

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## Discuss Problems of University Students

By Mrs. E. Dyck

**Newton Siding, Man.** — The Newton M. B. Church young people welcomed Rev. F. C. Peters of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College as their speaker on Sunday night, March 8.

Rev. Peters spoke on the timely theme, "Christian University Students and their Present Day Problems," with such basic references as I Timothy 4:12 and II Timothy 3:14. Though this was a rare topic in earlier days, he said, it is a very timely topic these days because of the great changes in education. Rev. Peters emphasized that we are not inwardly prepared for such a rapid change in education. His definition of education was: the creation of useful changes in an individual that help him to deal with life more effectively, depending on the stream of education.

He answered some questions, the first of which was, "Why should one go to university?" Certainly not because of faith, as "Faith comes by hearing . . . the Word of God." However, it is necessary for a more adequate form of service, for an extended foundation, and to witness better in this world. Another reason was to learn to think better; we receive more material which we may apply to our Christian service. It is where facts are found. Two other reasons were that our witness is not restricted to one class of people, and to understand the world. This glorifies God.

The second question was, "What are the problems?" The increase of knowledge causes difficulty in dealing with problems as we used to, Rev. Peters explained. We cannot run away from facts we know, but must be able to explain them in a spiritual way by interpretation and inspiration. The student also gains a critical mind. He begins to question himself.

The last two problems that he mentioned were mistrust and the social and ethical problem. We are in danger of becoming separated from the church, which could result in spiritual coldness, filthiness of speech, etc.

The final question was, "How do we combat these problems?" The first move is to remain loyal to

Christ, that is, read God's Word and pray regularly. Secondly, loyalty to the church should be retained. Thirdly, we must be critical of the theories we hear, as theories often change. "Time often brings the answer the moment knows nothing of," Rev. Peters emphasized. When problems arise, the best thing we can do is wait. Many times they will disappear when we wait. We should also remain humble, digesting only what we can. Moreover, we ought to watch our ethics, since this usually goes wrong first. And lastly, we should not be too young when we attend university.

The service was spiced with duets and a trio, and also a testimony and prayer meeting.

## O.T. Tabernacle Discussed at Saskatoon

**Saskatoon, Sask.** — Record attendance was chalked up at the annual district-wide Bible Emphasis Days of the North Saskatchewan M. B. churches, held March 3 to 5 in the M. B. church here. Aided by fair weather and good roads, visitors arrived from many points in the province.

Morning services were held in the German language for the sake of the older brethren and sisters of the district. Afternoon and evening services were in the English language.

The guest speaker, Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener, Ont., served with messages on "The Gospel in the Old Testament Tabernacle." Film strips were shown to illustrate the tabernacle.

Special youth meetings were held on the evenings of the Bible Emphasis Days, with Rev. Toews speaking on "The Life of Sanctification." Local choirs provided the music.

## Matsqui Church Leader Ordained

**Matsqui, B.C.** — "God called me through the voice of the church," was the testimony of Rev. H. H. Neufeld as he addressed the large congregation that had witnessed his ordination.

The Matsqui M. B. Church had gathered in the sanctuary of the Clearbrook congregation on Sunday afternoon, March 1, for the ordination of Brother Neufeld. Mr. G. A. Konrad, assistant church leader, led in the invocation.

Rev. P. R. Toews, moderator of

the M. B. Conference of B.C., and Rev. G. Thielman, assistant moderator, officiated at the ordination service. Rev. Thielman's address dealt with the worker as a servant of his Master, Jesus Christ. Rev. Toews stressed the responsibility of the church to its worker.

Rev. Neufeld is at present the only ordained minister in the M. B. Church at Matsqui. He has been the church leader for the past two years.

## College Choir to Tour Ontario

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The 35-voice Acappella Choir of the M.B. Bible College, under the direction of Mr. Henry Voth, will tour Ontario M.B. churches during the week following Easter. Rev. J. A. Toews and Rev. F. C. Peters will be serving at the Bible Conference at St. Catharines and will also tour with the choir.

The choir will serve at the Easter morning service at Port Rowan, at Kitchener that evening, Hamilton chapel at 3 p.m. Monday, March 30, Vineland that evening, Bethesda Home Tuesday afternoon, Virgil Tuesday evening, Niagara Chapel April 1, St. Catharines on Thursday evening, and Leamington on Friday evening.



**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND DRIVERS** of the Gospel Light Mission Sunday School, held Sunday afternoons, gathered for a banquet in the South End M.B. church lower auditorium on Sunday, March 8. Posing for the photographer are: front row, from left, Helen Wiens, Mr. and Mrs. H. Friesen, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of South End M.B. Church and member of Manitoba M.B. Mission committee, Mr. and Mrs. H. Unger.

In the second row, from left, are Mrs. J. Klippenstein, Mrs. P. Dueck, Katherine Peters, Katie Dueck,

Linda Goertzen, Nettie Rempel, Lydia Penner, Mrs. G. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. I. Koop, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Klassen.

In the third row are, from left, Nick Dueck, Peter Dueck, Peter Dyck, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Kliever, Mrs. A. Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. P. Kliever, Henry Toews.

In the fourth row, from left, are John Baerg, Bill Goertzen, Henry Wiebe, Abe Hildebrand, Harry Letkeman, Jake Klippenstein.

(Photo by George Derksen)

## EDITORIAL

### Did Christ Die in Vain.

The question heading this editorial has often been asked when Christ's crucifixion was commemorated. It is a legitimate question in a world teetering on the rim of a third world war, with super bombers poised and ready to take off with hydrogen bombs large enough to wipe out a country, and in a world where atomic fall-out is threatening to cripple generations to come.

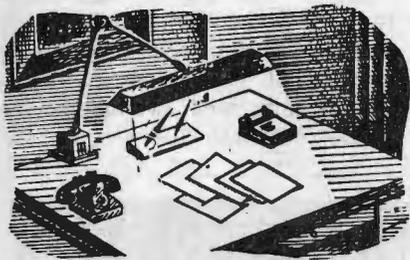
Historically speaking, we can state categorically that Christ did not die in vain. Countless thousands have knelt at the cross and received forgiveness for their sin, joy, and a hope for eternity. Whole countries have been transformed when the Gospel won a resounding victory. Nations that seemed headed for oblivion because of a wave of sin have been arrested and given another opportunity when swept by revival. Savages preoccupied with head-hunting and head-shrinking have come out of darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel.

Yet the question has not only historical relevance. Each one of us must ask himself whether Christ did not die in vain for us. Churches as corporate bodies must ask themselves if Christ did not die in vain in the light of their activity (or inactivity).

A church in which Jesus Christ is not central both in theology and practice proves that He died in vain. This is also true of a church where sinners are not called to repentance and discipleship, where the good life is all that is expected. It is also true of a church where self-preservation is the main concern and where evangelism is directed only to the children of church members. A church that does not see itself as a mission centre in the community lets Christ's atoning death for all men be in vain.

Christ has died in vain if we have not appropriated His salvation as individuals. He has died in vain if we are living defeated, sin-bound lives even if we profess salvation. He died victoriously to give us victory over sin and death. Christ died in vain for us if we are not a testifying Christian and leading others to a saving knowledge of Christ.

This coming week let's ask ourselves, "Did Christ die in vain for me?"



### Pen Points For Reporters

**Special Announcement:** When the Sunday school workers of the M. B. Church gathered at Gem, Alta., last year, the editor noticed several reporters in the group. Since this will likely be true this year also, we hope you will take the opportunity of meeting fellow reporters and the editor.

In order to facilitate meeting each other and sharing our common interests, problems and ideas, the editor is arranging for a meeting of all reporters present at the Sunday School Convention at Hepburn, Sask., from April 3 to 5. We also hope to reserve space at one table for one meal for informal sharing. As soon as arrangements can be finalized we will announce them.

Reporters in northern Saskatchewan will find this an unusual op-

portunity. We suggest you make every effort to come to this meeting. You will gain inspiration and ideas for your work and receive the inner "lift" that comes when you meet those who are working at a common task with you. Bring your questions, suggestions and a notebook to write down ideas. If we have time, we may even tackle a writing assignment right at the meeting.

**New Reporter:** Another "first report" has come to the editor's desk. We were happy to receive a report on the youth meeting at Newton Siding from Mrs. Esther Dyck, Newton Siding, Man.

**Quote:** The persistent exercise of a little extra effort is one of the most powerful forces contributing to success.

## DEVOTIONAL

### Slow Down and Live

By Ronnie Hembree

Tires spinning in the loose gravel, a late-model Ford convertible shot from the drive-in cafe. The six teen-age occupants of the car laughed recklessly, feeling a sudden surge of power. Now for a test of speed. The driver floor-boarded the accelerator, feeling a tinge of excitement gnawing in his stomach—105, 110, 115 miles per hour. Suddenly, a blowout! The car veered crazily, flew end over end down a steep embankment. Five lifeless bodies were strewn carelessly around the crushed burning convertible. The other occupant lay on the edge of the busy highway screaming with excruciating pain. He died before the ambulance arrived.

Accidents like this happen every day on the American highways. It is for this reason that the National Safety Council has spent thousands of dollars in adopting an advertising slogan, "Slow Down and Live."

But there is another type of speed that also kills. Though it is a bloodless death, it is just as painful. Christians are wrecking their physical, mental, and spiritual lives by fast and furious living. Nervous breakdowns are gaining momentum among the ranks of Christianity, especially among the ranks of our young people.

With all the school, job, church and personal activities confronting young people in those all-important high school and college years, the tendency is to drive oneself with all the energy possible to keep up the pace. Too often a person will sacrifice rest for these legitimate enterprises without realizing the inevitable consequences.

This lack of rest leads to frustration. Some of the trials that perplex people may be traced to nothing more than a need for rest. The devil does do a lot of damage, but we are prone to accuse him of everything that goes wrong when often these may be traced to our own negligence.

Lack of rest is also one of the main causes of mental and nervous breakdowns. Remember, nervous breakdowns do not just happen; they are caused.

More Christians are suffering now than ever before from these breakdowns; yet they rationalize by saying, "I would rather wear out than rust out." God does not want us to do either. If He wanted us to wear out, He would not have provided a nighttime for sleeping nor a day for rest and worship. Paul specifically stated God's view on preserving our bodies: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple are

ye" (I Cor. 3:16-17).

A pastor of a prosperous church in the Assemblies of God is now in an mental hospital. Why? Because he failed to take the rest that God provided.

A prominent evangelist is now on the junk heap of mental illness. Why? Because he thought God would be displeased if he did not drive himself continually, never resting.

One missionary spent 18 years in training. Two years after arriving in Africa he was flown back to America, a broken man. Why? Because he tried to do the work of ten men instead of one.

These men gave their lives to the cause of Christ, and they have no complaints. But I wonder how much more they could have done if they would have taken time to rest? I wonder how many souls they could have won if they would have done the work of one man instead of trying to do the work of many.

Rest is not lethargy. We are commissioned to lose our lives for Christ's sake, but I do not believe He is pleased if we lose them foolishly. This is what Satan desires. The Bible records that Jesus drew away from the crowds and rested; let us follow His example. We cannot fight the powers of darkness if we are weakened physically, mentally, or spiritually. Slow down and live.

Slow down and live by drawing away from the trials of life by beginning each day with prayer and worship to God. You are more ready to meet life's problems if you have been alone with God, receiving strength from Him.

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## Whole Family Goes to Church Wednesdays

By Mary Loewen

Virgil, Ont. — At the beginning of this year, the Virgil M. B. Church instituted a Wednesday night school for the whole family. Everyone from three-year-old Johnny or Susan to white-haired grandfather is welcome. These evening classes are very well attended. The majority of the congregation responded wholeheartedly to the idea introduced by the pastor, Rev. John Baerg.

The whole program is really an expansion of our weekly Young People's and Bible study to include all age-levels. The adult class for Bible studies and Young People's carry on much the same as previously. The children are graded from Nursery Class to Intermediates. The Intermediate boys assemble at Eden Christian College for their instruction. Each pupil has a workbook with definite assignments for each lesson. The material covered is in no way related to that

of Sunday morning. The teachers try to make this an evening where the pupil will truly learn more about the Bible. The young married couples have their classes in the form of Bible studies or discussions.

Although a weekly evening like this demands much effort and work on our part, we feel that it is well worth it. In the first place, it provides opportunity to serve our Lord. The large teaching staff required takes a heavy toll on our Young People's attendance, but we feel that they benefit from teaching, because to impart spiritual truths one must first delve deeper into them for oneself. Not only the teachers benefited, but also the pupils. The sown seed will eventually bring forth fruit. The children are becoming better acquainted with the most important Book and Person. We feel this imperative if we want a Christ-concerned Young People's and church of tomorrow.

### Elmwood Junior Choir Makes Debut

Winnipeg, Man. — The junior choir of the Elmwood M. B. Church made its first public appearance a successful one at the Christian Endeavor program on Sunday, March 15. Organized only recently, the choir of teenagers is directed by Mrs. Emmanuel Horch.

Adding further interest to the program was a string orchestra directed by Emmanuel Horch. The group of approximately 20 violin players, students of Mr. Horch, played three hymns—and did it well. It was rather unique to have both groups on the same program.

An unusual feature was a quiz conducted by Rev. I. W. Redekopp. The boys and girls participated—and their parents were drawn in when the children failed to answer a question.

John Klassen, student at the M. B. Bible College, delivered the message on patience, as illustrated in God, the Lord Jesus Christ—and as should be seen in the life of a Christian.

### Africa Projects for Saskatchewan Women's Groups

Saskatoon, Sask. — Nineteen of the 20 groups in the North Saskatchewan M. B. Women's Missionary Fellowships were represented at a meeting of the fellowship held between the sessions of the annual district Bible emphasis days, March 3 to 5.

The president of the Saskatoon junior ladies group, Mrs. Clarence Jantzen, welcomed those present to the March 5 service. The main items under consideration were the joint

projects undertaken by the groups. Thus far the groups have been working on outfitting the Dr. E. Schmidt family for their return to the Belgian Congo. This project is nearly complete now.

For the future the ladies decided to contribute toward extending dormitory facilities at the school for missionary children in the Congo, which will need about \$1,200 for one unit. They will also do sewing for the Redberry Bible Camp and receive offerings toward covering kitchen and dining-hall needs at the camp.

Sister Leona Schmidt gave a word of appreciation and farewell to close the meeting. She based her thoughts on Isaiah 9:6, showing how the Lord proves Himself the Counsellor, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace to the missionary who goes forth into His work.

### First Stage Production In New Auditorium

By Elfrieda Dick

Coaldale, Alta. — The new spacious auditorium of the Alberta Mennonite High School of Coaldale saw record turn-outs on March 6 and 7, when 1,300 people came to view the portrayal of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," arranged in drama form by George L. Aiken.

The drama, under the direction of Harold J. Dyck, proved to be a popular one with the audience, which responded enthusiastically.

A large number of promising actors was included in the cast of 33 players, leading roles showing exceptional talent. Especially convincing were the roles of Uncle Tom, as played by Edward Benzler, and Eva, as played by Norma Loewen. Strong roles were also



**TOUR BIBLE SCHOOLS:** Rev. Ted Fast (left), missionary to India now on furlough, and Rev. John Ratzlaff (right), former missionary to Africa now in the office of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, served at missionary conferences in churches and schools across Canada, including Coaldale, East Chilliwack, and the M.B. Bible Institute at Clearbrook. Here they are seen with Paul Neufeld (centre) chairman of the board of the M.B. Bible Institute, Clearbrook. (Photo courtesy MSA News)

played by Loretta Martens as Ophelia, Trudy Martens as Topsy, Victor Janzen as St. Clare, Henry Penner as Legree and Harry Heidebrecht as Harris.

Members of the teaching staff of AMHS assisted in the production of the play with Peter J. Loewen, stage director, Anne Janzen and Anne Kornelson in charge of costumes, make-up and technical assistance, and Jacob Isaac, business and lighting manager.

### Memory Verse Contest At Social

Regina, Sask. — The Young People's Fellowship met on Monday, March 9, for its first social evening of 1959.

Mr. Bill Harrison, the youth leader, led in hearty group singing.

A highlight of the night was the memory verse contest conducted by Jake Wiebe. While the contest itself was most enjoyable, those who heeded Pastor H. Klassen's advice that they prepare for it, found it a most beneficial and blessed experience, and no doubt determined to continue memorizing Scripture.

Another feature was the discussion of such timely topics as "The Christian and the Observance of the Lord's Day" and "The Christian and his Social and Office Activities."

After Mr. Klassen briefly presented the two books, "This Way," by J. J. Toews, and "True Non-resistance Through Christ," by J. A. Toews, opportunity was given to purchase these books.

After closing prayer refreshments were served.

### Psychiatric Nursing Program Grows

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Prairie View Hospital psychiatric nursing program continues to grow. In addition to the class in the Newton community for nurses interested in the human relations aspect of nursing,

another six months class is being conducted in Wichita by the Prairie View director of nursing, Elsie Martin, R.N. The Wichita class is attended by 14 nurses, representing various psychiatric wards of Wichita.

Several of the Wichita hospitals are also taking their psychiatric student affiliate group to Prairie View for a day's workshop once each quarter.

The most important aspect of the Prairie View psychiatric nurses training program is the one year in-service training program. The hospital is able to take three to five nurses at one time for this purpose. There is an opening in such a training position currently, and again several during the summer months. This program is designed not only for psychiatric nursing but to help in the human relations aspect of general nursing.

Those interested should write to the Director of Nursing, Prairie View Hospital, Box 356, Newton, Kans.

### Present Program Centering On Negro Life

Clearbrook, B.C. — Those present at the March 5 literary program of the Mennonite Education Institute here saw and heard a realistic presentation of nineteenth century Negro life in the southern United States, presented by about 25 students.

Most of the performers taking part were from the junior high school. Taking dramatic scenes of Negro life as depicted in literature and song, written by men like Whitman, Stephen Foster, Mark Twain, Longfellow and others, they gave the large audience an insight into the Negro's faithfulness, his religious beliefs and musical aptitude.

Folks who never do any more than they get paid for seldom get paid for any more than they do.

## The First India Mennonite Brethren Women's Convention



Mennonite Brethren women of India inside the tent which they have purchased for convention purposes. Standing in the background with accordion is Sister Henry Poetker.

By Mrs. K. Kamala

(Mrs. Kamala is secretary of the convention. This report was translated into the English by B. Aseervadam, press foreman.)

The first women's convention was held in Stadnagar on October 21-23, 1958. The convention theme was "A Christian Woman's Place in Service" based on Colossians 3:24.

The 77 women delegates from our various fields received many blessings from the Word through our Lord Jesus Christ during those days. Four Bible classes were conducted during the forenoon. The following sub-topics were taught and discussed: 1. Christian Weddings, 2. The Woman's Place in the Home, 3. The Woman's Place in the Church and 4. The Woman's Place in the Neighborhood and in Government Service.

The afternoon was spent in talks

on the care and nurture of children and practical helps in case of disease. The evening services, which were also attended by local visitors, led us to closer fellowship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All the meetings were held under the spacious Shamiyana (tent-roof) which has been purchased and paid for by the girls and women.

Every woman paid Rs. 1.00 for registration, and brought her food supplies such as rice, peppers and vegetables. These were cooked in one pot and served outside near a wall, and the fellowship was sweet.

We have a balance of more than Rs. 69.50 after all expenses were paid, with which to start the work next year.

Mrs. John A. Wiebe has started us out and as she is going home, Mrs. A. A. Unruh was elected as the new advisor for the coming convention.

### Mennonite Brethren Bible College

These past few weeks it almost seemed that spring had come to Winnipeg. Warm, sunny weather certainly is not the most conducive weather for study, yet study we must.

Some people think that a student's life is a rather desirable one, since a student is not tied down to an eight-hour shift, and has classes for only 16 to 20 hours a week. It sounds good, but I'm sure any student would be most happy if he had to work only eight hours a day. As the saying goes, "a housewife's work is never done," so, "a student's homework never ends." A student's lot is work, hard work, and long hours of it.

Some of the College students have taken a little breather from book work and have begun to con-

centrate on perfecting some of their musical talents. With the musical festival just around the corner, many an hour has to be spent by the prospective entrees in polishing up their "Vortrag." I think we can be justly proud of the abilities of some of our students in this respect, and we know they will do well in the competition.

On Saturday, March 7, the vocal students of Mr. Victor Martens gave a recital. We must conclude, after hearing the recital, that "the noise" we heard in the Library Building coming from an upstairs room was purposeful and not because someone was sick.

The A Cappella Choir has been practicing quite diligently also, preparing for their Easter holiday tour of the Ontario churches.

Some of the guest speakers that have served us recently are: Miss

Bradshaw of the North Africa Mission; Rev. J. J. Toews, of Kitchener, and Rev. John Reimer, the director of the West Coast Children's Mission (B.C.), who also had counselling sessions with those interested in home mission work or serving as teacher or nurse near a home mission station.

With summer not too far distant, Mr. H. R. Baerg, the director of the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, challenged us with the opportunities for counselling at the camps. He showed us slides of camp life, and this certainly was enough to make us long for summer and a holiday from books, books, and more books.

In closing, I trust you have not received the impression that we don't enjoy our studies. We very sincerely do; only, well, you know how it is! Even the best students sometimes wish time would move a little faster.

Peter B. Klassen.

### Mothers' Project: Hong Kong

#### Women's Activities Letter

(The Kwong Wah Charity Hospital in Hong Kong has the largest maternity ward of any hospital in the world. In the following article an MCC husband tells of his wife's work with the many mothers leaving the hospital each day.)

Of the material aid distributions which we handle regularly, our largest is at the Kwong Wah Charity Hospital. From 60 to 100 mothers leaving the hospital daily with their new babies receive MCC food and/or clothing to take home with them.

Mrs. Wingert is the moving force of this project. Frequently John Epp helps her, sometimes Joe Smucker, occasionally her husband. Every day she is told how many mothers will be leaving, and she then makes up bundles for each one.

Sometimes the bundles contain baby things, sometimes clothing for the mother, sometimes clothing for other members of her family, sometimes blankets, soap or canned meat.

The Christian witness value of this program is considerable. The mothers, most of them refugees, receive the gifts from Mrs. Wingert personally. In the last 100 days more

than 5,000 have gone from the hospital to all parts of the Colony, taking with them into their squatter shacks and refugee house cubicles or boat homes, not only the material gifts, but also a little cheer with which to meet their older children and the accumulated household duties.

Too, the witness to the nurses and the hospital staff is important. Mrs. Wingert has become a sort of "fixture" in the hospital. She receives the co-operation of everyone, from head doctor and matron down to nurses and amahs. Occasionally she meets nurses during their off hours to give them encouragement and spiritual instruction.

Sometimes she follows up specific cases and visits the mothers in their homes. Just a few minutes ago she returned from visiting a mother and her triplets in their resettlement house "home," where 2,500 other refugees live under the same roof. Ten people: the triplets, four older brothers and sisters, the grandmother and the two parents, live in the nine-by-twelve-foot cement cubicle. The mother had thought she would have to give away the babies, but Mrs. Wingert urged her to keep them. They are doing very well now, and this afternoon the smiling mother, with a remarkable degree of grace and charm, poured tea for her visitor in her "ever so humble" home.

### President Eisenhower Praises Overseas Relief Ministry of Religious Faiths

President Eisenhower has given his personal endorsement to the appeals of religious organizations for funds with which to sustain their worldwide ministries to ease the suffering of the homeless, hungry and destitute abroad.

In identical messages to Protestant, Catholic and Jewish agencies the President said:

"The overseas relief programs of our religious organizations constitute a major portion of America's private aid to people in need around the world.

"For the hungry, the homeless, the sick, and for all who require a helping hand, these programs are a faithful source of life and hope."



At a recent baptism in the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg, Rev. Cornelius Wall, teacher at the M. B. Bible College, stressed the witness that is given in baptism. Here are the baptismal candidates, Wm. Goertzen, Helen Friesen and Hilda Janzen, with the pastor, Rev. J. P. Neufeld.

# In the Land of Bach and Beethoven

By Cornie and Elfrieda Balzer

**Detmold, Germany.** — After one semester in Germany we find ourselves happily calling a one-room suite in the scenic city of Detmold "home." Many and varied have been the impressions of these first months in a foreign country.

One of our most pleasant experiences has been the weekly visit paid us by the *Mennonite Observer*. Although we have always enjoyed and appreciated it, we read it much more avidly here than at home. For us it is a wonderful source of information and fellowship with our brethren throughout the world. May God continue to bless and multiply this ministry through the written word.

We consider it a rare privilege to be students again, and as such to be subjected to both the theoretical and practical angles of music in the Academy. Perhaps just as valuable is the contact with the philosophy of music in a nation that has in past centuries been blessed with the talents of Schütz, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and the like, and which has to a large extent preserved their influence. We should like to share with you some of the first impressions that this nation has made on us, from a musical standpoint.

One day early in October we followed a quiet path leading along one of the several streams that flow down from the hills surrounding Detmold and wind their way through the town. We were on our way to the Academy, formerly the palatial residence of the Duke of Lippe. It was the day for entrance examinations. Here for the first time we came in contact with the typical German music student, an ambitious, determined, well-educated, generally talented person. Yet here we found him trembling and terribly concerned about the impressions that his singing, playing or general ability would make on the professors. At six o'clock the next evening he would know whether or not he had been a successful applicant.

Today those fears are a thing of the past. He is confident, hard-working and critical, with definite opinions of his own. Musically he is very mature, partly because he has grown up with regular visits to the concert hall, with radio broadcasts of classical music and with the personal experience of music-making in the home. Not to be overlooked is the wealth of tradition that inevitably flows down on him. At the present he is strongly influenced by a youth movement that has swept over Germany in the last twenty years, frowning on much of the music that is classified as romantic. His slogan today is: "Give me the old and the very new." The new does not com-

pletely satisfy him, but as a music student he accepts it with a certain sense of loyalty to the cause.

More tolerant than this future musician is his professor. He certainly is well-educated, determined, critical, talented and all the rest. He has much knowledge to offer, but above all he possesses that priceless attribute—experience. His standards are high, and he expects of his students an aggressive and interested attitude. Some of the senior professors take the very latest developments in music with a grain of salt. Others take it for what it's worth. Some of the younger ones who are also composers do the best they can with the rules of harmony as they stand (or don't stand) today, and try to justify the absence of a harmonic melody, as we know it, by stating that the masters, too, incorporated dissonants in their works. That is true, but they used them only for contrast, not to paint the whole musical picture as is being done today.

As we listened to various modern compositions along with works of the older masters, we could not help but feel that music is a language which speaks very clearly, revealing the state of man's inner being. Today it fairly shouts of the confusion, the groping and the unrest that fill the soul of man. Striking, in this connection is the absence of the cadences as used by the classics, in which the whole musical scene came to rest. If music is so strong a language, what a challenge to the Christian to put it to the Master's use!

Then there is the music in the beautiful old churches that we see in every town and village. We were sorry to note that in many cases the choir does not sing every Sunday. The tendency is for the choir to become an organization that sings only at special services and spends its time preparing for church concerts. Musically the latter are on a high level. The works of Schütz, Bach and modern composers comprise the major part of their repertoire, but so often this wonderful sacred music is sung chiefly for a cultural or an artistic purpose. Beneficial as these may be, we feel that the highest aim has been missed. This treatment tends to leave GOD out of the GOOD music. Whether the listener receives a blessing, is edified or admonished depends largely on his own attitude. Here, too, we have found that the average listener worships the art more than the Master.

This, however, is not the case among the true spiritual evangelicals. The choir plays as great a part in the worship service as ours do at home. In certain of their churches, which in doctrine, organization and even building are sim-

ilar to ours, emphasis on the art of music is not so strong. A song is chosen chiefly for its message, not its music. Because the contrast between churches is so great, some of the evangelicals even tend to underemphasize the music, with similar results to those we see at home. The message suffers through the unworthy complement of the music.

We've also been interested to note the reaction of the radio listener to that which reaches his ear. Contrary to our illusions, the radio stations do not follow the pattern of our "Good Music Station, CFAM." Their broadcasts do include much classical and lighter classical music, but also hit parade and American jazz. The latter brings forth objections from the mature listener

whereas the younger generation falls for it. Those who know the German people seem to think that the "jazz fad" will blow over again. We have our doubts, because the German youth is just as vulnerable to negative influences as the American.

These have been only first impressions. Some of them may change as we live and work with the German countrymen. We are very thankful for the brief look that we may cast into a land as rich in culture and intellect as this one. Inevitably we compare the values held here and at home, and as we do so, we are learning to appreciate more and more that which our fathers and forefathers have imparted unto us as being the essence of life: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

## The Challenge of Summer Service

Did you know that 198 young people served in 20 projects in the MCC Summer Service program last year? And many more participated in similar projects sponsored by church conference boards.

Perhaps you were one of these volunteers. If so, you will have experienced the joy of sharing Christ in a practical way with your fellowmen. Or possibly you are one of those who wanted to go but didn't.

Men are called "to be glad instruments of God's love in this imperfect world," says Albert Schweitzer. All men? Certainly all Christians, for it is they who have experienced the love of God. As summer again approaches, new service opportunities challenge youth to respond to the call.

A summer for Christ and others. If you are a prospective volunteer remember that the significance of your contribution is the impact of your Christian work and witness. You will be glad that there is a variety of locations and jobs to choose from in order that you may serve most effectively. A tour of several representative projects will give you an idea of what is in store for you.

### Clearwater Sanatorium

Perhaps you would like to go north. Five hundred miles north of Winnipeg, at The Pas, Man., is Clearwater Sanatorium with Indian and Eskimo patients. This is beautiful country with its stony tundra, lakes and evergreens. But it is needy country also, which presents you with many opportunities for service, for it is one of the northernmost points of civilization.

Outposts in the north country depend upon The Pas for medical aid and communications. If you are a nurse, or could serve as a dependable orderly or aide, and if you have

an adventurous spirit, this is the real place for you.

### Migrant Camps

Or perhaps you like teaching. A demanding job awaits you in this field as well.

Near Hamilton, N.Y., or in neighboring Waterville you can work with migrants. You can learn to know these people who make their living by following the cash crop harvests along the eastern seaboard.

You can share in the fellowship of Bible study and prayer meetings. You can break down barriers by picking beans together. Did you ever notice the openness that develops between fellow workers? Did you ever discuss the questions, "What am I?—Where am I going?" under those circumstances?

The challenge of the work with migrants is great. Giving of your time and concern for these underprivileged persons will prove truly rewarding. Fifteen volunteers served in these units last summer and there are openings for a larger number this year.

### Camp Paivika

Could the mountains of the Pacific Coast lure you? There is greater bait than these.

Have you the patience to work with a crippled child until he can take his first step or eat his first mouthful unaided? Imagine the thrill of his first success. You can share it with him for it has been your joint project. Perhaps you can help a child with a paralyzed leg learn to swim. You may need to spend hours in the water with him, teaching him to kick.

The lure of the mountains is great but the lure of children who need your patience and love at Camp Paivika in California is greater. Ten volunteers are needed there this summer.

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## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

A week from today all of you will have a school holiday. I know you will be glad to have an extra day to play with your friends, but that isn't really the purpose of the holiday. If you will look at the calendar you will see that March 27 is Good Friday—that's why you'll have a school holiday.

But why is there such a holiday as Good Friday? The name doesn't tell us anything—except that the holiday is always on Friday. Yet if you'll go to church with your mother and father on that day, you will find out that we have a holiday on this day because we want to remember in a special way that Jesus died for us on the cross. So in a way this is a sad day, for we are not happy that people were so wicked that they crucified Jesus. But it is also a day of joy, of rejoicing. We are happy that Jesus died for us, in our stead, taking upon Himself our sin and making it possible for us to have our sins forgiven by God. This makes us rejoice, for if Jesus had not done this we could not have our sins forgiven and we would have to be punished for them.

Do you believe that Jesus died for you, in your place? If you do, have you confessed to Him that you have sinned and that you are sorry for your sin? If not, why don't you today ask your parents or Sunday school teacher to show you how you can let Jesus come into our heart and forgive you all your sin? Remember, Jesus died on the cross so you and I need not die because of our sin. If we refuse to believe this and confess our sin, Jesus will have died in vain for us.

Love, Aunt Selma

## The Donkey Who Wasn't Kicking

Almost 2,000 years ago, a little donkey stood by his mother, wobbling on uncertain legs, and viewing the curious world about him. The sun was warm, and the gentle wind carried with it the fragrance of flowers and green pastures. The little donkey was supremely happy. He was so happy that every once in a while he would kick up his heels, run around the pasture, and bray his donkey "hee-haws."

But there came a day when things were not so funny. One morning the donkey's master approached him, carrying a tiny white lamb in his arms. The donkey wiggled his ears curiously at the sight. Suddenly a rope fell around the donkey's neck and he found himself dragged across the field. Of course he kicked and pulled back. Who wouldn't? And when he smelled smoke and saw a fire ahead on him, his terror knew no bounds. What did it all mean?

Little did his donkey brain realize that he, a first-born donkey colt, was condemned by God's law to die—to have his neck broken—unless he would be redeemed by a lamb (Exod. 13:13).

This donkey's master didn't want him to die. He loved him enough to sacrifice a little lamb for him. So, while the donkey looked curiously on, his master killed his lamb and laid it on the fire. Thus the donkey's life was saved. He was now "redeemed" by the blood of the lamb.

Months later, when the donkey was almost grown up, he was tied with his mother to a post where two ways met. Impatiently he tugged at the tether, longing to be "on his own"—much the same as boys and girls do sometimes. What fun it would be to kick up his heels and gallop up the road that led out to the wide world! But there he was, "tied to his mother's apron strings," so to speak, going around in the same old circle and getting nowhere.

Suddenly he looked up. Two men were coming down one of the roads. They were coming towards him. Now they had their hands on his rope. Why, they were loosing him!

But wait! There was a shout from the house—"Why are you loosing my colt?"

"The Lord needs him," answered the men quietly.

"The Lord? You mean Jesus?" exclaimed the master. "Of course He is welcome to our donkey colt. But that little animal has never been ridden before—he's pretty frisky!"

At first the young colt balked and reared in true donkey fashion. But once he was on the road that led to Jesus, he pointed his ears forward, happy to be "getting somewhere" at last.

Say, what was this anyway? Men were throwing their coats on the colt's back. He was almost covered up! And now Someone was sitting on him. It's no fun to be sat on! But why didn't the colt feel like

balking and rearing? There was plenty of kick in him yet. But strangely enough he had no desire to kick now. That wonderful Someone on his back had complete control!

As the donkey stepped happily along over the palms and garments spread in the way, shouts of praise arose from both sides of the road. For him? No! Nobody was seeing him, they were seeing the Man he was carrying, and praising Him. The donkey was happy about it—supremely happy to take the Lord Jesus wherever He wanted to go.

The Lord "needs" you, too. If you have believed in Jesus, and received him as your personal Saviour, you have been redeemed by His blood as the donkey was redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

The Lord needs you to carry the news of salvation to your family, your friends, and your neighbours. Will you do it?

## Two Dollars From Canada

"Hey, you, let me see. Let me see, I tell you! Boy! Great! I'd like to have an uncle like that, too." The boys pushed and jostled about to have a better look at the precious treasure in Freddy's hand. It was noon hour at school, and during the morning word had gone around that Fred Hahnle had received \$2.00 from an uncle in Canada. And sure enough, there stood Fred, proudly showing off two crisp one dollar bills.

"Oh, you needn't show off like that," said Tom. "You act as though you've got a million." He turned and sauntered off across the school yard.

"He's jealous," said someone.

"What are you going to do with the money?" questioned Carl.

Fred shrugged his shoulders. "Well, I hadn't really thought about that. Oh, I know, I'll buy a flash-light and a hunting knife. Of course I have to have it changed at the bank first. For these \$2.00 Canadian money, my father says I'll get at least 8 Mark in our money" (German).

After school Fred again attended the children's meeting in the huge mission tent downtown. The minister was telling a story of Africa. "And just think, boys and girls, there are still some tribes in Africa who have never heard of the Lord Jesus. Missionaries are going out to them, but a lot of money is also needed. Don't you think we should also do our part? Just think about it. I'm sure some of you could spare a penny or two. We'll raise an offering at our next meeting."

Fred walked home deep in thought. Occasionally during the meeting he had fingered his new dollar bills in his pocket. "I'll get at least 8 Mark at the bank. What

a lot of money! I'll buy the knife and the flash-light, and whatever is left over can go to the missionaries." A voice inside him said, "That's no sacrifice—giving what's left over."

Well, first of all he'd get the money exchanged, decided Fred. When he looked at the large clock on the town hall, he noticed that he had very little time to reach the bank before closing time. He hurried down the street. Even when he was still a few paces from the bank he noticed the doors were being closed from the inside. "There, see," he said to himself, "they're locking up. How can I bring money for the missionaries if I can't get my money exchanged? Anyway, God has seen my willingness to give something."

Of course, if he were to knock at the glass door they would open up for him, but—

"Oh, keep your money," said a voice inside him. "It's yours."

But in his heart it said, "Won't you give it to Jesus?"

"Yes, He shall have it, all of it," decided Fred in the matter of a moment.

In the meantime the man inside the door had noticed Fred standing rather undecided on the street. He unlocked the door once more, and held it open for the boy. In walked Fred, right up to the teller. He laid his \$2.00 in front of him on the counter. Carefully the teller counted 8 Mark and 20 Pfennig out to him.

Joyfully Fred pocketed the money and hurried out as fast as he could. To express the great joy in his heart, he whistled gaily all the way home. The next day, when the plate was passed around at the children's meeting, Fred slipped in 8 Mark and 20 Pfennig.

### "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

This booklet by Evangelist John R. Rice makes the plan of salvation plain from the Word of God. There are 24 pages of instructions on how to become a Christian, and what steps to take after accepting Christ as Saviour, including baptism. It is in tract size.

More than 7 million copies of this tract have been printed in English, while close to 3,000,000 copies have been printed in Japanese. All told, this tract has been published in 18 languages. There have been more than 6,000 recorded decisions for Christ through the English language tract alone.

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## But Not Forsaken ☆

by Helen Good Brenneman

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(BUT NOT FORSAKEN is a book that was born out of the author's experience as an MCC worker among displaced persons in West Germany. It is the true-to-life story of Hans and Maria Penner, who lived in constant fear of being sent back to Russia and who undertook the dangerous journey westward to freedom and safety. Through hardships, hunger, and illness Maria clung to her belief in the goodness and love of God. The plight of their three children adds poignancy to the story.

Since many Mennonites in Canada have had similar experiences, this book is particularly significant today, especially for those who have not experienced the fears and dangers of a displaced person. It will give all of us a better understanding of those trying to strike roots in their new homeland—and at the same time aid in preserving a part of our spiritual heritage. Your faith and courage will be increased as you read this story. —Ed.)

### I

"Segne Vater, diese Speise,  
Uns zur Kraft, und Dir zum Preise."<sup>\*</sup>

Maria Penner kept her head bowed for several moments after the children had finished returning thanks, then raised her eyes and smiled at Hans, sitting across the table from her. Thanking God just for the food somehow never seemed enough, for Hans and the little ones were seated safely around her. Only baby Lenie, quietly sleeping on her cot in the corner, was missing from Maria's family circle. Slowly she rose and walked over to the stove to get the soup, noting out of the corner of her eye that Hans had busied himself with slicing the thick, black bread.

"I visited Frau Schmidt and her mother again for a little while this afternoon, Hans."

Maria was back at the table pouring the hot liquid into the tin containers. "It seems as though even an hour with her makes me feel—well—better, somehow."

"Frau Schmidt let Mamma borrow her Bible for a while," Rosie had obviously been impressed. Her pale, freckled face leaned forward eagerly to give this bit of information, one auburn braid dangling nervously over the back of her chair,

<sup>\*</sup> Free translation:

"Heavenly Father, bless this food,  
For Thy praise, and for our good."

the other peeping curiously around her head.

"And Papa, Mamma read us some stories, Rosie and me."

Hansie paused only for a moment between gulps to add this morsel of news, but Maria couldn't find it in her heart to rebuke him for his greediness this evening. All afternoon he had complained of being hungry and had inquired periodically when supper would be ready. One of the hardest trials for the refugee mother was knowing that her children never had their hunger truly satisfied. Hansie's small, tousled crown was propped by a spindly elbow, as though he were almost too tired to hold it up. With his other hand he hurriedly scooped in the thin soup.

"Hans, the soup will last longer if you don't eat it quite so fast." Big Hans leaned over the boy diplomatically, and laid a firm hand on his narrow shoulders.

How good, Maria thought, to see the two together! But the lines of concern in Hans's tired face deepened as he turned and looked at her.

"Do you think you should read the Bible to the children, Maria? We are still in Russian-occupied territory. I can't help thinking we are still being watched. They're always around somewhere and—children talk—"

A warning glance from his wife halted Hans in his remarks. Suddenly he remembered the nightmares Rosie had been having again, just when they were getting her emotionally settled, nightmares of frightening faces peering in the window, of large, grotesque, uniformed figures grabbing from the shadows. She had grown so afraid of the dark that the slightest implication of danger made her almost hysterical. Instead of voicing aloud their increasing fear of being sent back to their Russian homeland, Maria and Hans had recently begun whispering together at night when the little ones were asleep, talking out their problems as they huddled close on their hard bed in the corner.

Yes, Rosie had stopped eating; she was staring at her spoon with a troubled look.

"Rosie," Hans breathed her name softly. "Rosie, I didn't mean to frighten you, only to remind you that we don't tell our friends at school what we do and talk about at home. It—it isn't safe."

He looked helplessly for moral support at the tall, dark-haired woman who stood earnestly intent, the

battered soup pan frozen in mid-air. Getting no encouragement, he cleared his throat, finishing awkwardly.

"It's just nobody's business what we say here at home."

"Oh, Papa, you've told us that so often! We don't tell things, especially about the Bible, at school, though I know Hilda and Retha have Bibles and they don't always have to be so afraid. I don't know what to talk about any more to them, I'm so afraid I'll say something I should not."

"Can't you just play and sing the folk games with the other children and talk about your studies?" It seemed logical to Hans's grown-up mind, and he was ready to end the conversation.

"But, Papa, the Bible says not to tell lies, and yet we almost have to lie about the Bible. And another thing, Hilda keeps asking me where I'm from, and where I was born, and when I don't answer her, she bothers me nearly to death until the bell rings for class. I feel like making up a place, but Mamma says it's wrong to say something that isn't true."

Since Rosie knew from past experience that her parents had no answer for this question, she returned to her soup, which was now getting cold.

Hans and Maria did not like to argue in front of the children. Looking at Hans, Maria knew what he was thinking, that in the frightful years in postwar Germany expediency had to take the place of conviction; religion with its beautiful ideology had failed. He would have told the children a plausible story to give their friends, if he hadn't known how much that would hurt her, how contrary that would be to the teaching she gave them every day. It was the only flaw in their complete marital happiness, his reasoning versus her faith, but it popped up at every important junction of their path.

"I wish we could take the children out of school until we can go westward again."

She purposely ignored the woe-begone expressions this suggestion brought to the faces of both her offspring. They had spent too much time out of school already. At every new home along their trek from Russia to the East Zone of Germany, they had to start all over, making friends, avoiding answers to curious questions with the simple statement, "We have no home; we are just refugees."

Though there were many others like them, there were always persistent children at school, who, either for friendliness or sheer mischief, would delve into their well-guarded past. And then, just as they had earned a nice set of friends, had inspired the confidence and respect of their teachers, and were making real progress in their studies, they were rooted out of that academic

soil and transplanted into a new and hostile one.

"Oh, well!" Hansie imitated the posture Big Hans took when he was philosophizing. "I'll be glad when we leave that old school."

"Why?" Regardless of their differences in spiritual things, Maria and Hans always came together in their concern for their children.

"I don't like the boys at school."

"Why, Hansie, you have never had trouble getting along with other people." Maria gazed at the wise, sad young face resting in grimy hands, one eyebrow lifted. How like a little old man he sat there, hunched up on the edge of his seat!

"Because—because they don't like me."

"Don't like you? Why?" This from Maria.

"They make fun of me—say I'm a no-good refugee, and tease me about—oh, never mind."

If there was anything Hansie didn't like to show in his stubborn young make-up, it was weakness. He jumped up from the table so quickly that everyone stared at him in surprise as he dashed over to the rumpled pile of ragged covers which made his bed. Throwing himself down on his face, he held back the tears.

Hans pushed his chair away from the table and hurried over to the boy, knowing that his children were not accustomed to throwing tantrums. Surely this was a real issue in the life of his son.

"Come on, boy, face it," he advised evenly. "We men look at our problems straight and go on from there." How he wished, even as he said it, that he were telling the truth. Little Hans sat up with a jerk.

"It isn't anything." Since the silence that met this reply showed that no one believed him, Hansie swallowed hard, stuck his feet under him, and finished.

"It's my shoes they tease me so much about. Not that they have such good ones. Some of the poorer children even wear 'Klompfen' to school, but mine are so much too big. The other fellows trip me when I walk by their desks."

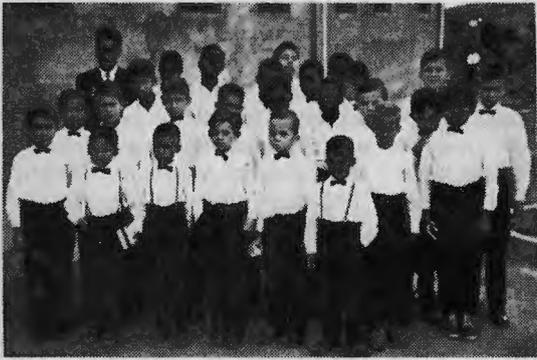
"Do they tease you about your other clothes?"

Hansie glanced down at his patched shirt and baggy trousers with the frayed pockets. "They all have to wear patches. They don't notice that so much."

"Let us see your shoes. Stand up."

Carefully Hans inspected the length of the boy's feet and the length of the shoes. He had been so grateful when Waldemar had given them to him, though it made his heart ache to think of the circumstances. He had gone to the factory as usual that morning and had met his friend Waldemar coming around the corner of the hall, his shoulders bent, his lips pale, his hair uncombed. (To be continued)

# New Boys' Dormitory Dedicated in Colombia



**COLOMBIA BOYS DORMITORY:** Early in February a boys dormitory at Colegio Los Andes, La Cumbre, Colombia, was dedicated. At left are the boys staying in the dormitory, with the house-father, Santiago Cordona, standing in the back at the left. At right is the building itself, with the town La Cumbre in the background.

By Lillian Schafer

Colegio Los Andes is a school in LaCumbre for national Colombian children. A new boys' dormitory has been erected on this campus. On Sunday afternoon, February 1, students, teachers and friends of the school made their way into the spacious dining hall of this new dormitory. The room was filled to capacity and so were the halls.

The service was directed by the national pastor of LaCumbre, Brother Don Carlos Osorio. The special numbers of music were presented by the boys of the boys' dormitory and the girls' quartet and by the teachers of the school who sang: "I Am Happy in the Service

of the King." Brother Ernest Friesen gave the dedication message. Besides a report on the construction of the building and a season of prayer for the dedication, the following expression of gratitude was given by one of the fourth grade boys:

"This afternoon I am very happy and thankful to the Lord for permitting me to come to study in this school. I came here for the first time in 1956. At that time the boys' dorm was the blue house (a rented building near the campus). Together with my fellow students I want to say this afternoon that in the blue house we had many enjoyable times, even if the leaky roof

often spoiled our sleep during the rainy season and we felt like shut-ins because there were no yards to play in. Really the other house didn't have very many comforts for 24 boys like us.

"Therefore I do thank God and the persons that have contributed their money for the construction of this building in which we are now. We feel very happy for this fine habitation which we can use. From the depths of our hearts we are grateful, and it is our desire that the Lord may reward the efforts of those persons that have had a concern for the needs of us boys."

—Hern'n Mosquero

## Answers Questions on Recent Music Article

On February 6 the Mennonite Observer carried a reprint of an article in the *Christian Witness* entitled "Singing With Understanding." There has been considerable appreciative comment, mostly verbal, on the article, with several questions raised by different readers. We wrote to Brother Bob Warkentin, who has studied voice with Harry Kohler of Fresno, Calif., and Herbert Richert of Tabor College and attended three sessions in Summer Choir School at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, for some comments on the questions raised. On the basis of his training and experience as director of the Zion KMB Church choir at Dinuba, Calif., he has the following suggestions to give.

In respect to the use of music where sacred words have been imposed on a secular melody, Brother Warkentin writes: "We should avoid the use of sacred texts set to secular tunes because of the associations we have with the music. The association may be sentimental, patriotic, earthy or even vulgar. There are so many excellent hymns not being used at all that it is difficult to see why anyone would want to sing secular tunes with sacred texts."

A question was raised concerning

songs where emphasis is put on the second syllable of names like "Jesus." Brother Warkentin comments: "The song, 'Since Jesus Came Into My Heart,' which, incidentally, is a fox trot, puts the accent on the second syllable of the name of Jesus. Think what irreverence it would denote to speak His name with incorrect accent. The dictionary says profanity and irreverence are synonyms."

In his article Brother Warkentin stated that talented young people often go elsewhere because musically they do not find satisfaction in their churches. Upon our request, he submitted the following further comment: "Those young people who have developed their musical skills and tastes are often discouraged by our church's insistence on keeping the 'status quo.' It seems that denominations other than our own are quick to employ trained musicians from our churches. If we would be willing to welcome and encourage good musicians there would be fewer lost to other churches."

"Can one add notes and make harmony changes in a hymn without lowering the standard of the music?" asked a reader. "Then is one justified in doing so if, at the same time, it conveys the message bet-

ter—and one is motivated not by keyboard showiness but by a desire to impart a message?" In reply, Brother Warkentin states: "Accompanists should ask themselves these questions:

- Does the text have my constant attention?
- Am I accompanying or competing with the singers?
- Do good hymns need my embellishments?
- Do I feel a need for adding frills because the music I am playing lacks something?

We are glad that Brother Warkentin has submitted these further comments and trust they will be of value to the readers. Should anyone want to discuss this subject further, we will be happy to continue the discussion.

## AMAS Fifth Annual Conference Held in Chicago

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — New horizons for Mennonite Mutual Aid" was the theme of the fifth annual conference of the Association of Mennonite Aid Societies held in Chicago, March 5-6.

Grant Stoltzfus, instructor at Eastern Mennonite College, served as devotional speaker. His series of five talks on the nature of mutual aid and man's search for fellowship

in all of life will be available in printed form from Howard Raid, AMAS secretary-treasurer, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio.

Discussion at the conference centered on the problems growing out of increasing urbanization and the need to think creatively about the application of mutual aid principles to more complex economic situations.

At the fellowship dinner, C. L. Graber spoke on the prophetic vision of mutual aid and pointed out that Christians need each other increasingly in working out problems that are becoming too great for the individual.

AMAS reported participation of five new societies within the last year. The association which was formed five years ago is open to all Mennonite and Brethren in Christ aid associations which endeavor to serve their constituencies as Christian organizations.

Mennonite Indemnity Inc., the first Mennonite risk resharing corporation, reported on its first year of operation. The organization is serving a definite need and continues to show growth.

## Visitation Work Is Hard Women's Activities Letter

(Following is part of a report written by Helene Dueck of Winnipeg, Man., who is serving a term under MCC in Austria.)

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. we have Sunday school: one class for adults, and one for children (ages 3-16). They come from 8 different districts and most of them have to travel one or one and a half hours by street-car to get here.

Friday is kept open for visitation. In October and during the first part of November, I did quite a bit of house to house visitation. I handed out tracts, and asked the people to come to our services on Cottagegasse. This work is not easy and needs a lot of prayer support. Most of the people visited or contacted think we are a sect because only Jehovah's Witnesses, they say, will come to the door and distribute literature. Very few are friendly and open to talk to. The very first time I contacted a little crippled boy, whom I told stories several times. He also got a Christmas bundle from the MCC.

In Vienna we had two Christmas programs at the centre for the children. This had to be done because we expected over 200 children with their parents, and the chapel would have been too small to hold them all. The first program was brought by three different groups and the second one by our Sunday school children. Both times it was crowded full, and many people had to stand. We handed out 213 Christmas bundles to the children in our chapel.

In Loosdorf 54 children got Christmas bundles, in Sitzenthal 42, and in Melk 82.



# Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

## Yugoslavia Admits Some Bibles

The government of Yugoslavia has slightly relaxed its ban on the importing of Bibles, which has been in effect since September 1956. It will now allow the Belgrade branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society to import 200 Bibles a month in the form of registered parcels from abroad.

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## Evangelical Alliance

Distressed by theological deviations of its church leaders, a conservative element within the Mar Thoma communion of India is pressing evangelistic efforts through the newly-formed Bharat Evangelical Alliance.

The evangelical group had brought suit against Metropolitan Juhanon Mar Thoma, charging deviation from beliefs of reformers who broke with the Jacobite Syrian Church more than 100 years ago to form the Mar Thoma church.

Having failed in court, it was reported, evangelicals then formed the alliance to avert loss of the evangelistic vision which the reformers sought to recapture.

Some observers saw in the alliance the makings of a Mar Thoma church split, but officials denied any such move.

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## Mission to Calcutta

An unusual measure of revival among Christians in India was the fruit of World Vision's "Mission to Calcutta," conducted by Dr. Paul Rees during the 150th anniversary of Carey Church.

Rees, vice-president-at-large of World Vision, Inc., said God was present "in power" for the 14-day mission in which Christian leaders of many Calcutta churches took an active part.

Rees said the breakthrough by God's Holy Spirit was a vital answer to prayer in view of a "resurgence of Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Hinduism."

After the Calcutta services, Rees and World Vision President Bob Pierce spoke before 40,000 delegates at a Mar Thoma church convention in South India.

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## Rally Launches 'Million Soul' Campaign

An army of 7,000 lay men and women at a huge rally in Chicago were commissioned to seek "a million new souls for Christ" in a door-to-door campaign. Throughout Lent and on until Pentecost Sunday, May 17, the laymen will busy themselves in the first phase of a city-wide evangelistic effort

that is scheduled to continue over a ten-year period. The laymen were commissioned to their task at a great rally in the International Amphitheater, which was termed one of the largest religious gatherings in recent Chicago history. Over 300 local churches affiliated with the Church Federation of Greater Chicago are engaging in the effort.

Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of Moody Memorial, representing some evangelicals who will be co-operating in the campaign, told the rally, "Nothing can ever be an adequate substitute for an all-out crusade."

A Federation spokesman said that while a metropolitan area as large as Chicago should have at least 1,400,000 Protestant church members, this city has only about 800,000. The "amateurs" in the visitation drive, he said, hope to find the new members "which the professional churchmen have failed to win." Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian church, warned the 7,000 that the job will not be easy.

Each local church will conduct the visitation program in its own way. The general method will be for two-member teams to call upon prospects of their own denomination. There is to be no rivalry or proselytizing among the churches or member denominations in the Federation.

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## Anti-Semitism Spectre Raising Head

Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, archbishop of Canterbury, considers outbreaks of anti-Semitism in West Germany a "warning bell" for the world. He said recently, "There is not only a problem of anti-Semitism but of anti-Christianity to be dealt with." He spoke after the annual meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews in London heard a report about the formation of Nazi organizations in West Germany.

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## Missionary in Legislative Council

A Swedish Lutheran missionary, Miss Barbro Johansson, has been elected to the Legislative Council of Tanganyika in British East Africa, according to information received at Lutheran World Federation headquarters in Switzerland. Miss Johansson is a school teacher at the Kashasha station of the Church of Sweden Mission; whose field is in the Buhaya region in the northwestern corner of the country. The Buhaya Church, centering at Bukoba on the west coast of Lake Victoria, has 43,104 members. She is not the first Lutheran



At its annual meeting, Mennonite Disaster Service named three men to its Co-ordination Committee. In the centre on this picture is the chairman, Dale Rufenacht, Archbold, Ohio, to his right is vice-chairman Raymond Hess of Souderton, Pa., while at the left is the secretary, L. L. Swartzendruber of Greenwood, Delaware.

to win a seat in the council, nor the only one on its present roster. A few months ago, a young layman of the Chagga tribe in north-eastern Tanganyika, Solomon Nyka Eliufoo, was elected to the same body, which advises the governor of the territory and grants consent to proposed legislation.

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## Marriage Law Change

The Polish government is reported to be preparing a new law making only civil marriages legally valid. Under the proposed law, clergymen who conduct church marriages without first making sure that the couple has been married in a registry office would be

subject to a fine or imprisonment up to four months or both. At present church marriages without a civil ceremony are recognized as legal.

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## Friends School Destroyed in Bolivia

A furious outbreak of anti-Protestant feeling has resulted in the destruction of a Friends school in the mountain town of Yauricorahua, Bolivia. Ranging bands destroyed materials being used in the construction of a new school, entered houses of believers, carrying off what they wanted; believers were beaten and stoned; windows of the Protestant church were broken.



## The Blight of Boredom

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

The well known literary critic Clifton Fadiman placed this striking sentence in the course of an essay: "One of the marks identifying a revolutionary period is the speed with which a shocking statement changes to a boring one." Are we in such a period today? But, then, times are always out-of-joint when sin has fractured the mainstream, and we do quite desperately need a "reverse revolution" to drive back to God Himself — and to Calvary.

This remark furnishes spiritual food-for-thought. A blight of boredom has burdened our times where spiritual issues are concerned. There is simply no interest in the eternal, for the trifling and the temporary has assumed the larger place. The sophisticated life, so vaunted and almost worshipped is deemed the pinnacle. Truth which is meant to create the yearning in the heart, merely brings the yawn to the lips. All has been heard before in this favored land where Bibles blossom everywhere; "familiarity breeds contempt" and the cutting edge of divine reality has become blunted, and there is no sense of the cutting. A highly dangerous

state and that which is boring today shall become bitter burning without relief, without release in the realm from whence there is no escape.

Here too, is the view of the awesome patience of the Almighty. Of a mystery, He is, "long suffering . . . not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9), whispering along time's channels the same word from the Sane Old Book, without variation and without let-up. Obviously man is of high moment to His compassionate sight, even though he be knocked into a number among numbers by the mechanical melange of today.

The Old Book continues, and what a wonder when a verse so familiar that it almost comes to mean nothing, is read just once more . . . and miracle! The light breaks and boredom is smashed before breaking before His Presence. "My Word . . . shall not return unto me void" (Isaiah 55:11) is the guarantee of its power for this power-mad, yet power-less hour. He has His own ways of breaking through the boredom and leaving a blessing when the life is caused to turn and be touched with the basics of eternal import.

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## Weddings

### Wiebe—Hildebrand

Miss Martha Hildebrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hildebrand of Holmfeld, Man., and Arthur Wiebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wiebe of Homewood, Man., were married on March 14 in the Killarney United church. Rev. John J. Neufeld, Horndean, officiated.

Many friends and relatives of the young couple attended the wedding. The reception was held in the Lena M.B. church basement. After a short wedding trip, the couple will reside on the groom's farm at Homewood.

### Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Betty Hildebrand) Peter Hamm of Kodai-kanal School, Bruton, Kodaikanal, South India, a son, Richard Carl, on March 8.

Born to John and Lydia Isaak of Yarrow, B.C., a daughter, Grace Lydia, a sister for Gordon, on February 28.

Patricia Joy arrived on February 26, 1959, to take up residence with her brothers, Leslie and Weldon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Neufeld, Lena, Man.

## Obituaries

### Mrs. K. Barg

Mrs. Katharina Barg passed away at her residence March 7 in Abbotsford. Funeral services were held March 11 at the Mennonite Brethren church, Clearbrook, B.C. Rev. A. Konrad officiated, assisted by Rev. H. Klassen, Vancouver.

Mrs. Barg was born in South Russia on March 21, 1893 and resided in this district 13 years. She was married in Russia in 1918 to Peter Barg who survives. Other survivors are three sons, Peter of Abbotsford, John of West Summerland and Jake of Clearbrook; three daughters, Mrs. Peter Dirkson of Abbotsford; Agnes and Annie at home, eight grandchildren and three sisters.

### Peter A. Janzen

Peter A. Jantzen of Yarrow, B.C., passed away in the Chilliwack General Hospital on February 17. Funeral services were held February 21 from the Yarrow Mennonite Brethren church. Rev. D. Quapp officiated, assisted by Rev. H. Dueck and Rev. Rudy Janzen.

Mr. Jantzen was born in Russia on May 1, 1897, and had been a resident in Yarrow for 30 years. He was married in 1918 in Russia to Elizabeth Enns.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Jantzen; three daughters, Mrs.

H. Hildebrandt, Crystal City, Man.; Mrs. G. Doerksen, Clearbrook, B.C.; and Mrs. A. Loewen, Vancouver; three sons, Aron, Vancouver, Irvin and Peter, Yarrow; 15 grandchildren one brother and one sister.



### Banmethuot Hospital Completed

An 18-bed hospital for cases other than leprosy has been completed on the leprosarium compound of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Banmethuot. An MCC medical center was established on the compound in 1955. Workers have been giving the local tribespeople general medical assistance on the compound and by means of regular mobile clinics. The hospital will enable them to provide better care for seriously

ill patients, although the additional workload will necessarily curtail village clinic service somewhat.

Built by Pax men with Vietnamese helpers and financed by MCC, the hospital was opened officially the end of January. The need for it was so great that patients were admitted for treatment months before the building was completed. A heavy responsibility rests on the MCC nurses who are currently serving without the assistance of a full-time physician. They report that a doctor miraculously "happened to be around" each time an emergency situation came up in the past. Recently a Vietnamese woman's recovery from a serious operation was facilitated by a transfusion of American blood donated by a Paxman.

Native clinic helpers are being trained in bedside nursing. The inpatient program affords them an excellent opportunity to learn simple procedures, although they are hampered by their limited educational background.

## New Year for Vietnam Orphans

By Mrs. Harry G. Lefever  
(Harrisonburg, Va.), MCC Vietnam  
Boom, Boom, Boom, BOOM!  
Boom, Boom, Boom, BOOM! It is Chinese New Year's (Tet) eve in Vietnam. The noise from the firecrackers makes sleeping difficult so most people stay awake to see the New Year in.

This is the time of the year for parties, family gatherings and dragon dances. People are in high spirits; they try to forget all problems, and make sure they get the most out of Tet.

The city is blue with the smoke of firecrackers. People rush to the Pagoda so that they are there to worship their ancestors at midnight. Everywhere the streets are crowded with people.

On New Year's Day most people will be with their families. The following days they will visit their friends, giving them many good wishes for the new year such as, "We hope you have a son this year," or "We wish you good luck and happiness."

Of course there is lots of food for all the festivities. Vietnamese women have been busy for days preparing fancy rice cakes and sweets. The market, too, is flooded with delicacies.

Several days before Tet I went to the Duc Anh Orphanage as usual to teach my sewing class. Most of the girls were already celebrating and had gone away with friends or relatives. So arrangements were made for the two remaining girls to come to our house the following day.

When I arrived the next day I was pleasantly surprised to see nine girls instead of two, all dressed up in their "Christmas Bundle" dresses,

waiting for me. Quickly three of the girls went with me to a nearby market where we bought some fruits and vegetables for lunch. Then all ten of us piled into two small taxis to go home.

By the time we arrived it was high time to prepare lunch. They all volunteered to help and soon we had bread, applebutter, creamed beef, tomatoes, radishes, peanuts, tangerines and chocolate cake. The MCC applebutter turned out to be a special treat.

Lunch over, we gathered in the living room for American games such as "Upset the fruit basket" (only we used Vietnamese numbers), "Where's the button?" and "Spin the bottle." We also sang several English songs they know plus some Vietnamese tunes which they taught me during sewing classes.

Picture taking was next—something the Vietnamese love. All we needed to do was show the camera and they were delighted to pose. This done, it was time for the girls to return for their 4 o'clock meal. Once more we hailed two taxis and crossed the city to their home.

I know our young guests enjoyed the day, but not much more than their hosts who wanted to make Tet time a little happier for a few orphan girls.

### New Address for Miss Maria Foth

Vancouver, B.C. — Miss Maria Foth, who served in Europe for some years, would like to inform her friends of her present address. Address all mail to: Miss Maria Foth, 1633<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> S.E. Marine Drive, Vancouver 15, B.C.

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## COLLEGES

### Tabor College

#### Two New Outlets for "Chapel Hour"

Two radio stations not previously listed have recently added "The College Chapel Hour" to their broadcast schedules.

Station KHOF, an FM outlet in Los Angeles broadcasting at 99.5 mc, carries the program as a public service feature each Saturday evening at 9:00.

A Clinton, Oklahoma, station—KWOE at 1320 kc—airs the "Chapel Hour" each Sunday at 12:45 p.m. The program is sponsored by Tabor alumni and friends in the Clinton area.

The "Chapel Hour," 15-minute weekly voice of the Christian college campus, is produced by Tabor College students and faculty. It has ten outlets in the US, one in Canada, and one short-wave outlet in Ecuador.

#### To Compete in National Speech Tournament

Four student speakers plus their sponsor, Miss Malinda Penner of the English and speech department at Tabor College, will travel to Bowling Green, Ohio, during the pre-Easter week of March 22-28 to attend this year's national convention of Pi Kappa Delta, honorary collegiate speech society.

The four who have been mainstays in the year's inter-collegiate forensic activity at Tabor are Suzanne Siemens, Buhler, Kans., competing in women's oratory; Ted Nickel, Reedley, Calif., discussion; and the debate team of Paul Wiebe, Hillsboro, and Henry Kliewer, Ulysses, Kans.

Miss Penner is a member of one of the committees and will serve as a judge as well. Approximately 1,000 members of Pi Kappa Delta from across the nation are expected for the tournament.

### Bethel College Newton, Kansas

Dr. Don E. Smucker, Chicago, opened the Bethel College Bible Lecture series Monday, March 16, in the Bethel College Mennonite Church.

The morning series constituted a series of biographical addresses, while the evening theme was the ministry of reconciliation.

In connection with the Bible lectures the ministers of the Western District of the Mennonite General Conference held their annual spring conference. Dr. Smucker addressed the ministers each afternoon.

Now serving as Director of Inner City Work in the Department of Church Extension of the Chicago Presbytery, Dr. Smucker has been associated with the Mennonite Biblical Seminary since 1947.

The Mennonite Folk Festival concluded a highly successful two-day event on the Bethel campus last March 6 and 7.

It was estimated that over 450 enjoyed the evening meal each evening, with the Low German menu featured Friday and a West Prussian menu offered Saturday.

The attendance at the evening programs was also very good, both at the chapel in the administration building and in the auditorium of Memorial Hall.

The chapel program featured a play by the people of Swiss-German background from the Moundridge area as well as a play by those of West Prussian background from Newton, Elbing and Whitewater.

The Memorial Hall program featured a Low German play by Arnold Dyck and a reading by Mrs. H. R. Schmidt.

### Goshen College

Ten Goshen College students and Guy F. Hershberger attended the 1959 annual conference of the Intercollegiate Mennonite Peace Fellowship in New York City at the headquarters of the United Nations. The conference was held March 12-14. The IPF consists of representatives from the Peace Societies of various Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Colleges in the United States.

Their program included a guided tour of the United Nations, a special briefing by the Atomic Energy Agency and a visit to the meeting of the Trusteeship Council. They also attended some U.N. meetings and visited missions of the UN delegates from various countries.

Two Goshen Senior girls were notified recently that they had been selected from over 7,000 applicants for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowships: Darlene Mathis, Elkhart, Ind., and Rachel Leatherman, Souderton, Pa., are majoring in English at Goshen.

The award of a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship requires the highest qualities of intellect, character, and personality for selection. Only persons of marked ability and promise are invited to become Fellows. The girls will receive \$1,500 plus tuition and required fees for one academic year at the graduate school of their choice.

"Mennonite Family Life" was the theme of an all-day meeting held on the campus by the Mennonite Social Worker's Association March 14. Featured speakers for the day were Professor Howard Kauffman, who presented his doctoral thesis; Margaret Jahnke, Elkhart psychiatric social worker; Ralph Lehman, clinical director of Boys' Village, Wooster, Ohio; and Atlee Beechy, Dean of Students at Goshen College.

Students who are majoring in social work from Goshen, Manchester, and Bluffton Colleges were invited to attend the meeting.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### Bethany Bible Institute

The student council members of the Bethany Bible Institute sponsored a ISCF-BBI social on Thursday, March 12. ISCF'ers from Hepburn, Waldheim and Dalmeny were present. The superintendent of schools, Mr. Thiessen, informally spoke on "The Practical Christian Life." To bring the evening's events to a close a lunch was served.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Schmidt, missionaries from Africa now on furlough, were visitors at their Alma Mater on Friday, March 13. Their own personal testimonies were given as well as a description of the work and needs of the Congo.

On the evening of Friday, March 13, the music director of BBI, Mr. J. K. Schroeder, held a musical recital in the chapel of the school. Solos, trios and duets were brought by the voice students. The Chorus Choir and Male Chorus rendered numbers in song as well. The guest artist of the evening was Miss Marjorie Wiens of Hepburn, giving us three delightful piano solos. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### M. B. Board of General Welfare

— Crop conditions in Fernheim and Uruguay were reported as follows in the February 16 "Menno-blatt" from Fernheim, Paraguay: The harvest in Fernheim is in full swing. On the average the peanut and cotton yields are good, particularly on the good soil. In places, however, the crops are effected by caterpillars. The experimental farm is attempting to combat these pests. In El Ombu colony in Uruguay the wheat crop has been limited. Peanut and sunflower yields have been better. Hogs and poultry are main sources of income. Inflation continues to be an economic concern in Uruguay. Six years ago the dollar was the equivalent of 280 pesos, today it is 11 pesos.

— Brother G. H. Sukkau writes that the blessing of God has been experienced in the opening of the 1959 term of the local Bible school and conference Bible institute at Bage, Brazil. The term began on February 3. The enrollment consists of 52 students in the Bible school and 12 in the Bible institute course. Student representation from the various Mennonite colonies has been encouraging. The teaching staff includes Brethren Sukkau, Gerhard Wall, Peter Klassen, John Wall and Heinrich Janzen.

Regarding the opening of the Bible school, Brother Sukkau writes as follows (translated from the German): "The Lord has given us a good beginning. He has sent us a good number of young people eager

to study. Recently the Lord has spoken here in Bage in seriousness as well as in love, which is being felt in the work of the school. He spoke particularly during the week of prayer to His children as well as to non-Christians. Recently more than 40 souls have found peace with God, one after another without special evangelistic efforts. This moving of the Spirit of God humbles us. The Lord has not forgotten or overlooked us. Our prayer of faith has been rewarded in that God has sent us a good number of younger men. The Lord has given us as teachers a rich field in which to labor. We are thankful for the opportunity to sow the seed of the Word of God and pray that He will bless our efforts with success."

### Slow Down and Live

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The Christian Witness

### The Challenge of Summer Service

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What are your plans for this summer? People in every sector of the U.S. and Canada need physical and spiritual help. Summer Service offers a wide variety of ways in which you can serve. For further information write to Summer Service, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.

The mustard seed is the sign of faith, the clover leaf the sign of fear.

Remember the teakettle—though up to its neck in hot water it continues to sing.

## Program for Canadian S.S. Convention Announced

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The National M. B. Sunday School Convention will be held at Hepburn, Sask., from April 3 to 5. The Canadian Sunday School Committee will meet on April 2 for business sessions.

Program for the convention includes seven messages by Rev. Waldo Hiebert, pastor of the Hillsboro M. B. Church, on the following subjects: Building the Church Through the Educational Approach; Teaching for Results; Weaknesses in Our Church Teaching Program; The Out-Reaching Sunday School; Principles Undergirding the Unity of Our M. B. Brotherhood; Inroads of Worldliness Into Our Churches.

"A Centennial Evaluation of Our M. B. Church School Efforts" will be the subject of an address by Rev. A. A. Kroeker Sunday morning, April 5, while Rev. I. W. Redekopp will speak on "The Church-Going Sunday School" on Friday afternoon, April 3.

Twenty workshops will be held during the three days of the convention. Participating will be Miss Nettie Kroeker; Rev. I. W. Redekopp, Rev. P. D. Loewen, Rev. Paul Wiebe, Rev. J. H. Epp, Victor Pank-

ratz, Rev. Waldo Hiebert, Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, Rev. Peter Penner, Rev. D. K. Duerksen, Rev. George Konrad, Rev. Cornie Braun, Rev. George Braun, Rev. A. H. Redekop, Rev. George Dyck, Rev. B. B. Fast, Rev. Jacob Bergen, Rev. A. P. Regier, and Leslie Stobbe.

A skit and a panel to answer questions will be other features of the convention. DVBS displays of Herald Press and Scripture Press, the first items from the new Prim-

ary course, and filmstrips centering on DVBS will also be of interest to visitors.

The Manitoba Sunday School Committee has encouraged the Sunday school workers of the province to form groups and come by car. It is hoped to send a carful of workers from each of the five districts. Anyone not included in such a group and needing transportation should contact Rev. B. B. Fast, 230 Bredin Drive, Winnipeg 5 (Ph. LE 3-2419). Such arrangements are being made in some of the other provinces also.

**May 24**—The closing program and graduation of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg.

**May 31**—Graduation exercises of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

**June 5 and 6**—Conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba.

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

**July 4 to 9.** — Annual sessions of Conference of Mennonites in Canada at Clearbrook, B.C.

**July 31 to August 2.** — The annual provincial Sunday school conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba will be held at Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

**August 19 to 23.** — Annual conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches in North America, to be held at Grace Church, Abbotsford, B.C.

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## Gospel Light Hour Quartet to Tour

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The Gospel Light Hour Quartet and Rev. John M. Schmidt will take to the road for a trip west during the week following Easter.

The visits to churches as far west as Calgary, Alta., are in the interests of the Russian Gospel Light Hour, which is beamed into Russia from Quito, Ecuador, and Inchon, Korea.

The schedule of the quartet and Rev. Schmidt is as follows:

Sunday morning, March 29,  
Grassy Lake M.B. Church.

Sunday afternoon, March 29,  
Vauxhall M.B. Church.  
Sunday night, March 29,  
Coaldale M.B. Church  
Monday night, March 30,  
Linden M.B. Church.  
Tuesday night, March 31,  
Calgary M.B. Church  
Wednesday night, April 1,  
Gem M.B. Church  
Thursday night, April 2,  
Swift Current M.B. Church.  
Friday night, April 3,  
Herbert M.B. Church.

## On the Horizon

**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 22.** — The Elmwood M. B. Church choir and soloists will present a program of Easter music from various composers at 7:00 p.m.

**March 23**—A Youth Rally sponsored by M.B. Youth Committee of B.C. and featuring Rev. George R. Brunk will be held 7:30 p.m. in the Abbotsford Junior High School. Admittance will be by pass only.

**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 12**—Closing program and graduation of the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Man.

**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.

**May 1**—The students of the M. B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, will present a musical program.

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