

Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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Dedicate Hamilton Chapel

By Helen Durksen

Hamilton, Ont. — Another important milestone in the history of the Hamilton M. B. Mission was reached on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22, 1959. The Lord seemed to be smiling on us by giving us very suitable weather for the dedication of our chapel on Osborne Street.

Rev. Jacob J. Toews, chairman of the Home Missions Board, officiated. When it was time for the service to start, quite a large group had gathered outside the Chapel. Rev. Toews now welcomed everyone, a hymn was sung, followed by prayer. The huge congregation waited in anticipation as Rev. Toews handed the scissors to Rev. Henry Penner, moderator of the Ontario M. B. Conference, who then cut the ribbon, and also unlocked the door when the key was presented to him.

Seats About 125

The little basement chapel had just been completed and looked magnificent with its white plastered walls, rockstone panelling, complete with a beautiful pulpit on the little platform, and a piano provided by the Vineland M. B. Church. Ordinarily the auditorium can seat about 125 people quite comfortably, but on this memorable day the sanctuary held a much larger crowd, which overflowed into the classrooms on either side of the centre hall, while some had to stand. But despite these inconveniences, the Lord was very near unto us as we endeavoured to bring Him our thanks by dedicating our new place of worship.

Rev. Toews now welcomed the large audience inside and read Psalm 27, encouraging us to continue the work here in faith and trust. This was followed by a short review of the history of the mission.

Began As DVBS

The Sunday school first began functioning in the Lake Avenue Public School after the daily vacation Bible school teachers in Hamilton in 1954 discovered the warmth and eagerness of the local people to hear more of the Gospel. One year later, Rev. and Mrs. John Unger accepted the call to undertake the leadership of the mission. The work proved to be fruitful, as people were won for Christ, and the desire arose for a sanctuary of our own. The

Lord gave grace, and this memorable occasion was the result of much prayer and supplication.

After the brief review by Rev. Toews, there were reports from the building committee and the general contractor, greetings from various churches, prayers of dedication, selections by the Vineland M. B. Church choir, and a very suitable message by Rev. Henry Penner. He

compared our new chapel to Noah's ark, since it was: a) a memorial of God's justice, b) an illustration of human faithfulness, and c) a testimony of God's goodness.

Rev. Unger announced that morning worship services would begin on March 1 at 11:00 a.m., with Sunday school in the afternoon as usual. This also marks another important forward step of this work.

May God continue to bless us and may we be a real lighthouse in this Christ-needing city.

Alberta Conference Features Workshops

By D. Rempel

Calgary, Alta. — The annual Alberta Sunday School Teachers' and Youth Workers' Conference was held in the Highland Mennonite Brethren Church, Calgary, from February 13 to 15. Since many of the youth workers are also Sunday school teachers and these two phases of the church work are closely related, it was decided to combine the two in one conference.

Rev. A. P. Regier, pastor of the Highland M. B. Church, welcomed everyone and introduced the program of the conference. The introduction was followed by a skit from the Gem church entitled "Youth Committee Meeting." To this Rev. J. Doerksen, leader of the Alberta Youth Committee, added the warning, "Do thou not likewise." The skit was well presented and served to show the listeners the need for our youth conference to help improve our young people's program planning.

Topic On Heritage

The guest speaker for the conference was Rev. H. Lenzmann, leading minister of the Yarrow M. B. Church. His first message of the conference was on "The Heritage of our Mennonite Brethren Youth." Using the text from Acts 20:27, Rev. Lenzmann drew our attention to the fact that our church had given us "all the counsel of God." Our youth has a clear concept of salvation, the right concept of the church, clear teaching on Christian ethics and a rich heritage in traditions which on the basis of God's Word are sound. His message was concluded by a quotation of Dr. Bingham, "It is our objective to evangelize the church.

We are handing the burning torch to the younger generation. Will you take it?"

Saturday morning Rev. J. Doerksen, Gem, greeted the gathering. He emphasized that the foundation of our effort is Christ, not ideology or philosophy. A prayer session followed.

Broadmindedness

"The Exemplary Walk of the Christian Worker" was the theme of Rev. Lenzmann's morning message. He pointed out that our walk must be exemplary because of Him whom we represent. Our God is holy, therefore holiness and purity should characterize every Sunday school teacher and every youth worker. Rev. Lenzmann reminded us of the "narrow way." What is sometimes referred to as a "broadening of the mind" in reality is often not a broadening of the mind but of the conscience. The blessings of the close follower of Christ are two-fold, according to I Tim. 4:16: "save thyself" and "them that hear thee."

After the morning message the congregation was divided into two workshop groups. The themes of the workshops were: "What Responsibility Does the Church Have in Making Provision for the Social Life of Young People?" under the direction of Rev. A. Konrad, and "Basic Elements of a Successful Song Service," led by Henry Peters, Gem. These workshops permitted a discussion of these problems from many viewpoints.

Rev. B. Epp, leading minister of the Vauxhall M. B. Church, presented the first message of the afternoon. His theme was "The Teaching Ministry of the Church." He as-

serted that we must teach because it was Christ's command. Evangelization is a teaching ministry. It is important that our young people realize that we are not teaching Mennonite culture when we speak of simplicity of life or of non-resistance, but we are teaching Biblical principles. The difference between the M. B. church and other evangelical churches is not doctrine but ethics. Often the teacher of Biblical principles does not commit himself to his message. If we want to present truth so it won't hurt people, we must appear as though we are neutral. We as Sunday school teachers are not neutral. Therefore, it is important that we present Christ's teaching with zeal, and live accordingly.

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East Aldergrove Anticipating Revival

Aldergrove, B.C. — The East Aldergrove Mennonite Brethren Church is awaiting a week of revival services. These will be held from March 15 to 22. Choral groups, quartets and choirs will be serving in song on these evenings.

The speaker for these evenings will be Rev. H. Thielman of Calgary, Alta. He is presently in active service at the Calgary City Mission. Earnest prayer is requested for these meetings.

Gospel Light Group At Grossweide

Grossweide, Man. — With the words of the familiar and well-beloved theme-song, "Oh, Glad and Glorious Gospel," the choir from the Gospel Light Hour opened the morning service here at the Grossweide M. B. church on Sunday, February 22.

Ernie Pauls led in the prayer service, reading Colossians 3:16-17. The male quartet sang several numbers as did also the choir under the direction of George Olfert.

Rev. Wm. Schmidt based his message on Psalm 32:1-8 and brought to our attention "the load of sin" and "the joy of forgiveness" as experienced by the Psalmist David.

After the service the group enjoyed fellowship and dinner in the church basement.

EDITORIAL

Intermittent Membership

An editorial in the February 24 issue of the *Gospel Herald*, weekly publication of the (Old) Mennonites, speaks directly on a problem coming to the fore more and more in Mennonite churches in Canada. Many are asking themselves what can be done to reduce the "once-a-week membership" and transform it into a vital part of the church fellowship. The following discussion of the problem taken from the *Gospel Herald* helps to pinpoint the issue. The editor, Paul Erb, writes:

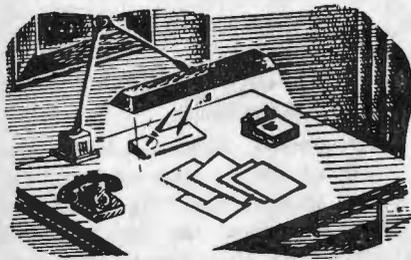
Observation of the typical Protestant church reveals that a great many church members attend church only irregularly. They are connected to the church, but so slightly that they do not feel a compelling need for fellowship and corporate worship. They may contribute to the church budget. They show up on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter. But regular attendance at all church functions is not even in their intention, much less in their performance.

This tendency is seen in our own brotherhood chiefly in the considerable number of members who seem to have contracted for only a once-a-week affiliation with the church. They appear for the Sunday morning service, at least for the preaching service. But they seldom attend on Sunday evening, or at the mid-week prayer meeting, or at special meetings for Bible study and evangelism. It seems that their own program in home and business and community concedes to the church only a one-meeting-a-week responsibility.

Not that church attendance is the only measure of genuineness of church attachment. There are probably people who come to church more or less regularly from a sense of duty, or for social contact, and with little or nothing of true spiritual participation. But yet one can assume that an increasing warmth in one's life with Christ will increase also the intensity of connection with the body of Christ. Fellowship with Christ has its consequence in fellowship with the church. Little feeling of responsibility toward church attendance may well argue little sense of Christ's lordship.

Should not applicants for membership, whether by baptism or transfer, be faced with their privileges and responsibilities in the church? Why should we not promise to participate as fully as health and circumstances permit in the entire program of the congregation? Members who begrudge to the church a minimum of their time and effort are hardly the kind of members we are looking for. Once-a-week membership is hardly effective for either the member or the church.

If your church has by far its largest attendance on Sunday morning, you have this problem. And if that is the only time you go to church, you are that problem. Think and pray about it.



Pen Points For Reporters

A Nose For News: One of the prerequisites of a good reporter is what newspapers commonly call, "A nose for news." This means that the person keeps his ears and eyes open all the time, every waking hour, for leads that will provide news stories. A short announcement at the bottom of a long column in the local newspaper may alert him to an important meeting, or to the visit of an interesting person. A casual comment in an interview may start him on a trail that ends with the "big story." A casual announce-

ment at a church service, or in an informal contact with a friend or leader may give him the tip-off on an important local event.

Some people think that the ability to discover news of interest is inherited. Newspapermen know better—they developed their "nose for news" by dint of concentration and years of practice. You, too, can become an effective reporter by concentration and practice.

New Reporter: This week's issue carries the first report from Mrs.

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DEVOTIONAL

A Castaway

By Jake Martens *

"Say, how do you like this Buick? Automatic heater and defroster, air purifier, push-button top, and to top it all off, reclining seats while the automatic radar-controlled steering wheel guides you where you wish to go."

Yes, Smith took this new, self-steering beauty. But just as he guided it into his garage he heard a slight grumble.

"Sure is a sharp turn into the garage—and what is this ten-year-old Chevrolet doing in the garage?"

"Well, I didn't know you could also talk, Buick, but just relax, you'll like it here."

Next morning the family came bustling with trunks and boxes, getting ready for a long vacation.

Things seemed to go well that day on their way to California, so they decided to lodge near a high mountain pass for the night.

Early next morning when Smith turned the key there was nothing but a lot of grumbling. "Here I was all night in the cold, with noisy rattletaps buzzing about, frost on the windows, and now you want me to go again so early in the morning."

Finally, after much persuasion, Buick decided to go, but hardly in a mood for obedience. It snorted through the first red light, which almost resulted in a fatal accident. With a little more willingness it slowed down to the speed Smith wanted to go, but when they came to a crossroad Buick turned right instead of going straight on as Smith wanted it to go.

"All right, Buick, this road will take us there all right, but it's much more difficult," said Smith.

"I don't care, just let me have the controls, Boss," demanded the Buick, and with that he zoomed forward and attempted to pass the Packard by driving on the right shoulder of the road. The loose sand caught the wheels and sent it sailing off the road. Fortunately no one was injured.

Try as he might, Smith could not get unflinching obedience from Buick. So the next weekend trip the family took the old Chevy. Upon their return Buick enquired, "Did you give Old Smith a scare, Chevy?"

"No," replied Chevy, "I did just as he directed me."

"Oh, you're just old-fashioned."

But after that Smith's rarely used Buick. That Buick was a castaway. Yes, it was new, it was beautiful, it didn't show a dent or scratch, it could perform beautifully, it had plenty of power, but it was a castaway in spite of its good qualities.

Why was the beautiful car set aside in spite of its beauty and capabilities? The answer is found in

its actions: grumbling, self-assertiveness, and disobedience.

The Apostle Paul has something to tell us about this: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Cor. 9:27). The Apostle Paul was constantly concerned that despite his accomplishments he might be a castaway.

The Buick beefed about the Chevy, the roads, the noise, the cold, the heat, and the gas. Do we grumble about our home, our food, our job, our young people's leader, our church, our pastor? Are you not grumbling about God? Paul writes, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content?"

You sometimes wait until your Dad is in a good mood before you ask him some special favor. Does God have to get us into a good mood before we do something for Him? Are we frustrated when the preacher talks too long, the church is chilly, you are asked to sit near the front, the service lasts too long, the children cry, or someone asks you to testify for your Saviour? Can God use you for His glory in that state of mind?

The Buick took the other road just because he wasn't supposed to. How like children he was. Do you want to make your own decision about your life's work, about your marriage partner, or about your work in the church? Just because something strikes your fancy and seems to be the best way, are you sure it's the Lord's way? Paul could have saved himself many whippings and stonings had he not followed Christ's leading so exactly. Are you willing

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strives to have Christ at the helm,
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and the essential unity of all true
Mennonites as its guiding principle.*

Evangelism Successful

Kelowna, B.C. — Before the Herb Janzens arrived in Kelowna to visit Mrs. Janzen's parents, the M. B. church here was discussing an evangelistic campaign. Besides the prayer and preparation meetings, leaflets were printed and taken to the homes through the mail. Posters were also hung in many store windows. Personal contacts to invite people to the meetings were made by telephone and by house calls. The services were held Feb. 1 to 14.

During the meetings Rev. Herb Janzen touched on crucial points such as God, sin, death, hell, the crucified Saviour, and on decision. The Spirit of God was in our midst and spoke through His Word. The Janzens sang duets or solos. The choir sang under the direction of Brother A. Janzen, the father to Mrs. Herb Janzen. Mrs. Herb Janzen generally had a story for the children.

Although there had been meetings every night for weeks, the Christians still attended the meetings. They also went across the lake to bring Indians to the services, who came in unexpected numbers. People from other churches also attended.

Results are largely unknown. Several made decisions for Christ. The testimonies on the last evening of the two weeks of services revealed some of the blessings received. Of the rest we shall probably learn in eternity.

Rev. and Mrs. Herb Janzen are now at the Briercrest Bible Institute, while our pastor, Rev. A. J. Sawatsky, is at the South Abbotsford M. B. Church for evangelistic meetings.

Wife of Horndean Worker Ill

Horndean, Man. — Mrs. Abe Quiring, wife of the pastor, has been ill for several weeks, spending quite some time in the Winkler hospital. We hope she will soon recover and be able to join us in the services.

Miss Cathy Enns of Morden is at present helping out at Quirings.

Present Drama To Capacity Audience

Calgary, Alta. — The pastor of the Highland M. B. Church here, Rev. A. Regier, conducted evangelistic services in Chilliwack, B.C., the week of February 15. Although we missed his ministry here, we are also happy that God is using him in this manner.

During the same week Rev. Thielmann, our city missionary, left for Kitchener, Ont., to be with their son, Albert, who was involved in a car accident there. We were sorry to hear of the accident, but are also

happy to be able to report that Albert's condition is not serious.

On February 8 our Calgary young people were pleased to see the church filled to capacity when they presented the play, "Thou That Judgest." The sobering message of this play touched our hearts as it must wherever it is being presented.

Winnipeg Group Visits Horndean

Horndean, Man. — The Mission Chapel was well filled at both services on Sunday, March 1, for the visit by a group from Winnipeg.

The Europe Prayer Group of the M. B. Bible College visited the mission in Horndean on the above date. About 20 people had either a part in the program or became acquainted with the work here.

For the morning service a male quartet served with songs. Miss Irma Dyck also sang a solo. A goodly number of the children remained for the service, and they were well rewarded for it. Mr. John Eckert told them a very interesting story that clearly explained the way of salvation. Mr. Eckert also brought the message in the German language. His text was Genesis 32:9-12;

24-29, where Jacob on his way home to meet Esau wrestled in prayer with God. Through this experience, Jacob became humble before the Lord God and grateful for His leadings. Thus was presented to us the need and possibility of victorious Christian living.

After the service, there was a general get-acquainted period, and a "come over for dinner" arrangement. Soon the group was scattered, some spending the afternoon in farm homes, others in town. The Christian fellowship that we enjoyed reminds us of the verse in Psalms 133:1: "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

In the evening we again all assembled in the mission chapel for service. There was group singing, another solo by Miss Dyck, and again a story for the many children, this time by Harold Redekop. Mr. Harvey Goossen brought the message in English. "The Seeking Saviour," as is illustrated in Luke 15: 1-7 in the parable of the lost sheep, served as theme. Another special part of the program was a violin solo by Len Neufeldt.

The ladies served a lunch to the guests before they left for the city.

New Year's Eve Service in Lusemvu

By Nettie Berg, Congo.
The last day of 1958 had been filled with the usual duties. There had been an early breakfast for those who were going to Matende that morning; the usual instructions to the houseboys; there had been medicines to hand out; the premature baby to weigh (yes, she had really gained 50 grams—about 1½ ounces—in 3 days). There had been the daily service with the sick people and supper to prepare for company. Then the drum beat vigorously saying it was service time.

I wound my way up the narrow footpath toward the church, equipped with Bikwango New Testament and two lanterns. The year of 1958 once more flowed past my mind's eye, filling my heart with deepest gratitude. For truly, it had been a good year.

Most of the bamboo seats in church were empty. The school children and teachers were on vacation in their villages. Most of the mothers were at home putting their babies to bed. Some of those that should have been there were just sitting in their huts for no other particular reason except perhaps a lack of love for the Lord and for His Word. But some were there to give praise to our Father in heaven for His goodness throughout the year. After a short message, testimonies poured forth. If you could have heard them, you, too, would have joined in.

One brother was so grateful for the patience that the Lord had had

with him in battling with his major enemy—drink. "Do pray for me," he ended up, "because I am not strong, but I don't want to touch it again." Philip, the teacher, was thankful for the strength the Lord had given him to handle his students throughout the year, because his body had not been strong.

James also had reason to be thankful and said: "I was sick, near to death; my body had wasted away, but after many weeks God heard our prayers; I am well again." His wife Miriam then took up the same note of praise, telling us of the double blessing of two healthy, lovely babies. But that had not been the end of God's kindness to them. Their little four-year-old son had one day pulled down the tablecloth from a table upon which stood a kettle of boiling water. His face and body were terribly burned and, as Miriam put it: "He didn't even cry nor moan; he just lay there as though he were dead. We had much sorrow those days, but we have joy today because our child is not dead, but alive." Someone else reminded us to be grateful that no one of Lusemvu had been put in prison during the year, and that no one had the misfortune to have a hand or a leg cut off.

Later in the prayer session, the wife of the brother who had previously told of his evil drink habit was the first to stand up and to pray earnestly for her husband, saying: "Lord, help my husband not to return into the 'potopoto' (liter-

ally meaning 'mud') that he was in this past year."

My heart, too, rejoiced over the privilege which had been mine to serve the Lord another year, to be the object of many a prayer of my friends at home and of having had the opportunity to witness God's answer to these prayers. Thank you, dear folks at home, for taking such an active part in our work for the Lord.



Suppose this were your child. Would you turn it away from your door? There are thousands such children in the Far East, many of them starving. Through MCC you can help them. Give generously to help meet the needs of those who are less fortunate than you are.

Our Readers Say

A Weekly Highlight

Christian greetings from Germany—the land of Luther and the Reformation!

Since our arrival in Europe almost four months ago, a weekly highlight has been the arrival of the *Mennonite Observer*. Even though it reaches us three weeks late, every page is read with keen interest.

In fact it must have been through your paper that we were first introduced to the work of Abe Neufelds in Linz, Austria. Just the other day it was our privilege to meet them in person over in Basel at the home of Leo Janz. Many of you will meet and hear them on their short furlough of 4 months, beginning April 30. They informed us that a young couple from Neuwied (the W. Rüschoffs) was taking over the work in Steyr, Austria.

At present the Janz Team is busy making arrangements for this year's two big campaigns: Frankfurt, from April 26 to May 24, and Bern, Switzerland, from June 16—July 12. Meanwhile they drive out to nearby

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Where Are Our Volunteers?

(This is the third in a series of articles describing MCC sponsored VS projects—the physical environment and the contribution our young people are making.)

National Institutes of Health,

By Susan Krahn

From Junior Village we went to Bethesda, Maryland (Suburb of Washington, D.C.), to look up the VS group at the National Institutes of Health. NIH is the leading research center of the US Public Health Department. Its fourteen-story brick building surrounded by spacious grounds with a large adjoining parking area make quite an impression on the visitor who sees it for the first time.

Upon entering the lobby, one is struck by the quiet luxury of the place. Handsome furnishings, beautiful displays, a sensation of vastness—what a contrast to Forest Haven and Junior Village!

Shortly following our arrival we were welcomed by Willard W. Maginnis, who as chief of the Patient Activity Section is in charge of our Mennonite "patients." Then we met with a number of staff members to discuss the role of the volunteer who comes to NIH as a normal control patient. Why is he needed? What is his function? Does he derive satisfaction from his work? Does he feel he is making a contribution to society? Is the "guinea pig" aspect frightening or actually dangerous? Is life at NIH too soft?

We learned that volunteers are indeed needed to conduct research in areas such as heart conditions, mental illness, metabolism and others. Young people with healthy bodies and healthy minds provide as nearly perfect specimens as possible for testing normal reactions. Comparing and analyzing these with the reactions of sick people under identical circumstances may cast light on casual factors of disease and provide clues for prevention or more effective cure. According to Dr. K. W. Chapman, associate director of the Clinical Center, this is a tremendous contribution and should not be underestimated.

For example, 55 per cent of the hospital beds in this country are occupied by people with some form of mental illness. About half of these can be classified in the broad category of schizophrenia. Suppose, as is quite possible, a metabolism factor is involved in 10 per cent of schizophrenia cases. This could be dealt with by adding something to the diet, like iodine is added to salt. Successful treatment would mean new life for thousands of individuals. But the only way doctors can determine what this "something" is,

is by painstaking research—testing, measuring and evaluating.

Volunteers may be put on special diets, get drug injections or have blood samples withdrawn, but while these tests may cause temporary discomfort, they are not hazardous. Last summer several Summer Service volunteers lived on milkshakes (vanilla or chocolate) for a while. Nothing but milkshakes for breakfast, dinner and supper—sound good to you? Try it for a few weeks!

Dan C. Voth, another Summer Service volunteer who extended his time at NIH to a full year, participated in a study of a substance called unestrified fatty acid (UFA) and its role in energy metabolism. He describes his experience as follows:

"The experiment began at 10 a.m. I had no breakfast and only a light supper the evening before. A needle was inserted in an artery of my right arm to obtain blood samples. As radio-active UFA was injected intravenously into my left arm, the first blood sample was taken. For the next hour, I lay and breathed into a special rubber bag which trapped my expired air. Blood and air samples were collected once every hour till 8:30 that night, when for the first time in 24 hours I was allowed to eat. Three more blood and air samples were taken: just after eating, at 2:30 a.m. and just before breakfast the next day.

"The procedures weren't painful and I never felt that I was in danger. I would say that the most uncomfortable aspect of the experiment was the 24-hour fast, and I'll never forget how much I enjoyed that wonderful supper at the end of the day!"

A little later we met with the entire VS group (currently 11 men) in a lounge on the eighth floor. Questions revealed that a number of the fellows were having difficulty in recognizing the significance of their contributions to NIH. A few expressed their need to do something more tangible, entailing hand labor and physical exertion; spare time hung heavy on the hands of others. One sensed that soft living conditions, white collar jobs and lack of major responsibility did not contribute to the happiness of these VSers.

However, in the fruitful discussion that followed, it became clear to all of us that a mature attitude refuses to be defeated by the seeming unproductiveness of the moment, so long as the long range goal is constantly in view. In a sense NIH is a test of resourcefulness, and the best way to combat boredom and defeatism is to fill one's time with useful sideline activities.

NIH has excellent educational and recreational facilities. Four men are currently working in var-

ious laboratories. Several are taking college courses in evening classes at Washington, D.C. Craft classes, basketball, chorus groups, concerts and library books provide a variety of interesting and worthwhile activities.

In June the entire unit will disperse for temporary reassignment in Summer Service units elsewhere. They will be replaced by a special NIH summer unit which provides openings for approximately 34 interested young people (both men and women) to serve in this worthy but demanding project. For further information write to Summer Service, MCC, Akron, Penna.

Alberta Conference

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The Saturday afternoon workshop themes were: "Why are We Losing Many of Our Young People to the World and to Other Churches?", directed by Rev. A. P. Regier, and "The Dayschool Teacher's Opportunity for Christian Witness," led by David Dick, Coaldale.

Saturday night was family night. Rev. Lenzmann spoke in the German language and dealt with "The Home as a Basis for All Christian Education and Training." The role of the mother and the father in the home were clearly pointed out. It is of utmost importance that parents set a Christian example. This message was followed by a film that drew our attention to the importance of the family altar. Many helpful suggestions for making the family altar successful and interesting were shown.

On Sunday morning, after the invocation by Rev. A. P. Regier and a choir number by the Highland M. B. Church choir, Harold Dyck, principal of the Alberta Mennonite High School, spoke on the topic, "Adequate Preparation of Our Youth for Higher Institutions of Learning." Bro. Dyck showed several dangers that are encountered by our Christian university students in a highly atheistic school. He pointed out that in our churches we are not clear which institution (high school, Bible school, or college) should undertake which task in training our youth. We must provide our young people with a systematic Bible study, true worship, fellowship, Christian action, counselling opportunity and, of utmost importance, understanding for their problems while studying.

Following a very suitable choir number entitled, "The Grand Old Book," Bro. Victor Pankratz, instructor at the Coaldale Bible school, presented a message for the children. The lesson that without God we can do nothing was well illustrated.

Rev. Lenzmann, in the final message of the morning, spoke on the topic, "The Winning of Our Youth for Missionary Service." This mes-

sage was in the German language. Because we were saved by Christ, he has a right to our life and wherever we are as Christians we must carry on God's work. "If you can't do God's business in your business, you have no business to be engaged in that business." Rev. Lenzmann felt that our youth was not well enough informed on our church missionary undertakings and so was indifferent to this work. Our missionaries are the only ones responsible for bringing the story of salvation to 12,000,000 people in nine different lands. The annual expense to carry out this work amounts to \$500,000. Many other factors keep the Christian from entering missionary service. Some of those mentioned are: the great sacrifice to the individual, the glitter of the world, materialism, and false evaluation of the Lord's work.

Sunday afternoon the group again divided into workshops. The topics were "Purposes and Programs for Our Young People's Meetings" and "Basic Principles of an Effective Bible Class." The feeling of the entire conference was that these workshops were an effective means of discussing pertinent problems.

The conference concluded with a final message from Bro. Lenzmann, the theme being, "Does the M. B. Brotherhood Need Revival?" Doctrinally we teach the whole counsel of God, but the Lordship of Christ is not always stressed enough. Members of the church fail to look after their brother. Often the stress on some of our services has been entertainment rather than preaching of the Word. These situations can only be remedied by prayer, humbling ourselves and by abiding in Him.

Rev. D. Pankratz, assistant director of our Alberta M. B. Conference, closed the conference with exhortations and a verse of Scripture found in I Cor. 15:58.

The Bible Today

It was a King who said, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart." Should hydrogen bombs rain down their tremendous destructive force on the people of the earth tomorrow, the chances are good that copies of the Bible would be preserved. At scattered points across this North American continent well-printed Bibles are stored against such an emergency.

At one carefully selected mid-American site 240 volumes in 150 languages are kept. Bibles, as well as plates and mats for printing more, are deposited overseas at key points. This has been done to assure the safe-keeping of the Scriptures.

The British and Foreign Bible Society helps individuals to store Scriptures in the mind by offering a free list of suggested daily Bible readings.

Camping With a Purpose

By Helen Good Brenneman

(This report is of significance in that it touches on a field of service which we have not even begun to enter. With more and more camps being built, we should seriously ask ourselves whether we do not have a responsibility in this area. —Ed.)

"You as a Mennonite Church have pioneered in welfare camping. I feel that you are obligated to share what you have done with other groups. I have talked about how you Mennonites are doing this all over the country. You people have helped about 120 boys and from sixty to eighty girls and have given individual and personal service to them. You are doing a tremendous job!"

Thus spoke Honorable Phillip B. Gilliam, famed judge of the Denver Juvenile Court, at a luncheon with church leaders, camp director Jess Kauffman, and other personnel of Rocky Mountain Camp, Colorado.

Each summer for the past three years a team of young people at Rocky Mountain Camp, under the direction of Bro. Kauffman, have carried on a welfare camping program with boys and girls from Denver, young people who have come from unhappy home situations and have been in trouble with the authorities.

The luncheon followed a tour of the Denver Juvenile Hall, which was an unforgettable experience.

Judge Gilliam is a middle-aged man, and like other great men, is unassuming and a comfortable person to talk to. The Juvenile Hall is his dream and is a result of years of investigating such institutions around the world.

The first thing he did was to pull a curtain and unveil a large mural—forty-three great Americans, men and women whom the full-time staff artist painted to symbolize to troubled youth what they could potentially become. The judge smilingly informed us that to get out this afternoon we would have to memorize these forty-three Americans, names such as Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington Carver, Einstein, and Billy Graham.

When a juvenile gets into trouble for shoplifting, robbery, threatening with a knife, incorrigibilities, truancy, curfew violations, escapades, vandalism, or sex offenses, he is brought to Juvenile Hall by a policeman and is immediately placed in seclusion for twenty-four hours. The youth has a comfortable bed (which cannot be taken apart or damaged in any way), a pleasant room, and other physical necessities, but he has nothing to do but to sit and think. During the other approximately nine days of his stay he is careful to conform to prescribed standards of behaviour, because he doesn't want to go back into solitary confinement nor extend his stay.

The days following his confinement, however, Juvenile Hall officials are trying in every possible way to get to the bottom of the boy or girl's trouble. His home situation is studied; he is given physical, dental, and psychological examinations. And he goes to school in the Hall's beautiful classrooms.

Judge Gilliam is most proud of his craft program. We were shown the pottery which the inmates molded, glazed, and baked themselves, graceful vases any of us would be happy to own. We also saw the woodworking shops filled with finished products: picture frames, whatnot shelves, book ends, ceramic tables inset with handmade tiles.

"The project isn't important," the judge explained, "but people are. People who break laws don't believe in themselves. As a man thinks, so is he. The first step in rehabilitating these young people is to show them that they are capable of doing something worth while. That's why we take pains to have the best teachers and make sure the projects are nice. I'd rather have something done well."

As we walked through the rest of the Hall, we could not help noticing that everything was hospital-clean.

"We let the youngsters help keep things immaculate," the judge told us, "because for most of them cleanliness is a new experience."

In spite of the homey appearance of Juvenile Hall, the security of its occupants is assured by many mechanical devices. The doors have electric locks. Any screaming or unusual noise is detected immediately in the office by an intercommunication system. Windows are not barred but are made of a solid glass enforced by screen which will stand eight hundred pounds of pressure.

"We don't want to lose any customers," the judge joked, and as he demonstrated the pressure one might put on a window a voice immediately came through the speaker, "Check Room 3B."

It was the children themselves who impressed us most. The girls, dressed in denim skirts, bright plaid blouses, and tennis shoes, and the boys, clad in white tee shirts and faded jeans, looked like your child or mine. The judge spoke kindly to them and pointed out to us a boy of about ten who had just broken into a filling station.

"We get around 5,000 cases a year, including the neglected and nonsupported children," the judge told us. "We take many illegitimate babies to put out to agencies for adoption, and shelter children whose parents are disputing their custody. Of those children who get into trouble, nine out of ten will not repeat their offenses. One out of ten will have to go on to a reformatory. Some come back to ask advice when they get into a scrape."

After our tour of the Hall, we sat down to luncheon with the judge and several of his assistants. It was then that we reviewed and evaluated the work which Rocky Mountain Camp has done for the past three summers, giving up to sixty youngsters each summer a week or more of outdoor life and Christian influence.

"I was a little worried that some of those kids would burn your barn down," one officer laughed, as the group reminisced past experiences.

Bro. Jess Kauffman, who along with Bro. Marcus Bishop, pastor of the church at Denver, had originally made the contacts which opened this field of service, admitted that camp personnel were at first a bit apprehensive.

"I had no idea what we were getting into when we began welfare camping," Jess said. "But we were brave enough to try. We had a great deal to learn and we know now that it takes possibly a five-day period for everyone to get adjusted, and to do them any real good we need to keep them for a longer period of time."

The camp personnel told of some of their more adventuresome experiences, such as the time several boys drank a combination of turpentine, kerosene, and diesel fuel, and had to be taken to town to have their stomachs pumped.

"You have to live and sleep with the fellows to get really acquainted," Jess told us. "I insist every year on being a tent counselor, for it is in the sleeping bags that I learn to know the boys."

"Your camping program is excellent," the officers told us. "You are giving normal experiences to children who have been denied these experiences in the past. They come from disintegrating homes. They learn, at camp, that work, for instance, isn't a dirty word; it can be fun. It doesn't have to be 'coolie' labor, like they feel they have to do at home. They work, have fun, and find that work is good."

"It is also a beautiful follow-up, a natural thing for a boy or girl who is no longer under the supervision of the court but who still needs a booster shot," another said.

Then the staff psychologist told about one of a number of children who had changed one hundred per cent as a result of camp.

"He found stability at camp, which he never knew before. He loves that camp more than anything else under the sun. He slipped on a number of occasions, but each time it was easier to work with him after his camp experience. The other students at school used to be fed up with him and school officials were verbalistic as to how impossible it was for him to adjust. After his first experience in camp he had something. Every time he slipped, the school would plead for him, because now he was one of the best-

liked boys at school. Since he's been back at work camp this summer, he now wants to be an architect, and he has the intelligence to go ahead and do it. That's the type of thing we need!"

"And it isn't necessarily that you always make good 'kids' out of bad ones," one officer said. "Sometimes camp just solidifies a good relationship by a series of good experiences." He went on to tell about a child who was thought to have a low I.Q., but who, as a result of love and understanding, now gets good grades.

We wondered if our personnel are properly trained for such a responsibility as we have taken on.

To that the psychologist responded, "Exposing these youngsters to love and decency is more important than having trained personnel. Every child has a right to experience punishment as well as good experiences, and to deny him either is to deny him basic experiences of life. Camp provides some of these basic experiences in living. And the new environment also gives a new learning situation."

It was at this point that the judge and his assistant presented to us the great need, for which they have no solution.

"It is an intellectual dishonesty to say to a boy who has made a change, 'Now go back and be a good boy,' when you know the same factors are there in his environment as before. They want to make good, but they're afraid to go back to the old surroundings."

"We need homes for children who are not bad enough to send away to a reformatory, but yet their real parents are not fit to look after them. Everyone wants the boy or girl who'll make good—the well-adjusted child," the judge said. He explained that few people adopt any child after the age of seven; and they are very much afraid to adopt older children, particularly girls.

One of the probation officers told us, for example, of a girl of twelve, whose father is in prison on a narcotics charge, her mother is a bar maid, and all of her brothers and sisters are either imprisoned or out on bond or parole. No one will take a girl like this into a foster home. There is nothing to do with her but send her to a reformatory or back to her old environment, where she will again repeat her offense.

"Would it be possible," one of our group suggested, "that we as a church might provide a year-round home for, say, fifteen girls at a time?"

There was immediate and enthusiastic response from the officials. One officer told us later, "I personally think that you have the greatest opportunity there is."

Jess responded warmly, "If we have succeeded at all, it is because we have tried to show that there is something greater than ourselves.

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Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

How wonderful the sun is, shining so brightly for so long, like a great big fire that keeps on burning year in and year out. The earth is nearly one hundred million miles away from the sun and so we catch only a very small part of all the light and heat that the sun shines out. But that part is enough to keep us warm (sometimes a little too warm in summer) and to make all the plants in the world grow.

If you could travel through space and come as close to any of the stars as we are now to the sun, you would find these stars to be very much like the sun. We can thus say that every star is like a sun—in fact, some of them are much larger than our sun. And there are millions upon millions of such stars.

Where does all the fuel come from to keep these stars burning so brightly? It comes from the commonest material in the air about us—hydrogen. Our sun is bright because inside it hydrogen is being turned into heat and light.

Scientists who knew this used to wonder how they could get hydrogen to yield the same amount of energy here on earth. When they discovered it, they made the hydrogen bomb. In fact, scientists have no other way of releasing the energy in hydrogen except in explosions.

When we look at the stars we are reminded how wonderfully our earth and the stars were made by God. Everything is in its place. More than that, the sun and the stars combine to shine on the earth day and night, to give us the light and heat we need. But we are also reminded that when sinful men discover the power that God has placed in the universe they use it usually to destroy one another. This shows us how sin can turn the good things of God into evil uses. It reminds us that unless we let Jesus cleanse us from sin we will again and again do evil things.

Love, Aunt Selma.

Undeserved Praise

A Story of a Christian African girl.

Hawwa came home from school. She didn't greet her mother, nor did she smile at her little brother Joshua. At supper she hardly touched her food. She gave the excuse that she had no appetite. Her mother was worried and asked her if she was not well.

"Oh, yes, I'm all right," was the answer. After supper the mother prayed with the children and put them to bed. Suddenly, during the night, mother heard Hawwa sob. She hurried to her, held her close and said, "Tell me, Hawwa, what is bothering you?"

Now Hawwa told her mother all about it. "In school today our teacher gave us an arithmetic test. The first four questions were easy, but the fifth one was very difficult. As I sat there, trying hard to figure it out, I remembered that the teacher had worked these problems through on the blackboard two days ago. I had copied them and put the sheet of paper into my reader. A voice inside me said, 'Why not take a peek. It's no sin. You have only forgotten the answer.' Then—the moment the teacher turned his back to us, I took a look. Later, as the

teacher checked our work, he praised me for having perfect work. But now I feel that I cheated."

"Indeed, you did," said mother. "That wasn't right at all. You did not deserve any praise. And besides that, you have grieved the Lord Jesus. I shall light the lamp, and then we will see what the Bible says about this."

Mother came to Hawwa's bed with the lamp and Bible and read I John 1:9 to her: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"Now we will ask the Lord Jesus to forgive, and tomorrow morning you will ask your teacher to forgive you, too," her mother said. Then they both knelt in prayer.

Next morning as Hawwa left the house, her mother comforted her with the words, "Don't be afraid of people. Remember, I am praying for you."

After the pupils had prayed the Lord's Prayer, Hawwa remained standing and confessed before the whole class her actions of yesterday.

During recess a girl by the name

of Laraba came up to her and said, "Hawwa, for quite some time now I have been going to Sunday school. I also attend school where we hear about Jesus, but I have never confessed my sins and taken Him into my heart. Today, as I heard you confess your sin of cheating, I felt that I too wanted to become a Christian. I want to follow the Lord Jesus."

As God Wills

In the Bible we read how Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead. God has power over Life and Death!

But not always does the Lord save our loved one, or even us, from death. All of us must die. It is good to know that God knows what is best for us. Can we say 'As God wills'?

That is not easy. Dr. Martin Luther experienced that at the deathbed of his thirteen-year-old daughter, Magdalene.

Magdalene was seriously ill, and her parents felt that God might soon call her to be with Him. But oh, how they strove against that—they wished to keep her at any price. Often they cried before God and on their knees they begged Him, "Oh help us, Lord." The mother especially could not be comforted. During those dark days Martin Luther tried to comfort his wife with the words, "Just think, dear Katie, where our child is going!" Very often he was reminded that the Lord Jesus himself, when He was near death in the Garden of Gethsemane, was able to say, "Thy will be done."

And at those times when his wife



was especially deep in grief he reminded her of another of Christ's sayings. In the garden He had also said to His weary disciples, "Watch and pray . . . the Spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak."

One day Luther spoke to his daughter, "Magdalene, my girl, I am sure you would like to remain with us, but you would also like to go and be with Jesus, wouldn't you?"

"Yes, Father, as God wills," was the answer.

Her father said to her, "You dear girl. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." In other words, Your answer is very good, but I find it so hard to say that myself. Then he turned his face to the wall and said to God, "Oh, God, I love her so very much."

On Sept. 20, 1542, God called the young girl to Himself. The parents were both at the dying girl's bedside. The father fell on his knees, cried bitterly and prayed God might soon end the girl's suffering. Then he took her head in his hands and in that way Magdalene passed out of this life. All the time the mother stood in the background and sobbed. Dr. Martin Luther stood at the coffin of his young daughter and said, "My Magdalene, you are well off now." And then, "Dear girl, you will rise again and shine as a star, yes, as the sun itself. My spirit is happy, but my flesh is very sad."

Thus Dr. Martin Luther learned to say, "As God wills."

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Holiday in Trinidad, West Indies

By the Norman Fehrs

Right now, we can hear the beating of the drums, shouting, and shrieking, since Trinidad is in its second day of carnival. Herbie is calling, "Mommie, the jump-ups are coming!" The parade is now passing about 100 feet from our home. A picture of spiritual darkness, and the power of the demon world is evident. More about carnival a little later.

Trinidad has five official holidays and several additional ones. These additional holidays pertain more or less to the Roman Catholic church. Tomorrow, February 11, will be one of the additional holidays, known as Ash Wednesday. Even these two days of carnival are not official holidays. January the first is the first of the main holidays and is the concluding day of the Christmas festivities. Federation day, February 23, is high in the people's mind as it promises independence. Good Friday to Easter Monday are days of reveling, indulging freely in drinking and dancing. August 23 is Discovery Day. This, as we have experienced, is the quietest day of all holidays, but it is the fuse to start the people to think in terms of Christmas.

Last week as we traveled out towards town we saw bags of cacao, bunches of bananas and plantains (a cooking banana) on the side of the road, ready for market. Why all this at once, I inquired. "Well, Monday Carnival starts and every one must have a little money." Yesterday on our way to Fillette Gospel Chapel we saw a little of carnival, our children cried out in fear as some came near the car. A man jumped in front of the car, a three-tined wooden fork in his hands, a mask with horns on his head, and gruesomely painted face and upper body. A rope was tied about his waist, and a small boy was trying his best to hold him back. A real sight of demon power. In Blanchisseuse another man with all his dress and paintings came and fired a blank rifle at close range at one of the missionary ladies that were with us.

Basically, carnival is a time when the people endeavor to personify Satan in person, actions and deeds. The rhythm of the steel bands keeps everyone, young and old, swaying from the waist to the continuous, monotonous drumming. Revenge runs high during these days. Warnings of bloodshed have already been made known. There may be rifles and cutlasses underneath their gorgeous customs.

Religion cannot be left out. Scenes from the Bible are taken and presented in the midst of dancing and drumming. Noah and his ark and

animals are going to be presented in Port of Spain. To me, the things that are going to take place in the tribulation period are taking on more meaning, such as are referred to in Rev. 13:15: "And he had power to give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." It rejoices our hearts to see that most of the Christians refuse to have anything to do with carnival.

By tomorrow morning everything must be hushed and cleaned up, for it will be Ash Wednesday—a day of penitence and fasting for the wrong done during carnival, and the inauguration of Lent. At morning mass in the Catholic church ashes are offered by the priest to wash away the sins committed. Carnival always precedes Ash Wednesday.

Whit Monday is May 18. What is it? "I don't know, but we have always kept it," is the usual answer. It is the seventh Monday after Easter; a church (Catholic) festival commemorating Pentecost. The high points of this day are high mass in the morning, Elfond's Match in the afternoon, and a dance to conclude the day. Elfond's Match is the final round of card games between villages and individuals. Last year it shocked us to see the day of Pentecost used in this way. What can be done to stop the flood tides of sin? More missionaries, and the salvation of more sinners.

We can sense the spirit of the evil one in the air. From the carnival centre, the drumming, shrieking and shouting reaches our home. This continuous noise even gets into the blood stream of Herbie and Vivian. Just a minute ago Herbie was swaying his body in time to the drumming noise. "Daddy, why not?" Eph. 2:1-4 was my answer to him.

What? A bag of corn and off to the garden? Yes, it is Corpus Christi. The best time of the year to plant corn. The Catholics have been to mass in the morning, and if possible are in the garden the rest of the day. This day is celebrated in remembrance of the body of Jesus. An image of the corpse of Christ is sometimes carried around in a parade. Many people have nothing but a dead Christ to worship. Our aim is that they come to know the living Christ as Saviour.

Another additional holiday in which the fishermen and the women are concerned is St. Peter's Day. Since Peter was a fisherman, the priest goes out to bless the boats. The women have prepared food and sell it to the fishermen and others with the proceeds going to the church. The donations given for the blessings pronounced upon the boats also are turned into the

church. At this time food is thrown into the sea to assure better catches of fish. This leaves the people with a false hope and in utter darkness.

The common, age-old, official holiday of Easter does not see much of a change from year to year. Special days of mass and "The Way of the Cross" are given by the Catholic Church. Men and women give themselves to drinking and dancing. The afternoon and evening of Easter Sunday is spent in dancing. We must be happy because Jesus died for us, is their reason. What a difference with those who have found Jesus as their Saviour!

At present the volume of the noise of carnival has increased, as they are now coming to final show-offs, and the appointing of the winners. Why do the heathen rage?

Extra road gangs on the road is a sign that Christmas is around the corner. The government makes a special effort to give work to as many as possible during the first two weeks in December, so that all will have a little spending money. Then another sign is the banging and cracking of bamboo explosions. This sometimes even begins in the latter part of November. Every night until the night before Christmas this banging can be heard. It is done by making a hole into the hollow of the bamboo, some pitch-oil is poured in and then set on fire. New curtains, carpets, and re-varnishing is a daily scene before Christmas.

The night before Christmas is the busiest time of all. This is when the butchers provide meat for Christmas dinner. Pork is the specialty. A slow death assures them of more blood, which is also used for the dinner meal. As the squealing of the animals dies down, the calypso singers begin their noise-making. Last Christmas we witnessed a scene of this nature from close range. Shortly after we had begun our street meeting, the people across the road began their butchering.

Christmas day is spent in eating and drinking. The calypso singers have ceased for a few hours in the morning, but by noon are in full swing again. They go from house to house, and serve only if they are given rum. The calypso singers and followers carry this on until New Year. Praise is given to the Lord by the Christians during these days for God's wonderful Gift. What a difference after Christ comes in. The slogan of January is "No money."

News has reached us that several have been shot and a taxi driver stabbed and wounded with a cutlass. It is certain that many more such incidents will happen before tomorrow morning. Sin has no boundary.

From what we have seen and the testimonies of believers, many of

the holidays are but a license to indulge in sin. Socially, any form of sin and wickedness is over-looked during these days.

What does the missionary do to change some of these practices? Impress the believers of the wrong of these practices. This can be done by going onto the street and pointing out the evils of it and through personal counselling for those who listen. Many in our area are turning away from this type of life because of the witnessing of missionaries.

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A young fellow asked me the other day if I thought the way to handle his younger brother was to beat him up, and I explained that the way of love is far greater than force. If we have been successful, it is because we have tried to show them this love."

I remembered my visit to Rocky Mountain Camp and the words of one of the counselors who helped in the welfare camping program.

"These children have great fears; they trust no one; they have up-and-down moods; and they are easily antagonized to the point where they can't rationalize. It is hard to win their confidence, but they respond eagerly to love and affection. We tried to help them see another way of life and begin to have a desire for it. We had to be careful not to take a 'better-than-thou' view toward these campers."

And I remembered, too, my talk with two of the welfare girls who stayed at camp for an extended time.

J— told me, "I think I have learned so much here. In a city it's so hard not to get into trouble. Everybody's against the teen-ager. If anything happens, they say, 'Oh, it's those juvenile delinquents again.' Last year I thought I wouldn't get into trouble again, but I did. This year I won't. I'm living close to the Lord here. I've learned a lot that I wouldn't have learned till later in life, and that would have been too late."

And I remembered B—, who was back for a second year and had made such noticeable improvement. "We have our 'thinking spots,'" she told me. "J— and I go every day to Monkey Mountain, where we just sit and think."

"And what do you think about in your 'thinking spot'?" I inquired, thinking how all of us could profit from such places of refuge.

"Oh, our folks, and what people have done for us and we sure appreciate it. God seems so close up here."

But the most touching story of all came from one of the Denver VSers, who took nine particularly responsive boys on a trail-camping expedition.

"We put thirty-five pounds on
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Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Missionary Conference in Paraguay

Brother G. B. Giesbrecht reports that a mission program was held in Filadelfia from February 22 to 24. During these days the various missionaries served with messages and reports regarding the Gospel outreach in Paraguay. As a result, the churches experienced great blessings as well as challenges towards greater participation in the missionary outreach. Brother Albert Enns from Asuncion had also been asked to come to Filadelfia to participate in the missionary conference.

New Appointment for Brazil

Brother and Sister John Klassen are under appointment for missionary service in Brazil. At present he is teaching in Pacific Bible Institute in Fresno where they are also members of the Bethany Church. The Lord willing, they are to depart for Brazil this summer. Brother Klassen is originally from Matsqui, B.C., and Sister Klassen from Batavia, New York. Readers may recall hearing of a man in the eastern states who drowned when his car slipped off an icy highway into a canal. That man was Sister Klassen's father. He was Rev. Russell Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Batavia.

Happy for Study Opportunity

Brother and Sister Peter Huebert, Curitiba, Brazil, write that they are happy for the opportunity given them by the Board of Foreign Missions to attend school at Jacutinga during the present year. Attending school is a little vacation from their strenuous service during the past number of years and also an excellent opportunity to improve their preparation for further service on the Brazil field. A small cabin is being erected on the school compound which will constitute their residence during their studying period. The Hueberts also report that their oldest daughter underwent a tonsillectomy. Shall we remember this family in our intercession.

Morro Work Report

The following news item regarding the Morro Indians of Paraguay is translated from recent issues of the "Mennoblatt." There are continued contacts between the Morros and oil company workers. Once these contacts are peaceful; next time they are tense and conflicting. According to the opinion of an airplane pilot, a peaceful relation with the Morros is possible. From his plane he saw a group of burden-bearing women and also children. According to the opinion of Missionary Barrett this is a sign that the Morros are interested in peaceful relations. However, the oil company and the military are not interested in such close relations because of previous unfortunate incidents. At present (February 1)

the missionaries are experiencing closed doors in efforts to continue their search and contacts with the Morros. Roads to Morro territory are closed by water. Missionary Giesbrecht indicates that money has been received from parties in Paraguay and from the Board of Foreign Missions for the purchase of a radio set to facilitate the communication of missionaries in the Morro work.

Governing Council Meets

The Governing Council of the Mennonite Brethren Church of India has had its annual meeting at which vital issues concerning the mission work were discussed. Much prayer in behalf of this body is requested.

India Missionaries To Come On Furlough

The following India missionaries are preparing to leave for the homeland in April: the John A. Wiebe and Henry P. Poetker families and Sister Anne L. Ediger. Pray that the Lord may grant them a safe journey as they return home for furlough.

Mexico Church Assembly Convenes

The general assembly of the Mexico Mennonite Brethren Church met on February 28 for its annual business session. Special intercession is in order for the six members of the board of directors. Their responsibility is to furnish leadership to the young church of Mexico in that aspect of its physical existence which relates to properties, registration of churches, the signing of requests to grant permanent visas to our missionary workers and other items incident to the functioning of a church program in that country.

Dentist Converted

The recent conversion of a Japanese dentist has been a great encouragement to Brother and Sister Roland Wiens in their ministry at Amagasaki. Two weeks before his decision for Christ he said he just could not understand Christianity, and it appeared it would be impossible to reach him. However, one evening at 9, when Brother Wiens was enroute home, he felt urged by the Spirit to stop to see him. The dentist was open and for the first time able to grasp the meaning of salvation. That midnight hour was a blessed hour as he entered the ranks of the Redeemed!

Home for Furlough

The Lord willing, Brother and Sister Sam Krause and family will be returning from Japan for furlough this summer. Plans are for them to leave Kobe near the end of June and arrive in California about the middle of July. The Krauses sense the Lord's provisions in obtaining necessary ship passage. June is the tourist season and it is difficult to obtain transportation at that time.

Pray for Victory

A great burden in the missionary program is the spiritual indifference and sin among national Christians and students in mission schools. In a recent letter missionaries in the Congo share the burden caused by lying, stealing, adultery and spiritual indifference. Frequently it is necessary to release teachers and other workers who have been trained by the mission because they have fallen into the sin of adultery or fornication. The environment of paganism is so conducive to such practices and in no other area does the Adversary attack and overcome the national Christians as in this one. May we join the missionaries and national churches in praying for cleansing and victory.

Ministers Called in Congo

The Panzi Church in the Belgian Congo has requested the ordination of its native brethren—Jean Manguenda and Petelo Lusangu. These brethren have been presented as candidates for the ministry and will visit other mission stations to become acquainted with the native church. The call of these brethren to the ministry is noteworthy in view of the limited number of ministers in the Congo church.

Hospital Approved

Hospital plans for Kajiji station have been approved by the Belgian Congo government. We are grateful to God that approval has been granted. These plans have been pending for several years. Funds are to be forwarded shortly. This large hospital installation will bring many workers and more income to the district. May the hospital project be a blessing to the men who build it, to the church in the district and when it is finished, to the suffering and sick, that in it all Christ might be greatly glorified.

In other developments at Kajiji, the missionaries are grateful to the Lord for His blessing on a church committee with natives from all stations to discuss the work of the Lord on the field. The missionaries request prayer for more native leaders to serve as elders in the organized churches and helpers to carry the local church administration and finances. These are hard to find as the people are scattered and get little teaching and very few can read themselves.

Nickels Arrive at Linz

Brother and Sister T. R. Nickel arrived in Linz, Austria, early in February and began working with Brother and Sister Abr. J. Neufeld in preparation for their departure for furlough. The Neufelds are scheduled to sail for the homeland on April 30. Thus the Nickels will have the benefit of working together with the Neufelds for three months in preparation for assuming responsibility for the Linz work during the Neufeld's absence.

Pen Points for Reporters

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A. C. Neufeld, 2504—22nd St. N.W., Calgary, Alta. Reporters are still needed for centres such as Coaldale and Linden, Alta., and Strawberry Hill, B.C. Should anyone be interested in serving in this capacity in these centres, we would be happy to hear from you. Reporters at large are also needed for feature articles and special reports.

The Reader: "Why does a reader read?" asked Dr. George R. Klare of the Department of Psychology, Ohio State University, in an address to the conference on Literacy and Christian Literature in Pittsburgh in December. The two basic reasons he gave were: 1) to learn, 2) to forget. More people read to forget than to learn, he said. What do people read? Again he gave two reasons: 1) about themselves, 2) about people like themselves. The social, economic and intellectual status of people affects their reading interests, according to Dr. Klare. Those of lower status read about less important topics because the more important ones are usually harder reading. But they will read along these lines if the writing is in easy form.

Excerpt from HI-LIGHTS of Mennonite Publishing House

Camping With a Purpose

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each back, including sleeping bags, skillets, food, and clothing to last several days. We hiked a few hours, set up our tent, explored the area, and had good fellowship together. We sat around the camp-fire together and got close to our boys. We gave our testimonies in a natural way—didn't push them for decisions. They asked intelligent questions.

"One night I spoke at devotions on the verse, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' One of the fellows spoke up and said, 'That's exactly how I feel. Man, I feel beat inside. I feel like I'm in a little box six inches square with ants and can't get out. I wish I could take a knife and cut my whole heart out and take it down to a stream and wash it.'

"That young man accepted Christ and gave a ten-minute testimony later to a group of Christians, without using any stock phrases. There were tears in the eyes of the audience.

"One young fellow said, 'What would the gang say if I would open my heart to Christ?' Another said, 'When I'm hiking during the day, all I can think about is how I can open my heart to Jesus.'

The Voluntary Service Unit at Denver is following up these conversations with Bible study and fellowship. Will you pray for them as they work with these boys?

Reprinted from the Gospel Herald.



Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Pentecostal Magazine Merger

The *World Challenge*, monthly missionary publication of the Assemblies of God, will merge with the weekly, *The Pentecostal Evangel*, official voice of the denomination, beginning April 1. The merger is being made in the interest of increasing coverage for missionary news, the Rev. Noel Perkin, executive director of the Foreign Missions Department, has indicated. Readership of missionary articles is expected to be increased more than 15 times by the merger, he states. Under new publication arrangements, *The Pentecostal Evangel* will devote one issue a month almost exclusively to missionary news and articles. Twenty-one pages of the 32-page publication will contain the missionary emphasis of various departments with additional pages devoted to general reader-interest material.

Besides missionary articles printed in the special issue, coverage of Assemblies of God worldwide missions work will be included in regular weekly editions of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. The *Evangel* circulation is approximately 167,000.

Application for Roman Catholic Convent

Application has been made to government officials in Lund, Sweden, for permission to set up the first Roman Catholic convent in Sweden since the Reformation. Petition for the convent, made with the recommendation of the Roman Catholic bishop by the Theresia Foundation, is opposed by the Advisory Council to the government. The Council points out that the convent would be occupied primarily by foreign sisters. At the present time there is just one Swedish nun in the Carmelite order, in addition to six nuns who have been living in Gent since 1956.

Successful Evangelization Effort Reported By Finnish Churches

Finnish Lutheran congregations in the Helsinki area report some 37,000 visits made by 557 callers in a recent evangelism visitation program. The figures were announced at a clergymen's meeting by the secretary general of the drive, the Rev. Samuel Lehtonen. In the large majority of cases, callers were well received, Mr. Lehtonen said.

Although there had been some apprehension concerning the reception of the visitors prior to the campaign, he pointed out that some of the callers were even greeted with "coffee and cakes." One congregation reported that out of 5,500 calls

made, only two were definitely rejected. In another parish, an estimated one per cent of the homes visited took an unsympathetic stand.

The report said that in hundreds of cases real discussions had been started. Many of those visited asked their callers why no one from the church had come to see them before.

Committee Recommends Religious Instruction

After a year-long test the Florida State Department of Education's special committee recommended that moral and spiritual values should be taught as part of regular classroom work. During the test year, no objections to the program had been raised by students, parents, or teachers, the committee said. Religious teaching was integrated into regular classroom work to show the influence of religion and religious leaders on the "moral and spiritual foundations of American democracy."

Danish "Kirchentag"

On the model of the German Kirchentag the first Danish one was held in Viby near Aarhus, recently. There were three church services in the morning at which the Church President, Martin Niemoller, Bishop Skat Hofmeyer and Professor Regin Prenter preached, and, in spite of bad weather, some 3,000 people assembled in the afternoon for a meeting in the sports stadium. An exhibition of church art from different periods was shown in the

public library in connection with the rally and the day ended with a torch parade which started from four different points in the town and united in the town square while the church bells rang.

Struggle For Children's Spiritual Allegiance

Communists claim that the overwhelming majority of eligible East German boys and girls will this spring participate in state-sponsored atheistic youth dedication ceremonies, but the zone's Evangelical churches have not yet yielded the struggle for the children's spiritual allegiance. Recognizing the heavy pressure behind many parents' decisions to enroll their sons and daughters in the Communist "youth hours," the churches are no longer excluding such young people from confirmation once and for all. As a result, some East German churches report that more boys and girls are attending catechism instruction classes now than a year ago.

A confirmation policy similar to that fixed in recent months by several East German territorial Churches was set last January 23 by the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg, most of whose jurisdiction is under Communist control. Under the revised Berlin-Brandenburg regulations, children who have taken part in a youth dedication rite cannot be confirmed and admitted to the regular catechetical instruction, special preparation and a waiting period of one year. Although the official Evangelical position still is that the two ceremonies are "absolutely incompatible," it is estimated that 60 per cent of those taking part in the 1959 Communist youth dedication throughout East Germany will also attend confirmation classes.

out the sin and drag the sinner to the healing font (I Peter 1:19) and into the fulness of life indeed (John 17:3). "So great salvation" is a glory, not a ghost!

God has spoken and none need miss nor misunderstand. There is no uncertain tone in the healing of heaven for the wounds of earth: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin" (I John 1:9). How disastrous to place faith in earthly mystery and thus miss the heavenly miracle (II Corinthians 5:17)!

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CANADASCOPE

Mennonite Areas Turn Down Larger School Districts

Four of Manitoba's 36 proposed new and enlarged school districts turned down the new government education plan in voting on February 27. All four are areas where Mennonites compose a large proportion of the population. The rest of the province voted overwhelmingly in favour of what has been called a "new deal in education."

The new proposals by the Manitoba government concerned consolidation of secondary schools into centralized, better-equipped institutions. Increased grants to cover teachers' wages, construction, operating costs and to help pay for transportation of pupils are part of the plan.

Many people in southern Manitoba felt that the larger school districts would lead to greater domination in education by the government and to loss of local control. Local rivalries also helped defeat the plan in some areas.

United Church Board Advocates Scrapping Armed Forces

The board of evangelism and social service of United Church of Canada asked the federal government to scrap the armed forces and throw the nation's entire resources into building for peace.

The action was in direct opposition to the stand taken last September by the general council—the "parliament" of the 1,000,000-member Protestant denomination. It has also evoked strong opposition from United Church ministers across Canada.

Smallwood Starts Rival Union

Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland has organized a new loggers' union as a rival to the striking International Woodworkers of America. He addressed 800 loggers at an organizational meeting in Grand Falls, while the president of the local IWA addressed about 1,000 men in an open field nine miles away. The organization of the new union is to help smash the strike against the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company.



America's Newest Altar

By Edwin Raymond Anderson
America appears to be worshipping before the altar of aspirin. A great deal of faith must be placed in its properties for the National Institute has reported that the annual consumption is some 12 billion, the equivalent of 6,000 tons of the drug.

"By far the most widely used and cheapest drug on earth," says the report and adds this significant note: "Comparatively little is known of the way it acts on the body."

Blind faith? At least, when this report is considered against the background of spiritual verities, it sharply points up a tragedy for today. Men are so prone to lay frantic hold upon things which are in the realm of speculation and mystery, as if the hidden were honored

with some form of holiness. Thinking in terms of religion, he takes on the "dream world" approach. How tragic is the clear and positive light of the Gospel! There are no shadows, no mystic clouds eddying about the Cross of Calvary whereupon the Lamb of God (John 1:29), bore our sins in His own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24). Even it is clearly written, "None of these things are hidden . . . for this thing was not done in a corner" (Acts 26:26).

Men know so very little, after all, in the physical realm. We are quite conscious of that these days. New revelations only reveal deeper mysteries. But it is folly when men transfer the pattern over to spiritual affairs, desiring a religion which is vague and nebulous, without clear lines. God, however, will not stay in the shadows, and the clear searchlight of Calvary would search

Frank Kliewers Married 50 Years



An elderly couple who came to Canada ten years ago to make a new start celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 15, on their own farm at Arnold, near Abbotsford, B.C.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kliewer, who were married on February 10, 1909, in Deutsch Wymisla, Poland, where they lived until the outbreak of the Second World War. Then they fled to Germany, leaving a prosperous farm behind them. They lived in refugee camps until relatives here were able to arrange for their immigration in 1949.

The Sunday celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary was largely a family observance, with all the children present. The oldest son, David, had preceded them to

this country in 1928, but all the others followed later.

David, a wheel-chair invalid since 1947, lives in Vancouver, as does the Kliewers' youngest daughter, Martha. Others who came for the anniversary are Paul of Seattle, Washington, with his wife and family; Mrs. Bertha Schroeder, a war widow, and her children of Arnold; and Mrs. Mathilda Heier, also a war widow who with her children lives with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kornelson from Blaine, Washington, niece and nephew of Mr. Kliewer, were present, as were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Schmidt from Coaldale, Alberta, brothers of Mrs. Kliewer. A sister, Mrs. Ed Wutzky from Calgary, was also a guest.

ready for distribution to local farmers. Each farmer will get a pair for cross breeding with his own flock. Some chicks will remain at the cooperative farm, their eggs to be used for hatching purposes. Church World Service has promised \$1,000 towards the project in 1959.

Hog Project

The year-old hog project, which experienced a seeming set-back last fall, is again going strong. Outbreak of disease, atrophic rhinitis, made it necessary to slaughter the entire herd of 150. However, workers report that valuable experience was gained in slaughtering procedure, curing and preservation of pork and marketing. No financial loss has been incurred.

The Mennonite community of Mountain Lake, Minn., home of VSer Marlin Pankratz who recently returned from Petit-Goave, has provided hogs to replace the original shipment. Keenly interested in the success of this project, the men's organization of the First Mennonite Church donated 21 animals which were transported to Haiti by Heifer Project, Inc. the last week in February. Thoroughly disinfected barns and pens were ready to receive them.

Korean Birthdays

Did you know that Feb. 19 is the Korean New Year? Koreans consider this their birthday when everyone becomes a year older, according to Margaret Wiens, R.N., former relief worker at the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital. MCC nurses have introduced the American birthday party custom to the hospital. Margaret comments, "What a pleasure to see all those happy faces. Perhaps never before had anyone cared whether they had a birthday or not."

Bienenberg Bible School Terminates

A program given in the Basel Mennonite church Feb. 22 marked the termination of another Bienenberg Bible School year. Peter Dyck, European MCC director who served as an instructor, writes: "A number of young people, and some not so young, have definitely accepted Christ as their Savior and want henceforth to live for Him. Two of these young people said that they had first realized how empty their lives were when they went to America as trainees and saw the church life there. Upon returning to Europe, they were determined to do something about it. They came to Bienenberg not only to study but hoped that here they would meet Christ."

First 1959 VS Orientation School

The first MCC-VS orientation school of the new year was held at Akron headquarters, Feb. 17—March 2. A dedication service for 10 outgoing workers concluded the two-week preparatory period.

Following is a list of the volunteers and their assignments: **National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland**—John Herr, East Earl, Pa.; Don Slaubaugh, Wolford, N.D.; Gary Epp, Hampton, Nebr.; Nevin Steiner, Newport News, Va. **Boys' Village, Smithville, Ohio**—Marlin and Wilda Pankratz, Mt. Lake, Minn. **Kingsview Hospital, Reedley, Calif.**—Dennis and Faye Ratzlaff, Mt. Lake, Minn. **Prairie View Hospital, Newton, Kans.**—Vera Lou Yoder, Topeka, Ind. **Unassigned**—Mary Rempel, Abbotsford, B.C.

Obituaries

Mr. H. K. Hiebert



Mr. Heinrich K. Hiebert, Winnipeg, Man., passed away on February 15 at the age of 90. Funeral services were held from the Elmwood M. B. church on February 17, with Rev. I. W. Redekopp officiating. Rev. A. H. Unruh also served with a message.

Mr. Hiebert was born on June 21, 1868, in the village Wernersdorf, South Russia, to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Hiebert. During his service in the "Forsteidienst" he accepted Christ as Saviour and was received into the M. B. Church at Waldheim. His first marriage was to Katharina Enns, daughter of Rev. Enns, leading minister at Sparrau. Later moves took the family to Orenburg, to Siberia, and to Neusamara. Six children entered the home during this time, of which four died in infancy.

After the death of his first wife, he married for the second time in

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Peter Dyck To Visit North America

Peter J. Dyck, MCC director in Europe, will return to North America for five or six weeks in early spring to attend several meetings and visit Canadian and American churches. The purpose of this deputation work is to interpret the longer-term objectives of the East-West program to North American Mennonites and give them a realistic appraisal of the present situation. Rev. Dyck will be in Saskatchewan April 1 to 3 and 9, in Manitoba from April 5 to 8, in Alberta from April 10 to 14, and in British Columbia from April 16 to 19.

Roadway Machinery Hums Again

"After patiently waiting almost four months, Trans-Chaco machinery began to bite into the dirt to build the awaited road of Para-

guay," reports Pax man James Plummer (Kitchener, Ont.).

"During the first weeks the machines were almost constantly working in mud and at times it became exasperating to see more machines stuck than moving. Gradually, as the ground became drier, the construction pace increased. . . We have been pushing to complete the road to the first major river crossing at approximately Km. 90. Rain has again hampered us recently . . . previously we had built about 7½ miles of partially completed road."

Chicks and Pigs For Petit-Goave

Poultry Project

In January, 600 Rhode Island Red chicks arrived at Ferme Centrale, cooperative farm at Petit-Goave where two VS men are currently serving their 1-W term. Donated by Heifer Project, Inc., with air transportation provided by International Cooperation Administration (Point IV), these chicks spell the beginning of a new self-help project for Haitian farmers.

Ferme Centrale assumes responsibility for care, feeding and vaccination of the chicks until they are

COLLEGES

Goshen College

Goshen College students recently elected their new YPCA officers for the '59-'60 school year. Marlin Wenger, Paradise, Pa., is the newly-elected president. Marlin will be a senior next year and is majoring in pre-med. He will replace Marion Bontrager, Goshen, Ind., who is serving currently as president.

Mary Jean Yoder, Goshen, Ind., was chosen as vice-president for the coming year. She will be a senior in pre-med also.

The YPCA of Goshen College is the largest student organization on campus. The various commissions which direct the activities of the "Y" are Service, Publicity, Evangelism, Faith, Missions, and Fellowship.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Swift Current Bible Institute

During the week of Feb. 15 our school was favored with excellent missionary speakers. Rev. Norman Street, the Canadian representative of the Oriental Mission Society, spoke to us in chapel several times. On February 16 Rev. Groening, pastor of the Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, who is the Canadian representative of the General Conference Foreign Missions Board as well as chairman of the Canadian Mennonite Pioneer Mission, was with us. A discussion on missions was held and several challenging messages were given. Rev. Groening also spent a good part of the day counselling with individual students. On Feb. 17 and 18, our Missionary Conference was held with speakers Rev. and Mrs. Voth, pioneer missionaries to China, Colombia, Japan and Formosa, and Rev. and Mrs. Brandt, serving under the Mennonite Pioneer Mission at Loon Straits.

There were several points of interest. When we are disciples of Christ we take the role of a lowly servant as was the example of Christ in John 13. We should be obedient to the call of God as was Elisha and follow in faith as Abraham. Education for missionary candidates was stressed. In order to reach the people on the mission field, one must live with them. A report from one mission in North Korea states that 80% of the people are Christians. Korean Christians gather daily at 6 a.m. for prayer meeting and build their church before they build a house for themselves. Among the Tyal tribe of the mountain region in Formosa, Christianity has been on the march. This is the fiercest tribe, but by 1953, 100 churches were built and by 1956, 151 more had been built, making a total of 251 churches with over 30,000 believ-

ers. Of the 2,700,000,000 people in the world, only 700,000,000 are Christians.

These facts encourage us but also

put our lukewarm Christianity to shame. A challenge has been presented; will we take it up?

Ben Dyck

Mission Conference at Winkler

By Lena Enns

Winkler, Man. — The Winkler Bible School sponsored a three-day Missionary Conference from February 15-17. Their main speakers were Rev. Jacob Franz, missionary to Paraguay, and Rev. John Ratzlaff from mission board headquarters. We also had Rev. J. P. Neufeld, Bill Schroeder, Rev. Abe Quiring, Miss Annie E. Dyck and Miss Helen Warkentin as guest speakers to present the various aspects of the work in the fields in which they are, or have been, serving.

Rev. J. Franz represented the needy field of Paraguay, where many different nationalities live together, all of which need the message of "Life." Christ said, "Give them to eat" (Matt. 14:16b), and this message, the Word of God, is their spiritual food. This must be brought to them even though much persecution is being endured. There is a great awakening in the spiritual and the material realm in Paraguay at the present time. If we do not present the gospel to them, who will?

Rev. Ratzlaff emphasized John 4: 35b: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." This last phrase particularly holds true for the continent of Africa. He showed us the need of reapers for the "Dark Continent," which is "dark" because of sin that has bound the people to superstition and fear. The fields are ready to be harvested, but few there seem to be who obey the call of the Lord into His service.

Not only were foreign missions emphasized, but home missions were also stressed by Rev. Abe Quiring, who is the pastor of the M. B. mission at Horndean. He explained that we are missionaries wherever we are and that we should be faithful witnesses for our Master—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Miss Annie E. Dyck from Winkler gave her testimony and showed some slides about her work in Colombia, South America. Though persecution has been severe, the native Christians are continuing, with the missionary's help, to spread the "Light" to those who have never heard.

The intercessory prayer for India's young people was the cry of Miss Helen Warkentin's testimony. Miss Warkentin is a Winklerite and we appreciate her witness here at home. She is a returned missionary from India, where she has laboured for many years.

The work among the Mennonites of Paraguay was presented by Bro. Bill Schroeder, originally from

Steinbach, Manitoba. He described their spiritual need and the educational system which he helped to originate. Books, for example, had to be mimeographed because they were so scarce. As these people make progress in the educational field, more and more people are able to study in Bible school and appreciate the precious Word of God, which enables them to grow steadfast in their Christian walk.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld gave the people an insight into the Mennonite Brethren missions as they stand today. There are ten fields (countries) in which the missionaries labour today, namely: Africa, India, Japan, Austria, Mexico, Colombia, Paraguay, Germany, Uruguay, and Ecuador. For these ten countries we have over 200 missionaries, so that we see the Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" has not nearly reached the finishing mark, and it will never reach its goal unless we, you and I, go to present the "Word of Life" to those who have never heard.

Our Readers Say

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cities every week to conduct evangelistic services.

My responsibility is to supervise the office and its staff of 13 office girls. The response from radio listeners is encouraging—some days up to 300 letters! The reading and sorting of their requests is a full day's job in itself. We often hear from dear Christians in the East Zone whose religious freedom is so limited. We are not allowed to mail them any Christian records and books even though many request them. Some have written us that during the Janz broadcast "Lieder des Lebens," which can be heard there, the Communist radio announcer calls in, "Ist nicht wahr," while Leo Janz preaches. One of our most faithful German office girls fled from the East Zone in 1957, and she tells us much of the oppression which Christians must endure there.

Over here in West Germany the doors are still wide open to the Gospel. However, there is a certain tension in the air concerning the Berlin situation, which might affect the work of Christian missions in Europe. Only the combined efforts of those at both ends of the Life-line to reach the lost can hasten our Lord's return for His own.

This is to advise you of our change of address: J. Arthur Froese, Christliche Radiomission, Postfach 1000,

Lörrach-Baden, W. Germany.

Thank you for your faithfulness in the past.

In His joyful service,

Arthur and Hilda Froese

H. K. Hiebert

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1914, a union that lasted 45 years. Six more children gladdened the home, of whom one son died in infancy. Today one daughter from the first union is in Russia, the remaining son, Jacob, is in Vancouver. The rest of the children are living in Winnipeg.

The late Mr. Hiebert always had a warm place in his heart for Jews, since he grew up together with Jews. His greatest joy was in evangelistic work among the Jewish people, even in his old age.

Eight years ago, the late Mr. Hiebert suffered a light stroke. Later he had several heart attacks. During the last four weeks he suffered a lot, longing to go home to his Saviour. He was in the Concordia Hospital during the last weeks.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, two daughters-in-law, four daughters, three sons-in-law, and 15 grandchildren.

The family is thankful to all those who remembered their father and husband during the days of his illness and who expressed their sympathy during the days following the bereavement.

A Castaway

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to do exactly as He commands or do you rather follow your own fancies when it suits you—and Christ when it is convenient?

Why did the Buick love to speed? Why do small children often call, "Look here!" when they are doing something? Why do young fellows and girls want new cars, new clothes, and so much flash and glamor?

Is it not that there is the desire to show themselves a bit? To show we are someone we often talk too much, talk loudly, crack jokes, or simply sit alone and sulk. But are we honoring Christ thereby? Are we glorifying His name when we "show off" when we are asked to participate in a program? Are we then not also in danger of being set aside by the Master, a castaway, that God cannot use? Oh, that we would "keep under our body" and our own desires and pray with Christ, "Not my will but thine be done."

Paul kept a watch on himself lest he become a castaway in the service of Christ. Are we keeping a watch on ourselves?

* Teacher at the Braeside School. Address is Box 25, Vanderhoof, B.C.

Invitation To Sunday School Workers

Hepburn, Sask. — Sunday school workers of the Canadian M. B. Conference are cordially invited to attend the annual Canadian M. B. Sunday School Convention to be held in Hepburn, Sask., April 3-5. Guest speaker at these sessions will be Rev. Waldo Hiebert of Hillsboro, Kans. For further particulars and travelling arrangements see the latest issue of the *Sunday School Instructor* or write to:

Convention Committee,
Box 149, Hepburn, Sask.

Information to Ministers And Missionaries

Winnipeg, Man. — The Winnipeg office of the Canadian Passenger Association is being closed.

Hereafter, all communications should be addressed to:

Mr. C. J. Campbell, Chairman,
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Winnipeg 5, Man.

On the Horizon

March 6 and 7. — The Alberta Mennonite High School is presenting "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in the new AMHS auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

March 6 and 7. — The students of the M. B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, will present "Flachsmann als Erzieher" in the Tech Voc auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

March 8. — The Intermediate department of the South End M. B. Church is presenting "Die zehn Jungfrauen" at 7 p.m. in the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg. There will also be special music.

March 8. — The Gospel Light Hour quartet and speaker will be at Arnaud M. B. church at the morning service. A community service will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Arnaud M. B. church.

March 11. — Missionary Dorothy Peters will show slides of her work in Japan in the M. B. church, Dalmeny, Sask.

March 14 and 15. — The choir of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College is singing Bach's "St. Luke Passion" and other passion songs in the auditorium of the college in Tuxedo. The time is 7:30 p.m.

March 15. — The Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., will present a program in the M. B. church, Dalmeny, Sask.

March 17. — A special meeting of the provincial relief committee of Saskatchewan. Under discussion will be treatment of the mentally ill. Churches are requested to send one delegate for 25 members.

March 21. — The Oratorio Choir of the M. B. Bible College, accompanied by a small orchestra, will sing Bach's "St. John's Passion" in the North Kildonan M. B. church.

March 29 to April 5. — Revival Crusade at the Gospel Light Mission Chapel at Brandon, Man. Rev. B. D. Reimer of Steinbach will serve as evangelist.

April 3 to 5. — The annual Canada-wide Sunday School Conference of the M. B. Church in Canada, to be held in Hepburn.

April 17 to 19. — Seminar on Race Relations by Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section at the Woodlawn Mennonite church, Chicago.

April 26. — Annual Youth Workers' Conference of the Manitoba M. B. churches, to be held at Springstein M. B. church.

July 4 to 8. — Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference at Hepburn, Sask.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Teigroeb of 77 Kelvin St., Winnipeg, a son, Earl Matthew, on Friday, February 27, 1959.

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