

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## Changes Seen in Paraguay Natives

By Abe G. Konrad

**Matsqui, B.C.** — The greatest evidence of the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ lies in its effect on the lives of those who accept its message.

Rev. Jacob Franz, missionary to Paraguay, testified of the great changes which have been taking place over the last twelve years among the natives in the Chaco of Paraguay. Although such outward change with respect to the social, educational, and physical well-being of these South American Indians are remarkable in themselves. Rev. Franz maintained that "... the Gospel changes man, not only outwardly, but also inwardly."

This was the key thought which Rev. Franz, missionary to the Chulupie Indians of the Chaco, impressed upon those present at the evening service on Sept. 28 in the M.B. church here. He gave a report in word and picture of "what the Lord hath done among the Indians of Paraguay." God's grace was the enabling factor in transforming pagan Indians into Christian saints.

At a gospel service in the Chaco, a native believer was expounding the message of the great commission according to Matthew 28. He spoke of the missionary accomplishments of the Christian Church in the past. Many people on the earth

had received the Gospel and had been saved. "And towards the last," said the native saint, "toward the last, the Gospel also came to us." And it is true! It has taken the Christian Church a long time to carry the "Good News" to all parts of the earth.

Rev. Franz urged us to remember that "there are many other who are still waiting for the Gospel." Among those "many," he mentioned also the Moros of the northern forests of Paraguay and Bolivia. Oh, that the blood of the recent martyr, Kornelius Isaak, may indeed be the "seed of the Christian Church"!

The challenge lies before us; the task is ours. Perhaps the Lord will require "Great Changes" in our way of living the Christian Life before His mission here on earth can be accomplished!

## Mennonite Disaster Service Helps Fire Victims

**Abbotsford, B.C.** — When the house of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Funk was destroyed by fire on September 5 it seemed that they had lost all that a lifetime of work had brought them.

The future was dark. They were old and had lived in the district less

than a year. They could also not speak any English. But then Mennonite Disaster Service and other members of this community pitched in—and today another home is rising on the ruins of the old.

On the day after the fire, the Mennonite Disaster Committee had eleven men on the scene. They pulled down the charred framework—all that remained of a home. And then donations began coming in from the Red Cross, local commercial firms, women's organizations and many individuals. They gave materials, labor, clothing and furniture.

Today the Funks are back in their

home, living in the basement temporarily. The window glass—though ordered—had not been fitted by the time this story was written, while the man who was going to build the chimney had not yet found the time. Lacking a chimney they were cooking over an open fire in the yard.

Mr. W. A. Wiebe, chairman of the Mennonite Disaster Committee which has spearheaded the drive for assistance, says that, while most appreciative of all that is being done for them, Mr. and Mrs. Funk are doing all they can to help themselves.

## Overflow Crowd at Bethesda Thanksgiving

**Kitchener, Ont.** — An overflow crowd at the special Thanksgiving service held at the Bethesda Mental Hospital at Vineland on September 14 was eloquent testimony of the community's interest in the home. The chapel and occupational therapy room proved inadequate for the number of people attending the service, and many listened on the lawn outside with the aid of a loudspeaker.

Rev. Isaac Tiessen of Leamington and Mr. Jacob Friesen of Chilliwack were the guest speakers at the thanksgiving service. The Vineland M. B. Church choir provided the special music for the service. Rev. Gerhard Epp, the superintendent, served as chairman.

Nearly \$1,000 were received in offerings and from the sale of articles made by patients at the hospital. These articles are made by the patients in their occupational therapy classes.

This was the last service in this area for Rev. Isaac Tiessen, who left shortly thereafter for Chilliwack, B.C., where he will serve the Mennonite Brethren Church as pastor. Mr. Jacob Friesen and family also returned to their home at East Chilliwack shortly after the thanksgiving service. He has spent the summer serving at the hospital, but will again assume his duties as principal of the East Chilliwack Bible School this winter.



THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE at the Bethesda Mental Hospital, Vineland, Ont., is seen on these pictures taken by C. J. Rempel. At left Rev. Gerhard Epp, superintendent of the home, is seen addressing the congrega-

tion in the decorated chapel. At right some of the overflow crowd is seen listening to the service by loudspeaker. The Bethesda Mental Hospital is operated by the Conference of M. B. Churches in Canada.

## EDITORIAL

### The Children and Their Pastor

By Homer L. Trickett in the Evangelical Mennonite

(Many Churches have just had promotion Sunday. We feel this article is particularly appropriate at this time. —Ed.)

Children are growing persons and they need the ministry of the church and its pastor. Growth is regularly attended by moral and spiritual problems. Growing persons need understanding, guidance, and friendship.

It is the privilege and responsibility of the church and the pastor to help parents to understand children and their problems and give them guidance in meeting problem situations as they arise. But it is also the privilege and responsibility of the church. The church performs this ministry through the many loyal devoted church school teachers and through the pastor as they come to know children and to understand them.

"Hi, Mr. ...., when are you coming over to see my new erector set?" is the kind of greeting that delights the heart of a pastor. To be thought of as a real friend by the boys and girls of his church is surely the desire of every minister.

The faithful pastor must not think of himself too busy to bother with children. They are a part of his church; they are God's children; to such as they the kingdom of heaven belongs. The shape of things to come, both in the church and in the world, will be determined by them.

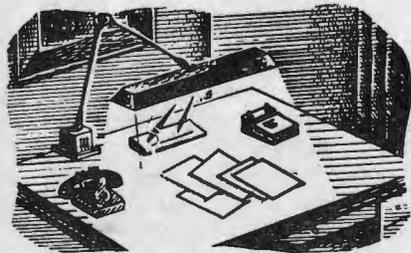
The pastor of the church is also the pastor of the children. He needs to understand the ways in which children grow morally and spiritually as well as physically and emotionally, but he also needs to know the children themselves. He needs to know their names, their parents, their brothers and sisters, their pets, their hobbies, how they are getting along in school and who their teachers are, in short, the pastor needs to know everything he can about all the children who are part of his church.

There are many ways whereby the pastor may do this. He can greet them each Sunday morning as they arrive for church school—that is, if he is not busy in the Adult Department and thus unable to greet the children as they come.

On some Sundays the pastor will make planned and purposeful visits to the church school departments and classes; or he may be asked to meet with a group of children in the sanctuary to talk about some aspect of the building or of the church program. It is a privilege for the pastor to have the opportunity of meeting the inquiring minds and questioning spirits of children as he explains to them the meaning of the various parts of the worship service. Here in such meetings between the children and their pastor, impressions are gained that last throughout life and that enrich and deepen personal Christian faith.

There are, of course, many other ways whereby the pastor may come to know the children of the church he serves. He may see them when he visits in the homes of the members of his congregation, if he is wise enough to plan his visits so as to arrive during the hours when the children are at home. And let him be sure to include the children in his interests and conversation

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### Pen Points For Reporters

**Significant Contribution:** It is always interesting to travel, but not everyone can make a travelogue interesting. We feel that last week's summary and personal comments on the work done by the West Coast Children's Mission was both informative and interesting. We need to know more about such projects—in all the provinces of Canada. Such

reports help to increase our understanding of home missions and to support these projects more.

**Replacements:** When a reporter moves to another district it is not always easy to find someone to take his (or her) place. We are happy that Miss Phyllis Siemens has consented to send in Hepburn, Sask., news now that Miss Lillian Wiebe

## DEVOTIONAL

### Mastered by Truth

By L. C. Hartzler in the Gospel Herald.

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin's definition for evangelism strikes fire: "Evangelism is our witness to a truth that has mastered us." Mastered here means "taken possession of." Thus the motivation for evangelism comes from within and not from without.

Evangelism fails when a lesser motive prompts it. You cannot win folks to Christ effectively if your motivation is only, "This is something I ought to do," or "This is the right thing to do." Certainly we should all be participating in evangelism in some way, but not just because it is an obligation. Can a sense of duty stand up against all the excuses people have for not accepting Christ? Such an evangelistic effort easily stops with, "Well, I told you. Now it is up to you."

Another inadequate motivation closely related to the first insists that we participate in evangelism because we have been taught to do

has moved to Waldheim. And in Toronto Mrs. Ben Doell is picking up where Ernest Penner left off when he moved (he and his wife are now at the M. B. Bible College).

For quite some time we have cherished the hope that the Gospel Light M. B. Church in Winnipeg would also receive news coverage. We are glad that Mr. Jake D. Hiebert will now report from that church.

Another Vancouver reporter will send in news. Miss Ruth Toews will report on activities at the Fraser-view M. B. Church.

**Result of Missionary Death:** The Lord sometimes uses a missionary death to jolt us into action. Word from Paraguay indicates that as a result of the death of Kornelius Isaak five volunteered to continue efforts to win the Morros to Christ. Two have already left on another expedition into Morro territory. In a similar way, the death of the five young men in Ecuador was used of God to challenge many young people for missionary service.

**To Provoke Thought:** One of our readers writes: "Do you recognize this statement?"

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

I have some questions to ask? How much glory does God receive from a statement like that? Let us remember that God can set at naught our 'high-flying dreams' so quickly that we will scarcely know what happened. Let us be careful to ascribe to God the glory of all spiritual success and victory. Praise belongs to God alone."

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it. Evangelism becomes part of our religious life like nonresistance or nonconformity so often become, something put on. Will such motivation stand before the conviction and fervor of a communist? Not likely.

Some Christians get a personal satisfaction out of talking to someone about his soul. It makes them feel good to give a witness, but here the motivation is selfish. No one will be challenged to accept Christ unless he is convinced that the witness is completely sincere in wanting him to become a Christian.

Our motivation for evangelism must compare to that of the early Christians. Witnessing to the Word was a natural result of their faith. They really had something worth telling, not just something they ought to be telling. Their own enthusiasm was not lost on their hearers, either. "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard," said Peter to the religious rulers when they were forbidden to witness further.

For Paul the Gospel was "the power of God unto salvation.— It was something to be shared in any legitimate way for the purpose of winning men. It had so taken hold of Paul that he was ready to give up all other things he held dear so that he might win Christ. The truth in Christ had mastered him. In fact, Paul had reached the place where he could say, "Not I, but Christ."

May we let Christ become master of our lives. Then we will be able to practice evangelism in its real sense.

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## Laird Pastor at Regina Thanksgiving

By Helene Suderman

Regina, Sask. — The M. B. Church here had much to be thankful for in the past year. As it is pleasing to the Lord, a day was set aside for special thanksgiving and praise for the spiritual and physical blessings.

That Sunday, Sept. 14, Rev. Nick Jantz and family of Laird visited us. In the morning he reminded us that we ought always to give thanks. The key verse was Ephesians 5:20: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." He exhorted us with three questions, giving us the answers to them. Why give thanks? Because God requests it, it is a precious thing to give thanks, and because God is good. For what should we give thanks? That God is who He is, for his unspeakable gift, for the Holy Spirit, for His Word, for freedom, peace, health, food, shelter, clothing and weather. How are we to give thanks? With all our heart, in the name of Jesus, and with deeds like Zacchaeus.

That afternoon Rev. Jantz directed our minds and thoughts to missions. Our responsibility in this field is three-fold because of the great redemption wrought by his Son, in view of the great commission, and in the light of the great event.

A lunch served by the Ladies' Mission Circle drew to a close a day of blessing for us all. We had the opportunity to thank God with deeds, as Zacchaeus did, but with this our responsibility is not completed. Thanking God is a continuous process which we do not leave behind when we change addresses.

## Invite District Churches for Mission Festival

Ashern, Man. — Members of various churches in this district joined the M. B. mission group at a mission festival that was held in conjunction with the thanksgiving day service on Sunday, Sept. 28.

At the morning thanksgiving service held in the Gospel Chapel, the congregation joined in praise and thanksgiving for God's provision during the past year. Enhancing the service was the singing of an octet from the M. B. Bible College and a violin solo by Len Neufeld, also a student at the college. The thanksgiving message was delivered by Mr. Leslie Stobbe, provincial youth leader. He outlined the secret of thankfulness, expressions of thankfulness, and the fruits of thankfulness.

Visitors and residents learned to know each other better at a fellowship meal in the chapel basement.

That afternoon the local M. B.

mission worker, Mr. Ben Doerksen, welcomed the congregation at the Ashern Community Hall. Visitors had come from various churches to share in the missions service. The octet from the college served again, as well as Miss Elsie Boese with a solo, Mrs. Peter Teigroeb and Miss Clara Duerksen in a duet, and Len Neufeld with a violin solo.

"Paul's View of Missions" served as theme for the message by Mr. Leslie Stobbe. He described the basis of mission work, the imperative of mission work, and the method of mission work as outlined by the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter ten.

## Extension Ministry To Get Director

Reedley, Calif. — Rev. H. R. Wiens has resigned as assistant pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church here to accept a position as executive secretary of the home mission board of the Pacific District Conference of the M. B. Church.

In his new position Rev. Wiens will assist in establishing new churches. He will also do some financial work.

A special recognition service for Rev. Wiens was held by the Reedley M. B. Church on Sunday night, September 21.

## Missionaries Speak At Harvest Festival

Abbotsford, B.C. — Rev. Henry Classen, M. B. city missionary in Vancouver, and Rev. Ernest Dyck, home on furlough after one term in the Belgian Congo, served at a Thanksgiving and Mission Festival in the Abbotsford M. B. church here on Sunday, September 21.

An autumn atmosphere pervaded the decorated church as the worshippers gathered for the morning thanksgiving service. Rev. Henry Classen spoke on home missions.

Rev. Ernest Dyck served as speaker at the afternoon missions service. He chose Isaiah 54:1,2 as his text, speaking on how the church can encourage foreign missions. This can be done, he said, by "enlarging the place of thy tent," "lengthening thy cords," and "strengthening the stakes."

## Baptismal Service At Swift Current

Swift Current, Sask. — Four candidates expressed their desire on September 13 in the M. B. Church here to follow the Lord in baptism. They were Viola Regehr, Ruth Thiessen, John Wall and Elmer Thiessen.

Due to unfavorable weather the baptismal service was held on September 14 in the Herbert M. B. church instead of at Swift Current Creek. Rev. F. J. Peters and Rev. E. J. Lautermilch spoke at the service.



Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Schindel, first residents in the New Tabor Senior Citizens Home at Morden, Man., waste no time in adding the "home" touch to their suite the Monday after dedication, Sept. 14. (Cut courtesy The Times, Morden)

## Liquor Vote in Winkler Not Possible

Winkler, Man. — A move to oust the local beer parlour has shattered on a legal technicality.

Winkler Town Council has received word from Sterling R. Lyon, attorney-general for Manitoba, that they cannot proceed with the vote asked for in a public petition because the by-law to be voted on did not receive first and second reading in council 60 days before the voting date.

The attorney-general's department stated that the petition gathered by representatives of three local Mennonite churches had the necessary number of signatures (20 per cent of the voting list), but because of the above reason the vote cannot be held this year.

Mayor W. G. Neufeld said his personal view had been that if the signatures were found to be sufficient, which they have been, the attorney-general would have ordered the vote to proceed, probably by Order-in-Council. The mayor commented, "I guess they do everything to the exact letter of the law."

## Harvest Demonstration Of God's Grace

Vineland, Ont. — "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people" (Psalm 105:1).

This was the motto at the Thanksgiving Service in the Vineland M. B. church on Sunday, Sept. 21. The Lord has blessed us richly in spiritual and physical goods this past year and on this special day we sought to give credit to whom credit is due.

Rev. George Epp emphasized that

we enter into His courts with praise and be willing to give back to God bountifully from that which He has so richly given to us. Rev. C. C. Peters then brought us to the realization of how much we really have to be thankful for. It is only by the grace of God that we have a harvest at all, because the earth was cursed by God, who lets the rains descend on the just and on the unjust.

In the evening, the topic was "Missions." Rev. Henry Wiebe spoke on the well-known passage which states that the harvest is ripe, but the labourers are few. God needs labourers. Why are they so few? We found that the reason consists of mere selfish excuses from individuals who know Him, but are not willing to take up their cross. Rev. J. Baerg, the second speaker, emphasized the fact that we must be faithful witnesses to the person next to us, this is what Christ expects from us and nothing less. That is the sole purpose of our existence here on this earth.

## Gretna Man Takes University Post

Gretna, Man. — Dr. T. Schaefer, son of Bishop Paul Schaefer, principal of the MCI here, has returned after three years of study at Oxford university in England to become assistant professor in the department of chemistry at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Schaefer received his degree of master of science from the University of Manitoba in 1955. Upon graduation he went to Oxford university as a Shell fellow, an honor granted to only one Canadian student each year. At Oxford he was awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy. His field of research interest is nuclear magnetic resonance.

## Steinbach Couple Leaves for Germany

By D. K. Schellenberg

**Steinbach, Man.** — A last handshake, a last wave of the hand, and a last look, and the couple with their child disappeared into the plane's interior. But they were seen once more, their familiar faces framed in the window of the giant aircraft before it turned and headed into the wind for the takeoff. Finally, the great plane became airborne, gracefully swinging to the right and disappearing on its eastward journey.

It was the first lap of a journey that would end in Hannover, Germany, two weeks later. For the missionaries, Levi and Elizabeth Reimer and their young son, Timmy, it was the end of a first term furlough. Behind them was a year filled with seeing loved ones and friends; a year that had seen many schedules and speaking engagements; a year of blessing and filling up for another long, five-year term of extensive evangelistic effort in Germany.

Slowly, almost reluctantly it seemed, the assembled group of loved ones, pastor and friends, dispersed. Many left with a new determination to pray more for this young missionary family.

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die. . . we so vividly remember him saying in one of the final farewell charges to us. I am sure that this sustained us all in that last leave-taking.

### Welcome Pastor

**Hepburn, Sask.** — On the evening of Sept 17 the congregation of the M. B. Church here gathered for a welcome service for Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Bergen and family, who arrived from Port Edwards, B.C. Rev. Bergen will be our new pastor.

The installation service of Rev. Bergen took place on Sunday, Sept. 21. The guest speaker was Rev. Henry Baerg of Dalmeny. He presented to us the responsibilities of the church members and of the leadership. Rev. Henry Willms conducted the service.

### Vancouver M. B. Experiencing Race Prejudice

**Vancouver, B.C.** — A Vancouver Mennonite Brethren real estate manager is experiencing at first hand what racial prejudice means in terms of a local situation.

Recently Block Bros. Realty sold a home in South Vancouver to two East Indians. When residents in the district heard of this they attempted to block the sale of the home. Mr. Henry Block, manager of the real estate firm, was telephoned the day

of the sale by a woman neighbor, who asked him to cancel the sale. He told her the suggestion was "highly out of order." The following day he received another telephone call and agreed to meet a group of 14 neighbors.

"They made their position clear in no uncertain terms," said Mr. Block. "They said I had not considered their feelings by making the sale and that the value of their property would depreciate."

Mr. Block's position is clear: "These people have the same right as you or I."

The five-room house was sold to Tara Singh and Chancell Sidhu for \$13,500. Mr. Singh, a Canadian citizen, has been in Canada for six years. His wife is in India. Mr. Sidhu, a widower, has been in Canada three years. Both men, in their thirties, are employed as mill workers.

Mr. Singh has said that he and Mr. Sidhu will definitely keep the house, but they have not decided as yet if they will live in it.

### New Youth Leader at Elmwood

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Mr. Peter Enns, who returned to his native Manitoba one year ago after residing in Yarrow and Oliver, B.C., for a lengthy period, was elected youth leader in the Elmwood M. B. church last week.

Mr. Leslie Stobbe resigned as youth leader, since he has resumed studies at United College in addition to his responsibilities as editor of the *Mennonite Observer*. He is taking third year arts courses at the college.

Mr. Enns serves both as youth leader and chairman of the "Jugendverein." Assisting him in youth work are: Ernie Isaac, chairman of social committee; Peter Peters, chairman of the Wednesday night young people's committee; and Victor Toews, chairman of the missions committee.

### Arnold Baerg Youth Leader at Kitchener

**Kitchener, Ont.** — Mr. Arnold Baerg, formerly of Coaldale, Alta., was elected youth leader in the Mennonite Brethren Church here at recent elections.

A teacher by profession, Mr. Baerg is a graduate of the M. B. Bible College and Waterloo College.

Rev. J. J. Toews will continue to serve the church as pastor, while Rev. Henry Warkentin continues as assistant pastor.

### Aged Gather At Camp Burwalde

**Winkler, Man.** — More than one hundred persons over 60 years of age gathered at the Burwalde Bible Camp for their annual get-together on August 17.

Present for the occasion were 57 persons between 60 and 70 years of age, 38 persons between 70 and 80 years of age, 11 persons between 80 and 90 years old, and two persons over 90 years old.

After a session of prayer, Dr. A. H. Unruh spoke on "Temptations of Old Age." He was followed by Rev. Jacob Epp of Steinbach, Man., who spoke on "Blessings of Old Age."

The afternoon service consisted largely of a testimony meeting led by Rev. H. H. Enns of Elm Creek. Rev. H. P. Toews spoke briefly to close the service.

### Huntingdon Man Hjt By Car

**Abbotsford, B.C.** — Henry Wiens of Huntingdon is in serious condition in Royal Columbian hospital in New Westminster following an accident on the King George Highway.

Mr. Wiens's injuries include two broken legs, broken hip, head and internal injuries.

### Three Baptized at Yarrow

**Yarrow, B.C.** — Three believers were baptized at the Yarrow M. B. church on September 21. Rev. David Wirsche, missionary to Colombia, served with an English message at the baptismal service.

Baptismal candidates were: the Misses Betty and Tina Giesbrecht and Miss Erna Janzen.

### Winkler Jeweller Passes

**Winkler, Man.** — Mr. D. A. Dyck, for many years a watchmaker and jeweller here, passed away at his home last week after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held from the Winkler M. B. church on Saturday, September 27. Rev. J. H. Quiring officiated.

### Touring Manitoba Churches

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Rev. C. C. Peters, who has served in Paraguay high schools and Bible schools for a period of about eight years, is touring Manitoba churches.

Rev. Peters began with a series of four services in the North Kildonan M. B. church this week.

### Leave Pastorate to Continue Studies

**Kelstern, Sask.** — Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Dueck, who have served the Lord faithfully here at Kelstern for the past two years, left recently for Waterloo, Ont., where Rev. Dueck plans to continue his university work.

The congregation and friends gathered at the M.B. church here on September 21 for a fellowship dinner. A short program followed the dinner.

The church is sorry to see the Duecks leave, but believes God is calling them into other fields of service.

### Ontario Man Passes

**St. Catharines, Ont.** — Jacob P. Unger, 59, passed away here at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, September 26, after an illness of about one month. He had sustained two heart attacks during this period.

Funeral services were held from the St. Catharines Mennonite Brethren church on Monday, September 29.

### Retired Missionaries Buy Home in Fresno

**Fresno, Calif.** — Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Lohrenz, missionaries to India now retired, have purchased a home in Fresno with their savings.

Rev. Lohrenz taught part-time at the M.B. Biblical Seminary here last year, but this year he intends to devote more time to deputation work in the churches and to writing.

### Thanksgiving Service at Kelowna

**Kelowna, B.C.** — Rev. Ernest Dyck, missionary to the Congo home on furlough, and Rev. David Wirsche, missionary to Colombia, served the Mennonite Brethren Church here with messages at the thanksgiving services on September 28.

Rev. Dyck read I Chronicles 29 as his text at the morning service. To illustrate impure motives he told the story of a boy who, when given money for missions, spent this by purchasing sweets from a Chinese. When the father found this out, he asked the boy for an explanation. The boy said, "I gave the money to a Chinese, who sends it to his family in China. In that way the people in China are helped and I receive some sweets."

Rev. David Wirsche spoke on II Corinthians 9:6-15. "We have thanksgiving day," he said, "because we are so forgetful of our dependence upon God." He emphasized that Romans chapter one teaches us that "the unthankful man goes down...down...down."

At the afternoon service Brother Isaac Epp led the congregation in several songs. In the absence of the choir conductor, Brother Abe Janzen, Brother George Pauls led the choir.

Rev. E. Dyck, who is leaving for Hillsboro, Kans., this week, spoke in the German language, underlining the love, power, and wisdom from God that a missionary needs to lead the natives on in their Christian life.

Rev. D. Wirsche read Philippians chapter two, emphasizing that even as Jesus left heaven's glory to become man, the missionary must become as a native in order to bring Jesus to them.

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### Itinerary of Mission Executive

Brother Lando Hiebert returned to Hillsboro on September 8 from the visit to Panama and Colombia, and Brother J. B. Toews planned to spend the second and third weeks in September completing the visits in Ecuador and Colombia. The Lord willing Bro. Toews planned to spend the second week with the M. B. workers serving in the German department of HCJB in Quito. From Quito he planned to return to Colombia for several more appointments and consultations. During their first visit from August 20 to September 7, Brethren Hiebert and Toews visited the work and consulted with national brethren and sisters and the missionaries at Cali, LaCumbre, Noanama and Istmina.

A special gathering was held at LaCumbre on the week-end of August 29. About 200 believers from the Valle department came together for worship and fellowship. Brother Toews presented several messages on the Apostolic Church. These were interpreted from the English into the Spanish by Sister Lillian Schaffer. From September 2 to 7, the Colombia missionaries and the two brethren were together for Missionary Council meetings.

### Baptism in Colombia

A baptismal service was held at Noanama in the Colombian Choco on Sunday, August 24. Those baptized were Brother Julio Dias, who has served as mission launch driver, and Sister Lucila de Mosquera, wife of a Christian tailor. Participating in the baptismal service and the communion service which followed were the Brethren Lando Hiebert and J. B. Toews.

### Missionary Parents

Brother and Sister Vernon Reimer, Istmina, Colombia, are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Lynn, born August 13 at Andagoya, downstream from Istmina.

### Schools Open at Curitiba

At Curitiba, Brazil, both the elementary and secondary schools are again in full operation. The enrollment of the two institutions is more than several hundred. Because of the important training received by the children in these schools, they are worthy of our daily intercession.

### Witness To Germans in Quito

Services among the German-speaking people in Quito are a concern of our workers serving in the German department of HCJB. The following news item is submitted by Sister Hugo Jantz as a matter for intercession: "The local work among our German-speaking friends in Quito is a heavy burden upon all of our hearts. Every Friday night we have Bible study and prayer in our homes. Attendance is around 25 and

much interest in the Gospel has been manifested. We have again started Sunday morning worship services on the HCJB compound, but attendance is poor. By them Sunday is looked upon as a day for pleasure and enjoyment, rather than worship. We feel that a meeting place in the center of town would have a very distinct advantage. One very sad thing among these people is a divided home. Last Sunday there were husbands or wives from five different families, but not one couple or complete family. Please pray for our witness among these people."

### Telugu Radio Program

Some of our church people from Mahbubnagar, India, have helped prepare Christian programs in the Telugu language for broadcast over Manila radio. These people included Pastor M. B. John, Teacher G. Phag-yndoss and high school students. Brother John A. Wiebe writes: "We believe such programs will be listened to in this large Telugu area now known as Andhra Pradesh. Brother Tarter of the Indian Missions is responsible for this new effort."

### Doctor Coming Home on Furlough

Brother and Sister Jake Friesen of India and their two children were to begin their voyage home for furlough during the early part of September. The Friesens are expected in America some time in October. An attempt is being made to find an Indian doctor to help out at the Jadcherla medical center so the heavy load need not rest entirely upon Dr. G. J. Froese during the absence of Dr. Friesen.

### New Building Needed

Pray for the right location of the Mexico Bible School which is provisionally located on the Casa de Amistad Compound in Nuevo Ideal. A permanent location and buildings are very essential for this important institution. At the present the classes are being conducted in a building which is really the clinic and should be vacated for that purpose.

### To Congo

Sister Marcella Wiens, enroute to Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school expected to arrive at the port of Matadi in the Belgian Congo on Sunday, August 31, and go through customs on Monday, September 1. Her ship, the Vinkt, was delayed by sailing through two nights and one day of Hurricane Cleo. The realization of God's protection was comforting and the dependence upon a higher Being again realized. Sister Wiens appreciated the privilege of sailing with three missionary families who constituted the passengers.

At Kajiji in the Belgian Congo three new evangelists will be as-

suming responsibilities at their respective posts at the beginning of October. Also at Kajiji a new class of nurse aides will be coming in soon. May we also intercede for these individuals that they may become effective for the Gospel in these responsibilities.

### Infant Dies

A baby daughter born to Brother and Sister Henry C. Krahn, Narayanpet, India, died shortly after birth. The infant was buried in a cemetery at Narayenguda, Hyderabad, where other members of our missionary family have been buried. May the Lord comfort the Krahns in their loss.

## Pen Points for Reporters

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**Hints for Feature Writing:** Writing a feature article, be it a travelogue, an article on a mission or church project, or a biographical sketch of one of the Lord's servants, is a task that scares many. Yet there is a simple pattern which, if followed, can make the task relatively easy.

Researching on the subject is the first step. After you have interviewed, gaining historical informa-

tion, comments, and illustrative anecdotes, organize the information so that you have it all at your fingertips. Then begin with what you consider probably the most interesting aspect of the work, an unusual experience your subject made, or an illustration that is high in reader interest.

Having caught the interest of the reader, provide a little background on the significance of the topic, the project or the person. This may be a capsule summary of the work. Then slip into a historical flashback, beginning right at the first event. From here on all you need to do is to proceed in historical, or logical order, always inserting comments, illustrations, anecdotes and first-person experiences to keep up the interest of the reader and to drive home the truths.

To conclude the article it is wise to give a look into the future, possibly using a comment made by the person or persons you interviewed or wrote for information.

Now try it.

**Quote:** "It is an awful condemnation for a man to be brought face to face with a great possibility of service and of blessing, and then to show himself such that God has to put him aside, and look for other instruments." —McLaren.

## The Children and Their Pastor

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during the call. The pastor will doubtless find many opportunities for a more informal relation to the children of the church. Among these may be the Sunday church school picnic, the play periods of the vacation church school, day camping, outings, and seasonal social functions.

The wise pastor will seek opportunity to speak with children not only as members of a group, but as individuals. It is important that he be able to call each child by name and that he have the opportunity of saying an occasional personal word to each child. Children are individuals and they respond most hopefully when they are treated and spoken with as such. Furthermore, children want and need such a personal relationship with their pastor. Fortunate is the pastor whom the children feel they know well enough to bring their problems to him.

The child's need is frequently the pastor's opportunity! It is often in such times that the child is most needful of and responsive to the love and forgiveness of God. Here the pastor is given the opportunity of performing the essential function of his calling: that of so relating boys and girls to God and his love for them, as made known in Jesus Christ, that new resources of moral and spiritual power are released in their lives and they are enabled to

live as true children of God. It is especially to the pastor that the Master's admonition, "Let the children come to me," is spoken today!

## Altona Printers Start New Plant

**Altona, Man.** — Construction started last week on the new \$150,000 home of D. W. Friesen and Sons Ltd. of Altona.

The new brick building will be approximately 110 by 150 feet in size and will be two blocks south of the hospital. It will house the firm's print shop, retail and wholesale stationery and school supply business, Red River Valley Echo and Canadian Mennonite offices.

Construction will proceed throughout the winter, with completion scheduled for March.

## Steinbach Girl To Paraguay

**Steinbach, Man.** — Miss Lydia Warkentin, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Warkentin, has been appointed to the MCC office at Asuncion, Paraguay, the Canadian office of the MCC has announced.

Miss Warkentin will spend a three-year term in the South American republic, serving as stenographer, translator, and liaison worker between Mennonite immigrants to Canada and customs officials. She has spent the past year working in the MCC office at Waterloo, Ont.

## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Hello Boys and Girls!

This is the last lap on our journey through God's wonderful world. We have seen many things and I hope we have learned many lessons.

When we started on our journey we didn't know where to go or what to see, so we chose a guide. He has done us good services. Now we are nearing the harbour. Our little ship will soon dock and we will be home again. That is a happy thought, for we know we shall see our loved ones, our mother and father, again. They have been waiting for us and have probably made all things ready for us.

At the beginning of our imaginary trip we compared it to the very real journey which all of us are taking through life. From the day on which we're born, we are already heading toward our eternal destination. Each one of us decides whether that will be heaven or hell. As we journey, we don't know what will come our way, but we do know that "if we acknowledge God in all our ways, he will direct our paths" and "His ways are ways of pleasantness and all his paths are peace" (Prov. 3:6 and 17).

What a happy homecoming it will be when we see Jesus face to face—Him who made us, redeemed us, and guided us all the way. All the while he has been waiting for us and has prepared for us a heavenly home and "we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2).

Love, Aunt Selma

## Philippa of the Tender Heart

By Audrey Baxendale

"Oh, dear," sighed Queen Philippa, "I wish this dreadful fighting would cease. If only we could all be at peace in our homes."

King Edward the Third of England regarded his wife with annoyance.

"My dear Philippa," he said testily, "once and for all let us settle this conversation. I'm going to bring these people of Calais to their knees before I move from this spot where I have pitched my tent."

"But they're starving, Edward," protested the Queen. "Surely their suffering moves you to pity. Why do you want Calais anyway? You have plenty of other fine cities whose citizens want to be ruled by you. Oh, please leave these unfortunate souls alone."

The king walked away in stony silence.

Within the walls of the battered city where the hungry children wept, the frantic mothers begged the leaders to surrender. "If you will give up the city we shall have food," they cried. "And if you hold the city while our children starve, what good will it avail?"

While they debated what to do, a messenger came bearing a flag of truce. "I come from King Edward," he said. "You have kept him waiting too long already. He will spare the city on condition that you send him six of your richest citizens to do with as he pleases. They must come in their shirts with halters around their necks—and that is your last chance."

"It means death for whoever goes," the people whispered to each other. "Who would give himself up to the king's wrath? Not I!"

"I would go—let me go to save the children," said one of the women.

"War is not for women while there are men fit to die," said Eustace, one of the finest old men in the whole of Calais. "Who will go with me to let the children of Calais live?"

Five more slowly detached themselves from the clinging arms of their families.

"I will go with you, Citizen Eustace."

"And I."

"And I."

Philippa saw them coming, and walked nervously over to the king's tent to listen to the parley. She was not sure what was afoot, but she was sure it boded ill for those frail old men with hempen halters round their necks.

"And now my fine fellows," said Edward unkindly. "you shall have the pleasure of dying for your fellow citizens!"

The old men stood bareheaded in their thin shirts and the wind nipped at them like a snarling dog. Philippa's heart ached with shame and grief. How could Edward be so cruel? She tossed aside all queenly dignity and flung herself on her knees at his feet.

"For the love of Him who died for us," she cried, "spare these men."



These are some of the 181 Chinese refugee children that waited in Hong Kong last year for MCC Christmas bundles, which were stacked at the front of this room. Most of these children came from the huge resettlement houses in which 2,500 people live in one building. Imagine living in a room 10 x 12 feet with five to nine other people—having no living room, no dining room, no bedroom, just one room for all six of you. And yet look how happy and clean the children are. Remember these children next year when you make up Christmas bundles—and all through the year when you have special projects for the children in other countries.

Edward laughed at her. "Get up, my dear, you are making yourself ridiculous in the eyes of all these people," he said. "You make me feel a monster, but I have said I will kill them and a king can't afford to change his mind like a weakling."

"It is only great men who can change their minds when they find they are wrong," said Philippa, "and only brave men who dare to face the laughter of the mob, and only strong men who are able to spare the weak."

Edward looked long at the lovely head bowed before him. Proud Philippa, daring to court ridicule in the eyes of her people for the sake of six old men she didn't even know! He drew a sharp breath.

"Philippa, get up out of the dust," he said. "You have defeated my purpose. Take your six prizes—you have certainly won them."

Philippa wept with joy. She took cloaks from her own tent and covered the shivering men. She pressed on them plates of hot food and fresh milk from her precious store. She filled baskets of food for them to carry home.

"I know you won't be sorry, Edward," said his wife. "This act of yours will be remembered in song and story long after your conquests are forgotten. History will record you as a noble and merciful king."

"No, no," he disclaimed quickly with a gentle smile. "It is you they will remember—my Philippa of the Tender Heart!"

This story from British history has two lessons to teach us. The first one is that even as these six men were willing to die so that the rest of the people in Calais could live, so Jesus died for us that we might live for ever. Have you ever thought of that—that the Lord Jesus died in your place on the cross so that you, by believing in Him, might be saved?

The second lesson we can learn

is that mercy and love are always better than hatred. Jesus wants us to love our enemies, not to try to do evil to them.

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# BLACK ROCK

BY RALPH CONNOR

(10th Instalment)

"Poor fellows!" he said as if to himself. "Whiskey is about the only excitement they have, and they find it pretty tough to give it up; and a lot of men are against the total abstinence idea. It seems rot to them."

"It is pretty steep," I said. "Can't you do without it?"

"No, I fear not. There is nothing else for it. Some of them talk of compromise. They want to quit the saloon and drink quietly in their shacks. The moderate drinker may have his place in other countries, though I can't see it. I haven't thought that out, but here the only safe man is the man who quits it dead and fights it straight; anything else is sheerest humbug and nonsense."

I had not gone in much for total abstinence up to this time, chiefly because its advocates seemed for the most part to be somewhat ill-balanced; but as I listened to Craig I began to feel that perhaps there was a total abstinence side to the temperance question; and as to Black Rock, I could see how it must be one thing or the other.

We found Mrs. Mavor brave and bright. She shared Mr. Craig's anxiety, but not his gloom. Her courage was of that serene kind that refuses to believe defeat possible and lifts the spirit into the triumph of final victory. Through the past week she had been carefully disposing her forces and winning recruits. And yet she never seemed to urge or persuade the men; but as evening after evening the miners dropped into the cozy room down-stairs, with her talk and her songs she charmed them till they were wholly hers. She took for granted their loyalty, trusted them utterly, and so made it difficult for them to be other than true men.

That night Mrs. Mavor's large storeroom, which had been fitted up with seats, was crowded with miners when Mr. Craig and I entered.

After a glance over the crowd Craig said: "There's the manager; that means war." And I saw a tall man, very fair, whose chin fell away to the vanishing point and whose hair was parted in the middle, talking to Mrs. Mavor. She was dressed in some rich soft stuff that became her well. She was looking beautiful as ever, but there was something quite new in her manner. Her air of good-fellowship was gone, and she was the high-bred lady, whose gentle dignity and sweet grace, while very winning, made familiarity impossible.

The manager was doing his best

and appeared to be well pleased with himself.

"She'll get him if any one can. I failed," said Craig.

I stood looking at the men, and a fine lot of fellows they were. Free, easy, bold in their bearing, they gave no sign of rudeness; and from their frequent glances toward Mrs. Mavor, I could see they were always conscious of her presence. No men are so truly gentle as are Westerners in the presence of a good woman. They were evidently of all classes and ranks originally, but now, and in this country of real measurements, they ranked simply according to the "man" in them.

"See that handsome young chap of dissipated appearance?" said Craig. "That's Vernon Winton, an Oxford graduate, blue blood, awfully plucky, but quite gone. When he gets repentant, instead of shooting himself he comes to Mrs. Mavor. Fact."

"From Oxford University to Black Rock mining camp is something of a step," I replied.

"That queer-looking little chap in the corner is Billy Breen. How in the world has he got here?" went on Mr. Craig.

Queer-looking he was. A little man, with a small head set on heavy square shoulders, long arms, and huge hands that sprawled all over his body; altogether a most ungainly specimen of humanity.

By this time Mrs. Mavor had finished with the manager and was in the center of the group of miners. Her grand air was all gone and she was their comrade, their friend, one of themselves. Nor did she assume the role of entertainer, but rather did she, with half-shy air, cast herself upon their chivalry, and they were too truly gentlemen to fail her. It is hard to make Western men, and especially old-timers, talk. But this gift was hers, and it stirred my admiration to see her draw on a grizzled veteran to tell how, twenty years ago, he had crossed the Great Divide, and had seen and done what no longer fell to men to see or do in these new days. And so she won the old-timer. But it was beautiful to see the innocent guile with which she caught Billy Breen and drew him to her corner near the organ. What she was saying I knew not, but poor Billy was protesting, waving his big hands.

The meeting came to order, with Shaw in the chair and the handsome young Oxford man secretary. Shaw stated the object of the meeting in a few halting words; but when he came to speak of the pleasure he and all felt in being together in that room, his words flowed in a stream, warm and full. Then there was a

pause and Mr. Craig was called. But he knew better than to speak at that point. Finally Nixon rose hesitatingly, but as he caught a bright smile from Mrs. Mavor he straightened himself as for a fight.

"I ain't no good at making speeches," he began; "but it ain't speeches we want. We've got somethin' to do, an' what we want to know is how to do it. An' to be right plain, we want to know how to drive this cursed whisky out o' Black Rock. You all know what it's doin' fer us—at least fer some of us. An' it's time to stop it now, or fer some of us it'll mighty soon be too late. An' the only way to stop its work is to quit drinkin' it an' help others to quit. I hear some talk of a league out an' out ag'inst whisky, a total abstinence right to the ground, then I'm with it. That's my talk. I move we make that kind o' league."

Nixon sat down amid cheers and a chorus of remarks. "Good man!" "That's the talk!" "Stay with it!" but he waited for the smile and the glance that came to him from the beautiful face in the corner, and with that he seemed content.

Again there was silence. Then the secretary rose with a slight flush upon his handsome, delicate face and seconded the motion. If they would pardon a personal reference he would give them his reasons. He had come to this country to make his fortune; now he was anxious to make enough to enable him to go home with some degree of honor. His home held everything that was dear to him. Between him and that home, between him and all that was good and beautiful and honorable, stood whisky. "I am ashamed to confess," and the flush deepened on his cheek and his lips grew thinner, "that I feel the need of some such league." His handsome face, his perfect style of address, learned possibly in the "Union," but, more than all, his show of nerve, for these men knew how to value that—made a strong impression on his audience; but there were no following cheers.

Mr. Craig appeared hopeful; but on Mrs. Mavor's face there was a look of wistful, tender pity, for she knew how much the words had cost the lad.

Then up rose a sturdy, hard-featured man, with a burr in his voice that proclaimed his birth. His name was George Crawford, I afterward learned, but everyone called him Geordie. He was a character in his way, fond of his glass; but though he was never known to refuse a drink, he was never known to be drunk. He took his drink, for the most part, with bread and cheese in his own shack, or with a friend or two in a sober, respectable way, but never could be induced to join the wild carousals in Slavin's saloon. He made the highest wages, but was far too true a Scot to spend his money recklessly. Every one waited eagerly to hear Geordie's mind. He spoke solemnly, as befitted a Scots-

man expressing a deliberate opinion, and carefully, as if choosing his best English, for when Geordie became excited no one in Black Rock could understand him.

"Maister Chairman," said Geordie, "I'm aye for temperance in a' things." There was a shout of laughter, at which Geordie gazed around in pained surprise. "I'll no' deny," he went on in an explanatory tone, "that I tak ma mornin', an' maybe a nip at noon, an' a wee drap aifter wark in the evenin', an' whiles a sip o' toddy wi' a freen thae cauld nights. But I'm no' a guzzler, an' I dinna gang in wi' thae loons flingin' about guid money."

"An' that's thru for you, me bye," interrupted a rich Irish brogue, to the delight of the crowd and the amazement of Geordie, who went calmly on:

"An' I canna bide yon saloon whaur they sell sic awfu'-like stuff—it's mair like lye nor good whusky—and whaur ye're never sure o' yer richt change. It's an awfu'-like place. Mon!"—and Geordie began to warm up—"ye can juist smell the sulphur when ye gang in. But I dinna care about thae temperance socieities, wi' their pledges an' havers; an' I canna see what hairm can come till a mon by takin' a bottle o' guid Glenlivet hame wi' him. I canna bide thae teetotal buddies."

Geordie's speech was followed by loud applause, partly appreciative of Geordie himself, but largely sympathetic with his position.

Two or three men followed in the same straih, advocating a league for mutual improvement and social purposes, but without the teetotal pledge; they were against the saloon, but didn't see why they should not take a drink now and then.

Finally the manager rose to support his "friend Mistah—ah—Cwafoad," ridiculing the idea of total abstinence pledge as fanatical and indeed "absuad." He was opposed to the saloon, and would like to see a club formed, with a comfortable club-room, books, magazines, pictures, games—anything, "dontche-know, to make the time pass pleasantly;" but it was "absuad to ask men to abstain fwom a pwopah use of—aw—nouwishing dwinks"—because some men made beasts of themselves. He concluded by offering fifty dollars toward the support of such a club.

(To be continued)

A young minister, fresh from the university, was fairly wallowing in erudition and big words. During his first service, he began to pray.

"Oh, great God, omnipotent, immutable, omniscient" (and a few other fearful names) when he ran out of adjectives. But he would not be stuck—he cried out grandly, "What shall we call Thee?"

And some saint in the congregation supplied the answer: "Call Him Father, Laddie, call Him Father."

# Orie Miller Reports on Commissioner Trip

By Susan Krahn

**Akron, Pa.** — When Orie Miller returned from his 16-week commissioner trip around the world, MCC workers at Akron were extremely interested in getting a first-hand report of his experiences and findings while abroad. A one-hour chapel period was set aside for this purpose several days after his return. Here is the substance of his report.

## Approach to Trip

Brother Miller stated that the purpose of his trip was to ascertain what is the world mission of the Christian church today, and more specifically our brotherhood's world mission within that mission. In the course of his travels he touched thirty countries, about one-third of today's total number, in four significant areas: Africa, the Middle East, and Russia. His report to us covered three of these areas, leaving Africa for a future occasion.

Brother Miller is particularly impressed by two characteristics of today's world. First, the rapid sociological transition which is evident everywhere, and second, the world's struggle for freedoms—freedoms outside of Christ. There is a worldwide movement of population from rural to urban, resulting largely from mechanization. This mechanization has been brought about by a rise in literacy. Brother Miller predicts that world literacy may possibly be achieved within the next twenty-five years, bringing even greater sociological changes. He found the world obsessed with the idea of freedoms. "Freedom" is the exciting new word on everyone's lips. Christians, however, know that Christ is the only source of true freedom.

## Asia

Two-thirds of the world's population lives in Asia. In this mass of humanity, vital Christianity is present, but in a small minority (3-5%). The resurgence of ancient religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism, Confucianism and Islam is very much in evidence.

What is our particular mission within the Christian mission in Asia? Brother Miller suggests three things:

- helping in pioneering—example: our agricultural project in Timor.
- supplementing everything the Christian church can do without asking what is Mennonite—example: assisting Indonesian Christians in Java.
- specializing—example: our peace witness in Japan.

He thinks that a particularly worthwhile contribution to the colossal mission challenge that Asia represents can be made by the Chris-

tian nurse and the Christian agriculturist.

## Middle East

Turning to the Middle East, Brother Miller made four initial observations about this area. Historically, it has always been a cross road for world commerce. The Holy Land is the birthplace of three world religions—Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. There are one and a half million Christians (a split and slivered group—no Mennonites), one and a half million Jews and two million Arab Moslems in the Middle East today. One of the world's biggest oil pools is located in this area. From the time of Nebuchadnezzar down to Eisenhower, all world powers have become involved in Middle East affairs at some time or another.

Though the population of this area is not so significant (only 35 million, or one fiftieth of Asia), yet the unresolved and seemingly unresolvable political and church situation is frightening. As a result of his service in the Middle East years ago, Brother Miller feels closer to this area than any other. He finds it disturbing that so little has seemingly been accomplished in the intervening years.

What is our mission to these people? Why are we there? Brother Miller says we symbolize concern, love and mercy in the name of Christ. This is the least we can do, till God gives us greater light. Though this is just a drop in the bucket which doesn't seem to solve anything, humanly speaking, yet we belong there as light and salt.

## Russia

Brother Miller had several reasons for visiting Russia. First, he wanted to become personally acquainted with the Russia of today. To his surprise, he found it in more rapid transition than any other country, so that he no longer finds it difficult to accept John Gunther's statistics as authentic. This well-known political and sociological journalist ascertained that the 85% rural to 15% urban ratio of Russia's population thirty years ago, has shifted to a 40% rural to 60% urban ratio today, with 560 new cities springing up in the same period of time, where there was never a city before.

He found the average Russian citizen cares little for our freedoms. He is so excited with his own status compared to what it was five years ago, that he doesn't compare himself with others. Brother Miller reports that he observed a trend to wider individual freedoms, and predicts that the new literacy will force it to continue. You can't contain 200 million people who have learned to read and many of whom go on to university.

It will be up to the leaders to be nimble enough to remain at the head of the procession.

A second reason why Brother Miller wanted to visit Russia was to renew the Baptist contact established by Brothers Bender and Wiens two years ago, as a possible guide to the Mennonites who at present are a scattered, leaderless group just coming out of concentration camps. He finds the Baptists to be the best example of evangelicalism in adjustment, as well as the best-known evangelical Protestant group in Russia. They are becoming well structured in their church program and seem to be growing steadily. Though perhaps becoming more rigid in organization, they are vitally, vibrantly, spiritually alive.

The Mennonites, on the other hand, have not yet re-established a church. They are gradually moving from colder Siberia to warmer climates, into the new setting of cities and collective farms. All are employed, for no one seems to be without a job in the Soviet Union. But as a Christian group they are frightened of each other and the situation around them. A few have joined the Baptists, but the rest remain a shy, shepherdless flock, trailing instead of leading in the movement towards higher cultural standards.

## Steinbach Bible Institute

The 23rd annual opening exercises of the Steinbach Bible Institute are to take place on Oct. 12. Registration will take place on the 13th and classes will begin on the 14th.

At present preparations for the coming school year are being made. The class rooms as well as the boys' dormitory are pleasantly brightened up with a good coat of paint. The dormitory for the married students is being enlarged. The secretary, Miss E. Giesbrecht, is busy in her office answering the many applications which are coming in. It is expected that the institute will be in attractive and efficient preparedness for the opening.

During the summer, the teachers of the institute have been busily engaged with various types of work. The principal, Rev. B. D. Reimer, is conducting several evangelistic campaigns in Saskatchewan. Rev. Archie Penner, Rev. Henry G. Rempel and Rev. Samuel Epp are serving their respective churches as full-time pastors. Rev. B. Hoepfner attended Goshen College and then later worked in the library of the institute as well as conducted Bible classes. Mr. Menno Hamm attended one of the universities in Winnipeg and Mr. Edward Reimer returned from Goshen College after success-

fully completing his course for a B.A. degree.

Brother Miller's third reason for visiting Russia was to try to contact Mennonites and spot-check their situations in order to test the reliability and accuracy of the findings of our MCC Suchdienst (Tracing Service) in Akron. Investigations in this area proved very encouraging. Names and addresses given to him by the Suchdienst were found to be correct, and proved an invaluable aid. Emigration he finds, is neither possible nor advisable, except in the case of split families. The reuniting of such families must continue to be our vital concern, so long as these cases exist.

Our North American brotherhood's first concern and prayer burden in Russia, says Brother Miller, should be the saving of the remnant of Mennonites. He believes they can become a major salt of redemption in a country which is already becoming hungry for more than the excitement of the present time. He finds this temporary excitement out of all proportion to the importance of the existing situation. It explains why Russians, thinking they now have everything they want, do not yet miss the church, the humanities and the liberal arts. But the time will come when spiritual hunger will give Mennonites their function in Russia.

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A little change has taken place in the faculty. Mr. Clifford Reimer has left in preparation for foreign mission work with the Gospel Missionary Union. The vacated place will be filled by Mr. Edward Reimer. Rev. Benny Eidse also left the institute. At present he is at Goshen College working towards a B.A. degree.

Concerning the graduates, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kehler from Lowe Farm have gone to Alaska under the GMU. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Friesen from Morris and Sister E. Reimer from Blumenort are stationed in Mexico, where the Edram Fasts and Sister Dora Friesen labour. Mr. Ed. Stoesz from Winnipeg was ordained for service in Saskatchewan. Some students attend Goshen College, whereas others are at home or elsewhere employed.

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# Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

## Auca Women To Be Missionaries

Russell T. Hitt, editor of *Eternity*, who recently spent several months in Ecuador collecting material for a book on the life of the martyred Nate Saint, has reported that the three Auca women who have been living in civilization and accepted Christianity have decided to return to their own people. "The Aucas do not kill women," said Dayuma, Manffuma, and Mintaka. Their purpose is to take the gospel to their tribe. According to the three women, the group of Aucas responsible for the death of the five missionaries slain in January, 1956, has diminished to approximately 50 in number, as a result of fierce warfare among themselves. Another group, farther in the interior of the jungle, numbers at least 300.

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## Missionary Honored

Wallace Turnbull, Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society missionary in Haiti, was honored by the Government recently for his "tireless efforts and spectacular accomplishments" for "the spiritual, material and physical welfare of the peasants of Haiti." The honor was awarded, according to Mr. Clement Vincent, Chief of Protocol, "because Mr. Turnbull had proven himself faithful to the mountain folk of Haiti in a manner which earned the respect and praise of every class of the Haitian people, and had given himself in sacrifice for his adopted country as few would dare to do." Some 800 persons heard the citation prior to the dedication service of a new church building at Ferme. Turnbull and his father established the church in 1946.

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## West Germany Jews Dedicate Synagogue

The twelfth synagogue constructed since the end of World War II in West Germany was dedicated last September 7 in Duesseldorf. In a message to the Jewish community, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said that for centuries the Jewish people had exercised a decisive influence on the spiritual life of the German and other European peoples and had contributed greatly to economic development of the European continent.

The Jewish population in Duesseldorf is estimated at 1,000 out of 660,000. (Public records mentioned the Jewish community of Duesseldorf for the first time in 1438. Since then members have included the parents of Heinrich Heine, nineteenth-century poet. On the eve of World War II the Jewish com-

munity numbered 3,500 members. Only 55 survived Nazi persecution.)

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## Church Survives

The town of Central, in the upper peninsula of Michigan, is dead but the community church has survived. The sturdy, brightly-painted house of God stands as the only respectable building in the ghost town, whose dilapidated homes and shops have long been deserted. Central once boasted a population of 1500, but was abandoned in 1898 when a big copper and silver mine was closed there. In 1907 the former residents decided to repair the church and to conduct an annual reunion service in it each summer. And so the church has stood. Once a year, former townspeople of the abandoned mining village make a pilgrimage to attend a service in the old church. A great many of the original citizens have died but their children have kept up the custom.

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### Immunity to Poison Ivy Discovered

Until now there has been no safe preventative for poison ivy, oak and sumac reactions. But now a U.S. public health service doctor and a chemist from the New York University Bellevue Medical Centre have announced a prophylaxis that, in tablet form, gives immunity lasting at least up to ten months. Made from an extract of the poison ivy leaf, it provided immunity for 95% of 254 Coast Guardsmen who were heavily exposed to poison ivy while clearing brush along the Mississippi. The tablets, whose trade name is Aqu-Ivy Tablets, are supposed to be available without a prescription through drugstores.

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### Wheat Exports Hit High

Canadian wheat exports rose to a five-year high during the crop year that ended July 31, climbing to an estimated 315,000,000 bushels.

At the same time the world wheat stocks have soared to 12 per cent over the previous year to total 2,404,100,000 bushels in the four major exporting countries.

Canadian government targets of exports of 300,000,000 and a reduction of wheat stocks by 100,000,000 were both exceeded in the 1957-58 crop year.

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### CPR Rejects Firemen's Demand

The Canadian Pacific railway has rejected a demand from the firemen's union to reopen contract talks

on the diesel firemen issue. Despite this refusal, the railway agreed to meet with the union to discuss other union demands, including a 19 per cent wage increase.

At the same time railway union officials announced that a strike ballot form asking 130,000 railway workers to vote by November 1 on whether to go on strike against the major railways is now in the hands of the union officials.

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### Canadian Cattle Pouring into U.S.

A tremendous flow of Canadian cattle to the United States, described as "unbelievable" by livestock

officials, has reached a new peak in the last two weeks.

Officials report that more than half the cattle and calves arriving at Union Stockyards, St. Boniface, Man., are being taken by American buyers and are moving south in huge double-decker truck transports. Last week an estimated 8,430 cattle and calves were shipped to the U.S. and on the previous week the total was 6,638.

In corresponding periods last year there were only 2,290 and 2,333 cattle shipped to the U.S.—and even then it was considered an excellent movement.



## A Matter of Language

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

The brightness of the tranquility of carefree Ceylon has been badly broken by the bursting of blood in bitter carnage. In the capital city of Colombo, several dozens died and the injured could be numbered in the hundreds, all following a police-and-mob clash. Raids . . . riots . . . ruin . . . these have pockmarked the island which has long been known for its beauty, well earning the title, "Switzerland of the East."

Many have asked in bewilderment, "What has overturned this haven into a horror?" The answer is: language. The official speech of the isle since its '48 independence has been English, but underground agitation has sought for Singalese, the words of some six million Buddhists, or, for Tamil, the sentences of some two million Hindus. The three-way-tug has now exploded into terror and words have been made the words of war.

Our long mileage measure from Ceylon may cause us to smile at such goings-on, but then, each nation is tied into its own knot of tangles. Then, too, no reason for any war has ever made any sliver of sense, and the sin of the heart has always dragged the blood-train of strife and sorrow.

But there is a spiritual undertone to the above battle report. In a particular sense it may be indicated that the battle in the depths of the human heart against the claims of Christ and of Calvary is a matter of language. The Almighty has a speech which spellets forth the roots of the rebellion and the required return via the road of repentance. Man will not accept the soundings of heaven and will instead offer up his own wording, sprayed with the double-talk of manufactured religion. The Word of God is quick and powerful . . . a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12), and for that sensitive root-reason makes it the heart's

least-read-book, though it be world's best seller. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8)—saith the Lord, despite the words which men may mouth. True hope begins when "every mouth may be stopped" (Romans 3:19) and the ear becomes attuned to the words of heaven which mark soul's war end and grand beginning in "so great salvation."

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## Man Crushed By Scrapers

Lowe Farm, Man. — A local man, William J. Braun, 36, was instantly killed last Sunday afternoon when he was crushed between two motor scrapers at Bell Site, Man., about 370 miles northwest of Winnipeg in the Swan River area.



NEEDY STUDENTS at Graz, Styria, in Austria received aid from the MCC in March, 1958. Here a happy student walks off with his share, which was channeled through the "Studentenselbsthilfeverein." He received five cans of beef, one can of U.S. surplus cheese, one large piece of laundry soap, and one comforter.

## Weddings

### Fehr—Heide

The Hepburn M. B. church was the scene of a wedding on Sunday evening, Sept. 14. Esther Heide, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heide, and Herman Fehr were united in marriage. Rev. J. H. Epp performed the ceremony.

Mr. P. J. Harder gave the message based in Ecclesiastes 9:9. Musical items were a trio and a solo. The wedding was concluded with a reception in the church basement.

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### Reinhardt—Thiessen

Miss Linda Thiessen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Thiessen of Sardis, B.C., and Wolfgang H. Reinhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reiphardt of Chilliwack, B.C., were married on September 26 in the Greendale M. B. church. Rev. H. G. Dueck officiated, assisted by Mr. Henry Neufeld of Sardis.

Attending the bride were her sisters, the Misses Hilda and Frieda Thiessen as bridesmaids, and Miss Sandra Thiessen as flowergirl. The other flowergirl was Miss Bonnie Cogswell, cousin to the bride.

Music included solos by Mrs. Helga Stobbe and a duet by Mrs. Stobbe and Cornie Matthies.

After a honeymoon trip to the Okanagan the young couple will reside in the Greendale district.

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### Hein—Baerg

Miss Hildegard Hein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Hein of Vancouver, B.C., and Rudy Baerg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Baerg of Coaldale, Alta., were united in marriage on August 26 in the Frasersview Mennonite Brethren Church. Rev. P. R. Toews officiated, assisted by Rev. John A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College and uncle of the groom. Both the bride and groom attended the College, the groom graduating last year. He is attending United College in Winnipeg this winter, taking the Arts course.

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### Reimer—Martens

Miss Hilda Martens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martens, Yarrow, B.C., and Rudolf Reimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reimer of Yarrow, were married on September 14 in the Yarrow M. B. church. Rev. Herman Lenzmann officiated. Rev. George Konrad delivered an English message. Holda Reimer, sister to the groom, was soloist, while the sister of the bride presided at the organ.

The brook would lose its song if you removed the rocks.

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The Rock of Ages is the one rock the geologists must leave unturned.

## Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kasdorf of Blumenau, Brazil, a son, David Mark, on August 22. He is a brother for Dianne.

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Born to Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Buhler, India, on August 13, a daughter.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hooge of Aldergrove, B.C., on September 1, twins, a boy and girl, Larry and Lorraine, a brother and sister for Ronnie, Judy, Jackie and Kathy.

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Born to Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Wierler, Abbotsford, B.C., on Sept. 13, a girl, a sister for Dennis, Gerald and Stanley.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rempel of Clearbrook, B.C., on Sept. 19, a son, a brother for Sandra.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wiens of Kitchener, Ont., a daughter on September 4.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schroeder, a son, Russell Duane, on September 21. Mr. A. Schroeder is the choir director of Swift Current M. B. Church.

## Experiences Typhoon "Helen"

Tokyo, Japan. — "Here in Tokyo we have just gone through the wettest typhoon in ten years. This morning alone three inches of rain fell," writes Wm. Redekopp, who is now teaching at a Tokyo university on a two-year contract after a year of intensive study.

"Our local train station was inaccessible because of the flood which completely blockaded the place. Traffic was halted in many parts of the city.

"This afternoon, just after the 'eye' of typhoon Helen passed by, I took a walk to the beach, which is about one mile away. It was a daring venture. In such weather you cannot hold an umbrella, so you just have to battle both rain and hurricane. People walked around tilted at 45 degrees. Trees lay across the roads, only a few signs were intact, ornaments and lights which were hung out by thousands during the festival this week were in shambles. Glass was everywhere.

"It was interesting to observe the 'eye' as it passed. One last hurrying gust was suddenly followed by the dearest calm you ever experienced. Then later it began once more with sudden, horrible spasms. The beach water was hurled away up, and drifted with the wind far out to sea. Fortunately, the dir-

ection of the wind here in the Tokyo area was eastward and not toward the inland. In all, four people were killed, some 200 were made homeless, while several scores were still missing by late this afternoon (Sept. 18).

"The Far East is in a critical turmoil. In Japan we have our own 'Little Rocks' and several 'Gerrard' cases in addition. The greatest problem now is whether or not the nation will accept the recently-proposed course of ethics for use in public schools. People who remember the pre-war beaurocracy and the infinite acts of fealty that were required by the corresponding ethics, look upon the new course of ethics as an attempt to revamp the old order. Leftist party-members put up a vicious, and in some cases bloody, battle to block the move. I have seen the fighting going on in Tokyo. Acts such as lying down in front of a vehicle being driven by officials of the department of education, and others which can be dared only by the non-surrendering Japanese, have been common.

"I have as yet not heard what the official attitude of the church is. I have searched religious publications, questioned dozens of Christian teachers, and none of them can give a satisfactory explanation of the situation. In fact, it is not discussed. Private schools are not involved, of course, but there should be a more vigorous check on such basic innovations."

Mr. Redekopp's present address is: Interboard House, 4 of 12 Shiba Park, Minato Ku, Tokyo, Japan.



### Peter Dyck on Two-Week Visit To Poland

Peter J. Dyck, MCC director in Europe, sent greetings from Warsaw on September 9, the day he arrived in the capital of Poland. He reports being cordially received by the Baptists, and speaking at a church service of the Warsaw Baptist group that same day. His itinerary for the two-week trip included visits to Lodz, Danzig, Marienburg, Krakow and Posen. Rev. Michal Odlyzko, Treasurer of the Baptist Union in Poland, accompanied Brother Dyck on most of the journey. Rev. Odlyzko was one of the four Polish Baptist leaders who met with Executive Secretary William T. Snyder in New York a year ago to discuss among other things the needs of the Polish churches.

Contact with the Polish Baptist Church, it is hoped, may serve as a good avenue of service if the door to Poland opens some day. Only

5% of the Polish population is Protestant. The Baptists know of no Mennonites in Poland but think there might possibly be some in Danzig.

Immediate material needs in Poland are clothing, bedding and medicines rather than food. Christian groups also lack the means to build churches. Some meet in houses or rented halls.

### Pioneer Workers Report On Trans-Chaco Project

Four Paxmen and an MCC couple returned to America this fall after two years of service in Paraguay. They were members of the first Pax unit to join the Trans-Chaco construction crew in the formidable task of building a 250-mile road through interior Paraguay.

Returning were LaVerne Graber and Robert Ediger of Henderson, Nebraska, Peter Harder and Herman Konrad from British Columbia, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harder from Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Mr. Harder served as foreman of the Pax unit on the roadway and also made a very important technical contribution to the project. Part of his support was covered by a special project of the General Conference Men's Brotherhood group.

Commenting on their first six months of service, the group recalled how severely their patience had been taxed. Frustrations caused by machinery arriving months late, totally uneducated workers often proving unreliable, and especially lack of organization called for unflagging persistence and determination.

Today the project is well underway. Completion of the road is still too distant a goal to be envisioned clearly, but already favorable effects are noticeable. Ten years ago there was no interest in the Chaco; today everyone talks of it. Prospects of oil contribute to this interest, causing land which formerly had no value to acquire a good price. Each kilometer of completed road becomes immediately useful as it serves the transportation needs of local Paraguayans. For example, at the south end, where 85 kilometers out of Asuncion and across a river are completed, six public transit buses and a ferry service for motor vehicles have been provided, where formerly no motor transportation was possible.

Mennonite colonies are also beginning to be affected by these developments. The Trans-Chaco road will bring an end to the isolation of the colonies. Their virtually self-sufficient economy is already facing problems, as some of their men find opportunities to earn wages outside of the colonies. The completion of the road may well bring about a radical change in the way of life of the Paraguayan Mennonites.

# Curriculum For Christian High Schools

By Wm. A. Wiebe

Scripture teaches us to "Train up a child in the way he should go. . ." (Proverbs 22:6) But the question arises, "What way should he go?" The philosophers of all ages have advocated educational policies in accordance with their views and their goals for society.

Our Christian high schools have a relatively recent history in this country. We too ask ourselves: "What kind of men and women do we want to train?"; "What is to be the end product of our educational efforts?" We need to crystallize for ourselves our aims in Christian secondary education.

A Christian school has the task of choosing and organizing subject matter to be taught which will help in the realization of the goal it sets itself in its educational program. This could be discussed under the following headings:

1. Principles underlying curriculum making for the Christian school.
2. The Christian approach to state curriculum.
3. The religious curriculum in our schools.

## Principles Underlying Curriculum Making for the Christian Schools

The basic principle for a Christian school is that its curriculum be God-centered. Secular educational philosophy has tended to make its curriculum child-centered and has discovered the psychology of the child; has studied the physical, emotional, academic and social growth of the child. This information is invaluable for effective teaching but it tends to deify man. Christian education makes God the centre of curriculum planning, for man exists for God. The Christian school must be permeated by the concept that God is the creator, redeemer and sustainer of each individual person.

Next to God-consciousness is the necessity for an awareness of certain absolutes on Scriptural basis. Man's conflicting philosophies have resulted in considering all truth to be relative—that there are no absolutes, and that man is the final judge of his own actions. In contrast, the Christian school emphasizes that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom and the transgression of the law is sin. While it is dangerous to be over-dogmatic and bigoted, still, it is essential that man be convinced of certain absolutes based on Scripture.

Further it is important that all knowledge be considered in its relationship to God. The relationship of space-time facts to God is the most important thing to know about them.

Empirical psychology is a great help in understanding the workings of a child's mind. Our Christian schools must employ a teaching methodology that is psychologically sound. We should profit from the labors of unbelieving research workers.

Finally, each Christian school must adapt its curriculum to its patron homes. The Christian school is an extension of the home and seeks to assist the home in its Christian obligation to its children. Local conditions, which are subject to variations, must be taken into account. The curriculum must have stability of principles but be adaptable to changing conditions.

## The Christian View of the School Curriculum

Private schools are not built because we think public schools are bad. Our main criticism of the secular school curriculum is that it fails to provide for the spiritual aspect of the child's life. The child is not only to be prepared for proper citizenship in this world but has been created to be a citizen of heaven.

Education can be considered in terms of four major concepts: acquiring information, mental discipline, social adjustment, and creative expression.

There can be no true education unless a person masters certain truths to serve him as tools for right understanding and thinking. At times scholastic achievement has been regarded too lightly. In itself, however, it is insufficient, for it may have no bearing on citizenship. Informational religious knowledge is extremely important but may be part of dead formalism.

Education is also regarded as having mental disciplinary value. Although this concept has been ridiculed in the past two decades, recent technological developments have given it a renewed importance. Mental training and acquisition of information have their place in the curriculum, in secular as well as in religious instruction.

Another important objective of education is to help the student to make the proper adjustments to the society in which he lives so as to live in harmony with it. The Christian school must view this in a different light to the secular school, for the Christian must remember that he is in the world but not of the world, and faces the problem of proper adjustment to God. Social growth is of extreme importance, but it is secondary to spiritual growth.

A fourth concept in curriculum construction is the opportunity for creative expression. Our creator has made man so that he can exercise a certain originality on the basis of those things he knows and has acquired. This concept of self-expression, viewed from the Christian standpoint, seeks to glorify God. In our own circles, the field of music is probably the most common vehicle of creative self-expression. Whether it be in this field or another, our aim must be to help the child to a realization that God has a claim to his life.

Of greatest importance is the Christian teacher who has specific aims for his work. He is the interpreter of the curriculum, and seeks to utilize the course of studies to achieve his goal. Quoting from Cornelius Joarsma, "In no sense can a school be called Christian which fails to make the citizenship of heaven its destiny."

## Aims and Problems of Religious Teaching in our Private Schools

By Wm. Neufeld.

Through the 400-year history of our people we have stood for acceptance of Christ, adult baptism, the significance of the Lord's supper, the refusal of oaths, separation from the world, and the principle of non-resistance. We have built schools to help us to preserve our identity and to prepare for a practical Christian life.

Particularly our aim is to train young people to become staunch characters, vital Christians, and enthusiastic servants of God. This requires the development of mind, body and soul. Christian high schools have been built so that secular knowledge might be taught in definite relation to the Bible. For us, all teaching has as its aim the development of the souls and for this a definite knowledge of the Bible is required.

To achieve this we teach biblical subjects. We begin with "Bible stories" in the lower grades, which provide a foundation of Bible knowledge. In Grade X we have the chronological study of the life of Christ, which gives the student an understanding of the progressive steps that led to the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Christ. Also in Grade X and continuing in Grade XI we have Church History, which gives the student an intelligent understanding of the development of the church.

In Grades XI and XII we teach Christian ethics and in Grade XIII, social ethics. The student receives special instruction on the problems he will face on entering secular society.

Mennonite History is taught in Grades XII and XIII to give our young people a genuine appreciation of the founding of the Mennonite Church, the faithful fight of our fathers, the victories and also the failures of our Mennonite people.

Certain problems arise in the teaching of these religious subjects. Since religious subjects do not receive government credits, there is the danger that these subjects are considered of minor importance and are not studied thoroughly. Possibly certificates should be issued on graduation only to those students who have satisfactorily completed these subjects.

For many years each teacher of religious subjects has been on his own. A thorough discussion of teaching methods with other teachers would revive many a tired teacher. We urgently need a reshaping and a revitalization of our teaching methods to cope with modern trends.

A major problem is the problem of adequate textbooks. Few schools have the same textbooks and most books are too difficult for high school level. Many of the books do not agree with Mennonite Brethren ideals. We need textbooks written by our people for our students. The following are required urgently:

- a two-year course in Bible Doctrine
- a two-year course in Church History
- a two-year course in Ethics

Bible Doctrine and Christian Ethics could be combined into one book. Fairly good German texts exist for "Bible Stories" and Mennonite History which would have to be rewritten when these are required in English.

# Christian Farmers in Demand

**Akron, Pa. (MCC)** — MCC Personnel Office has announced several immediate openings for married couples and single men with farm training and experience.

**Indonesia.** On the island of Halmahera in Indonesia, a couple is needed to provide leadership in working with the Halmahera Christian Church in developing better agriculture methods. On Timor, another Indonesian island, two Pax men are needed to assist in agriculture work. This work was started by Leonard Kingsley three years ago.

**Korea.** Leland Voth, farm manager at the Christian Vocational School for Orphan Boys, Kyong San, Korea, needs two Pax men with farming skills to assist him in working with the boys at the orphan-

age. There are now one hundred ninety boys at Kyong San.

**Greece.** MCC Pax teams assisting poor Greek villages need mature leadership. A married couple with leadership and farm managerial capabilities is sought.

**Paraguay.** A Pax man with mechanical skill and general farm training is needed to assist Robert Unruh at the MCC Experimental Farm in Paraguay. Mr. Unruh is assisting the Mennonite Colonies in their efforts to develop better crops and farming methods.

**United States and Canada.** Openings for farmers in various VS units are continually available. Several immediate needs are at Boys' Village, Smithville, Ohio; Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Maryland; and Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ailsa Craig, Ontario.

All of these assignments are approved by Selective Service as meeting the requirements for two years of alternative service for I-W men. Further information is available upon request.

board, spoke briefly on the importance of Christian education and presented some of the practical needs of the present time.

The institution is operated by the Mennonite Brethren Conference of Ontario. Students attending come from various denominations. Rev. D. Neumann is the principal with Henry H. Dueck, George Wichert, Rudy Bartel, Rev. P. J. Dick and Rev. Walter Wiebe completing the faculty. Grades 9 to 12 are being offered again this year.

## Altona Community Choir Practices Again

**Altona, Man.** — The Altona Community Choir held its first practice session of the 1958-59 season on October 2 in the Altona collegiate auditorium.

According to Menno Braun, acting secretary of the choir, plans are to again practise the "Messiah", which the choir presented last spring, for presentation before Christmas, and also to learn Haydn's "Creation" for presentation in spring.

Ben Horch is again directing the choir.

Anita Fast, Menno Froese, Howard House, Alvin Isaac, Lorene Janzen, Rudolph Klaassen, Delphine Martens, Jacob Nickel, Bernhard Retzlaff, Peter Ratzlaff, Robert Shaak and Katherine Woelk.

## Seven Baptized at Kelstern

**Kelstern, Sask.** — Seven believers followed the Lord in baptism on August 31 and were received into the M.B. Church here.

It was a great joy to hear the testimonies of the candidates and to see the Lord's leading in their life. It proved again that God is still at work through His Holy Spirit.

Rev. Ed. Lautermilch served as guest speaker at the baptismal service, speaking on "The Meaning of Baptism." Candidates for baptism were: Arlone Wirsche, Carol Biech, Evelyn Redekopp, Ella Klassen, Clarence Redekopp and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Janzen.

## On the Horizon

**October 5.** — Thanksgiving and Mission festival at the Manitou, Man., M. B. church and the Steinbach M. B. church.

**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 12.** — Opening festival of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, at 2:30 p.m.

**October 12.** — Thanksgiving and Mission Festivals at the Grossweide M. B. church, Grossweide, Man., and at Elmwood, South End, and North Kildonan M. B. churches, Winnipeg.

**October 19.** — Thanksgiving and Memorial Day sponsored by immigrants since World War II in the Young United church on Furby and Broadway, Winnipeg. The service begins at 2 p.m.

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

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

**November 16.** — Peace Sunday in Manitoba Mennonite Brethren churches.

## School Opening at Eden

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.** — The opening exercises of Eden Christian College took place on September 21 in the school auditorium, with Rev. C. C. Peters, Vineland, Ont., as the guest speaker.

The 162 students enrolled to date made an impressive sight sitting on the platform. Under the direction of P. J. Dick they sang several hymns as special numbers.

Rev. A. H. Redekopp, St. Catharines, chairman of the school

## Tabor College

Enrollment at Tabor College, as released by the registrar's office September 25, stood at 253.

Broken down into classes, the enrollment is as follows: Freshmen 93; Sophomores 57; Juniors 29; Seniors 30; Special 16; Unclassified 28.

Of the regularly-enrolled students, 98 are from Kansas. Oklahoma is second with 28 and California third with 21. Other states are represented as follows: Minnesota 12, Nebraska 12, North Dakota 7, South Dakota 4, Colorado 4, Montana 3, Washington 2, Iowa 1, Oregon 1, and Pennsylvania 1.

Thirteen students represent five Canadian provinces as follows: British Columbia 3, Alberta 1, Saskatchewan 1, Manitoba 1, and Ontario 6. Foreign students come from Hong Kong 1, Jordan 1, and Paraguay 3.

## Bethel College, North Newton, Kans.

As of September 19, the enrollment figure at Bethel College stood at 509. This is the highest fall enrollment in the history of the school.

The enrollment on the same date last year totaled 486. Of this year's enrollment of 509 (four have since withdrawn) a total attendance of 505 is left.

By classes the enrollment is as follows: freshmen 170, sophomores 115, juniors, 63, seniors 76, and specials 81. Men outnumber women 278 to 227. Only in the specials group do women outnumber men 54 to 27.

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