The second Sunday School Conference for superintendents of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada convened in the Winkler Bergthal church from September 18 to 21, with Rev. J. J. Hostetler, pastor of the City Mission Church at Peoria, Illinois, as guest speaker.

Delegates to the four-day Sunday School Conference were welcomed by Rev. J. M. Pauls of the host church. Mr. H. T. Klassen, chairman of the Conference, replied to the welcome and stated the Conference theme as "The Command of Jesus, and Our Sunday Schools."

As his first address to the general public, Rev. J. J. Hostetler chose the Conference theme, "The Command of Jesus." The guest speaker discussed the Command as being personal, positive and primary.

The command of Jesus is personal because it is addressed to parents, church workers, church members, and to all Christians. It is not a command to a nation, a committee, a board, or organization. It is aimed at the individual Christian.

The command of Jesus is positive because individually we are assigned the responsibility to do something, either "to suffer," "to go," or "to teach." In this command there are no negative thoughts. There is no "thou shalt not."

Then also the command of Jesus is primary, for it should be our first concern. Sunday school workers should learn a lesson from the public schools, which spare no costs in training for the secular, material, and temporary. On the other hand, the Sunday school teaches the Word of God and spiritual values which last for eternity.

Other messages addressed to the general public by Rev. Hostetler included, "Worshipping in Our Sunday Schools," "An Enlarged Vision," and "Our Children for Christ."

The morning and afternoon sessions consisted of a series of workshops for Sunday school superintendents. The topics for discussion were as follows: "The Superintendent as Leader," by Mr. D. Gerbrandt; "Local Teacher Training," by Rev. J. Adrian, Winnipeg; "The Development of Mission Interest in Sunday Schools," by Rev. Jerry Hildebrand, Winkler; "The Challenge of the Teenager," Rev. George Groening, Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg; "The Education Committee of the Church," Rev. G. Lorenz, Canadian Mennonite Bible Col-

On the Horizon

September 28. — The students of the Mennonite Educational Institute at Clearbrook, B.C., will present their annual opening program on Sunday night, in the auditorium of the school.

September 28. — Thanksgiving and Mission Festival at the Morden, Man., Mennonite Brethren Church.

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September 28. — Thanksgiving and Mission Festival at the Ashern Gospel Chapel, Ashern, Man.

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 31. — Beginning of two-day Ministers' and Deacons' Conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba, held at Morden, Man.

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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